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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-050-1220-00]

Front Range Resource Advisory Council (Colorado); Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix, notice is hereby given that the next meeting of the Front Range Resource Advisory Council (Colorado) will be held on November 20, 1997 in Canon City, Colorado.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:15 a.m. at the Holycross Abbey Community Center, 2951 E. Highway 50, Canon City, Colorado. The meeting will include the election of Officers for the Council, presentation of a Hammer Award to Council members by Colorado State Director Ann Morgan and an update on current issues. The Council will also continue working on the development of recreation guidelines. The Guidelines are intended to help achieve the statewide standards for public land health which were approved earlier this year.

All Resource Advisory Council meetings are open to the public. Interested persons may make oral statements to the Council at 9:30 a.m. or written statements may be submitted for the Council's consideration. The District Manager may limit the length of oral presentations depending on the number of people wishing to speak.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 20, 1997, from 9:15 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Canon City District Office, 3170 East Main Street, Canon City, Colorado 81212; Telephone (719) 269-8500; TDD (719) 269-8597.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Smith at (719) 269-8553.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Summary minutes for the Council meeting will be maintained in the Canon City District Office and will be available for public inspection and reproduction during

regular business hours within thirty (30) days following the meeting.

Donnie R. Sparks,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior Department.

ACTION: Notice of temporary closure of park.

SUMMARY: For further information contact: Superintendent John P. Debo, Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area, 15610 Vaughn Road, Brecksville, Ohio 44141 or call (440) 546-5903.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area will temporarily close its lands to all public entry and use, for a portion of each week, between November 1, 1997 and March 15, 1998. The closure will apply to all Federal lands held in fee, and all less-than-fee lands where the park has easements for visitor use. The closure days and times each week will be Sunday night through Friday morning, from 5 p.m. to 6 a.m. only. Park lands will remain open during daylight hours seven days a week, plus Friday and Saturday nights. The reason for the closure is for public safety during a necessary wildlife reduction of some of the park's white-tailed deer. Public notice of the closure will be in a variety of ways: news releases, this notice, signs at points of entry, signs on bulletin boards/kiosks, signs on gates, personal contact and other methods as well. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the closure Determination by writing to: Superintendent, Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area, 15610 Vaughn Road, Brecksville, Ohio 44141.

Dated: October 30, 1997.

John P. Debo,

Superintendent, Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Draft Yosemite Valley Implementation Plan and Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement; Yosemite National Park, California; Notice of Availability

SUMMARY: Pursuant to § 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190 as amended), the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, has prepared a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) assessing the potential impacts of a proposed Yosemite Valley Implementation Plan for Yosemite National Park, California. The DSEIS identifies and analyzes a proposed action and three alternatives for carrying out certain provisions of the 1980 General Management Plan (GMP). Those provisions call for removing unnecessary structures, restoring and protecting recovered land, relocating facilities out of sensitive or hazardous areas, and reducing traffic congestion in Yosemite Valley. This DSEIS also incorporates the 1992 Concession Services Plan and pertinent information from the 1996 Draft Yosemite Valley Housing Plan with the GMP into a comprehensive implementation plan. Each alternative describes a proposal for the management and use of Yosemite Valley and discusses changes in the valley's developed areas, cultural and natural resource management, interpretation and visitor services, and park operations. The environmental consequences of the proposed action and the three alternatives are fully documented in the DSEIS, and appropriate mitigation measures to reduce or eliminate impacts are identified. Once approved, the plan will provide implementation guidance for carrying out provisions of the GMP.

Proposal

Under Alternative 2 (the proposed action), the National Park Service (NPS) would emphasize a comprehensive approach to carrying out the provisions of the GMP and subsequent plans. Implementation of the proposed action would allow for approximately 147 acres in the east end of the valley to be restored to natural conditions, 82 acres redesigned, and 38 acres developed to accommodate relocated facilities or functions. An orientation/transfer facility would be located in the west end of the valley at Taft Toe. Day use visitors and out-of-park transit bus riders would be intercepted there and would use the valley shuttle bus system

to access other destinations in Yosemite Valley. Day use vehicles and parking would be removed from the east end of the valley. Changes to circulation and campgrounds are also proposed.

Alternative 2 proposes an increase in interpretive and educational programs through partnerships with supporting organizations. Some cultural resources would be affected by the proposed actions.

Alternatives

In addition to the proposed action, three other alternatives are presented and analyzed. Alternative 1 (no action), continues implementation of the GMP, but without a comprehensive approach. Implementing this alternative would allow for approximately 41 acres to be restored to natural conditions and 15 acres redesigned to accommodate relocated facilities or functions. Alternative 3 is similar to the proposed action but provides an orientation/transfer facility with some interpretive functions in the west end of the valley at Pohono Quarry. Implementing this alternative would allow for approximately 143 acres to be reclaimed and restored to natural conditions, 93 acres redesigned, and 38 acres developed to accommodate relocated facilities or functions. Alternative 4 (minimum requirements) would provide for implementation of the GMP in a manner more comprehensive than the no action alternative but with less habitat restoration and fewer improvements than Alternative 2 and Alternative 3. Implementing Alternative 4 would allow for approximately 118 acres to be reclaimed and restored to natural conditions, 95 acres redesigned, and 36 acres developed to accommodate relocated facilities or functions. Under this alternative, there would be no orientation/transfer facility and day use vehicles would continue to park in the east end of the valley.

Public Meetings

A series of informational Open Houses will be held to provide members of the public with an informal opportunity to learn about the Draft Yosemite Valley Implementation Plan, the major issues, and the results of impact and mitigation analyses. NPS staff will be available to discuss the alternatives and answer questions, and exhibits illustrating elements of the proposal and alternatives will be displayed. The Open House sessions have been scheduled as follows:

Nov. 13—Yosemite Valley 3:00–8:00 p.m.
Nov. 17—Fresno area 4:00–9:00 p.m.

Nov. 18—Los Angeles area 2:00–8:00 p.m.

Nov. 20—San Francisco 2:00–8:00 p.m.

Nov. 22—Mammoth Lakes 4:00–9:00 p.m.

In addition, a series of Public Workshops will be held to provide NPS staff an opportunity to hear concerns and suggestions from the public. In contrast to a formal public hearing, the workshops will afford interested individuals and organization representatives the opportunity to verbally offer input and engage in dialog about the range of alternatives, elements of alternatives, and issues involved. This dialog is intended to provide additional guidance to the NPS in preparing a Final Yosemite Valley Implementation Plan. This series of Workshops has been scheduled as follows:

Dec. 1—Fresno area 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Dec. 2—Los Angeles area 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Dec. 4—San Francisco 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Dec. 6—Mammoth Lakes 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Dec. 10—Yosemite Valley 2:00–4:00 p.m.

For directions to public meeting locations or information about other activities (including site visits), please contact the Superintendent's office as noted below.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Copies of the DSEIS will be available for public inspection at the park and area libraries, and at the Office of Public Affairs, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, Washington DC; and Pacific West Regional Office, 600 Harrison Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, CA. Requests for copies of the document should be directed to: Superintendent, Attn: VIP-PIO, Yosemite National Park, P.O. Box 577, Yosemite, CA 95389, or by telephone at (209) 372-0265. The draft document will also be available on the Internet at <http://www.nps.gov/planning>. All comments should be directed to the Superintendent at the above address. Written comments must be postmarked no later than January 23, 1998; comments also will be accepted via the Internet (per above) if transmitted no later than January 23, 1998.

Decision

After the formal DSEIS review period has concluded, all comments and suggestions received will be considered in preparing a final plan. Currently the final SEIS and plan are anticipated to be completed during spring or summer, 1998; their availability will be similarly announced in the **Federal Register**.

Subsequently a Record of Decision would be executed no sooner than 30 (thirty) days after release of the final SEIS. The responsible officials are John J. Reynolds, Regional Director, Pacific West Region and Stanley T. Albright, Superintendent, Yosemite National Park.

Dated: October 31, 1997.

Patricia L. Neubacher,

Acting Regional Director, Pacific West Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Death Valley National Park; Advisory Commission; Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Commission Act that a meeting of the Death Valley National Park Advisory Commission will be held November 20 and 21, 1997; assemble at 9:00 AM at the Furnace Creek Inn, Death Valley, California.

The main agenda will include:

1. General Park Orientation
2. Park Updates on Issues and Projects
3. Commission Organization
4. Northern and Eastern Mojave Planning Update
5. Wilderness and Backcountry Planning Update

The Advisory Commission was established by PL #03-433 to provide for the advice on development and implementation of the General Management Plan.

Members of the Commission include Michael Prather and Michael Dorame of Lone Pine, California; Joan Lolmaugh and Alan Peckham of Las Vegas, Nevada; Gilbert Zimmerman of Rancho Mirage, California; Stanley Hays of Ridgecrest, California; Wayne Schulz of Mariposa, California; Sue Hickman of Yermo, California; Mark Ellis of Santa Clarita, California; Janice Allen of Olancho, California; Calvin Jepson and Pauline Esteves of Death Valley, California; Gary O'Connor of Goldfield, Nevada; Robert Revert of Beatty, Nevada; and Kathy Davis of Apple Valley, California.

This meeting is open to the public.

Richard H. Martin,

Superintendent, Death Valley National Park.

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