

sec. 22, N¹/₂;
 sec. 33, S¹/₂ NE¹/₄ and S¹/₂;
 sec. 34.
 T. 32 S., R. 9 W.,
 sec. 8, S¹/₂;
 secs. 3 to 35, inclusive.
 Tps. 33, 34, and 35 S., R. 9 W., inclusive.
 T. 41 S., R. 9 W.,
 sec. 9.
 Tps. 32, 33 and 34 S., R. 10 W., inclusive.
 T. 32 S., R. 11 W., inclusive.

The areas described aggregate approximately 151,970 acres, more or less, in Curry, Coos, Josephine, and Douglas Counties.

2. For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing to the State Director at the address indicated above.

3. Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard with respect to the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the State Director at the address indicated above within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2300. For a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. The temporary land uses which may be permitted during the segregative period include licenses, permits, rights-of-way, and disposal of vegetative resources other than under the mining law.

Dated: January 16, 2001.

Ray Brady,

Manager, Lands and Realty Group.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Proposed Withdrawal; Oregon and California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, filed an application to withdraw approximately 1,093,953 acres of National Forest System lands from location and entry under the mining laws to protect the nationally significant ecologic and biologic diversity of the Siskiyou Wild Rivers area which also contain outstanding scenic and recreation values, and special status plant and animal species and their habitats. The lands remain open to such uses as may be made of National Forest System lands.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before April 23, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to the Office of the Chief, Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 201 14th Street, SW. at Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to protect the nationally significant ecologic and biologic diversity of the Siskiyou Wild Rivers area which also contain outstanding scenic and recreation values, and special status plant and animal species and their habitats while it is determined whether special management designation for the area is warranted and to assess the views of the public on such a designation. The proposal, if finalized, would withdraw the following described National Forest System lands from location and entry under the mining laws. The lands will remain open to such uses as may be made of National Forest System lands subject to valid existing rights:

1. The National Forest System lands proposed for withdrawal are described as:

Willamette Meridian

T. 31 S., R.'s 10 and 11 W.;
 T. 32 S., R.'s 10 to 14 W., inclusive;
 T. 33 S., R.'s 10 to 14 W., inclusive;
 T. 34 S., R.'s 9 to 13 W., inclusive;
 T. 35 S., R.'s 8 to 13 W., inclusive;
 T. 36 S., R.'s 7 to 13 W., inclusive;
 T. 37 S., R.'s 8 to 13 W., inclusive;
 T. 38 S., R.'s 8 to 13 W., inclusive;
 T. 39 S., R.'s 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, and 12 W., inclusive;

T. 40 S., R.'s 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, and 12 W., inclusive;
 T. 41 S., R.'s 5 to 12 W., inclusive.

Humbolt Meridian, California

T. 47 N., R.'s 3 to 6 E., inclusive;
 T. 48 N., R.'s 4 to 6 E., inclusive.

The area described contains 1,093,953 acres in Oregon and California.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing to the Chief of the Forest at the address indicated above.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard with respect to the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the Forest Chief at the address indicated above within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2300. For a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the land will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. The temporary land uses which may be permitted during the segregative period include licenses, permits, rights-of-way, and disposal of vegetative resources other than under the mining law.

Dated: January 12, 2001.

Nina Rose Hatfield,

Acting Director, Bureau of Land Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Notice of Availability of a Final General Management Plan Amendment/ Environmental Impact Statement for Dry Tortugas National Park, Monroe County, FL

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of a Final General Management Plan Amendment/
Environmental Impact Statement for Dry
Tortugas National Park, Monroe County,
Florida.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service has prepared a Final General Management Plan Amendment/Environmental Impact Statement (GMPA/EIS) that evaluates long-term management alternatives for Dry Tortugas National Park. Consistent with the park's purpose, significance, and mission goals, five alternatives were evaluated for guiding the management of the park over the next 15 to 20 years. The alternatives incorporate various zoning applications and other management provisions to ensure resource protection and quality visitor experience conditions. The environmental consequences anticipated from implementation of the various alternatives are addressed in the document. Impact topics include natural and cultural resources, visitor experience, socioeconomic environment, and park operations/facilities.

DATES: The document will be available for review for 30 days from the publication of a notice by the Environmental Protection Agency in the **Federal Register**. After the 30-day review period, a Record of Decision will be signed that will document NPS approval of the final Dry Tortugas GMPA/EIS, and identify the selected alternative for implementation.

ADDRESSES: The final Dry Tortugas GMPA/EIS will be mailed to agencies, organizations, and individuals on the park's mailing list. Public reading copies of the document will also be available for review at the following locations:

- Everglades National Park—Headquarters, 40001 State Road 9336, Homestead, FL
- Offices of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary: 216 Ann Street, Key West, FL, 5550 Overseas Highway, Marathon, FL, 95200 Overseas Highway, Key Largo, FL
- Miami-Dade Public Library Branches: 700 N. Homestead Blvd., Homestead, FL, 101 West Flagler St., Miami, FL, 10750 SW 211th St., Miami, FL
- Monroe County Public Library Branches: 700 Fleming St., Key West, FL, 3251 Overseas Highway, Marathon, FL, Mile Marker 81.5, Islamorada, FL, Mile Marker 100, Key Largo, FL
- Collier County Public Library, 650 Central Avenue, Naples, FL
- St. Petersburg Public Library, 3745 9th Ave. North, St. Petersburg, FL

In addition, the document will be posted on the Dry Tortugas National Park Webpage (www.nps.gov/dрто/planning). A limited number of printed

copies will be available from the Superintendent on request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maureen Finnerty, Superintendent, Everglades and Dry Tortugas National Parks, 40001 State Road 9336, Homestead, FL 33034-6733.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following management alternatives were evaluated in the GMPA/EIS:

Alternative A—As the no-action alternative, this alternative represents a continuation of current management policies and operations. The park would attempt to accommodate increasing visitor use while protecting resources to the extent allowable under current policy and legal requirements.

Alternative B—Under this alternative, visitors would be free to travel throughout much of the park and have a variety of recreational experiences. However, the park would more closely manage the types and levels of acceptable visitor use to provide greater protection of park resources and to ensure quality visitor experiences. Greater emphasis would be placed on measures to monitor resource conditions and to implement appropriate protection/remedial actions as necessary.

Alternative C (proposed action)—In addition to the provisions of Alternative B, this alternative calls for the application of a research natural area zone (covering about one half of the park) in which no fishing would be allowed, the implementation of a visitor permitting system, and increased reliance on commercial service providers to direct and structure visitor use. These measures would be anticipated to further enhance resource protection and visitor experience objectives.

Alternative D—Provisions of this alternative are similar to those of Alternative C, with the further restrictions that only commercial tour operators providing public tours would be allowed in the research natural area zone. Private boaters would be required to obtain a permit to boat or engage in other park-allowed activities outside of the research natural area zone. As under Alternative C, the research natural area zone would cover approximately half of the park, although its spatial configuration would be different. Visitor experiences would be highly structured, but diverse opportunities for recreational activities would remain available.

Alternative E—This alternative places primary emphasis on resource protection and conservation with the majority of the park zoned a research

natural area. Visitation would be strictly managed throughout most of the park to reduce or avoid impacts on the fragile resource base.

Planning for the Dry Tortugas GMPA/EIS was coordinated with concurrent planning for the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, administered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The latter plan proposes a no-take ecological reserve within the remote westernmost portion of the marine sanctuary.

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. If you wish for us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. 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 inspection in their entirety.

Dated: January 9, 2001.

W. Thomas Brown,

Regional Director, Southeast Regional Office, National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Record of Decision for Final Environmental Impact Statement and Bison Management Plan for the State of Montana and Yellowstone National Park

The U.S. Department of the Interior's National Park Service and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and Forest Service have signed a Record of Decision (December 20, 2000) on a Joint Management Plan for bison in Yellowstone National Park and Montana.

The Plan is designed to preserve the largest wild, free-ranging population of bison in the United States while minimizing the risk of brucellosis disease transmission (between bison and cattle) to protect the economic interest and viability of the livestock industry in the State of Montana.

While the Joint Management Plan is not intended to be a brucellosis eradication plan, it employs many tools to manage and reduce the potential risk of brucellosis transmission from bison to cattle. Limited numbers of bison will