

public lands to be closed are those on the playa of the Black Rock Desert.

The following public lands administered by the BLM restricted or closed are the lands of the playa of the Black Rock Desert within the following townships: T. 33., R. 24 E.; T. 33½ N., R. 24 E.; T. 34 N., R. 24 E.; T. 33 N., R. 25 E.; T. 34 N., R. 25 E.; T. 35 N., R. 25 E.; T. 35½ N., T. 25 E.; T. 34 N., R. 26 E.; T. 35 N., R. 26 E.; T. 35½ N., R. 26 E.

The lands involved are located in the Mount Diablo Meridian and are located northeast and east of Gerlach, Nevada. They are within Pershing County. All graded roads on the edge of the desert but not on the actual playa are not affected by this closure order. A map showing the route of the course is available from the following BLM office: Winnemucca District Office, 5100 East Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, Nevada, 89445, (702) 623-1500.

Any person who fails to comply with this closure order issued under 43 CFR Part 8364 may be subject to the penalties provided for in 43 CFR 8360.7.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Lynn Clemons, 5100 East Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, Nevada, 89445 (702) 623-1500.

Dated: August 15, 1996.

Ron Wenker

District Manager, Winnemucca

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Idaho: Filing of Protraction Diagrams in Idaho

The protraction diagrams of the following described unsurveyed townships, all in Boise Meridian, Idaho, were officially filed in the Idaho State Office, Bureau of Land Management, Boise, Idaho, effective 9:00 a.m. August 14, 1996.

T. 19 N., R. 3 W.; T. 23 N., R. 2 W.; T. 24 N., R. 2 W.; T. 25 N., R. 4 E.; T. 26 N., R. 4 E.; T. 25 N., R. 5 E.; T. 26 N., R. 5 E.; T. 25 N., R. 6 E.; T. 26 N., R. 6 E.; T. 27 N., R. 4 E.; T. 28 N., R. 4 E.; T. 27 N., R. 5 E.; T. 28 N., R. 5 E.; T. 27 N., R. 6 E.; T. 28 N., R. 6 E.; T. 29 N., R. 5 E.; T. 30 N., R. 5 E.; T. 29 N., R. 6 E.; T. 30 N., R. 6 E.; T. 29 N., R. 7 E.; T. 30 N., R. 7 E.; T. 23 N., R. 7 E.; T. 24 N., R. 7 E.; T. 23 N., R. 8 E.; T. 24 N., R. 8 E.; T. 23 N., R. 9 E.; T. 24 N., R. 9 E.

The preparation of these diagrams was requested by the USDA Forest Service, Geomtronics Service Center, to support its mapping program.

All inquiries concerning the survey of the above described land must be sent to the Chief, Cadastral Survey, Idaho State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 3380 Americana Terrace, Boise, Idaho, 83706-2500.

Dated: August 14, 1996.

Duane E. Olsen,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor for Idaho.

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National Park Service

Cape Cod National Seashore, Massachusetts; Environmental Assessment: Interim Pheasant Management Program

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability and Public Comment Period for the Environmental Assessment, Interim Pheasant Management.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA 42 USC 4321 *et. seq.*), the National Park Service, Cape Cod National Seashore, announces that an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Interim Pheasant Management Program is available for public review and comment.

The public comment period is from August 29, 1996 to September 29, 1996. Interested persons may review the document and make written comments to the Superintendent, Cape Cod National Seashore, Headquarters Building, 99 Marconi Site Road, Wellfleet, Massachusetts 02667. Written comments and visits or phone inquiries by interested parties will be accepted.

The EA analyzes the impacts of two alternatives for an interim proposal for the research and management of the Ring-Necked Pheasant (*Phasianus colchicus*) hunting and stocking program at Cape Cod National Seashore. The two alternatives include a no action option which continues current management, and a two year research and evaluation alternative to assess impacts to native resources and provide an objective evaluation of the stocking and hunting program.

Numerous groups interested in the issue of pheasant management have increasingly questioned or requested review or changes as to how the State of Massachusetts and the National Park Service manage the pheasant hunting program. Many hunting interests have

also asked that the program be preserved and allowed to continue within the seashore. Currently, little or no data exist on pheasant survival, population, movement patterns, harvest numbers, and impacts the release may have on the native Seashore ecosystems. Based on this lack of data, the long history of pheasant stocking in the Seashore, and policy questions that require data on which to base informed management decisions, the EA analyzes impacts and provides for public review of the two alternatives to initiate an appropriate research and management program.

Copies of the document are available at the address listed above or by calling Mike Reynolds at (508) 349-3785 x216 at the Seashore Headquarters for copies, questions, or other inquiries.

Dated: August 20, 1996.

Maria Burks,

Superintendent, Cape Cod National Seashore.

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Carlsbad Caverns National Park; Final General Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Final General Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement for Carlsbad Caverns National Park, Eddy County, New Mexico.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 the National Park Service announces the availability of the Final General Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/ EIS) for Carlsbad Caverns National Park. The Draft General Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement was on public review from November 15, 1995 to March 25, 1996. A public open house was held on February 15, 1996, to solicit public comment on the GMP/EIS. Twenty-nine comment letters were received from agencies, organizations, and individuals. The National Park Service's responses to comments on the draft plan are included in the Final GMP/EIS.

The purpose of the general management plan is to set forth the basic management philosophy and to provide the strategies for addressing issues and achieving management objectives over the next 10 to 15 years. The Final GMP/EIS describes and evaluates three alternatives for the

management of Carlsbad Caverns National Park.

Alternative 1 (No Action): Alternative 1 describes the continuation of existing management direction at the park as described in current plans. The park would provide for visitor use and respond to resource management issues and concerns as funding allowed, but no major change in management direction would be initiated.

Alternative 2: Alternative 2 is the proposed action and National Park Service's preferred alternative. It would base resource management and visitor use decisions on expanded scientific research, inventory, and monitoring. Information would be gathered about how human activities and facilities are affecting park resources, especially cave resources. A development concept plan would be undertaken once these studies had been completed to determine how to reduce or eliminate threats to subsurface resources, with measures possibly ranging from infrastructure improvements to the removal of certain facilities. Opportunities for visitors to enjoy and learn about significant park resources would be increased, special off-trail tours would be continued, the feasibility of opening Ogle Cave to tours would be studied, and additional surface trails would be provided. The visitor center would be remodeled to be more efficient, and a ranger residence would be provided near Slaughter Canyon.

Alternative 3: Alternative 3 proposes the removal of many surface functions and facilities above the cavern within five years to ensure the protection of subsurface resources. To replace these functions, a new visitor orientation/transit center and a park operations center would be developed at the base of the Guadalupe escarpment. Visitors would use a shuttle system for access to the existing visitor center, which would be modified to focus on interpretation and essential services. Visitor use of the cavern would be monitored and restricted to minimize further damage to cave resources, and no special off-trail tours would be provided.

The environmental impact analysis indicates that alternatives 2 and 3 would better protect the park's significant resources than would alternative 1.

DATES: The 30-day no action period for review of the Final GMP/EIS will end on September 27, 1996. A record of decision will follow the no action period.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent, Carlsbad Caverns National Park, 3225 National parks

Highway, Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220. Telephone: 505-785-2232, extension 321.

Dated: August 10, 1996
Joseph J. Sovick,
Acting Superintendent, Southwest System Support Office.
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Pecos National Historical Park, Final General Management Plan/ Development Concept Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Final General Management Plan/ Development Concept Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement for Pecos National Historical Park, Santa Fe and San Miguel County, New Mexico.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of the Final General Management Plan/ Development Concept Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/DCP/EIS) for Pecos National Historical Park, New Mexico.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 27, 1990, Congress repealed the act to establish Pecos National Monument and authorized the establishment of Pecos National Historical Park to include the former Pecos National Monument and 5,500 acres of the Forked Lightning Ranch. On November 8, 1990, Congress expanded Pecos National Historical Park to include the 682 acre Glorieta unit. The purpose of this Final GMP/DCP/EIS is to set forth the basic management philosophy of the park and the overall approaches to resource management, visitor use, and facility development that would be implemented over the next 10-15 years.

This Final GMP/DCP/EIS describes and analyzes alternatives for the Pecos and Glorieta units of Pecos National Historical Park. Proposed action and no-action alternatives have been developed for each unit. In addition to the proposed action and no-action alternatives, two additional action alternatives have been developed for the Pecos unit and one additional action alternative has been identified for the Glorieta unit. These alternatives propose future management and use options for the newly established Pecos National Historical Park. Under Pecos Unit Alternative A (no action) present use and management would continue. The primary interpretive focus would

continue to be at the Pecos Pueblo/mission ruins complex, and no new visitor facilities would be developed. Under Pecos Unit Alternative B (the proposed action) two visitor staging areas would be developed—the Fogelson visitor center area and Kozlowski's Stage Stop. New visitor facilities would include trails and trailheads and interpretive exhibits. Under Pecos Unit Alternative C three visitor staging areas would be developed—the Fogelson visitor center, Kozlowski's Stage Stop, and the Gateway overlook. Staging areas and associated facilities would have easy vehicle access. Under Pecos Unit Alternative D visitors would enter the park from the south and a new visitor center would be developed at the Gateway overlook area. Other visitor facilities would continue to be provided at Kozlowski's Stage Stop and the Fogelson visitor center. Under Glorieta unit alternative 1 (no-action) no new facilities would be provided. Glorieta unit alternative 2 (proposed action) would incorporate a staffed visitor contact facility and interpretive trails and exhibits at Pigeon's Ranch and an exterior interpretive exhibit at a pull-off overlooking Cañoncito. Glorieta unit alternative 3 would incorporate the same facilities as alternative 2; however, the staffed contact station would be at a different location. The major impact topics assessed for the proposals and the alternatives are cultural and natural resources and the socioeconomic environment, including the local economy and NPS operations.

This Final GMP/DCP/EIS was prepared in order to evaluate a range of alternatives and an assessment of impacts of these alternatives. This document was on public review for 60 days from September 15 through November 17, 1995. Responses to public comment are addresses in this Final GMP/DCP/EIS.

DATES: This Final GMP/DCP/EIS will be available for public review until September 30, 1996. This Final GMP/DCP/EIS can be obtained by contacting Pecos National Historical Park at 505-757-6414.

ADDRESSES: Public reading copies of the Final GMP/DCP/EIS will be available for review at the following locations: Office of Public Affairs, National Park Service, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20240; Department of Interior Natural Resource Library, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20240; Pecos National Historical Park, Highway 63, Pecos, New Mexico; and local public libraries.