predation on plants and loss of pollinators; and natural events such as landslides, erosion, rockslides, and flash floods.

The objective of this plan is to provide a framework for the recovery of these three taxa so that protection by the Act is no longer necessary. Recovery efforts will focus on increasing monitoring, establishing ex situ collections of seeds and plants in botanical gardens, conducting applied research, controlling threats, increasing numbers on Nihoa, and exploring the feasibility and desirability of establishing the taxa on other Hawaiian islands.

Public Comments Solicited

The Service solicits written comments on the recovery plan described. All comments received by the date specified above will be considered prior to approval of this plan.

Authority

The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).


Thomas J. Dwyer,
Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 1.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Realty Action; Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice of Realty Action; Nevada

T. 33 N., R. 52 E., Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

1,219,758 acres, more or less.

SUMMARY: Notice of a direct sale of Federal land for the purpose of balancing national historical park and balancing economic development.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is offering for sale certain Federal lands to the City of Elko, Nevada, for $1.00 per acre. The proposed action is available for review at the Elko Field Office, 3900 E. Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada.

SUMMARY: Notice of Realty Action; Nevada

For a period of 45 days from the date of publication in the Federal Register, the lands will be segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, but not the mineral leasing laws or disposals pursuant to Sections 203 and 209 of FLPMA. The segregation shall terminate upon issuance of a patent or other evidence of conveyance, upon publication in the Federal Register of a Notice of Termination of Segregation, or 270 days from date of this publication, whichever occurs first.

For a period of 45 days from the date of publication in the Federal Register, interested parties may submit comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Elko Field Office, 3900 E. Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada 89801. Any adverse comments will be evaluated by the State Director, who may sustain, vacate or modify this realty action and issue a final determination. In the absence of timely filed objections, this realty action will become a final determination of the Department of the Interior.


Helen Hankins,
District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Keweenaw National Historical Park, Draft Environmental Impact Statement/General Management Plan

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of draft environmental impact statement and General Management Plan for the Keweenaw National Historical Park, located in Houghton County, Michigan.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and General Management Plan (GMP) for the Keweenaw National Historical Park. The DEIS responds to Public Law 102-543, establishing Keweenaw National Historical Park. This notice also announces public meetings for the purpose of receiving public comments on the DEIS. This DEIS for the GMP presents a proposal and three alternative strategies for guiding future management of the national historical park and balancing resource protection and public use. The major subject areas are, cultural resources, visitor experience, park management and operations, and the establishment of a public partnership.

Alternative 1 presents a continuation of existing trends and management, and projects these conditions into the foreseeable future, providing a basis to evaluate the other alternatives. Alternative 2, the “community assistance alternative,” would place the community at the forefront of implementing preservation actions and interpretive programs at sites in the park. The NPS would play a major support role, providing a comprehensive program of technical and financial assistance to the community to help make their actions a success. Under alternative 3, the “traditional park in the core industrial areas” alternative, the NPS would establish a very visible and traditional presence in the core industrial areas in each unit. The NPS would lease or acquire one or more buildings in each unit for visitor use and administration services. Other significant properties within the core industrial areas of the Calumet and Quincy units could be leased or purchased and interpreted when funding and staffing levels were adequate. The proposed action (alternative 4) is a blend of the community assistance alternative, number 2, and a refinement of the more traditional national park alternative, number 3. Through selected acquisition and other preservation tools, the NPS would have a strong public presence in both park units. Through community assistance, the NPS would be a contributing member of a very organized and active partnership of local government and community groups. The DEIS evaluates the potential environmental impacts associated with the four alternatives.

DATES: Comments on the DEIS should be received no later than October 31, 1997. Public meetings regarding the DEIS will be held at 7:00 p.m. on September 22 and 23, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the DEIS shall be submitted to the Superintendent, Keweenaw National Historical Park, 100 Red Jacket Road, Second Floor, Calumet, Michigan, 49913.

Public meetings will be held at the following locations:

Calumet High School All Purpose Room, Calumet, Michigan 7:00 p.m., September 22, 1997.

Finnish-American Heritage Center, Suomi College campus, Hancock,
Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) assessing the potential impacts of the General Management Plan (GMP) for San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park, San Francisco, California. Once approved, the plan will guide management of the park over the next 15 to 20 years.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement/General Management Plan (DEIS/GMP) was released for public review on July 25, 1996. A Notice of Availability was published in the Federal Register on August 2, 1996 to formally initiate a 60 day public review period (which closed on October 3, 1996). During this period, two public meetings were held with the park’s Advisory Commission and written comments were also received. The FEIS/GMP contains responses to the comments received and minor modifications or clarifications to the document as needed in response to the comments.

Alternative A (the proposed action) would provide a plan for the preservation and maintenance of the park’s collection, including the fleet of historic vessels, small watercraft, historic structures, library, and archival materials. Minimal measures to slow down deterioration of the steam schooner Wapama would be implemented, but the vessel’s underlying structural decay would not be addressed. The ship would be dismantled when it could no longer be maintained in a safe condition. However, before this action would be taken, efforts would be made to seek out other agencies or private organizations interested in reconstructing or preserving Wapama as a drydeth exhibit. The park would pursue multiple strategies for major ship restoration, such as continued use of commercial shipyards and appropriate agreements with San Francisco Bay Area dry dock facilities. Greater use of the park’s collection by the public for research and interpretive purposes would be provided through the use of additional facilities, including rehabilitation of the Haslett Warehouse. The intersection at Hyde and Jefferson Streets would be redesigned to enhance pedestrian access and visibility of the pier and historic ships and to expand interpretive opportunities. Aquatic Park would be enhanced and maintained as a public open space, and recreational activities in the lagoon such as swimming, rowing, and the temporary mooring of sailboats would continue to be provided to all users. Park volunteer programs would be enhanced and visitors would be encouraged to experience other related sites in the San Francisco Bay Area.

In addition to the proposed action, two alternatives were considered. Alternative B emphasized preservation and maintenance of the historic ships, small watercraft, historic structures, library, and archival materials (as would Alternative A). Space would be upgraded and expanded for the park’s collection. The park would pursue multiple strategies for major ship restoration work. Under Alternative B the intersection of Hyde and Jefferson Streets would be developed further as an expanded-permanent pedestrian plaza with public seating, unobstructed views of the ships and Bay, and additional space for interpretive demonstrations, displays, and public programs. Alternative C (No Action-Minimum Requirements) would continue current management strategies, with minimal actions implemented to stabilize and preserve the park’s collection and historic properties.

The environmental consequences of the proposed action and the alternatives were fully documented in the DEIS/GMP, and mitigation provided as appropriate to minimize impacts. The FEIS/GMP provides additional information on mitigation measures for the Wapama and other historic properties in the final Programmatic Agreement between the California State Historic Preservation Office, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the NPS.

Supplementary Information: It should be noted that this FEIS/GMP is an “abbreviated” final environmental impact statement (changes from the DEIS/GMP are minor, with no modification of the alternatives and no new information which might have a significant effect on the environment). The FEIS/GMP was prepared in accordance with environmental regulations set forth at 40 CFR 1503.4(c). It is recommended that readers of the FEIS/GMP have available a copy of the DEIS/GMP. The “no-action” period for this FEIS/GMP will end thirty (30) days after the Environmental Protection Agency has listed the availability of the document in the Federal Register. For further information, please contact the Superintendent, San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park, National Park Service, Building E, Fort Mason, San Francisco, California, 94123; telephone (415) 556–1659.

Copies of the FEIS/GMP will be available for public inspection at the headquarters office of San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park (contact info above), as well as at area