

cartographic representation of geologic features. The objective in developing this national standard for geologic map symbols, colors, and patterns is to aid in the production of geologic maps and related products, as well as to help provide maps and products that have a consistent appearance.

Scope

This new draft standard contains descriptions, examples, cartographic specifications, and notes on usage for a wide variety of symbols that may be used on typical digital geologic maps or related products such as cross sections. The standard is scale-independent, meaning that the symbols are appropriate for use with geologic mapping compiled or published at any scale. It is designed for use by anyone who either produces or uses digital geologic map information.

Applicability

This new draft standard applies to any geologic map information published by the Federal Government, whether released as hard-copy (in either offset-print or plot-on-demand format) or electronically (as either Portable Document Format (PDF) files or for computer-monitor display only). Non-Federal agencies and private companies that produce geologic map information are urged to adopt this standard as well.

Related Standards

This new draft standard will supersede any existing U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) formal or informal cartographic standards for geologic map information. During preparation of this new draft standard, its relation to other standards or standards-development activities was assessed, and no significant conflicts were found.

Standards Development Procedures

In 1995, a proposed standard was informally released by the USGS (U.S. Geological Survey, 1995a, 1995b). In 1996, this proposed standard was formally reviewed by geologists and cartographers in the USGS, the Association of American State Geologists (AASG), which represents the state geological surveys, and the Federal Geographic Data Committee's (FGDC) Geologic Data Subcommittee (GDS), which is composed mostly of representatives from Federal agencies that produce or use geologic map information. That review indicated the need for some revision to the proposed standard prior to its consideration by the FGDC for adoption as a Federal standard.

In 1996, plans were outlined to create a revised and updated Federal standard, and the standards-development group was formed. A proposal to develop the revised standard was submitted by the FGDC's GDS (see http://ncgmp.usgs.gov/fgdc_gds/mapsymbprop.html), and the FGDC accepted that proposal in 1997. Later that year, the standards-development group produced a preliminary, beta version of the draft standard, which was circulated among selected USGS and state geological survey personnel for review. Comments were incorporated and, in 1999, the revised draft standard (Working Draft) was submitted to the FGDC's GDS for consideration. Upon review and subsequent approval by the GDS, the Working draft was submitted to the FGDC Standards Working Group, which approved the document for public review, pending adoption of minor changes. The changes were made, and this new draft standard document (Public Review Draft) is now available to the public for review and comment.

Upon completion of the 120-day public review period, comments to the Public Review Draft will be considered, and any necessary revisions will be made. The revised draft standard document then will be submitted to the FGDC for formal approval as the Federal standard for geologic map symbolization.

Because this new standard is intended for use with digital applications, an electronic implementation of the Public Review Draft has been prepared in PostScript format. This implementation has been informally released as a USGS Open-File Report (USGS, 1999). This PostScript implementation will enable reviewers to directly apply the standard to geologic maps or illustrations prepared in desktop illustration and (or) publishing software. As the formally approved standard evolves, the PostScript implementation will be updated as well. Additionally, partial work on an ArcInfo (v.7x) implementation has been completed, and this implementation may also be informally released as a USGS Open-File Report in the future. Information regarding updates to these and other implementation efforts will be posted on FGDC's GDS website (http://ncgmp.usg.gov/fgdc_gds).

The Public Review Draft document is available in both printed and PDF formats. For information on the review mechanism and the deadline for submittal of review comments, as well as on how to obtain copies of the Public Review Draft, please see FGDC's GDS website (http://ncgmp.usgs.gov/fgdc_gds). Questions or comments may be

addressed by e-mail to mapsymbol@geology.usgs.gov or, if preferred, by regular mail to Map Symbol Review, c/o David R. Soller, National Geologic Map Database project, U.S. Geological Survey, 908 National Center, Reston, Virginia, 20192.

Maintenance Authority

On behalf of the FGDC, the USGS will maintain the Federal standard; the responsibility for coordinating Federal geologic mapping information is stipulated by Office of Management and Budget Circular A-16 (see <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/a016/a016.html>). The Geologic Mapping Act of 1992 (and subsequent reauthorizations) stipulates a requirement for standards development under the auspices of the National Geologic Map Database (NGMDB). Under this authority, the NGMDB project will function on behalf of the USGS as coordinator of this maintenance activity (see <http://ncgmp.usgs.gov/ngmdbproject/standards/general.html>). Maintenance will be conducted in cooperation primarily with the AASG, which is the USGS's partner in the Geologic Mapping Act.

To assist in its maintenance efforts, the NGMDB project will coordinate a standing committee that, as needed, will review comments and suggestions for revisions, additions, and deletions to the standard. Committee membership will be drawn from, among others, the NGMDB project, the USGS scientific staff and Publications Groups, the AASG, and the academic community. This standards-maintenance mechanism will be tested by forming the committee before completion of the FGDC public review period, so that the committee might both help the GDS evaluate the comments received and assist in preparing the final version to be submitted for formal approval by the FGDC.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice for Publication; Alaska Native Claims Selection

In accordance with Departmental regulation 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that a decision to issue

conveyance under the provisions of Sec. 14(a) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971, 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613(a), will be issued to NANA Regional Corporation, Inc., for the village of Kiana. The lands involved are in the vicinity of Kiana, Alaska.

Serial No. and land description	Acreage
Kateel River Meridian, Alaska F-14874-K: T. 19 N., R. 6 W., Secs. 21, 22, 23, 27 & 28	3,200.00
F-14874-K: T. 20 N., R. 9 W., Secs. 4 to 8, inclusive	3,030.66
F-14874-K: T. 17 N., R. 8 W., Secs. 5 & 6	1,162.15
Aggregating	7,392.81

A notice of the decision will be published once a week, for four (4) consecutive weeks, in the Arctic Sounder Newspaper. Copies of the decision may be obtained by contacting the Alaska State Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599 (907) 271-5960.

Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision, an agency of the Federal government or regional corporation, shall have until June 9, 2000 to file an appeal. However, parties receiving service by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal. Appeals must be filed in the Bureau of Land Management at the address identified above, where the requirements for filing an appeal may be obtained. Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4, subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

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of 962 Adjudication.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-5101ER A173; CACA-41878]

Proposed Plan Amendment

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has proposed a plan amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan (1980) to partially exempt a

proposed fiber optic cable right-of-way from designated utility corridors.

DATES: Written scoping comments must be received no later than June 13, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written scoping comments should be addressed to the District Manager, El Paso Fiber Optic Cable, California Desert, 6221 Box Springs Blvd., Riverside, California 92507.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James L. Williams (909) 697-5390.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: El Paso Energy Communication Co. has proposed to construct a buried fiber optic cable from Texas, through New Mexico, Arizona and terminating in Los Angeles, California. The cable is inside a six inch conduit and is proposed to be placed within or alongside existing roads and highways in a one foot wide 42 inch deep trench. The California portion begins at the City of Blythe and proceeds northwest along the Midland Road to its intersection with State Highway 62 where it proceeds west along side the highway to east of the City of Twentynine Palms where proceeds westerly on roads to State Highway 247. The fiber optic cable then continues west along State Highway 47, then State Highway 18, then State Highway 138 and then State Highway 14 into Los Angeles. The proposed right-of-way is a permanent 10 feet with a temporary 15 feet for construction purpose. The proposed right-of-way is not within a designated California Desert Plan (1980) utility corridor and, therefore, does not conform to the Desert Plan. A plan amendment is required to exempt it from the Desert Plan utility corridors.

Dated: May 3, 2000.

Douglas Romoli,

Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Availability of a Draft Supplement to the Final Environmental Impact Statement for Completion of the Natchez Trace Parkway, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi (1978)

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Public Law 91-190, as amended), this notice announces the availability of the Draft Supplement (DSEIS) to the Final Environmental Impact Statement for Natchez Trace Parkway which was published in 1978.

This supplement is for the construction of Section 3P13 of the Natchez Trace Parkway through Ridgeland, Mississippi. The DSEIS evaluates the environmental consequences associated with the proposed action and the other alternatives on local traffic and transportation routes, cultural resources, wetlands, visual quality, visitor experience, economics and land use, and impact on nearby residents, among other topics.

DATES: This DSEIS will be on public review for 60 days following the date of Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) publication of their notice of the DSEIS in the **Federal Register**. A public meeting will be scheduled no less than 30 days from publication of EPA's notice but during the 60 day review period. Time and place of the public meeting will be scheduled at a later date and will be publicized in area newspapers. Those listed on the Natchez Trace Parkway's database who have shown interest in the proposed project will be notified personally by letter from the Parkway Superintendent.

ADDRESSES: Public reading copies of the Natchez Trace Parkway's Section 3P13 DSEIS will be available for public review at the following locations:

1. Natchez Trace Parkway Headquarters, 2680 Natchez Trace Parkway, Tupelo, Mississippi 38804, (662) 680-4004
2. 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 DSEIS or additional information, please contact: Wendell A. Simpson, Superintendent, Natchez Trace Parkway, 2680 Natchez Trace Parkway, Tupelo, Mississippi 38804, Telephone: (662) 680-4004.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Natchez Trace Parkway was established in 1938 to commemorate the Old Natchez Trace, a primitive network of trails that stretched from Natchez, Mississippi, to Nashville, Tennessee. Designed to follow the alignment of the historic trace as closely as the requirements of modern road construction allows, the Natchez Trace Parkway will upon completion, extend diagonally from Natchez to Nashville, a distance of approximately 444 miles.

The completion of a continuous parkway motor road between Natchez and Nashville by the National Park Service has been underway for more than 60 years. A decision on and construction of this short segment of the