

Office of the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office, 4765 W. Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the above described land will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for lease/conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, leasing under the mineral leasing laws and disposal under the mineral material disposal laws.

For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed lease/conveyance for classification of the lands to the District Manager, Las Vegas Field Office, 4765 Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89108.

Classification Comments

Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for a community park facility. Comments on the classification are restricted to whether the land is physically suited for the proposal, whether the use will maximize the future use or uses of the land, whether the use is consistent with local planning and zoning, or if the use is consistent with State and Federal programs.

Application Comments

Interested parties may submit comments regarding the specific use proposed in the application and plan of development, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision, or any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the land for a community park facility.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification of the land described in this Notice will become effective 60 days from the date of the publication in the **Federal Register**. The lands will not be offered for lease/conveyance until after the classification becomes effective.

Dated: August 27, 1997.

Michael F. Dwyer,

District Manager, Las Vegas, NV.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

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Notice of Special Rules and Regulations for the White Mountains National Recreation Area (WMNRA) and Associated Recreation Facilities

This notice rescinds and replaces the White Mountains National Recreation Area Special Rules and Regulations previously published in the **Federal Register** (53 FR 25696, July 8, 1988). This notice corrects omissions made in the original notice and has been updated pursuant to the White Mountains Gateway Project environmental assessment.

These special rules and regulations apply to all lands and water surfaces within the White Mountains National Recreation Area, that portion of BLM-managed lands between the WMNRA and the Steese and Elliott Highways, the Colorado Creek Trailhead, the Fred Blixt Cabin, and the Cripple Creek Campground and Cabin, as shown on the White Mountains National Recreation Area Off-Road Vehicle Designations Map. These rules and regulations are subject to valid existing rights.

This order is issued pursuant to 43 CFR subpart 8364.1 and implements provisions of the White Mountains NRA Resource Management Plan signed on February 2, 1986. This order will remain in effect until rescinded or modified by BLM's Northern District Manager.

1. Motorized Equipment

a. Operating off-road vehicles (ORVs) is restricted in some areas. See the White Mountains National Recreation Area Off-Road Vehicle Designations Map available at BLM's Northern District Office for information on designated ORV use areas.

b. Using motorized equipment for mineral collection for personal use is prohibited. Mineral collection for personal recreation, using a gold pan, shovel, portable sluice box (maximum size 16 inches x 5 feet), rocker box or other non-motorized means is allowed without written authorization in areas where there are no existing mining claims or private lands, provided such use does not cause unnecessary or undue damage to the environment. The use of motorized equipment permitted under 43 CFR subpart 3809 shall require written authorization from BLM's Northern District Manager.

c. Launching boats with motors exceeding 15 horsepower without written authorization from BLM's

Northern District Manager is prohibited in the Nome Creek valley.

d. Using motorized equipment, including generators and chainsaws, in the Nome Creek valley must be in accordance with posted rules.

e. Using hovercraft or airboats is prohibited.

2. Occupancy and Use

a. Camping at one site within the area covered by this order for a period longer than ten (10) days in any one calendar year without written authorization from BLM's Northern District Manager is prohibited. Camping in a campground within the area covered by this order for a period longer than ten (10) consecutive days in any one calendar year without written authorization from BLM's Northern District Manager is prohibited.

b. Under the authorities of 36 CFR part 71 and 43 CFR 8372.1, a daily use fee will be collected in advance for overnight occupancy of public recreation fee sites located in, and associated with, the White Mountains National Recreation Area.

c. Users must register prior to occupying a public recreation cabin. Reservations may be made up to 30 days in advance and must be paid for at the time they are made. The original permit must accompany the user(s) during their stay at the cabin(s). Maximum stay is three consecutive nights per cabin.

The following recreation facilities located within or near the White Mountains National Recreation Area are specialized sites requiring recreation use permits and site fees:

Borealis-LeFevre Cabin
Cache Mountain Cabin
Caribou Bluff Cabin
Colorado Creek Cabin
Cripple Creek Cabin
Crowberry Cabin
Fred Blixt Cabin
Lee's Cabin
Moose Creek Cabin
Windy Gap Cabin
Wolf Run Cabin
Cripple Creek Campground
Mount Prindle Campground
Ophir Creek Campground

d. Discharging firearms within one-quarter (1/4) mile of campgrounds and public recreation cabins, as well as across or along roads and trails, is prohibited.

e. Leaving burning or smoldering campfires unattended is prohibited.

f. Subject to valid existing rights, constructing permanent or semi-permanent structures (including cabins, caches, water dams, or diversions) without written authorization from

BLM's Northern District Manager is prohibited.

g. Camping and/or campfires are prohibited within twenty-five (25) feet of trails.

The foregoing provisions are not applicable to any federal, state, or local employee or law enforcement officer, or any member of any organized rescue or fire suppression force in the performance of an official duty.

Maps identifying designated areas are available at the office listed below. Any person convicted of violating this order is subject to the penalties prescribed in 43 CFR subpart 8340.0-7 and/or 43 CFR 8360.0-7.

Direct questions and responses to: Northern District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 1150 University Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska 99709-3899, (907) 474-2200.

Dated: August 19, 1997.

Richard Bouts,

Associate Manager, Northern District Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

60-day Notice of Intention to Request Clearance of Collection of Information—Opportunity for Public Comment

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, National Park Service, and 16 Units of the National Park System.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service Visitor Services Project is proposing to conduct visitor studies at up to 16 parks during 1998:

	Estimated numbers of	
	Responses	Burden hours
Denali National Park	600	120
Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area	700	140
Jean Lafitte National Historical Park & Preserve	800	160
Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park	500	100
Glacier Bay National Park	600	120
National Capital Parks Central (Lincoln, Jefferson, etc.)	800	160
George Washington Memorial Parkway—Theodore Roosevelt Island	500	100
Acadia National Park	800	160
Whiskeytown National Recreation Area	800	160
Cumberland Island National Seashore	500	100
Cape Cod National Seashore	600	120
Andersonville National Historic Site	500	100
Eisenhower National Historic Site	500	100
Big Cypress National Preserve	500	100
Lassen Volcanic National Park	700	140
Gates of the Arctic National Park & Preserve	400	80
Annual totals	9800	1960

Under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and 5 CFR Part 1320, Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, the National Park Service is soliciting comments on the need for gathering the information in the proposed visitor studies listed above. The NPS is also asking for comments on the practical utility of the information being gathered; the accuracy of the burden hour estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden to respondents, including use of automated information collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The NPS goal in conducting these surveys is to learn visitor demographics and visitors' opinions about services and facilities in these parks. Results of the surveys will be used by NPS managers to improve services, protect resources, and thereby better serve the visitors.

DATES: Public comments will be accepted on or before November 14, 1997.

SEND COMMENTS TO: Margaret Littlejohn, Visitor Services Project Coordinator, Cooperative Part Studies Unit, College of Forestry, Wildlife and Range Sciences, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho 83844-1133, phone: 208-885-7863.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margaret Littlejohn. Voice: 208-885-7863, Fax: 208-885-4261, Email: <littlej@uidaho.edu>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Visitor Services Project Visitor Surveys at 16 Parks.

Bureau Form Number: None.

OMB Number: To be requested.

Expiration date: To be requested.

Type of request: Request for new clearance.

Description of need: The National Park Service needs information concerning visitor demographics and

visitor opinions about the services and facilities that the National Park Service provides in each of the parks proposed to be surveyed. The proposed information to be collected from visitors in these parks is not available from existing records, sources, or observations.

Automated data collection: At the present time, there is no automated way to gather this information, since it includes asking visitors to evaluate services and facilities that they used during their park visit. The intrusion on visitors in each park is minimized by only contacting visitors during one 7 day period at that park.

Description of Respondents: A sample of visitors to each of these parks.

Estimated average number of respondents: The number depends on the size of the park being surveyed and is estimated to range from 400 to 800 respondents per park.

Estimated average number of responses: Each respondent will