

Dixie Project, is hereby revoked insofar as it affects the following described land:

**Salt Lake Meridian**

T. 42 S., R. 14 W.,

Sec. 3, lots 5 to 7, inclusive, lots 9 to 14, inclusive, and lots 17 to 20, inclusive;

Sec. 4, lots 6 to 8, inclusive;

Sec. 9, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 10, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, lots 7 to 9, inclusive, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 11, lot 2;

Sec. 15, lot 2;

Sec. 17, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described contains 1,389.22 acres in Washington County.

2. At 9 a.m. on January 26, 1998, the land will be opened to the operation of the public land laws generally, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. All valid applications received at or prior to 9 a.m. on January 26, 1998, shall be considered as simultaneously filed at that time. Those received thereafter shall be in the order of filing.

3. At 9 a.m. on January 26, 1998, the land will be opened to location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. Appropriation of any land described in this order under the general mining laws prior to the date and time of restoration is unauthorized. Any such attempted appropriation, including attempted adverse possession under 30 U.S.C. 38 (1994), shall vest no rights against the United States. Acts required to establish a location and to initiate a right of possession are governed by State law where not in conflict with Federal law. The Bureau of Land Management will not intervene in disputes between rival locators over possessory rights since Congress has provided for such determinations in local courts.

Dated: December 24, 1997.

**Bob Armstrong,**

*Assistant Secretary of the Interior.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[CA-940-5700-00; CACA 39112]

**Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; California**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management proposes to withdraw 57,459.18 acres of National Forest System lands in Fresno and Tulare Counties to protect 24 groves of Giant Sequoia trees. The proposed withdrawal is mandated by Presidential Proclamation Number 6457 of July 14, 1992. This notice closes the lands for up to 2 years from mining, and the operation of the mineral leasing laws and the Materials Act of 1947.

**DATES:** Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by April 9, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** State Director, BLM (CA-931), 2135 Butano Drive, Sacramento, California 95825-0451.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Either Duane Marti, BLM California State Office, 916-978-4675, or Erik T. Ostly, Sequoia National Forest, Forest Service, 209-784-1500, extension 1136.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 30, 1997, the Sequoia National Forest, Forest Service, filed an application to withdraw the following described National Forest System lands from location and entry under the United States mining laws (30 U.S.C. Ch. 2), and from the operation of the mineral leasing laws and the Materials Act of 1947, subject to valid existing rights:

**Mount Diablo Meridian, California**

**(a). Converse Basin Giant Sequoia Grove**

T. 13 S., R. 27 E.,

Sec. 1, lots 9 to 12, inclusive, and S $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

Sec. 2, lots 9 to 12, inclusive, and S $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

Sec. 11, all;

Sec. 12, all;

Sec. 13, all;

Sec. 14, E $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

Sec. 24, N $\frac{1}{2}$ .

T. 12 S., R. 28 E.,

Sec. 31, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 32, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

T. 13 S., R. 28 E.,

Sec. 4, lots 1 to 20, inclusive, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 5, lots 1 to 20, inclusive, and S $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

Sec. 6, lots 13 to 22, inclusive, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 7, lots 1, 3, and 4, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 8, W $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

Sec. 17, W $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

Sec. 18, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, E $\frac{1}{2}$ , and E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

Sec. 19, lot 1.

The area described contains 8,776.21 acres in Fresno County.

**(b). Agnew Giant Sequoia Grove**

T. 13 S., R. 29 E.,

Sec. 13, all;

Sec. 23, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 24, N $\frac{1}{2}$ .

The area described contains 1,000 acres in Fresno County.

**(c). Evans Complex Giant Sequoia Grove**

T. 13 S., R. 29 E.,

Sec. 7, Lots 3 and 4, E $\frac{1}{2}$ , and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 8, all;

Sec. 9, S $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

Sec. 10, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 15, W $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

Sec. 16, all;

Sec. 17, all;

Sec. 18, lots 1 and 2, E $\frac{1}{2}$ , and E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 20, N $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

Sec. 21, N $\frac{1}{2}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 22, all;

Sec. 23, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 26, W $\frac{1}{2}$  and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 27, all;

Sec. 28, all;

Sec. 34, N $\frac{1}{2}$  and N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

Sec. 35, N $\frac{1}{2}$ .

The area described contains 7,959.29 acres in Fresno County.

**(d). Cherry Gap Giant Sequoia Grove**

T. 13 S., R. 28 E.,

Sec. 19, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 20, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 29, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 30, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described contains 800 acres in Fresno County.

**(e). Landslide Giant Sequoia Grove**

T. 13 S., R. 29 E.,

Sec. 29, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 30, lots 3 and 4, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 31, lots 1 and 2, NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 32, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described contains 838.92 acres in Fresno County.

**(f). Indian Basin Giant Sequoia Grove**

T. 13 S., R. 28 E.,

Sec. 4, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 8, E $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

Sec. 9, all;

Sec. 16, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 17, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described contains 1,440 acres in Fresno County.

**(g). Abbott Creek Giant Sequoia Grove**

T. 13 S., R. 28 E.,

Sec. 30, lots 3 and 4, and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described contains 159.95 acres in Fresno County.

**(h). Grant Giant Sequoia Grove**

T. 13 S., R. 27 E.,

Sec. 25, S $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
Sec. 36, all.

The area described contains 960 acres in Fresno County.

**(i). Bearskin Giant Sequoia Grove**

T. 13 S., R. 28 E.,

Sec. 34, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 35, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described contains 480 acres in Fresno County.

**(j). Big Stump Giant Sequoia Grove**

T. 14 S., R. 28 E.,

Sec. 7, lots 1 to 4, 7 to 8, 13 to 16, all inclusive, and E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
Sec. 18, lots 1 and 2, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described contains 765.75 acres in Tulare County.

**(k). Redwood Mountain Giant Sequoia Grove**

T. 14 S., R. 28 E.,

Sec. 10, N $\frac{1}{2}$  and portion of N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 16, NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and W $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
Sec. 17, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 20, E $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
Sec. 21, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 27, portion of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and portion of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 28, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The areas described aggregate 2,310 acres in Tulare County.

**(l). Dillonwood Giant Sequoia Grove**

T. 19 S., R. 30 E.,

Sec. 2, E $\frac{1}{2}$  and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 4, lots 3 and 6, W $\frac{1}{2}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 9, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 10, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
Sec. 11, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described contains 2,108 acres in Tulare County.

**(m). Mountain Home Giant Sequoia Grove**

T. 19 S., R. 30 E.,

Sec. 13, E $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
Sec. 23, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 24, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 25, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 26, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
Sec. 27, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 35, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$  and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 36, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

T. 20 E., R. 30 E.,

Sec. 1, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 2, lots 1 to 3, inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 3, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

T. 19 S., R. 31 E.,

Sec. 7, lots 3 and 4, and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 18, lots 1 and 2, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 19, lots 1 and 2, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 20, N $\frac{1}{2}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 28, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 29, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  and S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
Sec. 30, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 31, E $\frac{1}{2}$  and E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 32, N $\frac{1}{2}$  and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 33, N $\frac{1}{2}$ .

T. 20 S., R. 31 E.,

Sec. 5, lots 3 and 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 6, lots 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The areas described aggregate 6,617.34 acres in Tulare County.

**(n). Alder Creek Giant Sequoia Grove**

T. 20 S., R. 31 E.,

Sec. 8, E $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
Sec. 9, NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and S $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
Sec. 17, E $\frac{1}{2}$ .

The area described contains 1,120 acres in Tulare County.

**(o). Belknap Complex Giant Sequoia Grove**

T. 20 S., R. 31 E.,

Sec. 34, E $\frac{1}{2}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 35, W $\frac{1}{2}$  and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 36, all except for portion of W $\frac{1}{2}$ .

T. 21 S., R. 31 E.,

Sec. 1, lots 5 to 7, inclusive, portions of Tracts 37, 39, 41, and 42, Tracts 38 and 40;  
Sec. 2, lots 1 to 14, inclusive, portions of Tracts 39 and 42, Tract 43, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 3, lots 1 to 7, inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 10, lots 1 and 2, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 11, lots 1 and 2, portion of Tract 42, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 12, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, portions of Tracts 41 and 42, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

T. 21 S., R. 32 E.,

Sec. 6, lots 7 to 15, inclusive, portions of Tracts 37 and 40, and Tract 39;

Sec. 7, lots 5 to 14, inclusive, Tracts 41 to 43, inclusive, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 8, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 17, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 18, lots 5 to 10, inclusive, Tracts 42 and 43, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described contains 6,412.38 acres in Tulare County.

**(p). Freeman Creek Giant Sequoia Grove**

T. 20 S., R. 32 E.,

Sec. 20, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 21, S $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
Sec. 22, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 27, W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
Sec. 28, all;  
Sec. 29, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
Sec. 32, all;

Sec. 33, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
Sec. 34, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 35, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

T. 21 S., R. 32 E.,

Sec. 2, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 3, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, and S $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

Sec. 4, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 5, lots 8 and 9;

Sec. 9, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 10, N $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

Sec. 11, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described contains 5,728.83 acres in Tulare County.

**(q). Black Mountain Giant Sequoia Grove**

T. 21 S., R. 30 E.,

Sec. 1, lots 12 to 14, inclusive, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 11, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 12, lots 1 to 11, inclusive, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 13, lot 1;

Sec. 14, lot 1.

T. 20 S., R. 31 E.,

Sec. 31, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

T. 21 S., R. 31 E.,

Sec. 5, lot 4, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

Sec. 6, lots 5 to 10, inclusive, Tract 44, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 7, Tracts 45 to 47, inclusive, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 8, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 9, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 16, N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 17, N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

Sec. 18, lots 5, 7, and 9, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$

The area described contains 3,699.17 acres in Tulare County.

**(r). Red Hill Giant Sequoia Grove**

T. 21 S., R. 31 E.,

Sec. 21, lot 7;

Sec. 22, lots 3 to 5, inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 23, lots 3 and 4, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 26, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 27, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ , and E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

Sec. 28, lots 5 to 8, inclusive.

The area described contains 1,148.01 acres in Tulare County.

**(s). Peyrone Giant Sequoia Grove**

T. 21 S., R. 31 E.,

Sec. 33, lot 8;

Sec. 34, lots 4 to 7, inclusive, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 35, lot 4, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

T. 22 S., R. 31 E.,

Sec. 2, lots 3 and 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 3, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 4, lots 7 to 10, inclusive;

Sec. 9, lots 5, 7, and 8;

Sec. 10, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and S $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

Sec. 15, N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

Sec. 16, lot 5.

The areas described aggregate 1,827.95 acres in Tulare County.

**(t). Long Meadow Giant Sequoia Grove**

T. 22 S., R. 31 E.,

Sec. 26, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

Sec. 27, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 34, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 35, N $\frac{1}{2}$  and N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ .

The area described contains 1,120 acres in Tulare County.

**(u). Cunningham Giant Sequoia Grove**

T. 22 S., R. 32 E.,

Sec. 30, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 31, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described contains 160 acres in Tulare County.

**(v). Starvation Giant Sequoia Grove**

T. 23 S., R. 31 E.,  
Sec. 9, lot 4;  
Sec. 10, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 15, lots 3 to 6, inclusive;  
Sec. 16, lots 1 to 3, W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ .

The area described contains 559.80 acres in Tulare County.

**(w). Packsaddle Giant Sequoia Grove**

T. 23 S., R. 31 E.,  
Sec. 13, W $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
Sec. 14, E $\frac{1}{2}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 23, lots 1 and 8;  
Sec. 24, lots 2 to 7, inclusive.

The area described contains 1,160.29 acres in Tulare County.

**(x). Deer Creek Giant Sequoia Grove**

T. 23 S., R. 31 E.,  
Sec. 34, lot 7;  
Sec. 35, lot 1.  
T. 24 S., R. 31 E.,  
Sec. 2, lot 4, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 3, lot 1, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described contains 307.29 acres in Tulare County.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to protect 24 naturally occurring old-growth Giant Sequoia groves, pursuant to Presidential Proclamation Number 6457 of July 14, 1992.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing to the California State Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the California State Director within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2300.

For a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that

date. The temporary uses which may be permitted during this segregative period are those which are determined to be compatible with the use of the lands by the Forest Service.

Dated: December 29, 1997.

**David McIlroy,**

*Chief, Branch of Lands.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**National Park Service**

**Concession Contract, VA**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Public Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Public notice is hereby given that the National Park Service proposes to award a concession contract authorizing retail sales for the public in Yorktown, Virginia within Colonial National Historical park for a period of five (5) years from date of contract execution.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 10, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties should contact National Park Service, Colonial National Historical Park, P.O. Box 210, Yorktown, VA 23690, or phone (757) 898-3400, 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.

The existing concessioner has performed its obligation to the satisfaction of the Secretary under an existing contract which expired by limitation of time on December 31, 1990, and therefore pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of October 9, 1965 (79 Stat. 969; 16 U.S.C. 20), is entitled to be given preference in the renewal of the contract and in the negotiation of a new contract, providing that the existing concessioner submits a responsive offer (a timely offer which meets the terms and conditions of the Prospectus). This means that the contract will be awarded to the party submitting the best offer, provided that if the best offer was not submitted by the existing concessioner, then the existing concessioner will be afforded the opportunity to match the best offer. If the existing concessioner agrees to match the best offer, then the contract will be awarded to the existing concessioner.

If the existing concessioner does not submit a responsive offer, the right of preference in renewal shall be considered to have been waived, and the contract will then be awarded to the party that has submitted the best responsive offer.

The Secretary will consider and evaluate all proposals received as a result of this notice. Any proposal, including that of the existing concessioner, must be received by the Superintendent, Colonial National Historical Park, not later than the sixtieth (60th) day following publication of this notice to be considered and evaluated.

Dated: December 19, 1998.

**Alec Gould,**

*Superintendent, Colonial National Historical Park.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**National Park Service**

**Subsistence Resource Commission Meeting**

**SUMMARY:** The Superintendent of Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve and the Chairperson of the Subsistence Resource Commission for Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve announce a forthcoming meeting of the Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve Subsistence Resource Commission.

The following agenda items will be discussed:

- (1) Call to order.
- (2) Roll call.
- (3) Approval of summary of minutes from April 29—May 1, 1997 meeting.
- (4) Review agenda.
- (5) Superintendent's introduction of guests and review of Commission function and purpose.
- (6) Superintendent's management/research reports.
  - a. Administration and management.
  - b. Park operations.
  - c. Resource management.
  - d. Subsistence program.
- (7) Public and agency comments.
- (8) Old business.
  - a. Correspondence.
  - b. Federal Subsistence Program update: 1997-1998 regulatory changes.
  - c. National Park Service Subsistence Program document.
  - d. Review of Subsistence Management Plan (draft).
- (9) New business.
  - a. Election of officers.
  - b. Other park Subsistence Resource Commission actions.