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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT-030-99-1610-00]

Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Draft Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Draft Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DMP/DEIS) may be obtained from the following Bureau of Land Management (BLM) locations: Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Planning Office, 337 South Main Street, Suite 010, Cedar City, Utah 84720, telephone (435) 865-5100; BLM, Utah State Office, 324 South State, Public Room (4th Floor), Salt Lake City, Utah, telephone (801) 539-4001; Kanab Resource Area Office, 318 North First East, Kanab, Utah 84741, telephone (435) 644-2672; Escalante Interagency Office, P.O. Box 225, Escalante, Utah 84726, telephone (435) 826-4291. Comments must be received by the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Planning Office, 337 South Main Street, Suite 010, Cedar City, Utah 84720 by Friday, February 12, 1999.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1970, section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and 43 CFR part 1610, a draft management plan/draft environmental impact statement for Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, Utah, has been prepared and is available for review and comment. The DMP/DEIS describes and analyzes future options for managing 1,684,899 acres of public land in Garfield and Kane Counties, Utah. The DMP/DEIS also examines recommendations on suitability for additions to the Wild and Scenic Rivers System. Decisions generated during this planning process will supersede land use planning guidance presented in the Management Framework Plans and subsequent amendments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pete Wilkins, Planning Team Leader, or A. J. Meredith, Monument Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Planning Office, 337 South Main Street, Suite 010, Cedar City, Utah 84720, telephone (435) 865-5100.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The DMP/DEIS analyzes five alternatives to resolve the following seven major issues: (1) How will Monument resources be protected? (2) How will research associated with the Monument be managed? (3) How will Monument management be integrated with community plans? (4) How will people's activities and uses be managed? (5) What facilities are needed and where? (6) How will transportation and access be managed? (7) To what extent is water necessary for the proper care and management of the objects of the Monument, and what further action is necessary to assure the availability of water. Each alternative represents a

complete management plan for the area. The alternatives can be summarized as (A) the no action or change from management as directed by the Proclamation and the Interim Management Guidance, (B) the preferred alternative which emphasizes the preservation of the monument, while recognizing its value as a scientific resource, (C) emphasizes the exemplary opportunities for scientific research, (D) emphasizes the preservation of the primitive, undeveloped nature of the Monument through the stewardship of intact natural systems, and (E) emphasizes and facilitates a full range of developed and undeveloped recreational opportunities, while relying upon public education and use management to protect Monument resources.

Wild and Scenic Rivers

In Alternative A (No Action Alternative), a suitability determination would not be made on the 25 eligible river segments (330 miles). In Alternative B (Preferred Alternative) and E, 17 eligible river segments, totaling 225 river miles would be recommended as suitable for Congressional designation into the National Wild and Scenic River System (NWSRS). In Alternative C, all 25 eligible river segments (330 miles) would be determined to be unsuitable. In Alternative D, all 25 eligible river segments, totaling 330 river miles, would be determined suitable and would be recommended for Congressional designation. The table outlines the river segments that were determined eligible for Congressional designation. The table also identifies, by alternative, which eligible river segments would be determined suitable and recommended to Congress for designation into the NWSRS.

River segment	Segment description	Miles	Tentative classification	Determined suitable by alternative				
				A	B	C	D	E
Escalante River Basin								
Harris Wash	Tenmile Crossing to confluence with Bighorn Wash.	2.9	Scenic				X	
	Bighorn Wash to unnamed road.	8.7	Wild				X	
	Road to west side of State section.	2.8	Recreational				X	
	State section to Monument boundary.	1.2	Wild		X		X	X
Lower Boulder Creek	Downstream side of State section to Escalante River.	13.6	Wild		X		X	X
Dry Hollow Creek	Monument boundary to Lower Boulder Creek.	4.3	Wild				X	

River segment	Segment description	Miles	Tentative classification	Determined suitable by alternative				
				A	B	C	D	E
Slickrock Canyon	Monument boundary to private land.	2.8	Wild .....	.....	X	.....	X	X
Cottonwood Canyon	Monument boundary to Lower Deer Creek.	4.4	Wild .....	.....	.....	.....	X	.....
Lower Deer Creek	Private land to Burr Trail Road Burr Trail Road to Lower Boulder Creek.	3.8	Recreational .....	.....	X	.....	X	X
		7	Wild .....	.....	X	.....	X	X
The Gulch, Blackwater Canyon, Lamanite Arch Canyon, and Water Canyon.	Monument boundary to Burr Trail Road.	11	Wild .....	.....	X	.....	X	X
	Along Burr Trail Road	0.6	Recreational .....	.....	X	.....	X	X
	Below Burr Trail Road to Escalante River.	13	Wild .....	.....	X	.....	X	X
	Black Water, Lamanite and Water Canyons.	6.5	Wild .....	.....	.....	.....	X	.....
Steep Creek	Monument boundary to The Gulch.	8.9	Wild .....	.....	X	.....	X	X
Lower Horse Canyon	Outstanding Natural Area boundary to Escalante River.	3	Wild .....	.....	.....	.....	X	.....
Wolverine Creek	Entire	9.7	Wild .....	.....	.....	.....	X	.....
Little Death Hollow	Entire	14.8	Wild .....	.....	.....	.....	X	.....
Escalante River	Confluence with Pine Creek to Highway 12.	13.8	Wild .....	.....	X	.....	X	X
	Highway 12 to east side of private land.	1.1	Recreational .....	.....	X	.....	X	X
	Private land to Monument boundary.	19.2	Wild .....	.....	X	.....	X	X
Lower Sand Creek and Willow Patch Creek.	Sweetwater Creek to Escalante River.	13.2	Wild .....	.....	X	.....	X	X
Mamie Creek and west tributary.	Monument boundary to Escalante River.	9.2	Wild .....	.....	X	.....	X	X
Death Hollow Creek	Monument boundary to Mamie Creek.	9.9	Wild .....	.....	X	.....	X	X
Calf Creek	Headwaters to Lower falls	3.5	Wild .....	.....	X	.....	X	X
	Lower falls to recreation site ...	3	Scenic .....	.....	X	.....	X	X
	Recreation site to Escalante River.	1.5	Recreational .....	.....	X	.....	X	X
Phipps Wash and tributaries ... Unnamed Tributary (West of Calf Creek).	Headwaters to Escalante River	6	Wild .....	.....	.....	.....	X	.....
	Headwaters to Escalante River	2.6	Wild .....	.....	.....	.....	X	.....
Twentyfive Mile Wash	Rat Seep Hollow to Monument boundary—including unnamed wash on north side.	9.1	Wild .....	.....	.....	.....	X	.....
	T37S, R6E, S29 to Monument boundary—not including unnamed wash on north side.	6.8	Wild .....	.....	X	.....	.....	X

Paria River Basin

Paria River including Deer Creek Canyon, Snake Creek, Hogeye Creek, part of Kitchen Canyon, Starlight Canyon, and part of Cottonwood Creek.	Paria River—T38S, R2W, S21 to T41S, R1W, S7.	22	Wild .....	.....	X	.....	X	X
	Paria River—T41S, R1W, S7 to downstream of private land south of Highway 89.	16.9	Recreational .....	.....	X	.....	X	X
	Deer Creek—Headwaters to Paria River.	5.1	Wild .....	.....	X	.....	X	X
	Snake Creek—entire	4.7	Wild .....	.....	X	.....	X	X
	Hogeye Creek—entire	6.3	Wild .....	.....	X	.....	X	X
	Kitchen Canyon—T40S, R2W, S28 to Starlight Canyon.	1.2	Wild .....	.....	X	.....	X	X
	Starlight Canyon—entire	4.9	Wild .....	.....	X	.....	X	X

River segment	Segment description	Miles	Tentative classification	Determined suitable by alternative				
				A	B	C	D	E
	Lower Cottonwood Creek—confluence with Hackberry Creek to Paria River.	2.9	Recreational .....	.....	X	.....	X	X
Bull Valley Gorge	Little Bull Valley to Sheep Creek.	5.9	Wild .....	.....	.....	.....	X	.....
Lower Sheep Creek	Bull Valley Gorge to Paria River.	1.5	Wild .....	.....	X	.....	X	X
Hackberry Creek	Headwaters to Cottonwood Creek.	20	Wild .....	.....	X	.....	X	X
Buckskin Gulch (outside Monument).	Wilderness boundary to Paria River.	18	Wild .....	.....	X	.....	X	X
Lower Paria River (outside Monument).	Downstream side of private land to wilderness boundary.	3.3	Recreational .....	.....	X	.....	X	X
	Segment in wilderness	4.8	Wild .....	.....	X	.....	X	X

Open houses will be held from 5:00 PM to 8:30 PM on the following dates at the following locations, except as noted:

- Kanab, UT, Kanab Middle School, December 1, 1998 (6:30 PM to 9:00 PM)*
 - Albuquerque, NM, Winrock Inn, 18 Winrock Center, N.E., December 1, 1998*
 - Escalante, UT, Escalante High School, December 3, 1998*
 - Denver, CO, Hyatt Regency Tech Ctr., 7800 Tufts Avenue, December 3, 1998*
 - Salt Lake City, UT, Salt Lake Hilton, 150 W. 500 S., December 8, 1998*
 - Tropic, UT, Bryce Valley High, December 8, 1998*
 - San Francisco, CA, San Francisco Marriott, 55 Fourth Street, December 10, 1998*
 - Big Water, UT, Big Water Town Hall, December 10, 1998*
 - Orderville, UT, Valley High School, January 5, 1999*
 - Panguitch, UT, Panguitch High School, January 5, 1999*
 - Flagstaff, AZ, Flagstaff Radisson, Woodlands Plaza, 1175 West Route 66, January 7, 1999*
 - Cedar City, UT, Southern Utah University—Charles Hunter, January 7, 1999*
 - Washington, DC, The Capital Hilton, 16th and K Streets NW, January 12, 1999*
- Dated: November 5, 1998.

Willie R. Taylor,
Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Outer Continental Shelf, Central Gulf of Mexico, Oil and Gas Lease Sale 172

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Availability of the proposed notice of sale.

Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS); Notice of Availability of the Proposed Notice of Sale for proposed Oil and Gas Lease Sale 172 in the Central Gulf of Mexico. This Notice of Availability is published pursuant to 30 CFR 256.29(c), as a matter of information to the public.

With regard to oil and gas leasing on the OCS, the Secretary of the Interior, pursuant to section 19 of the OCS Lands Act, as amended, provides the affected States the opportunity to review the proposed Notice of Sale. The proposed Notice sets forth the proposed terms and conditions of the sale, including minimum bids, royalty rates, and rentals.

The proposed Notice for proposed Sale 172 and a "Proposed Sale Notice Package" containing information essential to potential bidders may be obtained from Public Information Unit, Gulf of Mexico Region, Minerals Management Service, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394. Telephone: (504) 736-2519.

The final Notice of Sale will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days prior to the date of bid opening. Bid opening is currently scheduled for March 17, 1999.

Dated: November 5, 1998.
Cynthia Quarterman,
Director, Minerals Management Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Glen Canyon Technical Work Group

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings; correction.

SUMMARY: On September 1, 1998, the Bureau of Reclamation published a notification in the **Federal Register** on page 46468 concerning the announcement of three upcoming Glen Canyon Technical Work Group public meetings to be held in Phoenix, Arizona. The document contained incorrect dates for the second meeting.

The correct dates and locations for the second meeting are:

November 16-17, 1998—Phoenix, Arizona: The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. on the first day. The second day of the meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 4:00p.m. The meeting will be held in the Turquoise Room at the Embassy Suites Hotel at 1515 North 44th Street in Phoenix, Arizona.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bruce Moore, Bureau of Reclamation, Salt Lake City, Utah at 801-524-3702.

Dated: November 5, 1998.
Kirk Rodgers,
Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Change in Discount Rate for Water Resources Planning

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of change.

SUMMARY: The Water Resources Planning Act of 1965 and the Water Resources Development Act of 1974