

Leader, Intermountain Office of Concessions Management Support, Attention: Judy Jennings, National Park Service, 12795 West Alameda Parkway, P.O. Box 25287, Denver, Colorado, 80225-0287, or call: (303) 969-2661.

The following concession permit will be extended for one year: Rex G. Maughan and Ruth G. Maughan d/b/a/ Signal Mountain Lodge, CP-GRTE050-91.

The following concession permits will be extended for two years:

Great Salt Lake Council, Inc. d/b/a Boy Scouts of America, LP-GRTE043-91
Lost Creek Ranch, LP-GRTE040-91
C-H Corporation, LP-GRTE045-91
Gros Ventre River Ranch, LP-GRTE046-92
Trail Creek, LP-GRTE037-91

Concession contract CC-GRTE003-66 has expired. The National Park Service will not renew this contract for an extended period until planning can be completed to determine the future direction of concession services at Grand Teton National Park. This necessary planning process has begun and will have a direct affect on future concession activities. Included in this planning process is the development of a commercial services plan. It is anticipated that the park commercial services plan will be completed in 1999. Until planning is completed, it is not in the best interest of the park to enter into a long term concession contract. For these reasons, it is the intention of the National Park Service to issue a short term contract at this time, complete the planning process then conduct a public solicitation and selection of a concessioner for a longer contract period.

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John E. Cook,

Director, Intermountain Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Intent

AGENCY: National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Oil and Gas Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement for Padre Island National Seashore, Texas.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental

Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service is proposing to prepare an Oil and Gas Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement for Padre Island National Seashore in Kleberg, Kenedy, and Willacy Counties, Texas, and is initiating the scoping process for this document.

The Oil and Gas Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement is needed to address the issues of how the National Park Service can best protect resources and visitor use activities at Padre Island National Seashore while at the same time permitting surface use for oil and gas exploration, development, and transportation operations in the exercise of nonfederal oil and gas mineral rights. In the Oil and Gas Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement and its accompanying public review process, the National Park Service will formulate and evaluate the environmental impacts of a reasonable range of alternatives that will provide the greatest protection for sensitive resources and values at Padre Island National Seashore while allowing for cost-effect exploration of the private mineral estate. Distinct management issues include identifying which park resources and values are most sensitive to oil and gas exploration and development disturbance, defining impact mitigation requirements to protect such resources and values, establishing reasonable performance standards and providing pertinent information to oil and gas owners and operators that will facilitate operations planning and approval.

A public scoping newsletter will be mailed in June 1997; this newsletter will describe the planning process and seek public and agency input and suggestions. The general public and affected and interested parties are encouraged to identify issues and other reasonable alternatives that should be addressed in the Oil and Gas Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement.

An Open House meeting will be held on July 9, 1997, at the Onmi Bayfront, 900 N. Shoreline, Corpus Christi, Texas, in the Laguna Madre Room from 5:00-7:00 p.m.; the public and affected interested parties may request additional meetings in other Texas cities. These requests should be made no later than July 25, 1997.

If you would like to be placed on the mailing list or request a meeting in your city, contact: Project Coordinator PAIS O&GMP/EIS, c/o Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park, P.O. Box 329,

Johnson City, TX 78636 or (e:mail) Donna__O'Leary@nps.gov.

Dated: May 28, 1997.

Paul Eubank,

Acting Superintendent, Padre Island National Seashore.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Delaware and Lehigh Navigation Canal National Heritage Corridor Commission Meeting

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an upcoming meeting of the Delaware and Lehigh Navigation Canal National Heritage Corridor Commission. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463).

Meeting Date and Time: Wednesday, June 18, 1997; 6:00 p.m.

Address: Hugh Moore Park, Josiah White II Canal Boat, Lehigh Drive, Easton, PA 18042.

The agenda for the meeting will focus on implementation of the Management Action Plan for the Delaware and Lehigh Canal National Heritage Corridor and State Heritage Park. The Commission was established to assist the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and its political subdivisions in planning and implementing an integrated strategy for protecting and promoting cultural, historic and natural resources. The Commission reports to the Secretary of the Interior and to Congress.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Delaware and Lehigh Navigation Canal National Heritage Corridor Commission was established by Public Law 100-692, November 18, 1988.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Director of Finance and Development, Delaware and Lehigh Navigation Canal, National Heritage Corridor Commission, 10 E. Church Street, Room P-208, Bethlehem, PA 18018, (610) 861-9345.

Gerald R. Bastoni,

Executive Director, Delaware and Lehigh Navigation Canal NHC Commission.

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