

leased from the Bureau of Land Management be patented to the County under the authority of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act of June 14, 1926, as amended. Pending the completion of the Environmental Assessment (EA) and the Landfill Transfer Audit (LTA), it is the intent of the Bureau of Land Management to convey the lands to the County of Modoc. The Intent to Convey involves the following lands located in the County of Modoc, California:

Federal Lands to be conveyed to the County of Modoc:

Mount Diablo Meridian, California

1. Cedarville: T 43 N, R 17 E, Sec. 34, Lot 3, 6, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$; CA 15801 containing 60.00 acres.
2. Eagleville: T 40 N, R 17 E, Sec. 21, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ (within); CAS 308
3. Lake City: T 43 N, R 16 E, Sec. 3, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ (within); CAS 309
4. Likely: T 39 N, R 13 E, Sec. 11, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ (within); CAS 310
5. Davis Creek: T 45 N, R 14 E, Sec. 29, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ (within); CA 6549

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Conveyance is consistent with current BLM land use planning and is in the public interest. The County of Modoc is a qualified applicant for conveyance. Final determination of the Intent to Convey will be made using public comments, an Environmental Assessment (EA) and a Landfill Transfer Audit (LTA). The conveyance document (patent) for the Federal public lands will include the following terms, conditions or reservations to the United States:

1. "A right-of-way thereon for ditches or canals constructed by the authority of the United States. Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945)."
2. Provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act and applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.
3. All valid and existing rights documented on the official public land records at the time of patent issuance.
4. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals.

Upon publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**, the public lands described above are segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mineral laws except for lease or conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws for a period of five years from the date of publication. The segregative effect shall terminate as provided by 43 CFR 2741.5(h)(2).

Detailed information concerning the Intent to Convey is available at the

Alturas Resource Area Office, 708 West 12th Street, Alturas, CA, 96101 and Surprise Resource Area Office, 602 Cressler Street, CA 96104 or by contacting Jerry Wheeler at 530-233-4666 or Joe McFarlan at 530-279-6101. For a period of 45 days after the initial publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit comments to the Alturas Field Manager, Alturas Field Office at the above address. Send comments to the Surprise Field Manager, Surprise Field Office at P.O. Box 460, Cedarville, CA 96104.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the California State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**.

Susan T. Stokke,

Manager, BLM Surprise Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Prepare a Land Disposal Plan Amendment for the Judith-Valley-Phillips and West HiLine Resource Management Plans

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will amend the Judith-Valley-Phillips and West HiLine Resource Management Plans (RMPs). The Bureau of Land Management is amending the RMPs to allow the disposal of small isolated tracts which were not specifically identified and listed in the RMPs. The public land being considered is located in Blaine, Chouteau, Fergus, Glacier, Hill, Judith Basin, Liberty, Petroleum, Phillips, Toole, and Valley Counties, Montana. An environmental assessment will be prepared by the Lewistown District Office to analyze the impacts of this proposal and any alternatives.

DATES: Comments and recommendations on this notice to amend the Judith-Valley-Phillips and West HiLine RMPs should be received on or before June 8, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this notice to David L. Mari, District Manager, Lewistown District Office, P.O. Box 1160, Lewistown, MT 59457-1160.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry Majerus, 406-538-7461.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The West HiLine (1988) and Judith-Valley-Phillips (1994) Resource Management Plans (RMP) identified specific parcels of public land for disposal. Under these RMPs, a plan amendment is required for any land exchange, or sale, that involves public land not specifically identified for disposal and listed in the RMPs no matter how small and insignificant the sale or exchange. Over the past seven years this has required six plan amendments to complete eight minor land sales exchanges which ranged in size from 20 to 382 acres. The purpose of each amendment was to dispose of small isolated tracts that were not identified in the RMPs, but upon closer examination did meet disposal criteria. Completing this plan amendment would allow the BLM the option, and flexibility, to identify additional disposal tracts in the future, provided they meet the disposal criteria and the management objectives in the RMPs. Under the plan amendment, additional disposal tracts would not be identified for major land exchanges that do not meet RMP objectives.

(Authority: Sec. 202, Pub. L. 94-579, 90 Stat. 2747 (43 U.S.C. 1712))

Dated: April 29, 1998.

M. James Feist,

Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Draft General Management Plan / Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Marsh-Billings National Historical Park, Vermont

AGENCY: National Park Service Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of Draft General Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Council on Environmental Quality regulations and National Park Service policy, this notice announces the availability for public review of a Draft General Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Marsh-Billings National Historical Park, Windsor County, Vermont. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act 102(2)(C) of 1969, the environmental impact statement was prepared to assess the impacts of implementing the general management plan.

The Draft General Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement presents a Proposal and a Management Alternative, then assesses the potential environmental and socioeconomic effects of the actions presented on site resources, visitor experience, and the surrounding area. The Proposal and the Alternative differ in their approaches to management. The Proposal calls for a strong partnership between the Woodstock Foundation, Inc. (which operates Billings Farm & Museum, located on private property within the park boundary), and the National Park Service to manage the park. The Alternative describes how the park could operate if these two organizations worked independently.

DATES: The formal public review period is to start on or about May 8, 1998, for 60 days (watch for Environmental Protection Agency **Federal Register** Notice on May 8). Two public forums will be held during the month of May. The dates, times, and location of the two public forums will be advertised in local media outlets.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Copies of the document will be available for review at the following locations:

Marsh-Billings National Historical Park,
54 Elm Street, Woodstock, VT 05091
Woodstock Town Hall, Woodstock,
Vermont
Norman Williams Public Library,
Woodstock, Vermont

To request copies of the document, please call (802) 457-3368 ext. 14, fax (802) 457-3405, or write to the Superintendent, Marsh-Billings National Historical Park, PO Box 178, Woodstock, VT 05091.

Comments on the Draft General Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement should be submitted to Rolf Diamant, Superintendent, Marsh-Billings National Historical Park, PO Box 178, Woodstock, VT 05091. You can also fax your comments to the Superintendent at (802) 457-3405.

Dated: April 23, 1998.

Rolf Diamant,

Superintendent, Marsh-Billings National Historical Park.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Environmental Impact Statements; Availability, Etc: Natchez Trace Parkway, MS Southern Terminus

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Southern Terminus of the Natchez Trace Parkway, Mississippi.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Southern Terminus (Section 3X) of the Natchez Trace Parkway. This notice also announces the intention to hold public meetings for the purpose of receiving comments about the draft EIS.

DATES: Comments on the draft EIS should be received no later than July 7, 1998. Public meetings will be held in Natchez, MS, and Jackson, MS. The dates and times of the public meetings will be announced in local media in those cities, but they will be held no sooner than 30 days following the publication of this announcement in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the draft EIS shall be submitted to: Superintendent Wendell A. Simpson, Natchez Trace Parkway, 2680 Natchez Trace Parkway, Tupelo, MS 38801, (601) 680-4004.

The locations of the public meetings will be announced in the local media in the cities where they will be held.

Public reading copies of the EIS will be available for review at the following locations:

1. Natchez Trace Parkway Headquarters, 2680 Natchez Trace Parkway, Tupelo, Mississippi 38801, (601) 680-4005
2. Natchez National Historical Park, 504 S. Canal Street, Natchez, Mississippi 39120, (601) 442-7047
3. Judge George W. Armstrong Library, 220 South Commerce Street, Natchez, Mississippi 39120, (601) 445-8862
4. Jackson/Hinds Library System, Eudora Wetly Library, 300 North State Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, (601) 968-5809. (This is the Headquarters or main library in Jackson.)

A limited number of copies of the draft EIS are also available from the office of the Superintendent, Natchez Trace Parkway.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Southern Terminus (Section 3X) of the Natchez Trace Parkway presents a proposal and two alternative locations for the Southern Terminus of the Natchez Trace Parkway. The parkway in this region currently ends at U.S. Highway 61, about 7.5 miles east of the city of Natchez. An unopened section of the parkway has been partially constructed from U.S. Highway 61 to U.S. Highway 84/98, about 3.6 miles east of the Natchez city limits.

Alternative 1, the no action alternative, would construct an

interchange at U.S. 84/98 and make that point the southern terminus of the parkway. The proposal, alternative 2, would extend the parkway another 4.2 miles from U.S. 84/98 toward Natchez to terminate at Liberty Road, where an interchange would be constructed. Alternative 3 would expend the parkway about 4.3 miles from U.S. 84/98 to terminate with an interchange at Seargent Prentiss Drive. Alternative 3 is the only alternative which would not require the acquisition of some additional property. In every alternative, parkway users would exit the parkway and utilizing existing city streets to reach the city center or other locations in Natchez. The EIS evaluates the potential environmental impacts associated with the three terminus locations and their associated parkway routing alternatives.

Dated: April 29, 1998.

Daniel W. Brown,

Acting Regional Director, Southeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Joshua Tree National Park Advisory Commission; Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act that a meeting of the Joshua Tree National Park Advisory Commission (Commission) will be held from 9:00 a.m. (PDT) until 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 13, 1998, at the Helen Gray Center, on Whitefeather Drive in the village of Joshua Tree, California. The Commission will hear presentations on issues related to the Backcountry and Wilderness Management Plan, which serves as an amendment to the General Management Plan for Joshua Tree National Park, and will develop Commission by-laws.

The Advisory Commission was established by Pub. L. 103-433, section 107 to advise the Secretary concerning the development and implementation of a new or revised comprehensive management plan for Joshua Tree National Park.

Members of the Commission include:

Mr. Chuck Bell—Planner
Ms. Diane Benson—Town of Yucca Valley
Ms. Cyndie Bransford—Recreational Climbing
Mr. Gary Daigneault—Property Owner
Hon. Kathy Davis—County of San Bernadino
Mr. Brian Huse—Conservation