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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Availability of Environmental Assessment for Proposed Construction and Operation of Telecommunications Facilities in John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway, WY

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of environmental assessment.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service announces the availability of an environmental assessment for proposed the construction and operation of a wireless communication facility on Steamboat Mountain in John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway, WY. Steamboat Mountain is located at N. latitude 44-3-5, W. longitude 110-41-50. Union Telephone Company made an initial application to install the site in April, 1999. Public notice of the application was published in the **Federal Register**/ Vol. 64, No. 86/Wednesday, May 5, 1999/Notices. JBR Environmental Consultants, Inc. prepared the assessment for the two companies for submittal to the National Park Service. The environmental assessment describes a no action alternative and two action alternatives. Union Telephone and CommNet Cellular, Inc.'s proposed action includes the installation of an underground power line to the site, two 8x18x9 wooden buildings, and a 70' wooden tower, including various wireless communication devices, at the site. Under the proposal, the companies would bring all materials to the site via a 3,300 cleared route needed for the powerline. At this time, the National Park Service's preferred alternative would bring some of the materials to the site by helicopter. The assessment discloses the possible environmental impacts of all the alternatives. Persons wishing to receive a copy of the assessment may do so by contacting the Superintendent, Grand Teton National

Park, P.O. Drawer 170, Moose, WY 83012, or by calling (307) 730-3410.

DATES: Written comments on the environmental assessment must be postmarked or hand delivered by close of business June 30, 2000. Please address comments to the Superintendent at the above address. Comments will become part of the official record. Names and addresses of those who make comments will become part of the public record and cannot be withheld unless anonymity is specifically requested of and approved by the National Park Service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact the Superintendent, Grand Teton National Park, at the above address.

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Jack Neckels,

Superintendent, Grand Teton National Park.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Funding Assistance for Non-Federal Acquisition of Civil War Battlefield Land

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Availability of Funding for Acquisition of Civil War Battlefield Land.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of funds to assist States and local communities in acquiring for permanent protection lands, or interests in lands, at significant Civil War battlefield sites.

ADDRESSES: Funding proposals should be mailed to: Hampton Tucker, National Park Service, Heritage Preservation Services 1849 C Street, NW, NC 200, Washington, DC 20240, telephone (202) 343-3580.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the 1999 Interior Appropriations Act (Public Law 105-83), Congress appropriated \$8 million from the Land & Water Conservation Fund to assist non-Federal efforts to acquire and preserve Civil War battlefield lands. The Congress assigned most of these funds to specific projects. At this time, it appears that a portion of these funds will be left unspent and will be reassigned to other worthy projects. NPS seeks proposals from State and local

governments—or from qualified non-profit historic preservation organizations acting through an agency of State or local government—for the non-federal acquisition of significant Civil War battlefield land.

Project proposals are subject to the following requirements:

1. The 1999 Appropriations Act requires that these funds be matched on a two-for-one basis with non-federal dollars. That is, the federal dollars can pay for no more than one-third of the acquisition cost.

2. The purchase price must be supported by a qualified appraisal that has been approved by NPS as meeting the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions.

3. The battlefield land acquired with the assistance of these funds must be permanently protected from inappropriate development either through public ownership or through conveyance of a perpetual easement to a public historic preservation agency.

NPS will give priority to acquisition of land, or interests in land, within the "core" areas of Priority I and Priority II battlefields, as identified by the Congressionally-chartered Civil War Sites Advisory Commission (see list below). Among potential projects NPS will give highest priority to acquisition projects that can be completed within the immediate future.

Proposals should be submitted by July 14, 2000, and must include:

1. A carefully drawn map (preferably on a U.S.G.S. Quadrangle Map) that sets out the boundaries of the battlefield and identifies within those boundaries the specific lands to be acquired.

2. The number of acres of land to be acquired.

3. A description of the battle-related events that occurred on the land.

4. A statement of whether the owner of the land to be acquired has indicated a willingness to sell the land.

5. A statement of the owner's asking price and/or the estimated fair market value of the land to be acquired.

6. A statement of how much federal assistance from this program the applicant is requesting.

7. A statement of how much matching share is already on hand or firmly pledged.

Priority I Civil War Battlefields

Alabama Mobile Bay (Ft Morgan & Blakeley); *Arkansas* Prairie Grove; *Georgia* Allatoona, Chickamauga, Kennesaw Mountain, Ringgold Gap; *Kentucky* Mill Springs, Perryville; *Louisiana* Port Hudson; *Maryland* Antietam, Monocacy, South Mountain; *Mississippi* Brices Cross Roads,