

qualified bidder, or if no other bids were received, the parcel will be declared unsold.

A successful bid on a parcel constitutes an application for conveyance of those mineral interests offered under the authority of Section 209(b) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976. In addition to the full purchase price, a nonrefundable fee of \$50 will be required from the prospective purchaser for purchase of the mineral interests to be conveyed simultaneously with the sale of the land.

DATES: On or before February 11, 1999, interested persons may submit comments regarding the proposed sale to the Burns District Manager at the address described below. Comments or protests must reference a specific parcel and be identified with the appropriate serial number. In the absence of any objections, this proposal will become the determination of the Department of the Interior.

ADDRESSES: Comments, bids, and inquiries should be submitted to the Burns District Manager, HC 74-12533, Hwy 20 West, Hines; Oregon 97738.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Detailed information concerning this public land sale is available from Craig M. Hansen, Area Manager or Skip Renchler, Realty Specialist, Three Rivers Resource Area at the above address, phone (541) 573-4400.

Dated: December 17, 1998.

Craig M. Hansen,

Three Rivers Resource Area Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Notice and Agenda for Meeting of the Royalty Policy Committee of the Minerals Management Advisory Board

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Department of the Interior has established a Royalty Policy Committee (Committee), on the Minerals Management Advisory Board, to provide advice on the Department's management of Federal and Indian minerals leases, revenues, and other minerals related policies. Committee membership includes representatives from States, Indian Tribes and allottee organizations, minerals industry associations, the

general public, and Federal Departments. At this eighth meeting, the Minerals Management Service will be prepared to discuss the OIG report on Net Receipts Sharing, the Committee's recommendations on Lessee/Designee issue, the Royalty-in-Kind Pilot, Reengineering Operational Models, Joint Ventures Paper, Annual Performance Reviews, and the Marginal Properties Accounting Relief Rule. The Committee will also consider progress reports by the active subcommittees.

DATES: The meeting will be held on: Wednesday, January 20, 1999, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Mountain time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Denver West, 360 Union Boulevard, Lakewood, Colorado 80228, telephone number (303) 987-2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Gary L. Fields, Chief, Program Services Office, Royalty Management Program, Minerals Management Service, P.O. Box 25165, MS 3062, Denver, CO 80225-0165, telephone number (303) 231-3102, fax number (303) 231-3781.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The location and dates of future meetings will be published in the **Federal Register**. The meetings will be open to the public without advanced registration. Public attendance may be limited to the space available. Members of the public may make statements during the meetings, to the extent time permits, and file written statements with the Committee for its consideration. Written statements should be submitted to Mr. Gary L. Fields, at the address listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Minutes of Committee meetings will be available 10 days following each meeting for public inspection and copying at the Royalty Management Program, Building No. 85, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado.

These meetings are being held by the authority of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. No. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. Appendix 1, and Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-63, revised.

Dated: December 21, 1998.

R. Dale Fazio,

Acting Associate Director for Royalty Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Backcountry and Wilderness Management Plan, Joshua Tree National Park, California; Notice of Extension of Public Comment Period

SUMMARY: Pursuant to § 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190 as amended), the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, has prepared a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) assessing five alternatives for, and potential impacts of, a proposed Backcountry and Wilderness Management Plan for Joshua Tree National Park, California. In deference to interest expressed by local governmental agencies, organizations, and other interested parties, the public comment period has been extended through January 20, 1999.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Draft Environmental Impact Study was issued November 14, 1997; the SEIS was issued October 30, 1998. Copies of the documents can be reviewed at local libraries or obtained from the park at the address noted below. The original 60-day public comment period (ending December 31, 1998) has been extended an additional 20 days. All written comments must now be postmarked not later than January 20, 1999 and should be addressed to: Superintendent, Joshua Tree National Park, 74485 National Park Drive, Twentynine Palms, CA 92277.

Dated: December 16, 1998.

John J. Reynolds,

Regional Director, Pacific West.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for the Final Environmental Impact Statement, Southern Terminus of the Natchez Trace Parkway

SUMMARY: The Department of the Interior, National Park Service has prepared a Record of Decision for the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Natchez Trace Parkway, Section 3X, Southern Terminus in Adams County, Mississippi. This Record of Decision is a statement of the decision made, the background of the project, other alternatives considered, the basis for the decision, the environmentally

preferable alternative, measures to minimize environmental harm, and public involvement in the decision making process.

DATES: This Record of Decision (ROD) will become effective upon signature by the Regional Director of the Southeast Region of the National Park Service.

ADDRESSES: Public reading copies of the Record of Decision for the Natchez Trace Parkway's Southern Terminus (Section 3X) final environmental impact statement will be available for public 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*, Post Office Box 1208, Natchez, Mississippi 39121, (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 Welty Library, 300 North State Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, (601) 968-5809 (This is the Headquarters or main library in Jackson)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For copies of the ROD or additional information, please contact: Wendell A. Simpson, Superintendent, Natchez Trace Parkway, 2680 Natchez Trace Parkway, Tupelo, Mississippi 38801. Telephone: (601) 680-4004.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Southern Terminus (Section 3X) of the Natchez Trace Parkway is presented in abbreviated form. The abbreviated FEIS includes responses to public comments, errata, and a Statement of Findings for Wetlands. The abbreviated FEIS, when combined with the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Natchez Trace Parkway, Section 3X, Southern Terminus (May 8, 1998), comprises the complete Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). Only minor revisions to the DEIS were necessary.

The National Park Service will implement the preferred alternative, alternative 2—Liberty Road, as described in the Final Environmental Impact Statement, Natchez Trace Parkway, Section 3X, Southern Terminus issued on October 2, 1998.

The intent of the preferred alternative (hereafter referred to as the selected alternative) is to complete the southern end of the Natchez Trace Parkway by extending the existing motor road to the city of Natchez, Mississippi, thereby completing the parkway, which was begun in 1938 and fulfilling a major goal

of the Natchez Trace Parkway General Management Plan adopted in 1987. The Natchez Trace Parkway currently ends eight miles outside of Natchez at U.S. Highway 61. The parkway has been partially constructed from U.S. 61 to U.S. Highway 84/98, but this four-mile segment will not open until a terminus alternative is fully constructed. Under the selected alternative, the parkway will extend four miles past U.S. Highway 84/98 and terminate with an interchange at Liberty Road.

The selected alternative includes the construction of 4.2 miles of roadway; interchange bridge, access ramps, and retaining wall construction at Liberty Road; bridge construction at St. Catherine Creek, Melvin Bayou, County Road A, Palestine Road, Perkins Creek, and County Road B; and earth embankments and excavations and related drainage systems and structures. In addition, road crossings will require the relocation of approximately 2,030 feet of County Road A, 760 feet of County Road B, 6,200 feet of County Road P, and 5,410 feet of Palestine Road.

The selected alternative alignment will stay within existing NPS owned lands for all but the final 0.5 mile of its total length. This alternative requires the acquisition of 76.8 acres of additional land between St. Catherine Creek and Liberty Road. The enabling legislation for the Natchez Trace Parkway (16 U.S.C., Section 460) prohibits the National Park Service from purchasing land for parkway construction, therefore, the additional land acquisition must be accomplished by other entities, such as the city, county, or state, and donated to the National Park Service. The required land acquisition will include a portion of the southeast edge of the fairgrounds (including portions of a baseball diamond and a horse exercise area) and will displace or relocate 17 residential properties, five commercial properties, and four industrial properties. Of the 76.8 acres to be acquired, 13.5 acres is state land and 63.4 acres is privately owned land.

Dated: December 11, 1998.

Daniel W. Brown,

Regional Director, Southeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Manzanar National Historic Site Advisory Commission; Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act that a meeting of the Manzanar National Historic Site Advisory Commission will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 9, 1999, at the Western Archeological and Conservation Center, 1415 North 6th Avenue, Tucson, Arizona, to hear presentations on issues related to the planning, development, and management of Manzanar National Historic Site.

The Advisory Commission was established by Public Law 102-248, to meet and consult with the Secretary of the Interior or his designee, with respect to the development, management, and interpretation of the site, including preparation of a general management plan for the Manzanar National Historic Site.

Members of the Commission are as follows:

Sue Kunitomi Embrey, Chairperson
William Michael, Vice Chairperson
Keith Bright
Martha Davis
Gann Matsuda
Vernon Miller
Mas Okui
Glenn Singley
Richard Stewart

The main agenda items at this meeting of the Commission will include the following:

(1) Status report on the development of Manzanar National Historic Site by Superintendent Ross R. Hopkins.

(2) General discussion of miscellaneous matters pertaining to future Commission activities and Manzanar National Historic Site development issues.

(3) Public comment period.

This meeting is open to the public. It will be recorded for documentation and transcribed for dissemination. Minutes of the meeting will be available to the public after approval of the full Commission. A transcript will be available after March 1, 1999. For a copy of the minutes, contact the Superintendent, Manzanar National Historic Site, PO Box 426, Independence, CA 93526.

Dated: December 15, 1998.

Marian O'Dea,

Superintendent, Manzanar National Historic Site.

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