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Carole Smith,

Bureau of Land Management, Information and Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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State of Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting, notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Arizona Resource Advisory Council. The meeting will be held July 9, 1998, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the New Mexico Room at the BLM National Training Center, 9828 North 31st Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona. The agenda items to be covered at the one-day business meeting include review of previous meeting minutes; BLM State Director's Update on legislation, regulations and other statewide issues; BLM Presentation on the Yarnell Mine Draft EIS, and Updates on the Wild Horse and Burro Strategy, Southwest Strategy, Fire Planing; Proposed Field Office Rangeland Resource Teams; and Reports by the Standards and Guidelines, Recreation and Public Relations Working Groups; Reports from BLM Field Office Managers; Reports from RAC members; and Discussion on future meetings. A public comment period will take place at 11:30 a.m. on July 9, 1998, for any interested publics who wish to address the Council.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah E. Stevens, Bureau of Land Management, Arizona State Office, 222 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85044-2203, (602) 417-9215.

Denise P. Meridith,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Concession Contract Negotiations; Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Public notice.

SUMMARY: Public notice is hereby given that the National Park Service proposes to award a concession permit authorizing continued operation of the Ok-A-Beh Marina to provide services including boat fuel sales, boat slip rentals, boat rentals, limited food service, and limited merchandise sales for the public within Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area for a period of five (5) years from January 1, 1999, through December 31, 2003.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Offers will be accepted for sixty (60) days under the terms described in the Prospectus. The sixty (60) day application period will begin with the release of the Prospectus, which will occur on or before July 8, 1998. The actual release date of the Prospectus shall be the date of publication in the "Commerce Business Daily".

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should contact the Superintendent, Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area, P.O. Box 485, Fort Smith, Montana 59035, or call Theo Hugs at (406) 666-2412, to obtain a copy of the Prospectus describing the requirements of the proposed concession permit.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This permit renewal has been determined to be categorically excluded from the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act and no environmental document will be prepared.

The existing concessioner, LuCon Corporation, has performed their obligations to the satisfaction of the Secretary under the existing permit which expires by limitation of time on December 31, 1998. Therefore pursuant to the provisions of the Concessions Policy Act (79 Stat. 969; 16 U.S.C. 20d), the concessioner is entitled to be given preference in the renewal of the permit and in the award of a new permit, providing that the existing concessioner submits a responsive offer (a timely offer which meets the terms and conditions of the Prospectus). This means that the permit will be awarded to the party submitting the best offer, provided that if the best offer was not submitted by the existing concessioner, then the existing concessioner will be afforded the opportunity to match the best offer. If the existing concessioner agrees to match the best offer, then the permit will be awarded to the existing concessioner.

If the existing concessioner does not submit a responsive offer, the right of preference in renewal shall be considered to have been waived, and the permit will then be awarded to the

party that has submitted the best responsive offer.

The Secretary will consider and evaluate all offers received as a result of this notice. Any offer, including that of the existing concessioner, must be received by the Superintendent, Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area, P.O. Box 485, Fort Smith, Montana 59035, not later than sixty (60) days following release of the Prospectus to be considered and evaluated.

Dated: May 20, 1998.

John Crowley,

Acting Director, Intermountain Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Intent To Issue a Prospectus For Operation of Accommodations, Facilities, and Services Within Grand Canyon National Park

SUMMARY: The National Park Service will be releasing a concession Prospectus authorizing continued operation of accommodations, facilities, and services for the visiting public at three developed areas (Hermit's Rest, Grand Canyon Village, and Desert View) along the South Rim, and at Phantom Ranch near the Colorado River at the bottom of the inner canyon of Grand Canyon National Park. The operations consist primarily of overnight accommodations, food and beverage services, livery services, and gift/souvenir sales. The operation is year-round with the peak season during the summer months. The new contract will be for twenty (20) years beginning January 1, 1999.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Offers will be accepted for ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY (120) days under the terms described in the Prospectus. The ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY (120) day application period will begin with the release of the Prospectus, which will occur on or before July 9, 1998. The actual release date of the Prospectus shall be the date of publication in the "Commerce Business Daily".

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This contract renewal has been determined to be categorically excluded from the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act and no environmental document will be prepared.

The existing concessioner has performed its obligation to the satisfaction of the Secretary under an existing contract, which expires by

limitation of time on December 31, 1997. Therefore, pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of October 9, 1965 (79 Stat. 969; 16 U.S.C. 20), the concessioner is entitled to be given preference in the renewal of the contract and in the award of a new contract, providing that the existing concessioner submits a responsive offer (a timely offer which meets the terms and conditions of the Prospectus). This means that the contract will be awarded to the party submitting the best offer, provided that if the best offer was not submitted by the existing concessioner, then the existing concessioner will be afforded the opportunity to match the best offer. If the existing concessioner agrees to match the best offer, then the contract will be awarded to the existing concessioner.

If the existing concessioner does not submit a responsive offer, the right of preference in renewal shall be considered to have been waived, and the contract will then be awarded to the party that has submitted the best responsive offer.

The Secretary will consider and evaluate all offers received as a result of this notice. Any offer, including that of the existing concessioner, must be received by the Regional Director, Intermountain Region, P.O. Box 25287, Denver, Colorado 80225-0287 (street address: 12795 West Alameda Parkway, Lakewood, Colorado 80228); not later than NINETY (90) days following release of the Prospectus to be considered and evaluated.

ADDRESSES: The cost for purchasing a Prospectus is \$25.00 by mail or \$20.00, if you pick it up at the below address. Parties interested in obtaining a copy should make a check (NO CASH IS ACCEPTED) payable to "National Park Service" at the following address: National Park Service, Intermountain Region—Denver Support Office, Office of Concessions Management, 12795 W. Alameda Parkway, P.O. Box 25287, Denver, Colorado 80225-0287; Attn: Kathy Fleming. The front of the envelope should be marked "Attention: Office of Concession Program Management—Mailroom Do Not Open". Please include a mailing address indicating where to send the Prospectus in your request. Inquiries may be directed to Ms. Kathy Fleming, Office of Concession Program Management at (303) 969-2665.

Dated: May 26, 1998.

Ronald E. Everhart,

Acting Director, Intermountain Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Intention To Issue Concession Contracts and Concession Permits; Southeast Region

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Act of October 9, 1965, (79 Stat. 969; 16 U.S.C. 20 *et seq.*), notice is hereby given that the National Park Service intends to issue new concession contracts and permits within various areas of the Southeast Region for a period of approximately 2 years. This short contracting term is necessary to allow the continuation of public services during completion of planning activities for the various park areas covered by this notice. The proposed term for the individual authorizations may be lessened should planning issues be resolved, and the renewal processes result in the award of new authorizations. The current concessioners have performed their obligations to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Interior and retain their right of preference under this administrative action. This preferential right of renewal means that a short term contract or permit will be awarded to the party submitting the best offer, provided that if the best offer was not submitted by the existing concessioner, then the existing concessioner will be afforded the opportunity to match the best offer. If the existing concessioner agrees to match the best offer, then the short-term contract or permit will be awarded to the existing concessioner.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The concession contracts and permits involved in this action would have expired by limitation of time but were extended by the National Park Service to provide time for planning of the concession activities. Until the planning processes are completed, and the future direction for concession services in the park areas is determined, it is not in the best interest of the National Park Service to enter into long term authorizations. For this reason, it is the intention of the National Park Service to issue short term contracts and permits, complete the planning processes, and then conduct public contracting processes for selection of concessioner for a more extended period.

Due to the limited term of the proposed contracts and permits, the requirement for any successor to purchase possessory interest in those concessions which have that right via contract, and the preferential right of renewal under law, the National Park Service is not encouraging the submission of offers by anyone other

than the existing concessioners; however, as required by law, the National Park Service will consider and evaluate any offer received in response to this notice.

The following are to be issued new concession authorizations pursuant to this notice:

Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area

CP-BISO001-87 LeConte Lodge Limited Partnership (lodging)

CP-BISO003-88 Sandra L. Storey (horse stables)

Biscayne National Park

CP-BISC002-87 Biscayne National Underwater Park, Inc. (excursion boat)

Buck Island Reef National Monument

CC-BUIS001-89 Southern Seas, Inc. (excursion boat)

CC-BUIS006-89 Teroro, Inc. (excursion boat)

CP-BUIS008-89 Llewellyn Westerman (excursion boat)

CP-BUIS014-89 Francis J. Waters (excursion boat)

CC-BUIS015-89 Milemark, Inc. (excursion boat)

CP-BUIS019-89 Clyde, Inc. (excursion boat)

Cape Hatteras National Seashore

CC-CAHA001-85 Avon Thornton Limited Partnership (fishing pier)

CC-CAHA002-88 Cape Hatteras Fishing Pier, Inc. (fishing pier)

CC-CAHA004-87 Oregon Inlet Fishing Center, Inc. (charter fishing)

Cape Lookout National Seashore

CC-CALO003-87 Morris Marina, Kabin Kamps and Ferry Services, Inc. (fish camp)

CP-CALO005-88 Alger G. Willis Fishing Camps, Inc. (fish camp)

Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area

CC-CHAT001-87 Chattahoochee Outdoor Center, Inc. (bus service)

Fort Frederica National Monument

CP-FOFR001-92 Fort Frederica Association (convenience items)

Great Smoky Mountains National Park

CC-GRSM001-89 Cades Cove

Campground Store, Inc. (campstore)

CC-GRSM003-88 Robert N. Shular (firewood)

CP-GRSM004-89 Cades Cove Riding Stables, Inc. (horse rides)

CP-GRSM005-88 Cherokee Boys Club, Inc. (firewood)

CP-GRSM006-87 McCarter's Riding Stables, Inc. (horse rides)