

Sec. 6, lots 8 to 15, inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
Sec. 7, N $\frac{1}{2}$ .

The area described contains 5,642.30 acres in Clark County.

In accordance with the Act, the City of Mesquite shall notify the Bureau of Land Management as to which of the above described lands the city wishes to purchase no later than September 29, 2006. The Bureau of Land Management will sell the land in accordance with the regulations developed pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 that govern the sale and disposal of public land. Prior to offering the land for sale to the City of Mesquite, a notice will be published in the Federal Register that will state the terms and conditions for the sale and list the easements, reservations, and exception that will be included in the patent.

Publication of this Notice in the Federal Register will segregate the public lands described above from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, until September 29, 2008.

Dated: October 18, 1996.

William K. Stowers,

*Lands Team Lead.*

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## National Park Service

### Notice of Intention To Extend an Existing Concession Contract

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the National Park Service intends to extend the concession permits with Cache Creek Snowmobile Tours; Heart 6 Snowmobile Tours, Hidden Basin (dba Old Faithful Snowmobile Tours); High Country Snowmobile Tours; Mountain High Adventures; BEST Adventures; Jackson Hole Snowmobile Tours; National Park Adventures, Inc.; Togwotee Mountain Lodge; Rocky Mountain Tours; and Yellowstone Snowmobile Tours at John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway for a period of approximately 3 years through December 31, 1999.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The concession permits with these operators authorize them to provide guided snowmobile tours and services within John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway and Yellowstone National Park via the South Entrance only and expired by limitation of time on December 31, 1996. The National Park Service does not intend to renew these permits 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 this operation, 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 a long term concession contract for this operation. This extension may be for a lesser period should planning issues be resolved and a renewal process conducted which results in the award of a new long term concession permit. 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 a preference in the extension of this permit. 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 extension, the National Park Service is not encouraging the submission of offers by anyone but the incumbent in response to this proposal, but plans to do so at the time the contract is 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 this proposed extension should contact: *Name:* Joan Anzelmo, Chief of Concessions Management, *Address:* P.O. Drawer 170, Grand Teton National Park, Moose, WY 83012, *Telephone:* (307) 739-3410, no later than 15 days following publication of this notice to obtain a prospectus outlining the requirements of the proposed extension.

Dated: September 27, 1996.

Robert Reynolds,

*Acting Field Director, Intermountain Field Area.*

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### Notice of Intention To Extend an Existing Concession Contract—Death Valley National Park

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Act of October 9, 1965, (79 Stat. 969; 16 U.S.C. 20 *et seq.*), notice is hereby given that the National Park Service intends to extend the concession contract at Death Valley National Park for a period of two years.

The concessioner is Amfac Parks & Resorts. This extension is necessary to allow the continuation of public services during the amending of the General Management Plan for the park. The current concessioner has performed its obligations to the satisfaction of the Secretary and retain its right of preference in renewal pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of October 9, 1965, (79 Stat. 969; 16 U.S.C. 20 *et seq.*) and 36 CFR 51.5, under this administrative action to extend the existing contract.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The concession contract at Death Valley National Park will expire on December 31, 1996, unless extended. The National Park Service will not renew this contract for an extended period until the amendment of the General Management Plan and Site Plans can be completed to determine the future direction for concession services within Death Valley National Park. The necessary planning process will have a direct effect on the future concession activities. The planning process deals with complex issues associated with both cultural and natural resources and may take as long as two years to be completed. Until that planning process is completed, it will not be in the best interest of Death Valley National Park to enter into a long term concession contract. For these reasons, it is the intention of the National Park Service to extend the current contract for a period of two years beginning January 1, 1997.

Information regarding this notice can be sought from: Administrative Officer, Death Valley National Park, Death Valley, California 92328, or call: (619) 786-3278. Attention: Ms. Marian O'Dea.

Dated: October 2, 1996.

Bruce Kilgore,

*Acting Field Director, Pacific West Area.*

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### General Management Plan, Manzanar National Historic Site; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) 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 assessing the potential impacts of the proposed General Management Plan for Manzanar National Historic Site, Inyo County, California. Once approved, the plan will guide the management of the historic site over the next 15 years.

The final General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement presents a proposal and two alternatives for the management, use, and development of Manzanar National Historic Site. The proposed plan, Alternative C: Enhanced Visitor Experience, provides for acquisition of the camp from the current owner and protection of historic and prehistoric resources through a program of resource management and law enforcement. Features include conversion of the historic camp auditorium to an interpretive center and the creation of a network of wayside exhibits throughout the mile-square camp, accessible to visitors by a tour route around the periphery of the camp. A shuttle system would be operated during heavy use periods. Reconstruction of a limited number of representative structures would provide additional interpretive features. National Park Service support for the annual spring Manzanar Pilgrimage, organized by the Manzanar Committee, would continue.

**Alternative A:** No Action, would continue the current situation at Manzanar. Lands would not be acquired, resources would not be protected, and no additional steps would be taken to accommodate visitor interest and use. NPS support for the annual Manzanar Pilgrimage would continue.

**Alternative B:** Minimum Requirements, would be similar to Alternative C in terms of resource management and protection, but would provide fewer visitor services. There would be no reconstruction and no shuttle service.

The environmental consequences of the alternatives are fully documented. No significant adverse impacts are anticipated.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Written comments on the general management plan and environmental impact statement should be directed to the Superintendent, Manzanar National Historic Site, P.O. Box 426, Independence, California 93526-0426. Comments on the plan must be received within 60 days after publication of a notice of availability in the Federal Register by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Inquiries on and requests for copies of the plan should be directed to Manzanar National Historic Site, address as above, or by telephone at (619) 878-2932.

Dated: October 15, 1996.

Stephen Crabtree,

*Acting Field Director, Pacific West Area.*

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#### **Acadia National Park Advisory Commission; Bar Harbor, Maine; Notice of Meeting**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770, 5 U.S.C. Ap. 1, Sec. 10), that the Acadia National Park Advisory Commission will hold a joint meeting with the Friends of Acadia leaders and Board and the League of Towns members on Monday, November 4, 1996.

The Commission was established pursuant to Public Law 99-420, Section 103. The purpose of the commission is to consult with the Secretary of the Interior, or his designee, on matters relating to the management and development of the park, including but not limited to the acquisition of lands and interests in lands (including conservation easements on islands) and termination of rights of use and occupancy.

The meeting will convene at park headquarters, Acadia National Park, Rt. 233, Bar Harbor, Maine, at 1:00 p.m. to consider the following agenda:

1. Review and approval of minutes from the meeting held Aug. 5, 1996.
2. Presentations on the role of the Acadia NP Advisory Commission, Acadia NP, League of Towns and Friends of Acadia.
3. Acadia NP staff presentation on St. Croix Island IHS draft General Management Plan/Environmental Statement.
4. Public comments.
5. Proposed agenda and date of next Commission meeting.

The meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may make oral/written presentations to the Commission or file written statements. Such requests should be made to the Superintendent at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Further information concerning this meeting may be obtained from the Superintendent, Acadia National Park, P.O. Box 177, Bar Harbor, Maine 04609, tel: (207) 288-3338.

Dated: October 11, 1996.

Paul F. Haertel,

*Superintendent, Acadia National Park.*

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

#### **Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA")**

Notice is hereby given that on October 9, 1996, a proposed Partial Consent Decree ("Decree") in *United States v. Alaska Railroad Corporation et al.*, Civil Action No. A91-589 (D. Alaska), was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Alaska. This Decree resolves the United States' claims in this action against all of the Defendants under Sections 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607(a), for response costs associated with the cleanup of the Standard Steel Superfund Site in Anchorage, Alaska ("the Site"). The Settling Defendants include six corporations that arranged for the disposal of PCB-contaminated electrical equipment or lead-acid batteries at the Site and the current landowner, Alaska Railroad Corporation. The Decree also resolves the liability of federal entities who are counterclaim defendants in this matter—the Federal Railroad Administration, the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service ("DRMS") and the Army & Air Force Exchange Service ("AAFES")—for those costs. In addition, the Decree allocates among the defendants and the counterclaim defendants liability for the costs incurred by the parties that funded the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study ("RI/FS"), including the oversight of the RI/FS by the Environmental Protection Agency, and the removal of scrap metal debris from the Site. Finally, this settlement resolves the liability of the settling federal entities and the Alaska Railroad Corporation for future response costs at the Site and any natural resources damages, by fixing the proportion of such costs or damages that they will be required to pay.

The United States, on behalf of the settling federal entities, and the defendants will reimburse the Hazardous Substance Superfund more than \$3.6 million in past response costs, oversight costs and enforcement costs. The United States, on behalf of the settling federal entities, together with the Alaska Railroad Corporation, will fund 61.5% of future costs associated with the Site, including any costs associated with natural resources damages.

Upon the effective date of the Decree, the defendants are entitled to the contribution protection afforded by Section 113(f)(2) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C.