

from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, are available for public inspection in their entirety.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CCNCA is located in both Colorado and Utah, and preparation of the CCNCA plan may involve amendment of both the Grand Junction RMP in Colorado and the Grand RMP in Utah. The Grand Junction Field Office, located in Colorado, is responsible for management of the CCNCA and preparation of the CCNCA plan. The BLM will work closely with interested parties to identify the management discussions that are best suited to the needs of the public. This collaborative process will take into account local, regional, and national needs and concerns. The Act establishing the 122,300 acre CCNCA in western Colorado and eastern Utah was signed into law by the President on October 24, 2000. The purpose of the Act is to conserve, protect, and enhance for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations the unique and nationally important values of the public lands in the CCNCA, including geology, recreation, cultural, paleontological, biological, wilderness, wildlife, educational, and scenic resources. The Act also designates 75,550 acres of the CCNCA as the Black Ridge Canyons Wilderness Area. There are 5,500 acres of the CCNCA located in the state of Utah. The Grand Junction Field Office in Colorado will coordinate with the Moab Field Office in Utah during preparation of the CCNCA Management Plan.

Management of the CCNCA is currently guided by the Ruby Canyon/Black Ridge Integrated Management Plan completed in March 1998. The Grand Junction RMP and the Grand RMP, in addition to several activity level management plans, include other decisions affecting the CCNCA. On February 13, 2001, the BLM Colorado State Director issued interim guidance for management of the CCNCA pending completion of the final Management Plan. All of these documents will be reviewed during preparation of the CCNCA Management Plan.

The CCNCA Plan and associated EIS will be prepared by an interdisciplinary team. Disciplines to be represented on the team include: Archaeology, botany, fisheries, geology, hydrology, paleontology, range management, realty, recreation, soils, wilderness, and wildlife. Pursuant to the Act establishing the CCNCA, an advisory council is currently being established to advise the BLM the management of the CCNCA. The advisory council is also anticipated to take an active role in preparation of the CCNCA Management Plan.

Preliminary issues identified by the BLM for the CCNCA plans include travel management, recreation, use authorizations such as rights-of-ways and grazing, management of natural resources, wilderness stewardship, and integration of the CCNCA Management Plan with other agency and community plans. Public involvement gained through the initial scoping comment period will be utilized to refine these topics and identify any additional issues to be evaluated.

Planning criteria are the standards, rules, and other factors used in formulating judgements about data collection, analysis, and decision making associated with preparation of the CCNCA Management Plan. These criteria establish parameters and help focus preparation of the effort. Public comment is also welcomed on the following preliminary planning criteria, which will be utilized in the preparation of the CCNCA Management Plan.

A. The CCNCA Management Plan will be completed in compliance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and all other applicable laws.

B. The project team will work cooperatively with the States of Colorado and Utah, tribal governments, county and municipal governments, other Federal agencies, and all other interested groups, agencies, and individuals. Public participation will be encouraged throughout the process.

C. Completion of the CCNCA Management Plan will include preparation of an EIS that will comply with the National Environmental Policy Act.

D. The CCNCA Management Plan will evaluate valid existing rights in the various alternative management schemes.

E. The lifestyles and concerns of area residents, including the activities of grazing, recreational use, off-highway vehicle use, and wilderness management will be addressed in the CCNCA Management Plan.

F. Preparation of the CCNCA Management Plan will involve coordination with Native American tribal governments and will provide strategies for the protection of recognized traditional uses.

G. Decisions in the CCNCA Management Plan will strive to be compatible with existing plans and policies of adjacent local, State and Federal agencies.

H. The CCNCA Management Plan will comply with the legislative directives, needs, and obligations set forth by the legislation establishing the CCNCA.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Final Environmental Impact Statement/ General Management Plan Lassen Volcanic National Park Lassen, Plumas, Shasta, Tehama Counties, CA; Notice of Availability

SUMMARY: Pursuant to § 102 (2) © of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub.L. 91-190 as amended), the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement identifying four alternatives for (and assessing the potential impacts of) a proposed General Management Plan for Lassen Volcanic National Park, located in northeastern California. Upon approval, the new General Management Plan will serve as a "blueprint" for the management and use of Lassen Volcanic National Park over the next 10-15 years.

Proposal and Alternatives Considered

The "no action" alternative, *Alternative A*, assumes that physical facilities and ongoing activities would remain largely unchanged, and that staffing and operational funding would remain constant over the planning period.

Alternative B: Resource Preservation and Basic Visitor Service, provides a program for preserving, and where necessary, restoring significant park resources. It includes essential staffing and funding increases for the park's cultural and natural resource management functions, restores key elements of the park's infrastructure, provides for restoration of several specific sites with natural system conflicts, establishes a standards-based management zoning system, and proposes designation of approximately

25,000 acres as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System (increasing the total amount of designated Wilderness to approximately 104,000 acres). The plan also includes program increases and visitor facility improvements to provide for quality basic visitor service.

Alternative C: The Proposed General Management Plan—Resource Protection and Enhanced Visitor Experience. This plan includes all the features of Alternative B, and provides enhancement to visitor experience by making more facilities available during winter months, and increasing interpretive services, facilities, and information.

Alternative D: Resource Protection and Expanded Visitor Opportunities, includes all of the features of Alternative C and, in addition, provides for expansion of family and group campgrounds at several locations. It also expands winter access at the north entrance by plowing the park road an additional 9 miles to the Devastated Area, and keeping one loop of the campground open for winter camping.

Significant adverse environmental impacts and potential impairment of park values would be expected to result from Alternative A as a number of cultural, natural, and environmental resources are undergoing deterioration under current conditions. All of the action alternatives include programs to arrest the deterioration of resources and mitigation features to avoid or reduce impacts, which might ensue from implementation of project features. It was determined that the "environmentally preferred" alternative is Alternative C.

Public Comment

A Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on July 24, 1998. During the subsequent scoping phase leading to development of the Draft EIS, the NPS conducted seven public meetings, three agency meetings, and several Tribal meetings. In all, information provided by 120 commentors and 49 letters was obtained. A Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on August 18, 2000. During the subsequent public comment period, seven public workshops were conducted and over 650 copies of the Draft EIS were distributed. Throughout the process contacts were undertaken with Tribes, the State Historic Preservation Office, U.S. Forest Service, the four surrounding County Boards of Supervisors, and other entities. Altogether 189 comment letters were received; these as well as the responses

obtained during the scoping phase are filed in the administrative record.

Copies

Inquiries and requests for printed copies of the final EIS for the proposed General Management Plan may be directed to Superintendent, Lassen Volcanic National Park, P.O. Box 100, Mineral, California 96063-0100, or via telephone at (530) 595-4444 ext.5101. Public review copies will also be available at area libraries.

During the "Ano action" period following release of the Final EIS, if any individuals submit comments and request that their name or/and address be withheld from public disclosure, it will be honored to the extent allowable by law. Such requests must be stated prominently in the beginning of the comments. There also may be circumstances wherein the NPS will withhold a respondent's identity as allowable by law. As always: NPS will make available to public inspection all submissions from organizations or businesses and from persons identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations and businesses; and, anonymous comments may not be considered.

Decision

A Record of Decision may be approved by the Regional Director, Pacific West Region, no sooner than 30 days after publication of a Notice of filing of this Final EIS in the **Federal Register** by the Environmental Protection Agency. The official responsible for the final decision is the Regional Director, Pacific West Region; subsequently the official responsible for implementation of the plan is the Superintendent, Lassen Volcanic National Park.

Dated: October 25, 2001.

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Acting Regional Director, Pacific West Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Aniakchak National Monument Subsistence Resource Commission Meeting

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Announcement of Subsistence Resource Commission meeting.

SUMMARY: The Superintendent of Aniakchak National Monument and the Chairperson of the Subsistence Resource

Commission for Aniakchak National Monument announce a forthcoming meeting of the Aniakchak National Monument Subsistence Resource Commission. The following agenda items will be discussed:

- (1) Call to order (Chair).
- (2) SRC Roll Call and Confirmation of Quorum.
- (3) Welcome and Introductions.
- (4) Review and Adopt Agenda.
- (5) Review and adopt minutes from last meeting.
- (6) Commission Purpose.
- (7) Status of Membership.
- (8) Public and Agency Comments.
- (9) Old Business:
 - a. Customary Trade.
 - b. Status of Subsistence Management Plan.
 - c. Status of Hunting Plan Recommendation 97-1, Establish One-Year Minimum Residency Requirement for Resident Zone Communities.
 - d. Status of Aniakchak National Preserve Non-Subsistence User Permit Request.
- (10) New Business:
 - a. October 2001 Chairs Workshop Report.
 - b. Federal Subsistence Board and Bristol Bay Regional Council Report.
 - c. Land Status Map.
 - d. Subsistence Access.
 - e. Hunting Guide Issues
- (11) Election of SRC Chair and Vice Chair.
- (12) Public and Agency Comments.
- (13) SRC work session (draft proposals, letters, and recommendations).
- (14) Set time and place of next SRC meeting.
- (15) Adjournment.

DATES: The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 12, 2002 and conclude at approximately 6 p.m. The meeting will reconvene at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, February 13, 2002 and adjourn at approximately 1 p.m.

Location: The meeting will be held at the Chignik Lake Subsistence Community Building, Chignik Lake, Alaska, (907) 845-2212.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Subsistence Resource Commissions are authorized under Title VIII, section 808, of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, Pub. L. 96-487, and operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committees Act.