

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management****[UTU 79768]****Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Notice of Public Meeting; Utah****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Interior, Central Utah Project Completion Act Office, proposes to withdraw, for a term of 20 years, approximately 6,450 acres of National Forest System lands to protect the Utah Lake and the Diamond Fork Systems. This notice segregates the lands for up to 2 years from location and entry under the United States mining laws. The lands will remain open to all other uses which may by law be made of National Forest System lands. This notice also announces a public meeting.

**DATES:** Comments should be received on or before January 20, 2005. A public meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to the Program Director, Central Utah Project (CUP) Completion Act Office, 302 East 1860 South, Provo, Utah 84606-7317.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Reed Murray, CUP Completion Act Office, 801-379-1237.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of the Interior, Central Utah Project Completion Act Office, has filed an application to withdraw, pursuant to section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714, the following described National Forest System lands from location and entry under the United States mining laws, for a period of 20 years, subject to valid existing rights:

**Salt Lake Meridian****Unita National Forest**

- T. 7 S., R. 3 E.,  
 Sec. 21, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .  
 T. 9 S., R. 3 E.,  
 Sec. 1, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 2, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .  
 T. 9 S., R. 4 E.,  
 Sec. 18, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ .  
 T. 8 S., R. 5 E.,  
 Sec. 2, lots 9, 10, 15 and 16, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 11, W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
 Sec. 14, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 22, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 28, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .  
 T. 9 S., R. 5 E.,  
 Sec. 25, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
 Sec. 35, E $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

- Sec. 36.  
 T. 10 S., R. 5 E.,  
 Sec. 2, lots 1 and 2.  
 T. 8 S., R. 6 E.,  
 Sec. 32, E $\frac{1}{2}$  and E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ .  
 T. 9 S., R. 6 E.,  
 Sec. 5, lot 4 and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 6, lots 1 and 2, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 7, E $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
 Sec. 8, W $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
 Sec. 17, W $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
 Sec. 18, E $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
 Sec. 19, lots 5 to 8, inclusive, lots 10, 11, and 12, E $\frac{1}{2}$ , and E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
 Sec. 20, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 30;  
 Sec. 31, lots 1 to 10, inclusive, and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The areas described aggregate approximately 6,450 acres in Utah County.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to protect the Federal investment in the proposed Utah Lake and the Diamond Fork Systems, Bonneville Unit of the Central Utah Project.

Discretionary land use authorizations may be allowed during the segregative period, but only with the approval of an authorized office of the Forest Service and with the concurrence of an authorized officer of the Department of the Interior.

The use of a right-of-way or an interagency agreement is not considered to be a desirable or acceptable alternative.

There are no other sites where the systems could be economically constructed.

No water rights will be needed to fulfill the purpose of the requested withdrawal.

All persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing, by the date specified above, to the Program Director, CUP Completion Act Office.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the CUP Completion Act Office, 302 East 1860 South, Provo, Utah 84606-7317, during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be

made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Notice is hereby given that a public meeting will be held to provide an opportunity for public comment regarding the proposed withdrawal. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 1, 2004, at the CUP Completion Act Office, 302 East 1860 South, Provo, Utah.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2300.

For a period of 2 years from October 22, 2004, in accordance with 43 CFR 2310.2(a), the lands will be segregated from location and entry under the United States mining laws, unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date.

(Authority: 43 U.S.C. 1714(b)(1); 43 CFR 2310.3-1(a))

Dated: October 12, 2004.

**Kent Hoffman,**

*Deputy State Director, Division of Land and Minerals.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****National Park Service****Fire Management Plan, Environmental Impact Statement, Bandelier National Monument, NM**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental assessment for the Fire Management Plan at Bandelier National Monument.

**SUMMARY:** In a Notice of Intent published August 6, 2003 (68 FR 46661), the National Park Service (NPS) announced its intent to prepare an EIS for the Fire Management Plan at Bandelier National Monument (Bandelier). The NPS has since determined that an environmental assessment (EA), rather than an EIS, is the appropriate environmental documentation for the Fire Management Plan.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NPS had begun working on the EIS following publication of the Notice of Intent. However, internal discussions and meetings, and comments from public scoping sessions held in the New Mexico cities of Santa Fe, Los Alamos, and Albuquerque in August of 2003 resulted in substantial changes to the fire management plan alternatives proposed under the EIS. Based on these

changes, the NPS determined that the appropriate National Environmental Policy Act documentation for the update and review of Bandelier's Fire Management Plan is an EA.

Through the EA process, Bandelier will revise and update the Fire Management Plan to include the following goals: (1) Provide the means for staff and the public to preserve, protect, understand, and enjoy the natural and cultural resources of Bandelier National Monument through an integrated program where management activities support naturally functioning ecosystems consistent with cultural resource preservation needs. (2) Educate, inform, consult, collaborate, and maintain cooperative fire planning with other land agencies, landowners, and local communities. (3) Achieve ecologically sustainable vegetative conditions across broad vegetation communities by restoring a natural range of variability and bio-diversity. (4) Identify and mitigate hazards related to the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) through coordination and collaboration with neighboring agencies and landowners over time and across boundaries.

The following fire management objectives support these goals: (1) Protect life, property, and Bandelier's natural and cultural resources from the effects of unwanted fire. (2) Prevent or mitigate impacts due to fire suppression activities. (3) Institute and maintain a comprehensive Fire Information and Education Program. (4) Restore and maintain fire-dependent ecosystems with the appropriate use of fire. (5) Use prescribed fire to meet fire and resource management goals and objectives. (6) Allow natural fires to function in fire dependent ecosystems. The new Fire Management Plan will emphasize the importance of mitigating measures to reduce effects in the Wildland/Urban Interface and maintaining a comprehensive Fire Information and Education Program.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jim Whittington, Fire Information Officer, HCR 1, Box 1, Suite 15, Los Alamos, NM 87544. Telephone (505) 672-3861 x512.

Dated: August 20, 2004.

**Stephen P. Martin,**

*Director, Intermountain Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### **Final General Management Plan/Wilderness Study, Final Environmental Impact Statement, Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, MI**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of the Final General Management Plan/Wilderness Study/Final Environmental Impact Statement, Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*, the National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of a final general management plan/wilderness study/environmental impact statement (FEIS) for Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, Michigan.

**DATES:** The draft general management plan/wilderness study/environmental impact statement was on public review from August 29, 2003 through November 23, 2003. Public hearings were held on the draft wilderness study on August 26 at Munising, Michigan, and on August 27 at Grand Marais, Michigan. Responses to substantive public comments are addressed in the final general management plan/wilderness study/environmental impact statement. The NPS will execute a record of decision (ROD) no sooner than 30 days following publication of the Environmental Protection Agency's notice of availability of the final environmental impact statement in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Copiers of the final general management plan/wilderness study/environmental impact statement are available upon request by writing Karen Gustin, Superintendent, Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, P.O. Box 40, Munising, Michigan 49862-0040, by phone 906-387-2607, or by e-mail message at [piro\\_gmp@nps.gov](mailto:piro_gmp@nps.gov). The document can be picked up in person at the park's headquarters at N8391 Sand Point Road, Munising, Michigan.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karen Gustin, Superintendent, Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, or by calling 906-387-2607.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The final general management plan/wilderness study/environmental impact statement combines two planning elements and an environmental analysis that covers both the plan and the wilderness study. The general management plan (GMP) provides a framework for making decisions about and managing the national lakeshore's resources and

visitor use for the next 15 years. The wilderness study explores options for wilderness designation in the national lakeshore from no wilderness to 26 percent of the park. The environmental impact statement (EIS) includes information and analysis on the potential effect of the alternatives explored in the final general management plan/wilderness study both within the national lakeshore boundaries as well as regionally. Five alternatives are examined that address wilderness as well as other visitor use and resource issues. The NPS preferred alternative would expand visitor services on the west and east ends of the park, recommend upgrading of county Road H-58, and propose the Beaver Basin (16% of the lakeshore) be designated as wilderness.

Based on the findings of the wilderness study, a formal wilderness proposal will be submitted to the Director of the NPS for approval and subsequent consideration by the Department of the Interior, President, and Congress.

Dated: July 9, 2004.

**Ernest Quintana,**

*Regional Director, Midwest Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### **Fire Management Plan, Final Environmental Impact Statement, Whiskeytown National Recreation Area, Shasta County, CA; Notice of Approved Record of Decision**

**Summary:** Pursuant to § 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub. L. 91-190, as amended) and the implementing regulations promulgated by the Council of Environmental Quality (40 CFR part 1505.2), the Department of the Interior, National Park Service has prepared and approved a Record of Decision concerning the revision of the Fire Management Plan for Whiskeytown National Recreation Area. The purpose of the fire management plan is to provide comprehensive direction for park fire management activities over the next 10 years. The selected plan prescribes goals to be achieved and the methods for achieving them during this period. The formal no-action period was officially initiated June 18, 2004, with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's **Federal Register** notification of the filing and availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement.