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Target Authorization Body: The FGDC Steering Committee is the initial target authorization body for this standard. Once endorsed by the FGDC the intent is to seek ANSI endorsement of this standard.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 1, 1997.

CONTACT AND ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted via Internet mail or by submitting an electronic copy on diskette. Send comments via Internet to: gdc-raster@www.fgdc.gov. Comments e-mailed as attachments must be in ASCII format

A soft copy version may be submitted on a 3.5 x 3.5 diskette in WordPerfect 5.0 or 6.0/6.1 format, along with one hardcopy version of the comments, to the FGDC Secretariat (attn: Jennifer Fox) at U.S. Geological Survey, 590 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192.

Dated: July 29, 1997.

Richard E. Witmer,

Chief, National Mapping Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Technology Transfer Act of 1986

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposed Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) negotiations.

SUMMARY: The United States Geological Survey (USGS) is planning to enter into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with Sedona GeoServices, Inc., Limerick, Pennsylvania. The purpose of the CRADA is to jointly research and develop new algorithms and advanced methods of automatic contour vectorization. Any other organization interested in pursuing the possibility of a CRADA for similar kinds of activities should contact the USGS.

ADDRESSES: Inquiries may be addressed to the Acting Chief of Research, U.S. Geological Survey, National Mapping Division, 500 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192; Telephone (703) 648-4643, facsimile (703) 648-4706; Internet "ebrunsonusgs.gov".

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ernest B. Brunson, address above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is to meet the USGS requirement stipulated in the Survey Manual.

Dated: July 29, 1997.

Richard E. Witmer,

Chief, National Mapping Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK-962-1410-00-P]

Notice for Publication; [AA-9249]; Alaska Native Claims Selection

In accordance with Departmental regulation 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that a decision to issue conveyance under the provisions of Sec. 14(h)(1) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971, 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613(h)(1), will be issued to Calista Corporation for approximately 0.21 acre. The lands involved are in the vicinity of Nunivak Island, Alaska.

Seward Meridian, Alaska

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A notice of the decision will be published once a week, for four (4) consecutive weeks, in the *Anchorage Daily News*. Copies of the decision may be obtained by contacting the Alaska State Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599 ((907) 271-5960).

Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision, an agency of the Federal government or regional corporation,

shall have until September 8, 1997 to file an appeal. However, parties receiving service by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal. Appeals must be filed in the Bureau of Land Management at the address identified above, where the requirements for filing an appeal may be obtained. Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4, subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

Patricia A. Baker,

Land Law Examiner, ANCSA Team, Branch of 962 Adjudication.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-055-1220-00]

Camping Closure on Certain Public Lands Managed by the Bureau of Land Management Within the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area (NCA) Las Vegas District, Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Camping closure on selected public lands within the Red Rock Canyon NCA in Clark County, Nevada.

SUMMARY: The District Manager of the Las Vegas District announces a camping closure at Black Velvet Canyon within the Red Rock Canyon NCA.

The increased popularity of rock climbing in the Black Velvet Canyon area is causing a greater impact than in the past. Overnight camping is contributing to more illegal campfires, littering, and human waste than the resources can handle. Due to the primitive road condition accessing this area, it is not feasible to provide a supplemental toilet facility there, requiring regular service. The destruction of vegetation is the result of a rising number of out-of-bounds campers forced out of the limited area open to vehicles.

The close proximity of Mud Spring to the camping area invites more visitors to bathe there, thus resulting in the contamination of a vital water source for wild horses, desert bighorn sheep, and other wildlife native to the area.

In the fall of 1997 a new 100 space campground along State Route 159 is scheduled for completion, further relieving the impact to the public lands within the Conservation Area. With the exception of Black Velvet Canyon, other camping options currently available to