

relations and will not interfere with the roles, rights, and responsibilities of States.

#### **Civil Justice Reform (Executive Order 12988)**

In accordance with Executive Order 12988, the Office of the Solicitor has determined that this rule does not unduly burden the judicial system and meets the requirements of sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of the Order.

#### **Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995**

These rate adjustments do not affect the collections of information which have been approved by the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The OMB Control Number is 1076-0141 and expires April 30, 2006.

#### **National Environmental Policy Act**

The Department has determined that these rate adjustments do not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and that no detailed statement is required under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321-4370(d)).

Dated: April 20, 2004.

**David W. Anderson,**

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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### **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

#### **Bureau of Indian Affairs**

##### **Indian Gaming**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of approved Class III Gaming Compact.

**SUMMARY:** This notice publishes the extension to an approved Class III Gaming Compact between the Crow Tribe and the State of Montana. Under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, the Secretary of the Interior is required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 30, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George T. Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming Management, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary—Policy and Economic Development, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA) Public Law 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish in the **Federal Register** notice of approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands.

The Crow Tribe and the State of Montana have agreed to an extension of the existing agreement and will extend the compact until June 1, 2004. The Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, is publishing notice that the Fourth Amendment to and Extension of the Agreement for Class III gaming between the Crow Tribe and the State of Montana is in effect.

Dated: March 18, 2004.

**Aurene M. Martin,**

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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### **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

#### **Bureau of Indian Affairs**

##### **Indian Gaming**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of approved Class III Gaming Compact.

**SUMMARY:** This notice publishes the extension to an approved Class III Gaming Compact between the State of Nevada and the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. Under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, the Secretary of the Interior is required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 30, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George T. Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming Management, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary—Policy and Economic Development, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA) Public Law 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish in the **Federal Register** notice of approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. On January 6, 1988, the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his

delegated authority, approved the Compact between the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and the State of Nevada, which was executed on August 4, 1997. Article X of that compact allows for automatic extensions of up to 20 years upon the mutual written consent of the parties.

On August 15, 2003, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and the State of Nevada agreed to a 1-year extension of the existing compact. This 1-year period will extend the compact until January 1, 2005. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, is publishing notice that the Extension to the Tribal-State Compact for Class III gaming between the State of Nevada and the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe is in effect.

Dated: April 14, 2004.

**Aurene M. Martin,**

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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### **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

#### **Bureau of Land Management**

##### **National Park Service**

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#### **Notice of Availability of the Draft Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve**

**AGENCIES:** Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service.

**ACTION:** Issuance of a Notice of Availability of a Draft EIS for a Draft Resource Management Plan/General Management Plan (hereinafter, Draft Plan/EIS), for the Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve. The Monument is located in Blaine, Butte, Lincoln, Minidoka, and Power Counties, in Idaho.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management and the National Park Service have jointly prepared a Draft Plan/EIS for the Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve. The Draft Plan/EIS describes and analyzes four alternative management strategies, each presenting a different approach to resolving issues identified through public scoping. The Draft Plan/EIS is now available for public review and comment.

**DATES:** Written comments on the Draft Plan/EIS will be accepted for 90 days

following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes a notice of availability in the **Federal Register**. (As soon as possible after the Environmental Protection Agency's notice is published, the confirmed end date of the comment period will be posted on the two web sites listed below.) Future meetings or hearings and any other public involvement activities will be announced at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media news releases, and/or mailings. In addition, information regarding public meetings on the Draft Plan/EIS will be posted on the Internet at <http://www.id.blm.gov/planning/craters/index.htm> or <http://www.nps.gov/crmo> and sent to people who commented during scoping or asked to be on the mailing list. To receive full consideration, comments must be postmarked no later than the last day of the comment period.

**ADDRESSES:** The Draft Plan/EIS is posted on the web sites identified above and has been mailed to those who have indicated that they wanted to receive it in hard copy or on a compact disk. Additional copies in both paper and digital format are available in limited numbers. To receive a copy, write or call one of the individuals identified in the next paragraph. You may submit comments on the Draft Plan/EIS by any of the following methods:

- Mail: Craters of the Moon Planning Team, BLM Shoshone Field Office, 400 West F Street, Shoshone, ID 83352-1522
- E-mail: [ID\\_Craters\\_Plan@blm.gov](mailto:ID_Craters_Plan@blm.gov).
- Web site: <http://www.id.blm.gov/planning/craters/index.htm> or <http://www.nps.gov/crmo>.
- Fax: (208) 732-7317

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BLM Shoshone Field Office, in Shoshone, Idaho, during regular business hours, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the final EIS. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address 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. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Richard VanderVoet, Monument

Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Shoshone Field Office, 400 West F Street, Shoshone, ID 83352-1522, phone (208) 732-7200 or Jim Morris, Superintendent, National Park Service, P.O. Box 29, Arco, ID 83213, phone (208) 527-3257.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Established in 1924, the Craters of the Moon National Monument was expanded by Presidential Proclamation 7373 on November 9, 2000, for the purpose of protecting the entire Great Rift volcanic zone and associated lava features, all objects of scientific interest. On August 21, 2002, Public Law 107-213 re-designated the National Park Service portion of the expanded Monument as a National Preserve. The Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service are managing the National Monument and Preserve cooperatively and are preparing one management plan to be implemented by both agencies.

Issues identified through public scoping to be addressed in the planning process are as follows:

(1) *Development:* What kinds of Monument facilities and services will be provided apart from the existing facilities?

(2) *Transportation and Access:* What type of road and trail system will be needed for travel to, and access within, the Monument?

(3) *Public/Visitor Use and Safety:* What will be the extent and location of public uses within the Monument?

(4) *Authorized Uses:* How will the different uses in the Monument be managed?

(5) *Natural and Cultural Resources:* How will natural and cultural resources be protected?

Four alternative strategies are described and analyzed, as follows: *Alternative A (No-Action Alternative):* Proposes no major changes in resource management, visitor programs, or facilities. It depicts current management under the Agencies' five existing management plans, as modified by Proclamation 7373, Public Law 107-213, and the Agencies' Interim Management Guidelines. Alternative A also serves as a baseline for comparison with the other three alternatives.

*Alternative B:* Emphasizes a broad array of visitor experiences within the Monument. Alternative B provides the largest amount of multiple-use trail opportunities, improved access both inside and outside the Monument, and extensive educational/informational/directional signs and interpretive support facilities throughout the Monument. This alternative allocates

areas to allow for potential new developments like designated rustic campsites, high standard motorized and non-motorized trail networks and a relatively high standard road system that provides easier access to many areas of the Monument. Alternative B also includes suggested management direction for access roads outside of the Monument. *Alternative C:* Emphasizes the Monument's primitive character. This alternative contains the least development of new visitor facilities. Management actions that influence resource conditions are as "light handed" and non-intrusive as possible including weed control and sagebrush steppe restoration. Alternative C has the fewest miles of maintained roads. Under this alternative, any new interpretive facilities would be located primarily outside the Monument. This alternative includes an 11,000 acre Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) designation in northern Laidlaw Park to provide special protective management for native plants. Management constraints associated with this ACEC would include prohibition of any new transportation routes and of any new livestock watering facilities within the designated ACEC. *Alternative D* (The agencies' Preferred Alternative. It is also identified as the Environmentally Preferred Alternative): Emphasizes restoration of physical and biological resources and processes. Alternative D contains the largest weed treatment and prevention program using all available tools. It prescribes the most aggressive fire management and sagebrush steppe restoration program. Alternative D places a greater emphasis than the other alternatives on promoting partnerships for visitor education and interpretation at existing facilities such as visitor centers, state parks, and gateway communities. This alternative also emphasizes the use of outfitters to meet recreation experience demands inside the expanded portion of the Monument.

*Decision Process:* Depending upon the degree of public interest and response from individuals, other agencies, and organizations, the Proposed Management Plan and final EIS for the Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve is expected to be published early in 2005. Availability of the document will be published in the **Federal Register** and through local news media. Subsequently, notice of an approved Record of Decision will be published in the **Federal Register** following the resolution of any protests regarding the Proposed Management Plan and final EIS. The officials responsible for the joint decision are the

Regional Director of the Pacific West Region of the National Park Service and the State Director of the Bureau of Land Management for Idaho.

(Authority: 40 CFR 1506.6.)

Dated: December 2, 2003.

**K Lynn Bennett,**

*Bureau of Land Management, Idaho State Director.*

Dated: December 4, 2003.

**Jonathan B. Jarvis,**

*National Park Service, Regional Director, Pacific West Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Bureau of Land Management

[NM-930-03-1610-DS-005G]

#### Notice of Availability of Proposed Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement

**AGENCY:** National Park Service (NPS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of a proposed plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro National Historic Trail, and proposed amendments to the Taos, Mimbres, and White Sands Resource Management Plans (RMPs), New Mexico.

**SUMMARY:** The NPS and the BLM announce the availability of the proposed El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro National Historic Trail Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP) and FEIS. The proposed plan would provide for active resource protection, preservation, and visitor use, reflecting the public's vision for managing the trail between El Paso, Texas, and San Juan Pueblo, New Mexico. Trail management would be conducted cooperatively with both public and private partners. The proposed plan also would amend the BLM's Taos, White Sands, and Mimbres RMPs related to protection of scenic values.

Added to the National Trails System in October 2000, El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro (Royal Road of the Interior) National Historic Trail (NHT) recognizes the primary route between the colonial Spanish capital of Mexico City and the Spanish provincial capitals at San Juan de Los Caballeros (1598-1600), San Gabriel (1600-1609), and then Santa Fe (1610-1821). The NHT, as

designated, extends 404 miles from El Paso, Texas, to San Juan Pueblo, New Mexico. This CMP/FEIS focuses on the NHT's purpose and significance, issues and concerns related to current conditions along the NHT, resource protection, visitor experience and use, and long-term administrative and management objectives. Elements of the plan have been developed in cooperation with Federal, State, and local agencies, as well as nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations "the entities that will form the core of partnerships with the NHT. Community meetings were held in Alcalde, Española, Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Socorro, Truth or Consequences, Sunland Park, and Las Cruces, New Mexico, as well as in El Paso, Texas; meetings also were held with several North American Indian Pueblos. The preferred alternative from the Draft CMP/DEIS is carried forward in the proposed CMP/FEIS as the proposed comprehensive management plan. The preferred alternative (proposed plan) would implement the provisions of the National Trails Systems Act, reflect the public's vision for the administration and management of the trail, and implement an ambitious program of resource preservation and visitor use. Trail administration and partners would work cooperatively to provide coordinated programming and activities that integrate themes, resources, and landscapes at certified sites on private land or protected sites on public land. Resources that best illustrate the trail's significance would be identified and protected on both public and private land (high-potential sites and segments). Certification priorities would be placed upon sites and segments supporting interpretive and educational programming and protecting significant resources. An auto tour route would be established. A bi-national approach with Mexico would promote activities such as interpretation, events, and signage. The BLM's Taos, White Sands, and Mimbres RMPs would be amended to protect important scenic values.

**DATES:** Protests on the New Mexico BLM State Director's proposed decisions must be received within 30 days from the date that the Environmental Protection Agency publishes a notice of availability and filing of the proposed plan/FEIS in the **Federal Register**. Please see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice for instructions on filing protests.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Team Leader Harry Myers, El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro National Historic Trail, National Park Service, Long

Distance Trails Office, P.O. Box 728, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-0728; or Team Leader Sarah Schlanger, El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro National Historic Trail, Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico State Office, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-0115.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Draft CMP/EIS was made available for public review and comment from October 18, 2002, to January 15, 2003. Six public meetings were held to solicit comments; comments were also provided by mail, e-mail, and through the project Web site [www.elcaminoreal.org](http://www.elcaminoreal.org). A total of 54 individuals representing private concerns, State, or Federal agencies outside BLM and NPS submitted 47 comments documents. Of these, 18 were exact text duplicates printed on separate letterhead. Comment documents generated some 66 separate comments that were assessed and utilized in strengthening the CMP/FEIS. The preferred alternative presented in the draft CMP/EIS has been brought forward, with minor modifications, as the proposed CMP.

Copies of this document have been mailed to individuals who submitted original letters or e-mails, or who provided comments at the public meetings, as well as appropriate state and Federal agencies and local and tribal governments. In addition, copies have been sent to those persons who received copies of the draft and requested to be on the mailing list for the CMP/FEIS. The CMP/FEIS is available for review at the Camino Real Administration Office, 1100 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505. The document is also available on the Internet at [www.elcaminoreal.org](http://www.elcaminoreal.org).

The BLM planning regulations (43 CFR 1610.5-2) state that any person who participated in the planning process and has an interest which may be adversely affected may protest. A protest may raise only those issues which were submitted for the record during the planning process. The protest must be filed within 30 days of the date that the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of receipt of the Proposed Plan/FEIS. All protests must be in writing and mailed to the following address:

Regular Mail: Director (210), Attention: Brenda Williams, P.O. Box 66538, Washington, DC 20035.

Overnight Mail: Director (210), Attention: Brenda Williams, 1620 L Street, NW., Suite 1075, Washington, DC 20036.

The protest must contain: