

Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report. A response to each comment received in these letters has been included in Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report considered five alternatives, including the Proposed Action and the No-Action Alternatives. Under the No-Action Alternative, landowners within the County would continue to apply for individual incidental take permits on a case-by-case basis, resulting in piecemeal planning that would establish isolated patches of mitigation land scattered throughout the County. This could result in cumulatively significant adverse impacts to those species which would benefit from larger tracts of interconnected habitats.

Under the Reduced Land Acquisition/Increased Preserve Enhancement Alternative, mitigation would focus on habitat enhancement which could interfere substantially with agricultural activities, creating significant adverse impact to agricultural productivity in the County. This alternative would have questionable benefits to the covered species because habitat enhancement is unpredictable and may be unsuccessful.

Under the No Wetlands Coverage Alternative, landowners within the County would continue to apply for individual permits pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act, which is expected to result in piecemeal planning. Mitigation lands would likely consist of smaller and more widely scattered habitat blocks than would occur with the Proposed Action, resulting in cumulatively significant adverse impacts to those wetland-dependent species which would benefit from larger tracts of interconnected habitats.

Under the Preserve Location Outside of the County Alternative, significantly less habitat within the County would be preserved than with the Proposed Action, adversely impacting some covered species by creating gaps in the species' range and potentially disrupting the genetic integrity of some populations. This alternative could also adversely impact relatively immobile species that are unable to relocate to distant newly created habitats.

The analysis provided in the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report is intended to accomplish the following: inform the public of the proposed action; address public comments received on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report; disclose the direct,

indirect, and cumulative environmental effects of the proposed actions; and indicate any irreversible commitment of resources that would result from implementation of the proposed action.

Dated: November 20, 2000.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

**[CA-690-01-5101-01-B109; CACA-CACA-40467]**

#### **Notice of Extension of the Public Comment Period on the Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Cadiz Groundwater Storage Dry-Year Supply Program**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the public comment period on the Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Cadiz Groundwater Storage Dry-Year Supply Program has been extended to Monday, January 8, 2001. The original public comment was scheduled to close on Monday, December 4, 2000.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Department of the Interior, the Federal lead agency, and Metropolitan Water District (MWD) of Southern California, the State lead agency, developed the supplement in response to public and agency concerns about groundwater management and potential air quality impacts associated with the project, proposed by Metropolitan in partnership with Cadiz, Inc. Cooperating agencies in developing the supplement were the National Park Service (NPS) and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS).

The Supplement provides more information on the proposed project and includes a Groundwater Monitoring and Management Plan (Plan). The Plan would govern water storage and extraction operations, including the amount of indigenous groundwater that may be extracted over the 50-year life of the proposed project.

The project proposes to utilize the groundwater basins under a portion of the Cadiz and Fenner Valleys, about 60 miles southwest of Needles, Calif., to store water imported from

Metropolitan's Colorado River Aqueduct during years with surplus water and extract the stored water and available indigenous groundwater for use by Metropolitan to serve its customers.

Some of the necessary facilities involved would be located on Cadiz, Inc. private land, while a 35-mile-long pipeline and other facilities would be on public lands administered by BLM.

The supplement is available online at [www.ca.blm.gov/needles/nepa01.html](http://www.ca.blm.gov/needles/nepa01.html).

Review copies are available at BLM offices in Needles (101 West Spikes Road) and Riverside (6221 Box Springs Blvd.), and Metropolitan's Los Angeles headquarters (700 North Alameda Street), as well as local public libraries.

Comments on the Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Cadiz Groundwater Storage Dry-Year Supply Program should be addressed to the Bureau of Land Management, Attn: James Williams, 6221 Box Springs Blvd., Riverside, CA 92507 or Metropolitan Water District, Attn: Jack Safely, P.O. Box 54153, Los Angeles, CA 90054.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James Williams at (909) 697-5390 or Jack Safely at (213) 217-6981.

Dated: November 27, 2000.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

**[WY-030-2001-1060-JJ]**

#### **Notice of Intent to Extend the Time Period for Removal of Excess and Stray Wild Horses**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**SUMMARY:** On June 21, 2000, notice was published in the **Federal Register** at Vol. 65, No 120, pgs 38572-38573, which stated in part, " \* \* \* the Rawlins and Lander Field Offices of the Bureau of Land Management plan to remove 500-600 excess and stray horses from three contiguous areas of the Rawlins and Lander Field Offices known as the Lost Creek HMA, an area designated as I-80 North, and the Antelope Hills HMA \* \* \* The removal is scheduled to begin after September 30, 2000, and conclude prior to January 1, 2001. The Appropriate Management Level for these three contiguous areas is 140. At least 140 horses will remain in the area after the removal is completed."

Due to weather and logistical considerations, it was not possible to complete the action described in the notice in the time period originally envisioned; therefore the BLM will complete the action as soon after January 1, 2001, as is practical. The action will take place in the same manner, in the same places, employ the same practices for safe and humane treatment of the horses, and have the same effects as discussed in EA# WY-030-EA0-181.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, please contact

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Extension of Expiring Contracts Up to One Year

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Public notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to 36 CFR 51.23, public notice is hereby given that the National Park Service proposes to extend the following expiring concession contracts for a period of up to one year.

Concessioner identification No.	Concessioner name	Park
ANIA903 .....	Katmai Guide Service .....	Aniakchak National Monument and Preserve
ANIA904 .....	King Guiding Service .....	Aniakchak National Monument and Preserve
ANIA906 .....	Cinder River Lodge .....	Aniakchak National Monument and Preserve
ACAD001 .....	The Acadia Corp. ....	Acadia National Park
AMIS002 .....	Lake Amistad Resort & Marina .....	Amistad National Recreation Area
AMIS003 .....	Rough Canyon Marina, 1144 .....	Amistad National Recreation Area
BADL001 .....	Oglala Sioux Tribe (Cedar Pass Lodge) .....	Badlands National Park
BAND001 .....	Bandelier Trading, Inc. ....	Bandelier National Monument
BEOL001 .....	Bent's Old Fort Historical Assn. ....	Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site
BICA003 .....	Horseshoe Bend Marina .....	Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area
BICA007 .....	Lucon Corp. ....	Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area
BISC002 .....	Biscayne National Underwater Park Co .....	Biscayne National Park
BISO001 .....	LeConte Lodge Limited Partnership .....	Big South Fork National Recreation Area
BLCA001 .....	Rim House .....	Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument
BLRI001 .....	Southern Highland Handicraft Guild .....	Blue Ridge Parkway
CACA001 .....	The Cavern Supply Co., Inc. ....	Carlsbad Caverns National Park
CACO003 .....	Town of Truro .....	Cape Cod National Seashore
CACO004 .....	Charles W. Silva .....	Cape Cod National Seashore
CAHA001 .....	Avon-Thornton Limited Partnership .....	Cape Hatteras National Seashore
CAHA002 .....	Cape Hatteras Fishing Pier, Inc. ....	Cape Hatteras National Seashore
CAHA004 .....	Oregon Inlet Fishing Center, Inc. ....	Cape Hatteras National Seashore
CALO003 .....	Morris Marina, Kabin Kamps & Ferry Service .....	Cape Lookout National Seashore
CALO005 .....	Alger G. Willis Fishing Camps, Inc. ....	Cape Lookout National Seashore
CANY024 .....	Tag-A-Long Tours, Ltd. ....	Canyonlands National Park
CANY025 .....	Lin Ottinger Tours .....	Canyonlands National Park
CANY026 .....	Tag-A-Long Tours, Ltd. ....	Canyonlands National Park
CANY027 .....	Tex's Riverways .....	Canyonlands National Park
CANY031 .....	Holiday River Expeditions, Inc. ....	Canyonlands National Park
CANY032 .....	Kaibab Mountain Bike Tours .....	Canyonlands National Park
CANY033 .....	Nichols Expeditions, Inc. ....	Canyonlands National Park
CANY034 .....	Rim Tours .....	Canyonlands National Park
CANY035 .....	Western Spirit Cycling, Inc. ....	Canyonlands National Park
CHAT001 .....	Chattahoochee Outdoor Center, Inc. ....	Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area
CHIS002 .....	Channel Islands Aviation, Inc. ....	Channel Islands National Park
CHOH001 .....	Fletcher's Boat House, Inc. ....	Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park
COLM001 .....	Colorado National Monument Assn .....	Colorado National Monument
COLO001 .....	Yorktown Shoppe .....	Colonial National Historical Park
COLO003 .....	Period Designs .....	Colonial National Historical Park
CRMO001 .....	Craters of the Moon Natural History Assn .....	Craters of the Moon National Monument
CUIS001 .....	Lang Seafood, Inc. ....	Cumberland Island National Seashore
CURE001 .....	Elk Creek Marina, Inc. ....	Curecanti National Recreation Area
DENA005 .....	Rainier Mountaineering, Inc. ....	Denali National Park and Preserve
DENA006 .....	Mountain Trip, Inc. ....	Denali National Park and Preserve
DENA008 .....	Alaska-Denali Guiding .....	Denali National Park and Preserve
DENA009 .....	Fantasy Ridge Alpinism, Inc. ....	Denali National Park and Preserve
DENA010 .....	American Alpine Institute .....	Denali National Park and Preserve
DENA011 .....	National Outdoor Leadership School .....	Denali National Park and Preserve
DENA013 .....	Wallace and Jerryne Cole (Camp Denali and North Face Lodge).	Denali National Park and Preserve
DENA015 .....	Kantishna Roadhouse Company .....	Denali National Park and Preserve
DENA016 .....	Denali Backcountry Lodge, Inc. ....	Denali National Park and Preserve
DENA901 .....	Alaska Remote Guide Service .....	Denali National Park and Preserve
DENA904 .....	Kichatna Guide Service .....	Denali National Park and Preserve
DEVA001 .....	Amfac Hotels & Resorts, Inc. ....	Death Valley National Monument
DEVA002 .....	Amfac Hotels & Resorts, Inc. ....	Death Valley National Monument