

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 17, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ed Ruda, BLM Eastern States Office, 7450 Boston Boulevard, Springfield, Virginia 22153, 703-440-1671.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (1988) it is ordered as follows:

1. The Executive Order dated July 24, 1875, which withdrew public land for use as lighthouse purposes, is hereby revoked insofar as it affects the following described land:

Michigan Meridian

Point Betsie Lighthouse

T. 26 N., R. 16 W.,
Sec. 4, lot 10.

The area described contains 1.70 acres in Benzie County.

2. At 10:00 a.m. on April 17, 1997 the land will be opened to the operation of the public land laws generally, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. All valid applications received at or prior to 10 a.m. on April 17, 1997 shall be considered as simultaneously filed at that time. Those received thereafter shall be considered in the order of filing.

Dated: February 19, 1997

Bob Armstrong,

Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

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Filing of Plats of Survey: Oregon/ Washington

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The plats of survey of the following described lands are scheduled to be officially filed in the Oregon State Office, Portland, Oregon, thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this publication.

Willamette Meridian

Oregon

T. 9 S., R. 4 E., accepted January 31, 1997
T. 21 S., R. 1 W., accepted January 31, 1997
T. 16 S., R. 3 W., accepted January 24, 1997
T. 38 S., R. 4 W., accepted January 31, 1997
T. 32 S., R. 5 W., accepted January 31, 1997
T. 21 S., R. 9 W., accepted January 24, 1997
T. 23 S., R. 9 W., accepted January 24, 1997
T. 25 S., R. 13 W., accepted February 28, 1997

If protests against a survey, as shown on any of the above plat(s), are received

prior to the date of official filing, the filing will be stayed pending consideration of the protest(s). A plat will not be officially filed until the day after all protests have been dismissed and become final or appeals from the dismissal affirmed.

The plat(s) will be placed in the open files of the Oregon State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 1515 S.W. 5th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97201, and will be available to the public as a matter of information only. Copies of the plat(s) may be obtained from the above office upon required payment. A person or party who wishes to protest against a survey must file with the State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Portland, Oregon, a notice that they wish to protest prior to the proposed official filing date given above. A statement of reasons for a protest may be filed with the notice of protest to the State Director, or the statement of reasons must be filed with the State Director within thirty (30) days after the proposed official filing date.

The above-listed plats represent dependent resurveys, survey and subdivision.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Land Management, (1515 S.W. 5th Avenue) P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208.

Dated: March 7, 1997.

Robert D. DeViney, Jr.,

Chief, Branch of Realty and Records Services.

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National Park Service

Public Notice

SUMMARY: Public notice is hereby given that the National Park Service proposes to award a concession contract authorizing continued operation of commercially guided horse rides, for the public at Bryce Canyon National Park for a period of five (5) years from January 1, 1998 through December 31, 2002.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Offers will be accepted for sixty (60) days under the terms described in the Prospectus. The sixty (60) day application period will begin with the release of the Prospectus, which will occur on or before April 17, 1997. The actual release date of the Prospectus shall be the date of publication in the "Commerce Business Daily".

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should contact the Superintendent; Bryce Canyon National Park; P.O. Box 170001; Bryce Canyon, Utah 84717; to obtain a

copy of the Prospectus describing the requirements of the proposed contacts.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This contract renewal has been determined to be categorically excluded from the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act and no environmental document will be prepared.

The existing concessioner has performed its obligation to the satisfaction of the Secretary under an existing contract which expires by limitation of time on December 31, 1997. Therefore pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of October 9, 1965 (79 Stat. 969; 16 U.S.C. 20), the concessioner is entitled to be given preference in the renewal of the contract and in the award of a new contract providing that the existing concessioner submits a responsive offer (a timely offer which meets the terms and conditions of the Prospectus). This means that the contract will be awarded to the party submitting the best offer, provided that if the best offer was not submitted by the existing concessioner, then the existing concessioner will be afforded the opportunity to match the best offer. If the existing concessioner agrees to match the best offer, then the contract will be awarded to the existing concessioner.

If the existing concessioner does not submit a responsive offer, the right of preference in renewal shall be considered to have been waived, and the contract will then be awarded to the party that has submitted the best responsive offer.

The Secretary will consider and evaluate all offers received as a result of this notice. Any offer, including that of the existing concessioner, must be received by the Superintendent, Bryce Canyon National Park; P.O. Box 170001; Bryce Canyon, Utah 84717; not later than sixty (60) days following release of the Prospectus to be considered and evaluated.

Dated: March 7, 1997.

John T. Crowley.

Acting Director, Intermountain Region.

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National Preservation Technology and Training Board: Meeting

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting of the National Preservation Technology and Training Board.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee