

withdrawal is approved prior to this date.

The temporary segregation of the lands in connection with this withdrawal application shall not affect the administrative jurisdiction over the land, and segregation shall not have the effect of authorizing any use of the land by the Department of Agriculture.

Dated: September 18, 1996.

Jimmie Buxton,

Branch Chief for Lands and Minerals.

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National Park Service

Visitor Services Plan/Environmental Impact Statement, Crater Lake National Park, Oregon

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Visitor Services Plan for Crater Lake National Park.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service will prepare a Visitor Services Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (VSP/EIS) for Crater Lake National Park. The VSP/EIS will incorporate and supersede the Cleetwood Cove Development Concept Plan/Environmental Impact Statement that was initiated with a Notice of Intent this past July (cf. Federal Register, July 19, 1996, pp. 37765-37766). All letters previously received in response to the Notice of Intent for the Cleetwood Cove DCP/EIS will be analyzed for possible inclusion in the VSP/EIS. In the VSP/EIS and its accompanying public review process, the National Park Service will formulate and evaluate the environmental impacts of a range of alternatives for interpretation, resource protection, facility development, and commercial services at developed areas within the park, including Rim Village, Mazama Village, and Cleetwood. The analysis will include determining the appropriate level, type, and location of these services and facilities. The VSP/EIS will also guide the management of the park concessions operations for the duration of the next concession contract.

Persons who may be interested in or affected by the proposed VSP/EIS are invited to participate in the scoping process by responding to this notice with written comments. All comments received will become part of the public record and copies of comments, including any names, addresses and telephone numbers provided by respondents, may be released for public

inspection. The scoping process will help define issues, concerns, and potential impacts to be addressed in the VSP/EIS. Public meetings to discuss, review and refine alternatives will be conducted in November 1996. The time and location of these meetings will be announced through the local media and the park's mailing list.

The draft plan and environmental impact statement are expected to be completed and available for public review by February 1997. The final plan, environmental impact statement, and Record of Decision are expected to be completed in September 1997.

Because the responsibility for approving the VSP/EIS has been delegated to the National Park Service, the EIS is a "delegated" EIS. The responsible official is Stanley T. Albright, Field Director, Pacific West Area, National Park Service.

DATES: Written comments about the scope of issues and impact topics to be analyzed in the VSP/EIS should be received by October 25, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments concerning the VSP/EIS should be sent to the Superintendent, Crater Lake National Park, P.O. Box 7, Crater Lake, Oregon 97604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent, Crater Lake National Park, at the above address or at telephone number (541) 594-2211 ext. 101.

Dated: September 23, 1996.

William C. Walters,

Deputy Field Director, Pacific West Area, National Park Service.

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Record of Decision; Final General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement; Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument, Idaho

ACTION: Notice of approval of Record of Decision.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the regulations promulgated by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR 1505.2), the Department of the Interior, National Park Service, has prepared a Record of Decision on the Final General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement for Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument in Twin Falls and Gooding Counties, Idaho. The National Park Service will implement the proposed action (Alternative 2) as described in the Final General

Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement.

DATES: The Record of Decision was recommended by the Superintendent of Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument, concurred by the Deputy Field Director, Pacific West Area, and approved by the Field Director, Pacific West Area, on September 18, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Inquiries regarding the Record of Decision or the Environmental Impact Statement should be submitted to the Superintendent, Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument, P.O. Box 570, Hagerman, Idaho 83332; telephone: (208) 837-4793.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The text of the Record of Decision follows:

Introduction

Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the regulations promulgated by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR 1505.2), the Department of the Interior, National Park Service, has prepared this Record of Decision on the Final General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement for Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument in Twin Falls and Gooding Counties, Idaho. The Record of Decision is a concise statement of the decisions made, other alternatives considered, the basis for the decision, the environmentally preferable alternative, the mitigating measures developed to avoid or minimize environmental harm, and public involvement in the decision making process.

The Decision (Selected Action)

The National Park Service will implement the proposed action (Alternative 2) as described in the Final General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/EIS) issued in July 1996. The Draft GMP/EIS was issued in November 1995.

The selected action (Alternative 2) will provide a plan for comprehensively meeting the monument's legislative mandate to provide a center for paleontological research and education, including the construction of a fully functional research center and museum. The National Park Service will perform professional research, educational, and resource management functions as peers and partners with various persons, institutions, and organizations that will help staff, fund, equip, and implement those functions. An institute will need to be established to help facilitate monument research and educational programs. The research center and museum will be integrated so that