

a biologist and the area enclosed by the fence would be systematically searched. All desert tortoises found would be relocated to adjacent habitat in a manner consistent with current handling procedures and guidelines. Workers at the mine site would be educated about the status of the desert tortoise and what to do if desert tortoises are found on access roads or during work activities. The applicant would ensure that trash is handled in a way that does not lure predators of the desert tortoise into the area.

The phasing of mining would reduce the numbers of Mojave ground squirrels killed at any given time. The acquisition and management of off-site habitat would be the primary means of compensating for the loss of this habitat and individual Mojave ground squirrels. Nest tree buffers and grading season restrictions would protect any loggerhead shrikes nesting on site. During reclamation of the site, trees would be planted that provide nesting habitat for the loggerhead shrike.

Environmental Assessment

The environmental assessment considers the environmental consequences of the proposed action and no action alternatives. A no take alternative was not feasible due to the size of the proposed mine and the unpredictable distribution of desert tortoises in the project area. Under the no action alternative, the Service would not issue an incidental take permit to the applicant and a habitat conservation plan would not be implemented. The applicant would not be able to proceed legally with mining as planned due to the presence of listed animal species in the area.

Authority

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the ESA and Service regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (40 CFR 1506.6). The Service will evaluate the application, its associated documents, and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the application meets the requirements of the ESA. If the Service determines that the requirements are met, a permit will be issued for the incidental take of the listed species. A final decision on permit issuance will be made no sooner than 30 days from the date of this notice.

Dated: November 12, 1997.

Thomas Dwyer,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC); Public Review of Utilities Data Content Standard

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The FGDC is conducting a public review of the Utilities Data Content Standard. The purpose of this public review is to provide data users and producers with an opportunity to comment on this standard in order to ensure that it meets their needs. Specifically, the FGDC request responses in three areas: (1) Identify any "ad hoc" or "defacto" standards being used that address data content for utilities systems; (2) identify additional feature classes, feature types, attributes, and domains not contained in this standard that are necessary to meet a user's requirements; (3) identify any issues that a user may have in implementing the information contained in the utilities standard into a system's feature schema.

Participants in the public review are encouraged to provide comments that address specific issues/changes/additions that may result in revisions to the draft utilities standard. All participants who make comments during the public review period will receive an acknowledgment of the receipt of their comment. After comments have been considered, participants will receive notification of how their comments were addressed. After the formal adoption of the standard by the FGDC, the revised standard and a summary analysis of the changes will be made available.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 6, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The standard can be downloaded from the following Internet address: <http://www.fgdc.gov/Standards/Documents/Standards/Utility>.

Requests for written copies of the standard should be addressed to "Utilities Data Content Standard", FGDC Secretariat (attn: Jennifer Fox), U.S. Geological Survey, 590 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia, 20192; or telephone

703-648-5514; facsimile 703-648-5755; or Internet "gdc@usgs.gov."

Reviewer's comments may be sent to the FGDC via Internet mail to: gdc.util@www.fgdc.gov. Reviewer comments may also be sent to the FGDC Secretariat at the above address. Please send one hardcopy version of the comments and a soft copy version, preferably on a 3.5x3.5 diskette in WordPerfect 5.0 or 6.0/6.1 format.

For answers to questions related to the content of the standard please contact the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) Facilities Working Group, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, General Engineering Branch 20 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20314-1000; voice telephone numbers: Kevin Backe (703) 428-6505, Nancy Blyler facsimile telephone number: (703) 428-6991.

Dated: October 10, 1997.

John Fischer,

Acting Chief, National Mapping Division, U.S. Geological Survey.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Homestead National Monument of America, NE

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Park Service, Department of the Interior will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the impact of alternative management concepts in a revised General Management Plan (GMP) for Homestead National Monument of America. The purpose of revising the GMP is to set forth the basic management philosophy for the next 10 to 15 years, and provide the strategies for addressing issues and achieving identified management objectives. Some of the issues needing addressing are: flooding threats to the park's developed infrastructure and operations much of which resides or occurs in a floodplain; the restored tallgrass prairie's relationship to the park's purpose; cultural landscape alterations misrepresenting the historic scene and integrity; adequacy of domestic water and sewerage infrastructure; Highway 4 and traffic safety; Freeman School's interpretive relationship and safe public access thereto; unfulfilled legislative mandates to serve as a repository for

literature applying to settlement and agricultural implements; interpretive themes as identified in the park's enabling legislation; and existing physical facilities limitations. The GMP/EIS will investigate alternatives ranging from no-action to a variety of development proposals and management approaches designed to guide visitor use and provide for resource protection.

To facilitate sound planning and environmental assessment, the National Park Service intends to gather information necessary for the preparation of the EIS, and to obtain suggestions and information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS. Comments and participation in the scoping process are invited.

A series of public meetings and open houses will be held during the development of the GMP and the preparation of the EIS. Notices of the dates, times, and locations of these public sessions will be advertised in local media outlets prior to the events. Information about public sessions and about the GMP and EIS will also be provided through periodic newsletters.

The draft GMP/EIS is expected to be completed and available for public review by May 15, 1998.

DATES: Public open houses to collect information and opinions about the scope of issues to be addressed in the GMP will be held on January 13 and 14, 1998. The January 13 open house will be held between 7:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the Beatrice Public Library, 100 North 16th Street, Beatrice, Nebraska. The January 14 open house will be held between 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on the 4th floor of the Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, Nebraska.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and information concerning preparation should be directed to: Superintendent, Homestead National Monument of America, Route 3, Box 47, Beatrice, Nebraska 68310-9116. Comments should be received by January 30, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent, Homestead National Monument of America, at the above address or at telephone number 402-223-3514.

Dated: November 10, 1997.

William W. Schenk,
Regional Director, Midwest Region.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before November 8, 1997. Pursuant to section 60.13 of 36 CFR part 60 written comments concerning the significance of these properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation may be forwarded to the National Register, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, D.C. 20013-7127. Written comments should be submitted by December 3, 1997.

Carol D. Shull,
Keeper of the National Register.

ARKANSAS

Phillips County

Mayo House, 302 Elm St., Marvell, 97001513

FLORIDA

Washington County

Woman's Club of Chipley (Clubhouses of Florida's Womens Clubs MPS), 607 Fifth St., Chipley, 97001514

LOUISIANA

Cameron Parish

Hebert House (Louisiana's French Creole Architecture MPS), Roughly jct. of Greenhouse Ln. and LA 3056, Lake Arthur vicinity, 97001516

East Feliciana Parish

Taylor House, 5000 LA 10, Jackson vicinity, 97001518

Pointe Coupee Parish

Samson House (Louisiana's French Creole Architecture MPS), 405 Richey St., New Roads, 97001515

St. Tammany Parish

Sardy House (Louisiana's French Creole Architecture MPS), 810 Main St., Madisonville, 97001517

Webster Parish

Watkins House, 109 N. College, Minden, 97001519

NEBRASKA

Gage County

Institution for Feeble Minded Youth Farm, 1 mi. E of Beatrice State Home and 1 mi. N of NE 3, Beatrice vicinity, 97001521

Jefferson County

District No. 1 School of Jefferson County, Jct. of N. Second and Curtis Sts., Steele City, 97001520

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Grafton County

Samuel Morey Memorial Bridge, The, NH 25A over the Connecticut R., Orford, 97001523

Hillsborough County

Goffstown High School, 12 Reed St., Goffstown, 97001524

NEW YORK

Ontario County

South Bristol Grange Hall 1107, 6457 NY 64, Bristol Springs, 97001528

Schuyler County

Chapman, A.E., House, 115 S. Monroe St., Watkins Glen, 97001526

Wayne County

Red Brick Church, Jct. of Brick Church Rd. and S. Geneva Rd., Sodus Center, 97001527

Yates County

Larzelere Tavern, 3858 County House Rd., Branchport vicinity, 97001525

NORTH CAROLINA

Halifax County

Whitaker's Chapel, NC 1003; 0.4 mi. E of jct. of NC 1100 and NC 1003, Enfield vicinity, 97001522

TENNESSEE

Campbell County

Perkins, A.E., House, 130 Valley St., Jacksboro, 97001529

TEXAS

Austin County

Witte—Schmid House, Off Schoenau, near jct. with Eckermann, Shelby vicinity, 97001531

Bexar County

GoAd Motor Company Building, 317 Lexington Ave., San Antonio, 97001530

Randall County

Amarillo Globe Dream House, 3104 S. Harrison, Amarillo, 97001532

WYOMING

Sheridan County

Mount View, 610 S. Jefferson St., Sheridan, 97001534
Sheridan Flouring Mills, Inc., 2161 Coffeen Ave., Sheridan, 97001533

Sweetwater County

US Post Office—Green River (Wyoming Post Offices MPS), 3 W. Flaming Gorge Way, Green River, 97001535

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