

administrative and ranch access following relinquishment by Otero County, management of fire for maximum fire suppression and use of prescribed fire, and fencing of the ACEC boundary.

The *Sacramento Escarpment ACEC* is located 2 miles south of Alamogordo, New Mexico along the west face of the Sacramento Mountains. This area is currently a designated ACEC for the management of visual resources. This RMP Amendment proposes to expand the area to provide for increased protection and management of visual resources and an endangered and sensitive plant community. The existing ACEC would be expanded to encompass 5,245 acres. Management actions proposed in the Preferred Alternative include: limitations or exclusion of new realty actions (2920 permits), exclusion of rights-of-way, acquisition of access easements and private land inholdings within the ACEC from a willing seller, closure to all forms of mineral development, improvement and protection of riparian areas, permitting of existing spring developments, management under Visual Resource Management Classes I and II, limitation of off-road vehicle use to designated roads and trails, closure of approximately 5 miles of redundant roads and trails (including closure of approximately 1/4 mile of road in San Andres Canyon, except for administrative and ranch pipeline maintenance access), management of fire for conditional least-cost suppression with no surface disturbance in Visual Class I or arroyo areas. Prescribed fire could be used for vegetation management, if needed.

*Cornudas Mountain* is located 60 miles southeast of Alamogordo, New Mexico and near the Texas border. The area was nominated to protect and manage visual resources, cultural resources, and sensitive plants. The total area to be considered is approximately 850 acres. Management activities proposed in the Preferred Alternative include: exclusion of the area from authorization of rights-of-way, permitting of other realty actions subject to protective stipulations, closure to all forms of mineral development, closure to vegetation sales, management of barbary sheep, designation of a BLM sensitive species, management as Visual Resource Management Class I, limitation of off-road vehicle use to designated roads and trails, allowing public access to portions of the ACEC by

permit, closure to camping, closure to the establishment of new roads and trails, fire management for conditional least-cost suppression with no surface disturbance and no use of slurry or blading in certain areas.

*Alamo Mountain* is located 61 miles southeast of Alamogordo, New Mexico and near the Texas border. The area was nominated to protect and manage visual and cultural resources. The total area to be considered is approximately 2,210 acres. Management actions proposed in the Preferred Alternative include: exclusion of the area from authorization of rights-of-way, permitting of other realty actions subject to protective stipulations, closure to all forms of mineral development, closure to vegetation sales, management of barbary sheep, designation of a BLM sensitive species, management as Visual Resource Management Class I, closure of the area to off-road vehicle use, establishment of a vehicle parking area, closure to camping in portions of the ACEC, fire management for conditional least-cost suppression with no surface disturbance and no use of slurry or blading in certain areas.

*Wind Mountain* is located 64 miles southeast of Alamogordo, New Mexico and near the Texas border. The area was nominated to protect and manage visual resources, cultural resources, and unique and sensitive plants and animals. Total area to be considered is approximately 2,706 acres. Management actions proposed in the Preferred Alternative include: exclusion of the area from authorization of rights-of-way, permitting of other realty actions subject to protective stipulations, closure to all forms of mineral development (subject to valid existing rights), closure to vegetation sales, management of barbary sheep, designation of a BLM sensitive species, management as Visual Resource Management Class I, limitation of off-road vehicle use to existing roads and trails, fire management for conditional least-cost suppression with no surface disturbance and no use of slurry or blading in certain areas.

The *Alkali Lakes* area is located 80 miles southeast of Alamogordo, New Mexico and near the Texas border. This area was nominated to protect and manage endangered and sensitive plants and the plant community in which they occur. The total area considered is approximately 6,359 acres. Management actions proposed in the Preferred Alternative include: exclusion of the area from authorization of rights-of-way,

permitting of other realty actions subject to protective stipulations, acquisition of State trust land through a cooperative land exchange, closure to all forms of mineral development, closure to vegetation sales, continued management as Visual Resource Management Class IV, limitation of off-road vehicle use to within 30 feet of the center line of designated roads and trails, closure to camping and the use of campfires, fire management for conditional least-cost suppression with no surface disturbance and no use of vehicular equipment off of established roads and trails.

Public participation has occurred throughout the RMP Amendment process. A Notice of Intent was filed in the Federal Register (Vol. 59, No. 73, Page 18151-18152) on April 15, 1994. Since that time, several public meetings, mail-outs, and group briefings were conducted to solicit comments and ideas, or familiarize various groups with the proposal and the BLM planning process. Comments presented throughout the process have been considered in the analysis. Comments received during this 60-day comment period will be considered in preparation of the Proposed White Sands RMP Amendment and supporting EA. Single copies of the draft White Sands RMP Amendment/preliminary FONSI and supporting EA for the Otero County ACECs may be obtained from the BLM Las Cruces District Office, 1800 Marquess, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005. Public reading copies are available for review at the BLM State Office, 1474 Rodeo Rd., Santa Fe, New Mexico, and public and university libraries in Las Cruces, Santa Fe, and Albuquerque, New Mexico, and El Paso, Texas.

Dated: May 20, 1996.

Josie Banegas,

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## National Park Service

### Notice of Intention To Extend Existing Concession Contracts

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the National Park Service intends to extend the following concession contract and permit for a period of approximately two (2) years through December 31, 1998:

Concessioner	Park	Service provided	Contract expiration
Acadia Corporation .....	Acadia National Park .....	Full-service restaurant and gift shops .....	12/31/96
Kentucky Carriage & Livery .....	Acadia National Park .....	Stable, carriage rides .....	12/31/96

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Park Service does not intend to renew these contracts for an extended period until sufficient planning can be conducted to determine the future direction for concession services at this site. The necessary planning may affect the future of these operations, and may take as long as 2 years to complete. Until planning is completed, it is not in the best interest of the National Park Service to enter into long term concession contracts for these operations. These extensions may be for a lesser period should planning issues be resolved and a renewal process conducted which results in the award of new long term concession contracts. The existing concessioners have performed their obligations to the satisfaction of the Secretary and, pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of October 9, 1965 (79 Stat. 969; 16 U.S.C. 20) are entitled to preference in the extension of their contracts. This means that the extension will be awarded to the party submitting the best offer, provided that if the best offer was not submitted by the existing concessioner, then the existing concessioner will be afforded the opportunity to match the best offer. If the existing concessioner agrees to match the best offer, then the extension will be awarded to the existing concessioner. If the existing concessioner does not agree to the terms of the extension, the right of preference shall be considered to have been waived, and the extension will then be awarded to the party submitting the best responsive offer.

Because of the limited term of the proposed extensions, the National Park Service is not encouraging the submission of offers by anyone but the incumbents in response to this proposal, but plans to do so at the time the contracts are renewed for a longer term. However, as required by law, the National Park Service will consider and evaluate all offers received in response to this notice. Anyone interested in obtaining further information about the proposed extensions should contact: Lynne Koser, National Park Service, 15 State Street, Boston, MA 02190; Telephone (617) 223-5209 no later than 15 days following publication of this notice to obtain a prospectus outlining

the requirements of the proposed extension.

Dated: May 7, 1996.  
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*Acting Field Director Northeast Field Area.*  
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### **Redwood National and State Parks Environmental Impact Statement/ General Management Plan**

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with § 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Public Law 91-190), the Redwood National and State Parks are initiating environmental impact analysis processes to identify and assess potential impacts of alternative management concepts for future management of the four Redwood National and State Park units that comprise this park complex. Notice is hereby given that the National Park Service will prepare a draft environmental impact statement and general management plan (DEIS/GMP).

The National Park Service has invited California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR) to be a cooperating agency in the DEIS/GMP effort. Following publication of this Notice, CDPR will issue a Notice of Preparation to initiate a complementary draft environmental impact report (EIR) effort. The official responsible for the EIR is Donald W. Murphy, Director, California Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Redwood National and State Parks will jointly identify and analyze a range of alternatives so as to evaluate differing management options for resource protection, visitor use, access, operations, facility development, and land protection for the area. As a conceptual framework for formulating these alternatives, the purposes of the parks and associated significant cultural and natural resources, major visitor experiences, and management objectives will be specified.

**COMMENTS:** All interested persons, organizations, and agencies wishing to provide initial scoping comments or suggestions on the DEIS/GMP may send such information to the Superintendents, Redwood National and State Parks, 1111 Second Street,

Crescent City, CA 95531. All such comments should be received no later than July 23, 1996. All persons who respond will be provided timely information about the complementary California State Park EIR efforts.

In addition, several public scoping sessions will be held after publication of this Notice, affording an additional early comment opportunity. Dates for these meetings (and locations) are: June 17 (Brookings), June 18 (Crescent City), June 19 (Klamath), June 20 (Eureka), and June 21 (Orick). Full details on times and locations of these sessions may be obtained by contacting the Superintendents at the above address or via telephone at (707) 464-6101.

**DECISION:** The subsequent availability of both the DEIS/GMP and EIR will be announced by formal Notice and via local and regional news media. The DEIS/GMP is anticipated to be completed and available for public review in 1998. The final environmental impact statement and general management plan (FEIS/GMP) are expected to be completed approximately one year later. A Record of Decision will be published in the Federal Register not sooner than thirty (30) days after distribution of the FEIS/GMP documents. The responsible official is Stanley T. Albright, Field Director, Pacific West Area, National Park Service.

Dated: May 10, 1996.  
Patricia Neubacher,  
*Acting Field Director, Pacific West Area.*  
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### **Notice of Intent to Repatriate Cultural Items in the Possession of the Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site, National Park Service, Ganado, AZ**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service.

**ACTION:** Notice.

Notice is hereby given under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3005 (a)(2), of the intent to repatriate cultural items in the possession of the Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site, National Park Service, Ganado, AZ which meet the definition of "sacred objects" under Section 2 of the Act.

The nineteen items consist of one hide pollen bag; three stone fetishes;