

assessing the potential impacts of amending the current General Management Plan (approved in 1995). The DEIS includes a draft Backcountry and Wilderness Management Plan, and identifies and evaluates the environmental consequences of a proposed action and three alternatives. Mitigation measures are noted and evaluated. No significant adverse environmental impacts are anticipated. Once approved, the plan will guide wilderness management and other operations for the next 10–15 years.

Proposal

As described under Alternative A, the National Park Service (NPS) proposes to amend the General Management Plan (GMP) for Joshua Tree National Monument, including but not limited to the following changes: designate a trail system with prescriptions for specific uses; designate unpaved roads newly added to the park as part of the Development Zone (allowing limited motor vehicle use); designate places where installing fixed anchors for rock climbing may or may not be permitted; and designate locations where roadside vehicle-camping may or may not be permitted. The DEIS also analyzes the artificial water sources installed for wildlife in designated Wilderness and would determine where such sources should be removed or maintained. The draft plan would designate areas closed to public access and establish group size limits for overnight stays in the backcountry and Wilderness. Finally, the draft plan would implement the Department of the Interior's Desert Tortoise Recovery Plan of June 1994. Implementing Alternative A would result in the protection of (with no additional disturbance) park lands, and the reclamation of some previously disturbed lands. User conflicts would be minimized by providing for a variety of visitor experiences, groups sizes, trail allocations and designations, and a climbing bolt permit system.

Alternatives

Alternatives to the actions proposed include No Action (Alternative B), Maximum Protection (Alternative C), and Minimum Requirements (Alternative D). Under Alternative B the park would maintain existing programs and operations. Alternative C would impose greater restrictions upon all uses in the park and afford the most rigorous and strict protection to the resources, in particular the wilderness resource. Also, those lands in the Natural Zone that are not Wilderness would be treated and managed as if they were so designated. Alternative D would impose no

restrictions on use of the old monument lands other than those that already exist. The public could use the newly added lands much as the lands were used prior to their inclusion within the park. Only those public recreational activities that are illegal in NPS or other regulations, such as hunting or operating vehicles in wilderness, would be prohibited.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The DEIS is now available for public review; review copies are available at park headquarters, as well as at local public libraries. Inquiries and comments on the DEIS should be directed to: Superintendent, Joshua Tree National Park, 74485 National Park Drive, Twentynine Palms, California 92277. The telephone number for the park is (760) 367–5503. All written comments must be postmarked not later January 31, 1998.

Public Meetings

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 traditional formal hearing, interested individuals and organization representatives will have the opportunity to offer informal input and engage in dialog about the range of alternatives, elements of the alternatives, and issues involved. This dialog is intended to provide additional guidance to the NPS in preparing a final EIS and plan amending the GMP. These workshops are scheduled as follows:

December 2, Santa Monica area—6:00–9:00 p.m.
December 11, Palm Desert area—6:00–9:00 p.m.
January 16, Moronga Basin area—6:00–9:00 p.m.

Complete details about locations for the meetings may be obtained via written or telephone inquiry as noted above.

Decision

After the formal DEIS review period has concluded, all comments and suggestions received will be considered in preparing a final plan. Currently the final EIS and plan amending the GMP are anticipated to be completed during 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 EIS. The responsible officials are John Reynolds, Regional Director, Pacific West Region and Ernest Quintana, Superintendent, Joshua Tree National Park.

Dated: November 4, 1997.

Sondra S. Humphries,

Acting Regional Director, Pacific West Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Kaloko Honokohau National Historical Park Advisory Commission; Notice of Meeting

Notice is given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act that a meeting of the Na Hoa Pili O Kaloko Honokohau, Kaloko Honokohau National Historical Park Advisory Commission will be held at 9:00 a.m., December 13, 1997, the Coffee Mill Room, Keauhou Beach Hotel in Kona, Hawaii.

On Saturday, December 13, the Commission will begin its first meeting with a formal swearing in ceremony. The business meeting will begin immediately following and last until 3 p.m.

The Advisory Commission was established by Pub. L. 95–625 and has been re-established by Title I, Section 503, of Pub. L. 104–333 to advise the park superintendent with respect to the historical, archeological, cultural, and interpretive programs of the park.

Members of the Commission are as follows:

David Roy, chairperson
Henry Auwae
Abbie Napeahi
George Naope
Hannah Kihalani Springer
Francis Kuailani
Bryan Harry
Angel Pilago
Stephen Kane–A–I Morse
Mervyn Thompson
Pualani Kanahele
Fred Cachola
Duane Hanakeawe

The regulations involving nude bathing and the use of the fish ponds and traps will be the principal discussion topics at the Saturday meeting.

This meeting is open to the public. It will be recorded for documentation and transcribed for dissemination. Minutes of the meeting will be available to the public after approval of the full Advisory Commission. A transcript will be available after December 30, 1997. For copies of the minutes, contact the Park Superintendent at 808–329–6881.

Dated: November 7, 1997.

Patricia L. Neubacher,

Acting Regional Director, Pacific West.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Maine Acadian Culture Preservation Commission; Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) that the Maine Acadian Culture Preservation Commission will meet on Friday, December 12, 1997. The meeting will convene at 7:00 p.m. in the basement meeting hall, St. David Church, on U.S. Route 1, Madawaska, Aroostook County, Maine.

The Maine Acadian Culture Preservation Commission was appointed by the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to the Maine Acadian Culture Preservation Act (Pub. L. 101-543). The purpose of the Commission is to advise the National Park Service with respect to:

- the development and implementation of an interpretive program of Acadian culture in the state of Maine.
- the selection of sites for interpretation and preservation by means of cooperative agreements.

The Agenda for this meeting is as follows:

1. Review and approval of the summary report of the meeting held October 17, 1997.
2. A talk by Steven White of Moncton, New Brunswick, on "Acadian Genealogy".
3. Report of the National Park Service Maine Acadian project staff.
4. Opportunity for public comment.
5. Proposed agenda, place, and date of the next Commission meeting.

The meeting is open to the public. Further information concerning Commission meetings may be obtained from the Superintendent, Acadia National Park. Interested persons may make oral/written presentations to the Commission or file written statements. Such requests should be made at least seven days prior to the meeting to: Superintendent, Acadia National Park, P.O. Box 177, Bar Harbor, ME 04609-0177; telephone (207) 288-5472.

Dated: November 5, 1997.

Norm Dodge,

Acting Superintendent, Acadia National Park.

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INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AGENCY

Overseas Private Investment Corporation; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Overseas Private Investment Corporation, IDCA.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), Agencies are required to publish a Notice in the **Federal Register** notifying the public that the Agency has prepared an information collection request for OMB review and approval and has requested public review and comment on the submission. OPIC published its first Federal Register Notice on this information collection request on September 2, 1997, in 62 FR 169, p. 46372, at which time a 60-calendar day comment period was announced. This comment period ended November 3, 1997. No comments were received in response to this Notice.

This information collection submission has now been submitted to OMB for review. Comments are again being solicited on the need for the information, its practical utility, the accuracy of the Agency's burden estimate, and on ways to minimize the reporting burden, including automated collection techniques and uses of other forms of technology. The proposed form under review is summarized below.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 22, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the subject form and the request for review submitted to OMB may be obtained from the Agency Submitting Officer. Comments on the form should be submitted to the OMB Reviewer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

OPIC Agency Submitting Officer

Carol Brock, Records Manager, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, 1100 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20527; 202/336-8563.

OMB Reviewer

Victoria Wassmer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, 202/395-5871.

Summary of Form Under Review

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Title: Contractors & Exporters Program: Application for Political Risk Investment Insurance.

Form Number: OPIC-81.

Frequency of Use: One per investor per project.

Type of Respondents: Business or other institutions (except farms); individuals.

Standard Industrial Classification Codes: All.

Description of Affected Public: U.S. companies or citizens investing overseas.

Reporting Hours: 4 hours per form.

Number of Responses: 15 per year.

Federal Cost: \$300 annually.

Authority for Information Collection: Sections 231, 234(a), 239(d), and 240A of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended.

Abstract (Needs and Uses): The application for the contractors and exporters program is the principal document used by OPIC to determine the investor's and project's eligibility, assess the environmental impact and developmental effects of the project, measure the economic effects for the United States and the host country economy, and collect information for underwriting analysis.

Dated: November 7, 1997.

James R. Offutt,

Assistant General Counsel, Department of Legal Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decrees Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

In accordance with Departmental policy, 28 CFR 50.7, and 42 U.S.C. 9622(d), notice is hereby given that on October 31, 1997, the trustees for natural resources at the Tulalip Landfill Superfund Site on Ebey Island in Puget Sound, Washington ("the Site") lodged with the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington consent decrees against defendants Seattle Goodwill Industries and R.W. Rhine, Inc. in the civil action styled *United States v. The Boeing Company, et al.*, Civil Action No. C97-1648-WD.

The consent decrees require the defendants to compensate the trustees for natural resource damages resulting from the release of hazardous substances at the Site. The trustees consist of the State of Washington Department of Ecology, the Tulalip