

(EA) would be prepared which would address future cooperative management between BLM and the Utah Division of Parks and Recreation for the area known as Fivemile Pass. Public comment will be actively solicited throughout the RAMP/EA and amendment development process.

**DATES:** The comment period for the proposed plan amendment will commence with the date of publication of this notice. Comments must be submitted on or before March 5, 1997.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Bureau Planning System, Special Recreation Management Areas (SRMA) are designated where significant public recreation issues or management concerns occur. Special or more intensive types of management are typically needed. Detailed recreation planning is required in these areas and greater managerial investment (e.g. facilities, supervision, etc.) is likely. Fivemile Pass was not listed as an SRMA in the 1988 Pony Express RMP. This amendment and planning process is needed to address current recreation use and management needs.

Fivemile Pass is an area encompassing the southern foothills of the Oquirrh Mountains on the Tooele/Utah County line. For years, Fivemile Pass has been one of the most popular areas for off highway vehicle (OHV) recreation in Northern Utah. A 1992 amendment to the Pony Express RMP designated 10,880 acres of public land at Fivemile Pass as "Open" to OHV use. "Open" areas are approved for all types of OHV use, including cross-country travel. Since that time recreation use in the area has increased dramatically. The area is undeveloped with no recreation facilities. Fivemile Pass received over 36,900 visits in 1996. The Utah ATV Association and other user groups have long advocated visitor developments at Fivemile Pass. In 1995, the Utah Division of Parks and Recreation and the Utah OHV Commission selected Fivemile Pass as a priority site for increased development and additional State OHV grants.

The Fivemile Pass SRMA would be defined as T6S, R3W, sec 13-36; T6S, R4W, sec 13, 24, 25, and 36; T7S, R3W, Sec 1-18; and T7S, R4W, sec 1, 12, and 13. The SRMA planning area would cover 31,360 acres which includes 19,020 acres of public lands, approximately 10,740 acres of private land, and 1,600 acres of State lands.

Although Fivemile Pass is heavily used for recreation, the area also has a long history of mining, farming, and grazing. The entire planning area contains numerous mine shafts and

abandoned pits. These mines and pits constitute a serious hazard for the public. Public roads accessing public lands cross private lands. There is occasional trespass and vandalism from the public crossing farmlands or riding OHVs through plowed fields. Recreation use has also resulted in vandalism to public lands and facilities around Fivemile Pass. Besides being a popular OHV riding area, Fivemile Pass is also used by campers, horseback riders, mountain bikers, organized groups (Scouts, RV clubs, church groups, etc.), hunters, and target shooters.

Recreation development at Fivemile Pass would meet the following management objectives:

1. Provide a quality recreation experience for OHV and other recreation users in a safe and appropriate setting.
2. Mitigate safety hazards created by past mining operations.
3. Maintain access to public lands.
4. Protect natural and cultural resources on public lands and repair damaged resources.
5. Mitigate trespass and impacts to private lands in and around the planning area.
6. Maintain and enhance multiple use management for all resources in the planning area.
7. Educate visitors about safety, public land stewardship, and low impact recreation.

The RAMP will be prepared under 43 CFR part 1610 to meet the requirements of section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, and section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act. This revision is necessary to update and expand the decisions presented in the 1988 Pony Express RMP that affect lands within the Fivemile Pass planning area.

Public participation will be actively sought to ensure that the RAMP/EA addresses all issues, problems, and concerns from those interested in the management of the public lands within the proposed Fivemile Pass SRMA. The development of the RAMP/EA is a public process and the public is invited and encouraged to assist in the identification of issues and the scope of the RAMP/EA. Public meetings will be held to discuss planning issues. The date, time, and location of these scoping meetings will be announced in local newspapers and through other local media. Formal public participation will be requested for review of the preliminary RAMP/EA and final RAMP/EA in 1997. Notice of availability of these documents will be published at the appropriate times.

The RAMP/EA will be prepared by an interdisciplinary team which includes

specialists in recreation, cultural resources, minerals, realty, wildlife, rangeland vegetation, and special status animal and plant species. Other disciplines may be represented as necessary.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Margaret Wyatt, Area Manager, Salt Lake Field Office, 2370 South 2300 West, Salt Lake City, Utah, telephone (801) 977-4300, fax (801) 977-4397. Existing planning documents and information are available at the above address. Comments on the proposed plan amendment should be sent to the above address.

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## National Park Service

### Maine Acadian Culture Preservation Commission; Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) that the Maine Acadian Culture Preservation Commission will meet on Friday, February 21, 1997. The meeting will convene at 7 p.m. in the gym of the Dr. Levesque School on U.S. Route 1 in Frenchville, Aroostook County, Maine.

The Maine Acadian Culture Preservation Commission was appointed by the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to the Maine Acadian Culture Preservation Act (Pub. L. 101-543). The purpose of the Commission is to advise the National Park Service with respect to:

- The development and implementation of an interpretive program of Acadian culture in the state of Maine; and
- The selection of sites for interpretation and preservation by means of cooperative agreements.

The Agenda for this meeting is as follows:

1. Review and approval of the summary report of the workshop held December 20, 1996.
  2. A talk by Marielle Cormier-Boudreau on Acadian cuisine and herbology.
  3. Reports of Maine Acadian Culture Preservation Commission working groups.
  4. Report of the National Park Service project staff.
  5. Opportunity for public comment.
  6. Proposed agenda, place, and date of the next Commission meeting.
- The meeting is open to the public. Further information concerning

Commission meetings may be obtained from the Superintendent, Acadia National Park. Interested persons may make oral/written presentations to the Commission or file written statements. Such requests should be made at least seven days prior to the meeting to: Superintendent, Acadia National Park, PO Box 177, Bar Harbor, ME 04609-0177; telephone (207) 288-5472.

Dated: January 23, 1997.

Paul F. Haertel,

Superintendent, Acadia National Park.

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## AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Housing Guaranty Program; Notice of Investment Opportunity

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has authorized the guaranty of loans to the Banco General S.A., Panama (the "Borrower") as part of USAID's development assistance program. The proceeds of these loans will be used to finance shelter and shelter-related infrastructure for the benefit of low-income families in Panama. At this time, the Banco General S.A. has authorized USAID to request proposals from eligible lenders for a loan under this program of \$5.0 Million U.S. Dollars (US\$5,000,000). The name and address of the Borrower's representative to be contacted by interested U.S. lenders or investment bankers (each, a "Lender"), the amount of the loan and project number are indicated below:

Banco General S.A., Panama

Project No.: 525-HG-13;

Housing Guaranty Loan No.: 525-HG-014 A03;

Amount: US\$5,000,000;

Attention: Mr. Francisco Sierra, Vice President—Treasury Banco General S.A., Panama, (street address: Calle Aquilino de la Guardia y Ave. 5ta B Sur, Panama City, Panama);

Telex No.: 2733 General PG;

Telefax No.: 507/265-0215 (preferred communication);

Telephone Nos.: 507/265-0231 or 507/265-0234.

Interested Lenders should contact the Borrower as soon as possible and indicate their interest in providing financing for the Housing Guaranty Program. Interested Lenders should submit their bids to the Borrower's representative by *Tuesday, February 18, 1997, 12:00 noon Eastern Standard Time*. Bids should be open for a period

of 48 hours from the bid closing date.

Copies of all bids should be simultaneously sent to the following:

Mr. Joseph M. Carroll, Chief, Office of Democratic Governance, USAID, Unit 0949, APO AA 34002, c/o American Embassy, Panama City, Panama, (street address: Plaza Regency 2nd Floor, Avenida Via Espana #1);  
Telefax No.: 507/264-0104 (preferred communication);

Telephone No.: 507/263-6011; and

Mr. Lawrence Doc Odle, Regional Housing and Urban Development Office, Central America USAID/RHUDO/Guatemala, Guatemala City, Guatemala, Unit 3323, APO AA 34024;

Telefax No.: 502/332-0663;

Telephone No.: 502/332-0603;

Address: Mr. Peter Pirnie, Sr. Financial Advisor, U.S. Agency for International Development, Office of Environment and Urban Programs, G/ENV/UP, Room 409, SA-18, Washington, D.C. 20523-1822;

Telex No.: 892703 AID WSA;

Telefax No.: 703/875-4639 or 875-4384 (preferred communication);

Telephone No.: 703/875-4300 or 875-4510.

For your information the Borrower is currently considering the following terms:

(1) *Amount*: U.S. \$5.0 million.

(2) *Term*: 30 years.

(3) *Grace Period*: Ten years grace on repayment of principal. (During grace period, semi-annual payments of interest only). If *variable* interest rate, repayment of principal to amortize in equal, semi-annual installments over the remaining 20-year life of the loan. If *fixed* interest rate, semi-annual level payments of principal and interest over the remaining 20-year life of the loan.

(4) *Interest Rate*: Alternatives of *fixed* rate and *variable* rate are requested.

(a) *Fixed Interest Rate*: If rates are to be quoted based on a spread over an index, the Lender should use as its index a long bond, specifically the 6½% U.S. Treasury Bond due November 15, 2026. Such rate is to be set at the time of acceptance.

(b) *Variable Interest Rate*: To be based on the six-month British Bankers Association LIBOR, preferably with terms relating to the Borrower's right to convert to fixed. The rate should be adjusted weekly.

(5) *Prepayment*:

(a) Offers should include an option for prepayment and mention prepayment premiums, if any.

(b) Federal statutes governing the activities of USAID require that the

proceeds of USAID-guaranteed loans be used to provide affordable shelter and related infrastructure and services to below median-income families. In the extraordinary event that the Borrower materially breaches its obligation to comply with this requirement, USAID reserves the right, among its other rights and remedies, to accelerate the loan at par. It should be noted that since the inception of the USAID Housing Guaranty Program in 1962, USAID has not exercised its right of acceleration.

(6) *Fees*: Offers should specify the placement fees and other expenses, including USAID fees, Paying and Transfer Agent fees, out of pocket expenses, etc. Lenders are requested to include all legal fees in their placement fee. Such fees and expenses shall be payable at closing from the proceeds of the loan.

(7) *Closing Date*: Approximately 30 days from selection of investor, if possible, but not to exceed 60 days from date of selection of Lender.

Selection of a Lender and the terms of the loan are initially subject to the individual discretion of the Borrower, and thereafter, subject to approval by USAID. Disbursements under the loan will be subject to certain conditions required of the Borrower by USAID as set forth in agreements between USAID and the Borrower.

The full repayment of the loans will be guaranteed by USAID. The USAID guaranty will be backed by the full faith and credit of the United States of America and will be issued pursuant to authority in Section 222 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (the "Act").

Lenders eligible to receive the USAID guaranty are those specified in Section 238(c) of the Act. They are: (a) U.S. citizens; (2) domestic U.S. corporations, partnerships, or associations substantially beneficially owned by U.S. citizens; (3) foreign corporations whose share capital is at least 95 percent owned by U.S. citizens; and, (4) foreign partnerships or associations wholly owned by U.S. citizens.

To be eligible for the USAID guaranty, the loans must be repayable in full no later than the thirtieth anniversary of the disbursement of the principal amount thereof and the interest rates may be no higher than the maximum rate established from time to time by USAID.

Information as to the eligibility of investors and other aspects of the USAID housing guaranty program can be obtained from:

Ms. Viviann Gary, Director, Office of Environment and Urban Programs,