

lying outside of the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness and Yellowstone National Park boundaries.

T. 8 S., R. 15 E.,

Secs. 30 to 32, those portions lying outside of the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Boundary.

T. 9 S., R. 15 E.,

Sec. 5, that portion lying outside of the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Boundary;

Secs. 6 and 7;

Secs. 8 and 17, those portions lying outside of the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Boundary;

Secs. 18 to 21, inclusive;

Sec. 22, lots 1, 2, and 3, N $\frac{1}{2}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and bed of Kersey Lake riparian to lots 1, 2, and 3;

Sec. 23, lots 2 and 3, N $\frac{1}{2}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and bed of Kersey Lake riparian to lots 2 and 3;

Sec. 26, bed of Kersey Lake riparian to the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 27, lots 1 and 2, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and bed of Kersey Lake riparian to lots 1 and 2;

Sec. 28, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, lots 6 to 9 inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and those portions of lot 5 and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  lying outside of the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Boundary;

Secs. 29 to 32, inclusive;

Secs. 33 and 34, those portions lying outside of the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Boundary.

The areas described aggregate approximately 22,065 acres in Park County.

2. All non-Federal lands lying within the area described in paragraph 1, if subsequently acquired by the United States, will be subject to the terms and conditions of this withdrawal. The areas aggregate approximately 4,158 acres in Park County.

3. The withdrawal made by this order does not alter the applicability of those public land laws governing the use of lands under lease, license, or permit, or governing the disposal of their mineral or vegetative resources other than under the mining and mineral leasing laws, except oil and gas.

4. This withdrawal will expire 20 years from the effective date of this order unless, as a result of a review conducted before the expiration date pursuant to Section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f) (1994), the Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be extended.

Dated: August 14, 1997.

**Bob Armstrong,**

*Assistant Secretary of the Interior.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Notice of Scoping; Fort Baker Comprehensive Plan, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, San Francisco County, California

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 et. seq.) that a public scoping process has been initiated to prepare a comprehensive plan-environmental document for the developed area at Fort Baker. The purpose of the scoping process is to elicit advance public comment regarding pertinent issues and concerns, suitable range of alternatives, nature and extent of potential environmental impacts, and other factors which should be addressed.

The responsible official is John J. Reynolds, Regional Director, Pacific West Region, National Park Service. At this time, it is anticipated the draft comprehensive plan-environmental document will be available for public review in spring, 1998, and that the final comprehensive plan-environmental document will be completed in summer, 1998.

#### Background

Fort Baker is a site within the boundary of Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA), a unit of the National Park System. Portions of the site, including over 70 acres of land and 50 historic buildings currently under the jurisdiction of the Army, will be transferred to the National Park Service (NPS) by 2001.

Current concepts for use of this area which were approved in the 1980 General Management Plan (GMP) include: use of the historic buildings as a conference center; removal of a wooden bulkhead to restore a portion of beach; and waterfront landscape improvements to better accommodate park visitors. The GMP also envisioned removing non-historic buildings and providing parking.

As one of the initial steps in this comprehensive plan-environmental analysis process, a Scoping Document will be distributed on August 13, 1997. The main topics addressed in the document are: pertinent background information; identification of issues related to the planning process (such as reuse options for historic buildings which will be transferred); possible site improvements in a 6 (six) acre waterfront area; and re-evaluation of key Fort Baker concepts set forth in the 1980 GMP.

## Comments

As noted, the NPS will undertake a Fort Baker area environmental analysis effort to address new building uses, possible site improvements, and potential impacts. At this time, it has not been determined whether an Environmental Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement shall subsequently be prepared. However, this scoping process will aid in the preparation of either document.

Interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to provide comments or suggestions. Written comments about the Scoping Document must be postmarked no later than September 13, 1997. To request a copy of the document or to provide comments, please contact: General Superintendent, GGNRA at Fort Mason, Building 201, San Francisco, California 94123 (telephone (415) 561-4844 or email fortbaker@NPS.gov.)

Dated: August 1, 1997.

**Sondra S. Humphries,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare; Environmental Impact Statement & General Management Plan; Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area; Los Angeles & Ventura Counties, CA

**SUMMARY:** The National Park Service (NPS) in partnership with the California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR) and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) is initiating a conservation planning and impact analysis process to identify strategies for future management of Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. As part of this process and in accordance with § 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (Pub. L. 91-90, as amended), the NPS will be preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and General Management Plan (GMP) to present information on the natural, cultural, and socioeconomic resources in the park, to outline alternative management strategies, to analyze potential impacts that may result from implementing these strategies, and to identify appropriate mitigation measures.

The GMP will establish a framework for how natural and cultural resources,