

grazing, rights of permittees and lessees, and the interests of adjoining land owners. The public land being considered for disposal, comprising 510.0 acres, is described as follows:

Salt Lake Meridian, Utah

T. 21 S., R. 15 E.,
Section 23, SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Section 24, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Section 25,
NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Section 26, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

Sally Wisely,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Winter Use Plan, Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway, Wyoming

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Availability of the Winter Use Plan, Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service announces the availability of the Winter Use Plan, Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway, Wyoming and Montana.

DATES: The Winter Use Plan, Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway will remain available for public review through November 15, 1999. Public meetings concerning the plan will be held in Livingston and West Yellowstone, Montana; Jackson and Cody, Wyoming; Idaho Falls, Idaho; and Denver, Colorado. Dates, times, and locations will be announced at a later date.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the Winter Use Plan, Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway should be sent to Clifford Hawkes, National Park Service, Denver Service Center, 12795 West Alameda Parkway, Lakewood, Colorado 80228. Public reading copies of the plan are available on the Internet (nps.gov/planning/yell/

winteruse) and will be available for review at the following locations:

Office of the Superintendent

Clifford Hawkes, National Park Service, Denver Service Center
12795 W. Alameda Parkway,
Denver, CO 80225-0287,
Telephone: (303) 969-2262

Office of Public Affairs, National Park Service, Department of Interior,
18th and C Streets NW,
Washington, DC 20240, Telephone:
(202) 208-6843

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Winter Use Plan, Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway analyzes 7 winter use management alternatives for the parks and the justification, anticipated impacts and relevant scientific research regarding each of the alternatives.

Under Alternative A-No Action, current use and management practices in the parks and Parkway would continue. Alternative B, the preferred alternative, provides a moderate range of affordable and appropriate winter visitor experiences. Air quality and oversnow motor vehicle sound would be addressed, and by the winter of 2008-2009, strict emission and sound requirements would be required by all oversnow vehicles entering the parks. The preferred alternative also emphasizes an adaptive approach to park resource management, which would allow the results of new and ongoing research and monitoring to be incorporated. Alternative C maximizes winter visitor opportunities for a range of park experiences, while preserving natural resources and addressing safety concerns. Alternative D stresses visitor access to unique winter features in the parks. This alternative emphasizes clean, quiet modes of travel, visitor activities focused near destination areas, and a minimization of conflicts between nonmotorized and motorized users. Under alternative E the protection of wildlife and natural resources is emphasized while allowing park visitors access to a range of winter recreation experiences. Alternative E uses an adaptive planning approach that allows new information to be incorporated. Alternative F stresses the protection of wildlife resources by focusing winter visitor activities in Yellowstone National Park outside important winter range for large ungulate species, and closing north and west roads to winter use. For Grand Teton National Park and the Parkway, this alternative emphasizes the protection of all resources by focusing developments,

oversnow motorized trails and zones, and nonmotorized trails and zones in certain areas, while still allowing park visitors opportunities for a range of winter recreational experiences. Alternative G places the highest priority on clean quiet oversnow access to the parks using present technologies.

The Winter Use Plan, Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway in particular evaluates the environmental consequences of the proposed action and the other alternatives on wildlife, air quality, natural quiet, local economies, and visitor experience. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Clifford Hawkes, National Park Service, Denver Service Center, 12795 West Alameda Parkway, Lakewood, Colorado 80228.

Dated: September 20, 1999.

Michael D. Synder,

Acting Regional Director, Intermountain Region, National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Wild and Scenic River Suitability Study/Recommendation for the Escalante River Drainage, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, Garfield County, UT

AGENCY: National Park Service, USDI.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the National Park Service, USDI, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) which analyzes the suitability of sections of the Escalante River, Harris Wash, Coyote Gulch, Fortymile Gulch, Willow Gulch, Fiftymile Creek, Davis Gulch, Cow Canyon, Fence Canyon, Silver Falls Creek, Choprock Canyon, Neon Canyon, Moody Creek, East Moody Creek, Twentyfive Mile Wash (Glen Canyon NRA portion), Georgie's Canyon, Scorpion Gulch, Fools Canyon, Fold Canyon, Eastside Tributaries 1-4, Stevens Canyon, Big Hollow Wash, Hurricane Wash, Carcass Wash, Sooner Wash, Unnamed Wash of the Escalante River (3 miles upriver of Silver Falls Creek), North Fork of Silver Falls Creek, Middle Moody Creek, within Glen Canyon National Recreation Area boundary in Garfield County, Utah for inclusion into the National Wild and

Scenic River System. The National Park Service invites written comments and suggestions on the suitability of these river sections. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) will also include a General Management Plan amendment. The amendment will provide interim protection for those rivers recommended to Congress until Congress rules on a final recommendation.

Further, the agency gives notice that the environmental analysis process is underway. Interested and potentially affected persons, along with local, state, and other federal agencies, are invited to participate and contribute to the environmental analysis prior to final recommendation to Congress. Persons who comment on this process should note that the Department may make the names and addresses of commenters public. However, commenters may request that this information not be released and the Department of the Interior will then determine whether the information may be withheld under the Freedom of Information Act.

DATES: Written comments to be considered in the preparation of the DEIS should be submitted on or before October 29, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to: Superintendent, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, P.O. Box 1507, Page, AZ 86040.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions about the proposed action and draft EIS should be directed to Norm Henderson, Wild and Scenic River EIS Team Leader, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, P.O. Box 1507, Page, AZ 86040; telephone 520-608-6272.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This suitability analysis is being initiated in response to the Management Plan currently being prepared by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM). A portion of this Plan includes an assessment of streams and rivers within the boundary of the GSENM for inclusion into the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. Recognizing the need for consistency across jurisdictional boundaries, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (NRA), Bryce Canyon National Park, and the Dixie National Forest have worked together with the GSENM during the eligibility phase of their wild and scenic rivers analysis. This increased the Monument's study area to include portions of rivers that extended onto other Federally managed areas and

allowed the planning team to look at entire watersheds.

Section 5(d)(1) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (Public Law 90-542, 82 Stat. 906, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1271-1287) allows for the study of new potential wild and scenic rivers not designated under Section 3(a) or designated for study under Section 5(a) of the Act. Section 5(d)(1) states "In all planning for the use and development of water and related land resources, consideration shall be given by all Federal agencies involved to potential national wild, scenic, and recreational river areas. The analysis will also include lands within 1/4 mile from each stream bank. Preliminary alternatives include recommending a wild, scenic, or recreation designation for each segment and an alternative that recommends none of the segments for designation. Other appropriate alternatives may be considered.

Joseph Alston, Superintendent, Glen Canyon NRA, is the responsible official for preparing the suitability study and DEIS. The Secretary of the Interior, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington DC 20250 is the responsible official for recommendations for wild and scenic designation. Public input is now requested and will be used in preparation of the DEIS that is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and available for the public. At that time, the EPA will publish a notice of availability of the DEIS in the **Federal Register**. The comment period on the DEIS will be 60 days from the date the EPA's notice of availability appears in the **Federal Register**.

After the comment period ends on the DEIS, comments will be analyzed and considered by the National Park Service in preparing the final EIS (FEIS). In the FEIS, the National Park Service will respond to comments received. The Secretary of the Interior will consider the comments, responses, and consequences discussed in the EIS, applicable laws, regulations, and policies in making a recommendation to the President regarding suitability of these river segments for inclusion into the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. The final decision on inclusion of a river in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System rests with the Congress of the United States.

Dated: September 21, 1999.

Willie R. Taylor,

Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Boston Harbor Islands Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (PL 92-463) that the Boston Harbor Islands Advisory Council will meet on Thursday, September 30, 1999. This meeting was originally scheduled for September 16, 1999, and was postponed due to severe weather warnings. The meeting will convene at 4:00 PM at the New England Aquarium Conference Center Central Wharf, Boston, Massachusetts.

The Advisory Council was appointed by the Director of National Park Service pursuant to Public Law 104-333. The 28 members represent business, educational, cultural, and environmental entities; municipalities surrounding Boston Harbor; and Native American interests. The purpose of the council is to advise and make recommendations to the Boston Harbor Islands Partnership with respect to the development and implementation of a management plan and the operation of the Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area.

The Agenda for this meeting is as follows:

1. Introductions and remarks from Robert Durand, Chair, Boston Harbor Islands Partnership.
2. Discussion of the status of the general management plan.
3. Briefing on the economic development plan for the park.

The meeting is open to the public. Further information concerning Council meetings may be obtained from the Superintendent, Boston Harbor Islands. Interested persons may make oral/written presentations to the Council or file written statements. Such requests should be made to: Superintendent Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area, 408 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 228, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110, telephone (617) 223-8667.

Dated: September 21, 1999.

Bruce Jacobson,

Assistant Superintendent, Boston Harbor Islands NRA.

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