

following client-level data: Provider ID; Client ID; Co-dependent/Collateral flag; Services at discharge; Date of last contact; Date of discharge; and Reason for discharge, transfer, or discontinuance of treatment.

NMFI: The forms used by States to update information on facilities in the NMFI have been automated and will be available on the Internet through the DASIS home page. The on-line version of the update forms will include the following new items: Detoxification services (to be added to the checklist of services, FDA (Methadone) ID, EIN, Director's name and phone number, and facility FAX number.

UFDS: The UFDS survey will be shortened in 1999 so that resources can be redirected to a major revision of the questionnaire. Client counts, services provided (except for programs for special populations), and revenue data will not be asked. Sample augmentation activities, which involve searching directories and other sources for substance abuse treatment facilities not included in the NMFI, will not be conducted prior to the 1999 UFDS but will be conducted late in 1999 in preparation for the 2000 UFDS.

Possible changes to the 2000 UFDS questionnaire will be explored in 1999, including, for example, changing the

reference date, revising questions on setting, treatment capacity, and revenue, and adding questions on current topics as needed. The proposed changes will be studied through small-scale focus groups and workshops with data users and substance abuse service providers, and through larger scale solicitations of comments and suggestions from States and pretests of revised forms with facilities.

Estimated annual burden for the ongoing and one-time activities is as follows:

Type of respondent and activity	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Hours per response	Total burden hours
States:				
TEDS Admission Data	52	4	³ 6	1,248
TEDS Discharge Data	13	4	³ 6	312
NFR Update ¹	56	128	0.08	573
Solicitation of Comments on UFDS revisions	56	1	.5	28
State Subtotal	56	2,161
Facilities:				
UFDS Questionnaire	17,000	1	.2	3,400
Augmentation Screening	5,000	1	.08	400
Pretests of UFDS revisions ²	300	1	.75	225
Facility Subtotal	22,000	4,025
Total	22,056	6,186

¹ States forward to SAMHSA information they receive from facilities on changes in facility name, address, status, etc. This will now be done electronically.

² Two pretests of 100–150 facilities each are proposed.

³ This includes time for reformatting data received from facilities and submitting it to SAMHSA.

Send comments to Nancy Pearce, SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 16–105, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: November 27, 1998.

Richard Kopanda,

Executive Officer, SAMHSA.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–4341–N–38]

Federal Property Suitable as Facilities to Assist the Homeless

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and

surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 4, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mark Johnston, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7256, 451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708–1226; TTY number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708–2565, (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free Title V information line at 1–800–927–7588.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the December 12, 1988 court order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration*, No. 88–2503–OG (D.D.C.), HUD publishes a Notice, on a weekly basis, identifying unutilized, underutilized, excess and surplus Federal buildings and real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. Today's Notice is for the purpose of announcing that no additional properties have been

determined suitable or unsuitable this week.

Dated: November 25, 1998.

Fred Karnas, Jr.,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Plan for the Use and Distribution of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Share of the Judgment Funds in Docket Nos. 18–E, 58 and 364 Before the Indian Claims Commission

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the plan for the use and distribution of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' share of the judgment funds awarded to

the Ottawa and Chippewa Indians of Michigan in Docket Nos. 18-E, 58 and 364 is effective as of September 28, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daisy West, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Division of Tribal Government Services, MS-4631-MIB, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20240. Telephone number: (202) 208-2475.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Michigan Indian Land Claims Settlement Act of December 15, 1997, 111 Stat. 2652, and section 3(b) of the Indian Tribal Judgment Funds Act, 25 U.S.C. 1403(b), requires that a plan be prepared and submitted to Congress for the use and distribution of Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' share of the funds awarded to the Ottawa and Chippewa Indians of Michigan before the Indian Claims Commission in Docket Nos. 18-E, 58 and 364. The plan for the use and distribution of the funds was submitted to Congress on June 3, 1998, by letters dated June 2, 1998. The receipt of the letters by the House of Representatives and the Senate was recorded in the Congressional Record published on June 9 and 11, 1998, respectively. The plan became effective on September 28, 1998, since a joint resolution disapproving it was not enacted. The plan reads as follows:

Plan

For the Use and Distribution of Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Judgment Funds, Dockets 18-E, 58 and 364

Section 1. Purpose and Definitions

1.01. *Purpose.* This 80/20 Plan has been developed as a result of the Indian Claims Commission dockets numbered 18-E, 58, and 364 and the passage of Public Law 105-143, cited as the "Michigan Indian Land Claims Settlement Act", which was passed on December 15, 1997, and provides for the division of judgment funds of the Ottawa and Chippewa Indians of Michigan. Pursuant to this law, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians must submit a plan to the Secretary of Interior. The Secretary shall review the plan and discuss any problems of the plan with the Tribe. After this review, the plan shall be submitted to Congress prior to the distribution of any of these funds to the Tribe.

The 80/20 Plan was developed by the Tribe and approved by the Tribal members to meet the minimum standards necessary for the Secretary's approval. This plan also meets all of the criteria for approval of the Secretary and Congress, including:

(a) The needs and desires of any groups or individuals who are in a

minority position, but who are also entitled to receive such funds, have been fully ascertained and considered;

(b) The interests of minors and other legally incompetent persons who are entitled to receive any portion of such funds as are subsequently distributed to them are and will be protected and preserved; provided, that such funds may be disbursed to the parents or legal guardian of such minors or legal incompetents in such amounts as may be necessary for the minor or legal incompetent's health, education, welfare, or emergencies under a plan or plans approved by the Secretary and the tribal governing body of the Indian tribe involved;

(c) Any provision, including enrollment provisions, of the constitution, bylaws, rules, and procedures of such tribe which may affect the distribution or other use of such funds are in full accord with the principles of fairness and equity; and,

(d) A significant portion of such funds shall be set aside and programmed to serve common tribal needs, educational requirements, and such other purposes as the circumstances of the affected Indian tribe may justify, except not less than 20 per centum of such funds shall be so set aside and programmed unless the Secretary determines that the particular circumstances of the pertinent Indian tribe clearly warrant otherwise: provided, that in the development of such plan the Secretary shall survey past and present plans of the tribe for economic development, shall consider long range benefits which might accrue to the tribe from such plans, and shall encourage programming of funds for economic development purposes where appropriate.

Definitions

1.02. *80/20.* The 80/20 Tribal Plan will be referred in this document as "Tribal plan" or "plan".

1.03. *Effective Date of the 80/20 Tribal Plan.* The effective date of the plan means the date that the plan is approved by Congress. Unless the plan is disapproved by Congress, the effective date of the plan shall be the sixtieth (60) day after formal submittal of the plan by the Secretary to the Congressional Committees (excluding days on which either the House of Representatives or the Senate is not in session because of an adjournment of more than three calendar days to a day certain). In the event that the plan is disapproved by either House, the effective date shall be the date the enabling legislation for the disposition of the judgment funds is enacted into law.

1.04. *Secretary of Interior.* The "Secretary" as used in this plan means the Secretary of Interior.

1.05. *Qualified Tribal member for one time per capita payments.* For purposes of determining eligibility for receiving a per capita payment under any Tribal plan for the use and distribution of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' share of the Dockets 18-E, 58, and 364 Judgment Funds, "qualified Tribal member" shall mean any individual who has applied for enrollment before 12:00 a.m. (midnight), Friday, January 30, 1998, and is duly enrolled in the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in accordance with Article III of the interim Constitution and the Tribal Ordinance No. #94-1018-01 or Tribal Ordinance No. 97-200-01.

In order for any duly enrolled Tribal member to be entitled to the one time per capita payment, the member's application for enrollment must be received at the Tribal offices before 12:00 a.m. (midnight), Friday, January 30, 1998. If an applicant who timely files his/her application is denied enrollment and fails to appeal the decision, that person will lose his/her right to the one time per capita payment if he/she reapplies and becomes a duly enrolled member at a later date. All persons eligible for the one time per capita payments must be living as of the effective date of this plan. Any person who has received a distribution from another tribe pursuant to Dockets 18-E, 58, and 364 of the Indian Claims Commission shall not be eligible to receive the one time per capita payments from the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

1.06. *Minor qualified tribal member for one time per capita payments.* A minor qualified Tribal member for purposes of determining eligibility must fulfill all of the "qualified tribal member" requirements in Section 1.05 and must be under the age of 18 years as of the effective date of this plan.

1.07. *Incompetent qualified Tribal member eligible for one time per capita payments.* An incompetent qualified Tribal member for purposes of determining eligibility must fulfill all of the "qualified tribal member" requirements in Section 1.05 and must: (1) be declared incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction; and, (2) have his/her legal guardian inform the Tribal Registrar in writing of the person's legal incompetence and provide evidence that he/she is the incompetent's legal guardian prior to the effective date of the plan.

1.08. *Incarcerated qualified Tribal member eligible for one time per capita payments.* An incarcerated qualified

Tribal member for purposes of determining eligibility for the one time per capita payments must fulfill all of the requirements in Section 1.05 and must: (1) inform the Tribal Registrar in writing of his/her incarceration and provide evidence that he/she is incarcerated prior to the effective date of the plan; and, (2) must notify the Tribal Registrar and execute a Power of Attorney, prior to the effective date, if he/she wishes to elect to have his/her per capita money held in trust until he/she is released from confinement. The Tribal Council shall develop appropriate forms and procedures to implement this Section.

1.09. Qualified Tribal Members Eligible to Vote on Judgment Funds Proposals. Each member who is duly enrolled in the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians by January 14, 1998, and has attained the minimum age of 18 years by January 14, 1998, shall be eligible to vote in the election of the judgment funds proposals, with the exception of incompetent persons who will not be allowed to vote, nor will any person be allowed to vote on his/her behalf. An incarcerated person shall be allowed to vote.

Section 2. Disbursement of Judgment Funds Following Effective Date

2.01. The Secretary shall disburse the Tribe's share of the judgment funds not later than 30 days after the effective date in accordance with Section 105 of the Michigan Indian Land Claims Settlement Act.

2.02. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the United States shall have no trust responsibility for the investment, supervision, administration, or expenditure of any portion of the judgment funds, including the per capita payment aspects of the plan, after such funds are disbursed to the Tribe.

2.03. Within 10 business days after receipt of the Tribe's share of the judgment funds, the Tribal Council shall arrange to have eighty (80%) percent of the judgment funds deposited in a segregated account for the purpose of implementing the per capita payment aspects of the plan described in Section 3. Within 10 business days after receipt of the Tribe's share of the judgment funds, the Tribal Council shall arrange to have the twenty (20%) percent of the judgment funds programmed for land acquisition deposited in a segregated account for the purpose of implementing the land acquisition provisions described in Sections 4 and 5 of this plan.

Section 3. One Time Per Capita Payments to all Tribal Members

3.01. As compensation to the members of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians for the delay in distribution of the judgment fund and to advance the current personal health, safety and welfare of qualified Tribal members, eighty (80%) percent of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' share of the judgment fund, shall be divided into equal shares and distributed to all qualified Tribal members, including minor qualified members, adult qualified members who are legally incompetent, and incarcerated members.

3.02. How per capita payment will be made. In order to fairly compensate all members of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, the per capita payment may be made in two payments. The first payment will be based on the completion of two separate rolls, which will be completed within 30 days after the effective date of this plan. One roll will list each duly enrolled qualified member. The second roll will list each applicant who filed his/her application by 12:00 a.m. (midnight), Friday, January 30, 1998, whose application is still pending. The number of persons on these two rolls will be added together and divided into the total per capita amount, which will equal the amount of the first check that each duly enrolled member will receive. The balance remaining, if any, after all eligible applications have been processed and the appeals time has run shall be divided by the total number of qualified tribal members enrolled from the two rolls described above and distributed to such qualified tribal members in a second payment. A more detailed explanation of this process is outlined in Appendix 1.

3.03. (a) In the event that a member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, who is eligible for payment under this section, should die after the effective date of this plan and prior to the one time payment distribution, that individual's one time payment shall be provided to the member's heirs at law.

(b) In the event that a minor, incompetent or incarcerated person should die while his/her money is in trust, that money shall be distributed to the member's heirs at law.

3.04. Establishment of Trust Accounts for Minor and Incompetent Tribal Members. In order to provide for the current and future safety and well being of qualified Tribal members under this section who are minors and fulfill the requirements of Section 1.06, have been declared incompetent by a court of

competent jurisdiction and whose legal guardian has fulfilled the requirements of Section 1.07, and incarcerated individuals who have fulfilled the requirements of Section 1.08, the per capita benefit for such qualified tribal members shall be placed in a private trust account by the Tribal Council, and:

(a) The trust shall have segregated accounts for each qualified minor, incompetent, and incarcerated, members based on his/her per capita share, and

(b) The trust agreement shall specifically provide that the investment policy to be followed is that of preserving the trust corpus and of obtaining the highest interest rates current money markets can safely provide. The trust agreement must further provide that maturity dates of investments cannot exceed the period of the trust and that only the following types of investment shall be made: United States Treasury obligations; Federal agency obligations; repurchase/resell agreements; United States Treasury bills; Bankers' acceptance, provided the assets of the issuing bank exceed \$1 billion or the issuing bank pledges full collateral; Certificates of deposit, provided the assets of the issuing bank exceed \$1 billion or the issuing bank pledges full collateral; Commercial paper, provided it is rated prime-2 by Moody or A-2 by Standard and Poor or is obligation of a company with outstanding unsecured debt rated AA by Standard and Poor.

3.05. Release of funds regarding legal incompetents.

(a) Upon the petition of the legal guardian of the beneficiary, trust assets shall be distributed to the beneficiary in any amounts as the Tribal Court determines appropriate for the beneficiary's health, welfare or economic security, including his/her support, maintenance, and education.

(b) The Tribal Court may require that the petitioning guardian submit receipts of expenditures made on behalf of the beneficiary before any disbursements are made, and shall require that the petitioning guardian account to the Tribal Court or trustee for any expenditures made from distributions from the trust or trusts.

(c) The Tribal Court may, at its discretion, authorize the trustee or trustees to establish a regular monthly distribution from the trust for the beneficiary.

3.06. Release of funds regarding minors.

(a) All assets accumulated in the trust for the benefit of a minor qualified tribal member shall be distributed at such time as the beneficiary reaches the age

of 18, upon application of the beneficiary, providing sufficient evidence of eligibility, approved by the Tribal Council.

(b) Prior to the time the beneficiary reaches the age of (18), and upon the petition of a parent(s), legal guardian(s) of the minor, or an emancipated minor, the Tribal Court shall make distributions from the trusts in such amounts as deemed necessary in the best interests of the minor, for the minor's support, health, education, or welfare to the parents, legal guardians, fiduciaries, emancipated minor, or to persons having the control and custody of the minor.

(c) The Tribal Court may require that the petitioning parent or legal guardian submit receipts of expenditures made on behalf of the minor before any disbursements are made, and shall require that the petitioning parent or guardian provide an accounting to the Tribal Court or trustee for any expenditures made from distributions from the trust or trusts.

3.07. *Release of funds to incarcerated person.* Upon the petition of an incarcerated person, trust assets shall be distributed to such incarcerated person during his/her incarceration in any amounts as the Tribal Court determines appropriate for such incarcerated person's health, welfare or economic security, or that of such member's family, including support, maintenance, and education.

3.08. The interest of each beneficiary shall be accounted for separately by the trustee, and a trust account statement shall be available at least semiannually to the parent or legal guardian of the beneficiary.

3.09. In order to further the policies and goals underlying the contribution of per capita benefits into trust for minors, legally incompetent persons, and incarcerated persons, it is the intent of the Tribal Council to seek a private letter ruling from the Internal Revenue Service regarding the tax treatment of income earned on the trust benefits concerning the deferred per capita payments to minors, legally incompetent persons, and incarcerated persons.

3.10. The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians shall notify the member if any part of the payments are subject to Federal income taxation at such time as the benefits are paid to the member from the trust, or distributed to the member pursuant to a deferred annual payment distribution plan consistent with any private letter ruling from the Internal Revenue Service, and make any withholding of income tax from and reporting of such payments as may be

required under the Internal Revenue Code.

3.11. Except for the members for whom per capita payments are being placed in trusts, the per capita payments for any qualified tribal member shall be mailed to the last known address of the member on file with the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' Tribal Registrar. The burden of registration with the Office of the Tribal Registrar is with the member to ensure that the Tribal Registrar has the member's correct and current address. Per capita payments returned to the Little River Band as undeliverable shall be maintained by the Little River Band and deposited into an interest-bearing escrow account. The member shall have 365 days to claim the returned payment. If the returned benefits are not claimed within that time period, the benefits shall revert back to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and shall be deposited in the Reservation Restoration Trust established in Section 4 of this Plan.

Section 4. Allocation for Land Acquisition

4.01. From the twenty percent (20%) of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' share of the judgment funds reserved for Tribal purposes, the sum of \$1,500,000 shall be allocated for the acquisition of land to increase tribal land holdings or to pay the principal balance of loans owing on properties owned by the Tribal government. The Tribal Council shall use the funds allocated under this section for the acquisition of specific properties or for the purposes identified in the Tribe's Reservation Restoration Plan—Phase I (adopted February 9, 1997), and shall give priority to acquisition of lands for economic development purposes or to pay the principal balance and any accrued interest on loans owing on such properties. If funds are available by May 1, 1999, Tribal Council shall also purchase the properties described in Exhibit 2—A of Appendix C of the Ludington Pumped Storage Project Settlement Agreement—Courts and Non-FERC Agencies, a copy of which is attached and incorporated herein by reference. If the options described above have expired, the Tribal Council shall give priority to the acquisition of lands for economic development purposes and for the development of Tribal Housing and Community Facilities. Upon acquiring any land, the Tribal Council may sell or exchange such lands for equal value, or may request that the United States hold the land in trust for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

Section 5. Reservation Restoration Trust Fund

5.01. The Tribal Council shall establish an irrevocable, nonexpendable trust to be known as the "Reservation Restoration Trust Fund." In order to promote the accomplishment of the goals defined in the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' Reservation Restoration Plan, the remaining balance in the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' share of the judgment fund following allocation of the one time per capita payments to all members and the Initial Allocation for Land Acquisition shall be placed in the "Reservation Restoration Trust Fund".

5.02. *Investment.* Monies paid into the Reservation Restoration Trust Fund pursuant to this section, as well as income from investment, shall be invested in high quality corporate, government, or government agency bonds, including commercial or financial company paper, which is rated in one of the two highest ratings by a nationally recognized rating agency; and time deposits or repurchase agreements with any bank or trust company organized under the laws of any state of the United States, or national banking association, provided that such time deposits or repurchase agreements do not exceed at any one time in the aggregate lot of the total of the capital and surplus of such bank or trust company or national banking association, and such bank or trust company or national banking association has a combined capital and surplus of at least \$15,000,000.

5.03. Not later than 60 days after receipt of the funds distributed to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians pursuant to this Act, the Tribal Council shall deposit into the Reservation Restoration Trust Fund the principal, which shall consist of:

(a) The initial portion of the judgment funds described above;

(b) Such other funds which the Tribal Council chooses to add to the Reservation Restoration Trust Fund.

5.04. The Tribal Council shall be the trustee of the Reservation Restoration Trust Fund and shall administer the Reservation Restoration Trust Fund in accordance with this section. The Tribal Council may retain or hire a professional trust manager and may pay the prevailing market rate for such services. Such payment for services shall be made from the current income accounts of the trust and charged against earnings of the current fiscal year.

5.05. Ninety percent of the earnings generated by the Reservation

Restoration Trust Fund may be used annually and shall be used exclusively for the acquisition of specific properties, or for the purposes, identified in the Tribe's Reservation Restoration Plan. There shall be an annual review of the plan to update it for purposes of identifying the priorities of properties in consultation with the Land Acquisition Committee. Upon acquiring any land, the Tribal Council may request that the United States hold the land in trust for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. The remaining earnings, after payment to the trust manager and the independent certified public accountant, shall be added to the principal of the Reservation Restoration Trust Fund.

5.06. The Tribal Council shall maintain the Reservation Restoration Fund on an annual basis, which includes:

(a) Maintaining ten percent (10%) of the annual earnings generated by the Reservation Restoration Trust Fund, after payments to the trust manager and independent certified public accountant in the Reservation Restoration Fund;

(b) Using any portion of the ninety percent of the earnings that was not used in one year, in any subsequent year thereafter; and,

(c) Depositing any other funds which the Tribal Council chooses to add to the Reservation Restoration Trust Fund.

5.07. The principal of the Reservation Restoration Trust Fund shall not be expended for any purpose, including but not limited to, per capita payments to members of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

5.08. The Reservation Restoration Trust Fund shall be maintained as a separate account, which shall be audited at least once during each fiscal year by a certified public accountant who shall prepare a report on the results of such audit. Such report shall be a public document, and shall be available for inspection by any member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

5.09. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the approval of the United States of any payment from the Reservation Restoration Trust Fund shall not be required and the United States shall have no trust responsibility for the investment, supervision, administration, or expenditure of funds from the Reservation Restoration Trust Fund.

Section 6. Tribal Sovereign Immunity

6.01. Nothing in this plan shall provide, or be interpreted to provide, a waiver of the sovereign immunity from suit of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians or any of its governmental officers and/or agents.

6.02. Nothing in this plan shall create a duty of financial obligation on the part of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians or any of its officers and/or agents to provide judgment fund distribution payments to an individual who alleges that he/she did not receive a per capita distribution check; provided, however, that the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians must show:

(a) The individual's name does not appear on any of the rolls authorized under this plan; or

(b) The individual's name: (i) appeared on one of the rolls authorized under this plan; and, (ii) a copy of the per capita check is returned by the Tribal Administration as proof of distribution to the last known address of the individual entitled to a per capita check.

This notice is published in exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs under 25 U.S.C. 2 and 9 and 209 DM 8.

Dated: November 19, 1998.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Availability of Plan of Operations and Environmental Assessment for Proposed 3-D Seismic Survey; Seismic Exchange, Incorporated, Big Thicket National Preserve, Hardin and Jasper, Texas

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 9.52(b) of Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 9, Subpart B, that the National Park Service has accepted a Plan of Operations from Seismic Exchange, Incorporated for Three Dimensional Seismic Survey within Big Thicket National Preserve, Hardin and Jasper Counties, Texas.

The Plan of Operations and corresponding Environmental Assessment are available for public review and comment for a period of 30 days from the publication date of this notice. Both documents can be viewed during normal business hours at the Office of the Superintendent, Big Thicket National Preserve, 3785 Milam Street, Beaumont, Texas. Copies can be requested from the Superintendent, Big Thicket National Preserve, 3785 Milam Street, Beaumont, TX 77701.

Dated: November 23, 1998.

Richard R. Peterson,

Superintendent, Big Thicket National Preserve.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for the General Management Plan for the Sitka National Historical Park, Alaska

AGENCIES: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for the General Management Plan for the Sitka National Historical Park, Alaska.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the General Management Plan for the Sitka National Historical Park, Alaska.

The National Park Service will implement the proposed action (alternative 1) as described in the Draft and Abbreviated Final General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statements as the selected alternative. This plan will achieve a high-quality, diverse visitor experience consistent with the mandate and mission of the NPS and the purpose and significance of the park. New management strategies, social science methods, and interpretive tools will be used to improve the management of visitor use, especially during the days of peak demand. For better visitor distribution, visitors will be encouraged to move beyond the visitor center and the nearby Totem Trail into less frequently visited areas, such as the fort site, the battleground, and the Russian Memorial. By funding and implementing comprehensive research and interpretive programs, the NPS will place increased emphasis on the park's cultural resources and on the purpose and significance of the park.

A Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS), published in the **Federal Register** in May 17, 1995 (60 FR 26455), formally initiated the National Park Service planning and EIS effort for the park. A draft and final plan and EIS were prepared. The final plan and abbreviated EIS describe and analyze the environmental impacts of a proposed action and three other action alternatives. A no-action alternative also was evaluated.