

reviewed by the District Manager. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective and the land leased to the City of Idaho City for a public park.

EFFECTIVE DATES: The segregation is effective January 15, 1998. The classification will be effective March 16, 1998.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 2, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning the classification, lease or conveyance should be sent to: Area Manager, Cascade Resource Area, 3948 Development Ave., Boise, ID 83705.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Effie Schultsmeier, Cascade Area Realty Specialist, (208) 384-3357.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action is in response to an application by the City of Idaho City for a public park. The lands are not needed for Federal purposes and are needed by the City for a public park. Lease of the lands will not be authorized until after the classification becomes effective. Lease of the lands for recreational or public purpose use would be in the public interest, and will be subject to the following terms, conditions, and reservations:

1. Provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and to all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.

2. All valid existing rights documented on the official public land records at the time of lease/patent issuance.

3. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals.

4. Any other reservations that the authorized officer determines appropriate to ensure public access and proper management of Federal lands and interests therein. Lease of the lands will not be authorized until after the classification becomes effective.

Steven W. Moore,

Acting Cascade Area Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Draft General Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement for Oregon Caves National Monument, Oregon

AGENCY: National Park Service.

ACTION: Notice of availability of draft Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of a draft general management plan (GMP) and environmental impact statement (EIS) for Oregon Caves National Monument, Oregon. This notice also announces public open houses for the purpose of receiving comments on the draft document. All comments received will become part of the public record and copies of comments, including names, addresses and telephone numbers provided by respondents, may be released for public inspection.

DATES: Comments on the draft GMP/EIS should be received no later than March 13, 1998. Public meetings will be held as follows:

February 9, 1998, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the

Illinois Valley Senior Center, 520 East River Street, Cave Junction, OR; and February 10, 1998, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the

Grants Pass City Council Chambers,

101 NW "A" Street, Grants Pass, OR.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the draft GMP/EIS should be sent to the Superintendent, Oregon Caves National Monument, 19000 Caves Highway, Cave Junction, OR 97523. Public reading copies of the draft GMP/EIS will be available for review at the following locations, as well as other local libraries around the Oregon Caves National Monument area: Office of Public Affairs, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, 18th and C Streets, NW, Washington, DC 20240, telephone: (202) 208-6843; Columbia Cascades Support Office, National Park Service, Room 650, 909 First Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104-1060, telephone: (206) 220-4154; Oregon Caves National Monument, 19000 Caves Highway, Cave Junction, OR 97523, telephone: (541) 592-2100; Office of Public Affairs, National Park Service, Pacific West Region, 600 Harrison Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, CA 94107-1372, telephone: (415) 427-1300; Technical Information Center, National Park Service, Denver Service Center, 12795 W. Alameda Parkway, Denver, CO 80225-0287, telephone: (303) 969-2534; Portland Public Library, 801 SW. 10th Avenue, Portland, OR 97205, telephone: (503) 248-5123.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This draft GMP/EIS describes and analyzes the environmental consequences of four alternative strategies for guiding future management of the national monument. The major subject areas are natural and cultural resources, visitor services, and park management and operations. Alternative A is the "no action" alternative, which means a continuation

of the existing policies and programs. Alternative B is the "minimum requirements" alternative and describes those minimum actions that are required for the safe and effective operation of the park. Included is a 3,310-acre protected area within adjacent National Forest lands to protect cave ecology and the public water supply. Alternative C (the proposed action and preferred alternative) emphasizes enhanced protection of the monument resources and visitor experiences through park-led cave tours, an on-site visitor center in an adaptively reused historic building, establishment of a caves reservation system, and enhancement of non-motorized trails in a protected forest setting. It also provides for increased protection of the cave hydrology, surface forest environment, and public water supply through a 3,310-acre addition to the monument from adjacent National Forest lands. Alternative D emphasizes increased visitor services and recreation opportunities combined with increased watershed protection. A 2,373-acre addition and a 937-acre protected area are also part of the alternative. The draft EIS evaluates the potential environmental impacts associated with the strategies comprising the four alternatives. The official responsible for a decision on the proposed action is the Regional Director, Pacific West Region, National Park Service.

Dated: January 8, 1998.

Charlotte A. Munson,

Acting Superintendent, Columbia Cascades Support Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Glen Echo Park Management Plan/ Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of scoping meeting/open house for the Glen Echo Park Management Plan/Environmental Assessment.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an upcoming scoping meeting/open house for the Glen Echo Park Management Plan and the intent to publish an environmental assessment in association with the management plan.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, February 3, 1998, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Clara Barton Community Center, 7425 MacArthur Boulevard, Cabin John, Maryland.

The purpose of the scoping meeting/open house is to describe the management planning effort for Glen Echo Park and to solicit concerns about future management of the park. Through a workshop format the meeting will provide an overview of the planning effort and an opportunity for the public to discuss their concerns with park staff and provide verbal and written comments.

We encourage all who have an interest in the park's future to attend or to contact the Park Superintendent by letter or telephone, at George Washington Memorial Parkway, c/o Turkey Run Park, McLean, Virginia 22101, telephone number: 703-285-2600.

Dated: January 8, 1998.

Audrey F. Calhoun,

Superintendent, George Washington Memorial Parkway.

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

Keweenaw National Historical Park Advisory Commission Meeting

AGENCY: National Park Service.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an upcoming meeting of the Keweenaw National Historical Park Advisory Commission. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463).

DATES: February 24, 1998; 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Keweenaw National Historical Park Headquarters, 100 Red Jacket Road (2nd floor), Calumet, Michigan 49913-0471.

The Chairman's welcome; minutes of the previous meeting; update on the general management plan; update on park activities; old business; new business; next meeting date; adjournment. This meeting is open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent, Keweenaw National Historical Park, Frank C. Fiala, P.O. Box 471, Calumet, Michigan 49913-0471, 906-337-3168.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Keweenaw National Historical Park was established by Public Law 102-543 on October 27, 1992.

Dated: January 7, 1998.

William W. Schenk,

Regional Director, Midwest Region.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation 332-389]

Implications for U.S. Trade and Competitiveness of a Broad-Based Consumption Tax

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission

ACTION: Institution of investigation and scheduling of public hearing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 8, 1998.

SUMMARY: Following receipt on December 15, 1997, of a request from the House Committee on Ways and Means (Committee), the Commission instituted investigation No. 332-389, Implications for U.S. Trade and Competitiveness of a Broad-based Consumption Tax, under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Information on economic aspects of the investigation may be obtained from Hugh Arce, Office of Economics (202-205-3234) or William Donnelly, Office of Economics (202-205-3223), and on legal aspects, from William Gearhart, Office of the General Counsel (202-205-3091). The media should contact Margaret O'Laughlin, Office of External Relations (202-205-1819). Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the TDD terminal on (202-205-1810).

Background

The Committee's letter noted that there are several proposals to significantly reform the current U.S. income tax system, including many that can be characterized as consumption taxes. Examples noted in the letter include a flat tax, a national retail sales tax, and a value-added tax. It noted that a number of studies have examined the effects of consumption-based taxes on international trade and found a wide range of effects on investment, imports, and exports, depending upon how the consumption tax is structured.

As requested by the Committee, the Commission in its report on the investigation will provide an analysis of the implications for U.S. trade and competitiveness of replacing the current income tax system with a broad-based consumption tax. The Commission will also analyze various consumption tax proposals such as those noted above. In addition, the Commission will provide a review of current economic analyses on this topic, and a discussion of the key technical issues that can

significantly affect the relationship between tax policy and international trade.

The Commission will provide its report by June 15, 1998.

Public Hearing

A public hearing in connection with the investigation will be held in the Commission hearing room, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on March 5, 1998. All persons have the right to appear by counsel or in person to present information and to be heard. Requests to appear at the public hearing should be filed with the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436 no later than COB, February 26, 1998. Prehearing statements should be filed not later than COB February 26, 1998. Any posthearing submissions must be filed not later than COB March 19, 1998.

In the event that, as of COB March 4, 1998, no witnesses have filed a request to appear at the hearing, the hearing will be canceled. Any person interested in attending the hearing as an observer or non-participant may call the Secretary to the Commission (202-205-1816) after March 4, 1998, to determine whether the hearing will be held.

Written Submissions

Interested persons are invited to submit written statements (one original and 14 copies) concerning the matters to be addressed in the report. Commercial or financial information that a party desires the Commission to treat as confidential must be submitted on separate sheets of paper, each clearly marked "Confidential Business Information" at the top. (Generally, submission of separate confidential and public versions of the submission would be appropriate.) All submissions requesting confidential treatment must conform with the requirements of § 201.6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.6). All written submissions, except for confidential business information, will be made available in the Office of the Secretary to the Commission for inspection by interested persons. To be assured of consideration by the Commission, written statements relating to the Commission's report should be submitted at the earliest practical date and should be received no later than March 19, 1998. All submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436.

Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission