

ROW grant and an adjacent Temporary Use Permit (TUP) for subsequent construction, operation and maintenance of the 292 mile-long TransColorado Gas Transmission pipeline from Meeker, Colorado to Bloomfield, New Mexico. Under the authority of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 185), as amended by the Act of November 16, 1973 (37 Stat. 567), the BLM issued a 50 foot-wide ROW grant on December 4, 1997, accompanied by a 25 foot-wide TUP, excepting 1.7 miles near Grand Junction, Colorado. The FERC issued TransColorado a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity on June 3, 1994. TransColorado completed the 22.5 mile Phase I of the project in December, 1996. The proponent is now prepared to construct the remainder of the pipeline during 1998. TransColorado is requesting approval of additional temporary work areas to construct the pipeline, and is requesting that the existing ROW be amended to accommodate the proposed route changes and minor realignments (less than 100 ft). Public meetings or open houses may be conducted during the comment period to gather comments from the public prior to preparation of the supplement. Public notice of locations, dates, and times of any meetings to be held will be provided. Maps and plats of the project are available for public review at the following offices of the BLM and USFS: the Grand Junction District Office, the Montrose District Office, the Grand Mesa/Uncompahgre/Gunnison National Forest Office, the San Juan National Forest/San Juan Resource Area office, and the Farmington District Office. The level of public interest in the issues of the supplement to the FEIS will determine if additional meetings will be held.

Dated: November 7, 1997.

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Dated: November 17, 1997.

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Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Prineville District; John Day River, OR: Special Recreation Permits

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Department of the Interior (DOI), Prineville District.

ACTION: Notice is hereby given that the existing moratorium on the issuance of new commercial floatboating permits for the John Day River will be extended until completion of the John Day Wild and Scenic River Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement.

The current moratorium on the issuance of new Special Recreation Permits for commercial boating use of the John Day Wild and Scenic River has been extended by Administrative Decision (dated November 12, 1997). The moratorium will remain in effect until the completion of the John Day Wild and Scenic River Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement.

The BLM is currently in the process of completing the John Day Wild and Scenic River Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement. This plan addresses management issues within the Wild and Scenic corridor, including the desired use level of commercial floatboating. To allow the desired use level of to be determined by the planning process, application for new commercial boating permits will not be accepted until further notice.

Decisions made by the plan will direct the future availability of commercial floatboating permits for the John Day Wild and Scenic River.

The authority for this decision comes from 43 CFR 8372.0-3: Authority, 8372.1-1: Public lands, general, and 8372.3 Issuance of permits.

A more specific location of public lands covered by this notice may be obtained at the BLM Prineville District Office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Dated: November 12, 1997.

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Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Concession Contract Negotiations: Gateway National Recreation Area; Staten Island, Fort Wadsworth

SUMMARY: Public notice is hereby given that the National Park Service proposes to award a concession contract authorizing food service, and conference center facilities and services for the public at Fort Wadsworth within the Staten Island Unit of Gateway National Recreation Area for a period of ten (10) years from date of contract execution.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 20, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should contact National Park Service, Boston Support Office, Concession Management Program, 15 State Street, Boston, MA 02109-3572 ATTN: Lynne Koser, Telephone (617) 223-5209, to obtain a copy of the prospectus describing the requirements of the proposed contract.

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

There is no existing concessioner. The Secretary will consider and evaluate all proposals received as a result of this notice. Any proposal must be received by the National Park Service, Boston Support Office, Concession Management Program, 15 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02109-3572, not later than the sixtieth (60th) day following publication of this notice to be considered and evaluated.

Dated: November 3, 1997.

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Acting Field Director, Northeast Field Area.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Draft Environmental Impact Statement/General Management Plan Amendment for Backcountry and Wilderness Management Plan, Joshua Tree National Park, San Bernardino County, CA; Notice of Availability

SUMMARY: Pursuant to § 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub. L. 81-190 as amended), the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, has prepared a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS)