

DATES: The program announcement and application forms are expected to be available on or about January 15, 1996. Applications must be received on or before March 29, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Copies of Program Announcement 08187 may be obtained by writing to Kathleen Craig, U.S. Geological Survey, Office of Procurement and Contracts, Mail Stop 205A, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 22092. (703) 648-7357.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under this FY 1996 program announcement, proposals are to be directed towards four components of the NSDI. The first component deals with creation of a distributed clearinghouse for finding and accessing geospatial data. Efforts considered applicable include the creation (inventory, evaluate, catalog data, and establish Internet access) and management of a node within the National Geospatial Data Clearinghouse that provides users with a means for finding, accessing, and sharing geospatial data; establish, develop, or expand programs or projects, through development of training programs, information guides and other explanatory materials, that increase the contributions of local, regional, or national data sets to the National Geospatial Data Clearinghouse; and, design, develop, or implement tools to assist in the inventory, evaluation, documentation, cataloging, serving, maintenance, and sharing of geospatial data or metadata.

The second component involves development and promulgation of the use of FGDC-endorsed standards in data collection, documentation, transfer, and search and query. Applicable efforts include conducting programs to increase user comprehension and adoption of the FGDC Content Standards for Digital Geospatial Metadata and the Spatial Data Transfer Standard; developing software tools or techniques to aid the collection, comparison, evaluation, and maintenance of metadata; and stimulating the development of applicable geospatial data standards in partnership with the FGDC Subcommittees and Working Groups.

The third component focuses on the initial implementation of creating a geospatial data framework that provides a base on which to collect, register, or

integrate information accurately. Applicable efforts include conducting feasibility projects for implementing technical and institutional aspects of the framework; and, expanding programs or projects to incorporate data content, technical, operational, and business characteristics of the framework.

The fourth component addresses developing and implementing educational outreach programs to increase awareness and understanding of the major NSDI components among members of the broader community. Applicable efforts involve providing programs and services to educate and train constituents on the purpose, benefits, and application of NSDI initiatives, networks, and standards.

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National Park Service

General Management Plan; Lava Beds National Monument; Notice of Availability of Draft 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 Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) assessing the potential impacts of the proposed Draft General Management Plan (DGMP) for Lava Beds National Monument, Modoc and Siskiyou Counties, California. Once approved, the DGMP/EIS will guide the management of the monument over the next fifteen (15) years.

This DGMP/EIS presents a proposal and two alternatives for the management, use, and development of Lava Beds National Monument. The proposed alternative, Alternative B: Minimum Requirements, provides for staffing, facilities, and boundary changes to provide for long-term resource protection, and facilities and programs sufficient to provide for essential visitor services. Physical features of the plan include boundary additions at Petroglyph Point, improvements at that area to reduce damage to the petroglyphs from wind erosion and vandalism, a small-scale research facility to facilitate the recruitment of volunteers for cost-effective research and resource-management projects, a visitor contact station at the north end of the monument, improvements at the

existing visitor center, and minor increases in administrative support facilities.

Alternative A: No Action, would continue the current situation at Lava Beds. Lands at Petroglyph Point would not be acquired, resources would not be adequately protected, and no additional steps would be taken to accommodate visitor interest and use. Resource quality and visitor use experience quality would decline.

Alternative C: Enhanced Visitor Experience, would be similar to Alternative B in terms of resource management and protection, but would provide a broader range of visitor service. Increased interpretive and law enforcement staffing would allow a wider range of interpretive programs and faster response to emergency situations. A visitor center at the north end of the monument and a new and larger visitor facility at the Indian Well area would increase the range of exhibits and visitor services. Additional administrative facilities would be needed to support the greater staffing.

The environmental consequences of the proposed action and the alternatives are fully documented, and mitigation provided as appropriate to minimize impacts. No significant impacts are anticipated as a result of implementing the proposed action.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Written comments on the DGMP/EIS should be directed to the Superintendent, Lava Beds National Monument, P.O. Box 867, Tulelake, California 96134. Comments on the DGMP/EIS must be received by March 1, 1996.

A public meeting will be held January 10 at the home economics building at the Tulelake-Butte Valley Fairgrounds from 7:00-10:00 p.m. National Park Service personnel will be available to explain the planning alternatives, answer questions, and receive public comments.

Inquiries on the DGMP/EIS and requests for copies of the DGMP/EIS should be directed to Lava Beds National Monument, address as above, or by telephone at (916) 667-2282. Copies of the DGMP/EIS will be available for public inspection at the Monument and at area libraries.

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