

period of 30 days from the publication date of this notice in the Office of the Superintendent, Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, 365 Canal Street, Suite 2400, New Orleans, Louisiana and will be sent upon written request.

DATES: This seismic operation is anticipated to take place during the months of April, May, or June and will last approximately six weeks within the park.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent, Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, 365 Canal Street, Suite 2400, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130, Telephone: (504) 589-3882.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In compliance with 36 CFR 9B "Non-federal Oil and Gas Rights," Burlington Resources Corporation is proposing to conduct a three dimensional seismic survey encompassing approximately 50 square miles in Jefferson and St. Charles Parishes, Louisiana. A portion of this proposed survey occupies an area of 5,760 acres within the Barataria Preserve Unit of Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve. A Plan of Operation and Environmental Assessment has been prepared cooperatively by Burlington Resources and the National Park Service. This documents the actions required to accomplish the three dimensional seismic survey while avoiding and minimizing adverse environmental impact to park resources.

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Daniel W. Brown,

Regional Director, Southeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Final Environmental Impact Statement for Saint Croix Island International Historic Site General Management Plan

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Availability for 30 days of Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for general management plan at Saint Croix Island International Historic Site located in Calais, Washington County, Maine, U.S.A. The National Park Service will take no action concurrent with the availability of the FEIS after which time a Record of Decision will be prepared.

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 Final Environmental Impact Statement for actions described in the final draft general management plan for Saint Croix Island International Historic Site. The FEIS is bound with the final draft general management plan and final draft plans for interpretation and land protection that will be implemented when a Record of Decision is finalized.

St. Croix Island is the 1604 site of the first French attempt to colonize the territory called Acadia and the location of one of the earliest European settlements in North America. Saint Croix Island International Historic Site was authorized as a national monument in 1949, dedicated in 1968, and redesignated an international historic site (IHS) in 1984. It is the only IHS in the National Park System. A memorandum of understanding between Canada and the United States recognizes the international significance of the site and commits both nations to joint planning and commemoration.

Four alternatives for the future management of Saint Croix Island IHS were presented and evaluated in the draft general management plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement. After considering public and agency comment, the NPS modified the preferred alternative to pursue cooperative development of a regional visitor center in downtown Calais with local, state, and other federal agencies. The FEIS considers the consequences of the actions recommended by the Saint Croix Island IHS final draft general management plan on cultural resources; visitor use and experience; natural resources; the socioeconomic environment; and NPS operations and administration.

DATES: The FEIS is available for a period of 30 days, March 20, 1998, through April 20, 1998.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public reading copies of the FEIS will be available for review at the Department of Interior Natural Resources Library, 1849 C. Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240, and at Acadia National Park Headquarters, Eagle Lake Road, Bar Harbor, Maine, 04609.

For further information contact the Superintendent, Acadia National Park, P.O. Box 177, Bar Harbor, Maine, 04609; voice at (207) 288-5472; fax at (207) 288-5507; e-mail to acadplanning@nps.gov.

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Superintendent, Acadia National Park.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Spruce Creek Access Proposal and Environmental Impact Statement, Denali National Park and Preserve, Alaska

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) is preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) to evaluate an application for a right-of-way permit to a private inholding on Spruce Creek in the Kantishna Hills of Denali National Park and Preserve. The application for the right-of-way was submitted by the owner of the inholding pursuant to the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of 1980 (ANILCA), Title XI, Section 1110(b) and the implementing regulations at 43 CFR Part 36. The application states that the right-of-way would provide access for the inholder to construct and operate a remote backcountry lodge.

On January 7, 1998, the NPS accepted a complete application for access to a 20-acre parcel on Spruce Creek (Spruce 4) for the proposed purposes. The proposed access route would follow a nine-mile, single-track gravel road from mile 88 of the Denali Park Road to the private inholding, and would cross Moose Creek 24 times and Spruce Creek four times. The applicant also requested use of an airstrip near Glen Creek for an alternate method of transportation. ANILCA Title XI, Section 1110(b) provides that the Secretary of the Interior shall give "* * * such rights as may be necessary to assure adequate and feasible access for economic and other purposes to the concerned land by such State or private owner and their successors in interest." Implementing regulations (43 CFR Part 36) define *adequate and feasible access* as "* * * a route and method of access that is shown to be reasonably necessary and economically practicable but not necessarily the least costly alternative for achieving the use and development by the applicant on the applicant's non-federal land or occupancy interest."

Possible alternatives to the proposed access to be considered in the EIS include: (1) construction of a new road on the north side of Moose Creek and air access via an airstrip near Glen Creek; (2) vehicle access only over a ridge-top route (Skyline Drive) to a point east of Glacier Creek and construction of a new road down a ridge to Spruce Creek; (3) air access only, with construction of a new airstrip near Spruce Creek; and (4) no action.

Primary issues to be addressed by the EIS are visitor access; environmental