

- Promote and support the introduction of native threatened and endangered species on the Refuge.
- Insure integrity of all naturally occurring biotic communities on the Sevilleta NWR.
- Maintain migratory bird populations at healthy levels in the Upper/Middle Rio Grande Ecosystem.
- Reverse declining trends in quality and quantity of riparian/wetland habitats; restore, maintain, and enhance the species composition, aerial extent, and spatial distribution of riparian/wetland habitats.
- Protect, restore, and maintain upland terrestrial communities at the landscape level within the Upper/Middle Rio Grande Ecosystem.
- Use sound land use practices and management tools to protect upland terrestrial habitats in the Upper/Middle Rio Grande Ecosystem.
- Through the Rio Grande Initiative, preserve, enhance and restore hydrological regimes which perpetuate a healthy river ecosystem. The Initiative will result in the creation of partnerships which address water management, habitat enhancement and restoration, and impacts of non-native flora and fauna on native biodiversity and endangered species.
- Compile a data base of the baseline natural conditions, processes, and species associated within refuge ecosystems by October 2004.
- Attain baseline natural conditions, processes, and populations of species in 50% of each habitat type by 2010. When attainment is not possible, assess desired condition and implement adaptive management strategies.
- Restore and maintain natural hydrological regimes.
- Contribute to the integrity of the Upper Middle Rio Grande Watershed using sound management tools and practices.
- Develop partnerships, relationships, and communication to improve implementation of Refuge wildlife and habitat management goals.
- Minimize human impacts to Refuge ecosystems.
- Encourage research that improves management and monitoring of species, communities and processes on the Refuge and the Upper Middle Rio Grande.
- Permit research from a wide range of interested parties and institutions while protecting the faunal and floral components of the ecosystem from the detrimental aspects of human intrusion and manipulative research protocols.
- Minimize impacts of research activities.
- Provide the research community a unique opportunity to conduct wildlife

related research which provides the Refuge with management direction.

- Obtain (purchase or mitigation) sufficient water rights to manage refuge wetlands associated with the Rio Grande.
- Acquire in stream flow rights for the perennial portion of the Rio Salado.
- Protect upland seeps, springs and wetlands of the Refuge.
- Provide the general public with high quality compatible wildlife dependent experiences on and off the Refuge.
- Provide the general public with high quality environmental education and wildlife dependent experiences on and off the Refuge.
- Develop sound management practices to protect cultural resources, within the scope of Part 614 of the Service Manual and all applicable Federal laws and regulations.
- Minimize obtrusive impacts to Refuge lands or adjacent lands.
- Document the need for additional staffing.
- Obtain adequate staffing to implement management plans benefitting the Middle Rio Grande Ecosystem both on and off Refuge lands.
- Effect improvements to facilities that will result in enhancement of Refuge capabilities and resources including the construction of an approximately 6,000 square foot visitor center/administrative complex, 2 1,500 foot staff residences, and a multi-unit living accommodation facility for refuge volunteers.
- Develop and apply the Ecosystem Management approach.
- Solicit input from involved agencies, institutions, and groups to help coordinate and evaluate Refuge activities.

**DATES:** The Service will be open to written comments through January 4, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies may be obtained by writing to: Mr. Tom Baca, Natural Resource Planner, Division of Refuge, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, NM 87103-1306. Comments should be submitted to: Lou Bridges, Project Coordinator, Research Management Consultants, Inc., 1746 Cole Blvd., Bldg. 21, Suite 300, Golden, CO 80401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** It is Service policy to have all lands within the National Wildlife Refuge System managed in accordance with an approved CCP. The CCP guides management decisions and identifies refuge goals, long-range objectives, and strategies for achieving refuge purposes. The planning process has considered

many elements, including habitat and wildlife management, habitat protection and acquisition, public and recreational uses, and cultural resources. Public input into this planning process has assisted in the development of the draft documents. The CCP will provide other agencies and the public with a clear understanding of the desired conditions for the Refuges and how the Service will implement management strategies.

The Service intends to consider comments and advice generated in response to the draft documents prior to the preparation of a final CCP. The Service is furnishing this notice in compliance with Service CCP policy: (1) to advise other agencies and the public of the availability of the draft documents, and (2) to obtain suggestions and advice for consideration in preparation of final documents.

The Service anticipates that final CCP documents and any associated NEPA documents will be available by February 28 1998, or sooner.

Dated: November 23, 1998.

**Geoffrey L. Haskett,**

*Deputy Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[AK-962-1410-00-P and AA-01534]

#### Alaska Native Claims Selection

In accordance with Departmental regulation 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that a decision to issue conveyance under the provisions of Sec. 14(h)(1) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971, 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613(h)(1), will be issued to Sealaska Corporation for 5.99 acres. The lands involved are in the vicinity of Yakutat, Alaska.

Lot 5, U.S. Survey No. 10271, Alaska.

A notice of the decision will be published once a week, for four (4) consecutive weeks, in the JUNEAU EMPIRE. Copies of the decision may be obtained by contacting the Alaska State Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599 ((907) 271-5960).

Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision, an agency of the Federal government or regional corporation, shall have until (January 6, 1999) to file an appeal. However, parties receiving service by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an

appeal. Appeals must be filed in the Bureau of Land Management at the address identified above, where the requirements for filing an appeal may be obtained. Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

**Patricia K. Underwood,**

*Land Law Examiner, Branch of ANCSA Adjudication.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### New Orleans Jazz National Historical Park, Louisiana; Notice of Availability of Draft General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement

**SUMMARY:** This Draft General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/EIS) describes three conceptual alternatives. Alternative A is the no-action, or status quo, alternative and provides a baseline for comparison with the other alternatives. Alternative B emphasizes conveying the park's interpretive story through personal programs such as interpretive talks and demonstrations, interpreted performances "informances," seminars, and performances. Educational activities would be given maximum emphasis in this alternative. It would allow the park to assist in the adaptive use of structures related to jazz. Interpretive programming would depend heavily on the involvement of local musicians and educators, thus supporting cultural preservation. Under this alternative, the visitor center would be located in the Old U.S. Mint. Alternative C emphasizes a strong partnership program with significant resources coming from partners. The extent and success of this alternative would depend on substantial support from these partners, and especially from the private sector. Interpretive media would be extensively used, and the size and scope of park educational and preservation programs would be guided by the development of partnerships. Under this alternative, the visitor center would be located at a complex in Louis Armstrong Park. Of these alternatives, the National Park Service's Proposed Action is Alternative C. Environmental impacts that would result from implementation of the alternatives are addressed in the document. Impact

topics include cultural and natural resources, visitor experience, interpretation, education, transportation, and the socioeconomic environment.

**DATES:** The Draft GMP/EIS will be on review until January 25, 1999. Comments may be sent to the Superintendent at the following address.

**ADDRESSES:** A limited number of copies are available from the Superintendent at the following address.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Superintendent, New Orleans Jazz National Historical Park, 365 Canal Street, Suite 2400, New Orleans, LA 70130, Telephone: (504) 589-3882.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Several public meetings will be held concerning this document in the near future. Contact the park for information about these meetings. Notices will appear in local newspapers announcing these meetings.

Dated: November 21, 1998.

**Daniel W. Brown,**

*Acting Regional Director, Southeast Region.*

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## FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION

### [F.C.S.C. Meeting Notice No. 15-98]

#### Sunshine Act Meeting

The Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, pursuant to its regulations (45 CFR Part 504) and the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b), hereby gives notice in regard to the scheduling of meetings and oral hearings for the transaction of Commission business and other matters specified, as follows:

**DATE AND TIME:** Tuesday, December 15, 1998, 10:00 a.m.

#### SUBJECT MATTER:

A. Hearings on the Record on Objections to Proposed Decisions on claims against Albania, as follows:

Claim No. ALB-042 Xhani Femera et al., ALB-072 Thomas Michael Toma, ALB-220 Gjergji Gjeli, ALB-315 Afroditi Botsis.

B. Proposed Decisions on claims against Albania

**STATUS:** Open.

All meetings are held at the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, 600 E Street, N.W., Washington, DC. Requests for information, or advance notices of intention to observe an open meeting,

may be directed to: Administrative Officer, Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, 600 E Street, NW., Room 6002, Washington, DC 20579. Telephone: (202) 616-6988.

Dated at Washington, DC, December 2, 1998.

**Judith H. Lock,**

*Administrative Officer.*

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## FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**TIME AND DATE:** 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 9, 1998.

**PLACE:** Room 6005, 6th Floor, 1730 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

**STATUS:** Open.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** The Commission will consider and act upon the following:

1. *Secretary of Labor v. Austin Powder Co.*, Docket No. YORK 95-57-M. (Issues include whether (1) substantial evidence supports the judge's credibility-based determination that the operator violated 30 CFR § 56.15005, and whether the violation was significant and substantial; (2) in the absence of a finding of unwarrantable failure on the part of the operator, the judge could find its foreman liable under the Mine Act section 110(c) for the violation, and whether substantial evidence supports that finding; and (3) despite the vacation of the unwarrantable failure finding, the judge could leave unreduced his penalty assessment against the operator, and whether substantial evidence supports his finding of high negligence.)

Any person attending an open meeting who requires special accessibility features and/or auxiliary aids, such as sign language interpreters, must inform the Commission in advance of those needs. Subject to 29 CFR § 2706.150(a)(3) and § 2706.160(d).

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Jean Ellen (202) 653-5629 / (202) 708-9300 for TDD Relay / 1-800-877-8339 for toll free.

**Jean H. Ellen,**

*Chief Docket Clerk.*

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