

comments should be submitted by March 22, 2000.

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Acting Keeper of the National Register.

ALASKA

North Slope Borough-Census Area

Prudhoe Bay Oil Field Discovery Well Site,
200 mi. SE of Barrow, Barrow, 00000264

FLORIDA

Highlands County

Pinecrest Hotel, Old, 1609 S. Lake Lotela Dr.,
Avon Park, 00000266

Polk County

Lake of the Hills Community Club,
41 E. Starr Ave., Lake Wales, 00000265

HAWAII

Honolulu County

Cooke, Charles Montague, Jr. House and
Kuka'O'O Heiau (Boundary Increase),
Address Restricted, Honolulu, 00000267

KANSAS

Lincoln County

Cummins Block Building, 161 East Lincoln,
Lincoln, 00000268

KENTUCKY

Boone County

Bedinger Site, Address Restricted, Walton,
00000276
Big Bone Lick Archeological District, Along
Big Bone Creek, Union, 00000284
Maplewood, Address Restricted, Walton,
00000275

Bourbon County

Hillside Farm, 1165 N. Middletown Rd.,
Paris, 00000277

Carroll County

Richlawn Farm, 1705 Highland Ave.,
Carrollton, 00000274

Estill County

Ravenna Motor Vehicle Service Building,
(Kentucky's National Guard Facilities
MPS) 512 Main St., Ravenna, 00000278

Jefferson County

Fincastle, (Louisville and Jefferson County
MPS) 7501 Wolf Pen Branch Rd., Prospect,
00000272
Russell Historic District (Boundary Increase),
Jct. of Muhammad Ali Blvd. and S. 17th
St., Louisville, 00000273

Logan County

Russellville Armory, (Kentucky's National
Guard Facilities MPS) 190 S. Winter St.,
Russellville, 00000279

Madison County

Richmond Armory, (Kentucky's National
Guard Facilities MPS) Jct. of 2nd St. and
Moberly Ave., Richmond, 00000282

Marion County

Lebanon Junior High School and Lebanon
High School, Jct. of N. Spalding and Hood
Aves., Lebanon, 00000270

Mercer County

Harrodsburg Armory, (Kentucky's National
Guard Facilities MPS) 130 N. College St.,
Harrodsburg, 00000281

Metcalfe County

Metcalfe County Kentucky Courthouse,
Public Square, Edmonton, 00000271

Nelson County

McClaskey, Newell B., House, 1795 KY 1066,
Bloomfield, 00000269

Nicholas County

Carlisle Armory, (Kentucky's National Guard
Facilities MPS) 378 Main St., Carlisle,
00000280

Washington County

Springfield Armory, (Kentucky's National
Guard Facilities MPS) 126 Armory Hill
Rd., Springfield, 00000283

MARYLAND

Calvert County

Linden, 70 Church St., Prince Frederick,
00000285

MICHIGAN

Marquette County

Gwinn Model Town Historic District,
Including most of the original plat of
Gwinn and surrounding greenbelt, Forsyth,
00000286

NORTH CAROLINA

Pitt County

Kittrell—Dail House, Jct. of NC 1117 and NC
1114, Renston, 00000287

OREGON

Jackson County

Rich Gulch Diggings, 0.75 mi SW of
Jacksonville, Jacksonville, 00000288

SOUTH CAROLINA

Clarendon County

Senn's Grist Mill—Blacksmith Shop—Orange
Crush Bottling Plant, 3 Cantey St.,
Summerton, 00000290

Oconee County

Ram Cat Alley Historic District, Ram Cat
Alley and North Townville St., Seneca,
00000289

TEXAS

Harris County

City National Bank Building, 1001 McKinney
Ave., Houston, 00000291

WEST VIRGINIA

Boone County

Town of Nellis, Off Cty Rte. 1, Nellis,
00000292

A request for REMOVAL has been
made for the following resource:

MINNESOTA

Becker County

St. Benedict's Mission School Co. Hwy. 133
Ogema, 82002931

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Oil and Gas Management Plan, Final Environmental Impact Statement, Padre Island National Seashore, Texas

ACTION: Availability of Final
Environmental Impact Statement and
Oil and Gas Management Plan for Padre
Island National Seashore, Kenedy,
Kleberg and Willacy Counties, Texas.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C)
of the National Environmental Policy
Act of 1969, and the regulations
promulgated by the Council on
Environmental Quality (40 CFR 1505.2),
the Department of the Interior, National
Park Service, announces the availability
of a Final Environmental Impact
Statement and Oil and Gas Management
Plan (FEIS/O&GMP) for Padre Island
National Seashore, Texas.

DATES: A 30-day no-action period will
follow the U.S. Environmental
Protection Agency's notice of
availability of the FEIS/O&GMP.

ADDRESSES: Public reading copies of the
FEIS/O&GMP will be available for
review at the following locations:
Office of the Superintendent, Padre
Island National Seashore, 20301 Park
Road 22, Corpus Christi, Texas 78418,
Telephone: (361) 949-8173
Minerals/Oil and Gas Program Office,
Intermountain Support Office-Santa
Fe, National Park Service, 1100 Old
Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico
87501, Telephone: (505) 988-6095
Planning and Environmental Quality
Program Office, Intermountain
Support Office-Denver, National Park
Service, 12795 W. Alameda Parkway,
Lakewood, Colorado 80228,
Telephone: (303) 969-2851
Office of Public Affairs, National Park
Service, 18th and C Streets, NW,
Washington, D.C. 20240, Telephone:
(202) 208-6843

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FEIS/
O&GMP analyzes three (3) alternatives
to manage oil and gas operations in a
manner that provides for hydrocarbon
development, while protecting natural
and cultural resources, visitor use
values, and human health and safety.
The plan will serve as a guide over the
next 15-20 years for directing access for

geophysical exploration, exploratory drilling, production, and transportation of nonfederal oil and gas resources in the park. It will also provide a greater degree of certainty to operators, since it provides up-front information on the location of Sensitive Resource Areas and suggests needed mitigation. Current legal and policy requirements would be a basis component of any alternative selected. Current legal and policy requirements means the application of all pertinent federal and state laws, regulations, policies, and direction governing oil and gas operations conducted in the park. These include NPS regulations at 36 CFR 9B, which require operators to use technology and methods least damaging to park resources while ensuring the protection of human health and safety.

Alternative A, Proposed Action, is the agency's Preferred Alternative. Under Alternative A, Sensitive Resource Areas (SRAs) would be formally designated comprising 68,731 acres or 53 percent of the park, in which no surface occupancy or specific restricted access for oil and gas operations would be applied. SRAs are areas that are particularly sensitive to adverse impacts from oil and gas activities. Generally, geophysical (seismic) exploration could be allowed in SRAs under current legal and policy requirements. In all other areas of the park, oil and gas activities would be permitted under current legal and policy requirements. Alternative B, No Action/Current Management, describes the current management strategy, and provides a baseline to compare Alternatives A and C. Under Alternative B, nonfederal oil and gas operations could be permitted in all areas (100 percent) of the park by applying current legal and policy requirements. Under Alternative B, areas that are particularly susceptible to adverse impacts from oil and gas operations would be identified on a case-by-case basis during development and review of plans of operations, during which mitigation measures would be implemented as needed. Under Alternative C, Sensitive Resource Areas would be formally designated (similar to Alternative A), comprising 68,731 acres or 53 percent of the park, and maximum resource protection would be provided these areas by applying a "no surface access" stipulation within all SRAs. In all other areas of the park, oil and gas activities would be permitted by applying current legal and policy requirements. Under both Alternatives A and C, where surface access is restricted in SRAs, directional drilling technology to reach a bottomhole target underneath an SRA

from a surface location outside an SRA, or to place a pipeline under an SRA to avoid surface impacts, would also be permitted.

The FEIS/O&GMP evaluates the environmental consequences of the proposed action and the other alternatives on oil and gas exploration and development, air quality, soils and water resources, floodplains, vegetation, wetlands, fish and wildlife, threatened and endangered species, cultural resources, and visitor experience.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent, Padre Island National Seashore, at the above address and telephone number.

Dated: February 28, 2000.

John A. King,

*Acting Director, Intermountain Region,
National Park Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Upper Rio Grande Basin Water Operations Review

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for upper Rio Grande basin water operations.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) with and on behalf of other joint-lead agencies [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Department of Defense; and the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission (Commission), State of New Mexico] intends to prepare an EIS on water operations in the Rio Grande Basin above Fort Quitman, Texas. The preparation of the EIS will be integral to the Upper Rio Grande Basin Water Operations Review (Review). It is anticipated that a plan for water operations at existing Reclamation and Corps facilities will be developed.

DATES: Public scoping meetings will be scheduled at locations throughout the upper Rio Grande basin between June 1 and September 30, 2000. Specific information regarding location and times of these meetings will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 15 days in advance of the meetings.

The estimated date that the EIS will be completed and released for public review is February 2004.

ADDRESSES: Questions or comments regarding the Review and EIS may be directed to Mr. Chris Gorbach, Bureau of Reclamation, 505 Marquette, NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102-2162. Email: cgorbach@uc.usbr.gov.

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from public disclosure, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold a respondent's identity from public disclosure, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public disclosure in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Chris Gorbach, Bureau of Reclamation, telephone (505) 248-5379. Email: cgorbach@uc.usbr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under various existing legal authorities, and subject to allocation of supplies and priority of water rights under State law, Reclamation and the Corps operate dams, reservoirs, and other facilities in the upper Rio Grande basin to:

- (1) Store and deliver water for agricultural, domestic, municipal, industrial, and environmental uses;
- (2) Assist the Commission in meeting downstream water delivery obligations mandated by the Rio Grande Compact;
- (3) Provide flood protection and sediment control; and
- (4) Comply with existing law, contract obligations, and international treaty.

The Review will be the basis of, and integral to, preparation of the EIS. The purpose of the Review and EIS is to:

- (1) Identify flexibilities in operation of Federal reservoirs and facilities in the upper Rio Grande basin that are within existing authorities of Reclamation, the Corps, and the Commission, and in compliance with State and Federal law;
- (2) Develop a better understanding of how these facilities could be operated more efficiently and effectively as an integrated system;
- (3) Formulate a plan for future water operations at these facilities that is within the existing authorities of Reclamation, the Corps, and the Commission; complies with State, Federal, and other applicable laws and regulations; and assures continued safe dam operations;