

will be available to the public as a matter of information only. Copies of the plat(s) may be obtained from the above office upon required payment. A person or party who wishes to protest against a survey must file with the State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Portland, Oregon, a notice that they wish to protest prior to the proposed official filing date given above. A statement of reasons for a protest may be filed with the notice of protest to the State Director, or the statement of reasons must be filed with the State Director within thirty (30) days after the proposed official filing date.

The above-listed plats represent dependent resurveys, survey and subdivision. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bureau of Land Management, (1515 S.W., 5th Avenue) P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208.

Dated: September 9, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Intention To Extend Public Review Period for National Park Service Reference Manual #41: Wilderness Preservation and Management

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.
ACTION: Public notice.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) is converting and updating its current system of internal instructions to a three-level system consisting of: (1) NPS Management Policies; (2) Director's Orders; and (3) Reference Manuals/ Handbooks and other helpful information. When these documents contain new policy or procedural requirements that may affect parties outside the NPS, this information is being made available for public comments. While the original 30-day public review period for this document ended on August 17, 1998, an additional 30-day public review period will be implemented and end on September 30, 1998.

DATES: Written comments will be accepted until September 30, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The draft Reference Manual #41 is available on the Internet at: <http://www.nps.gov>. The specific link can subsequently be reached by opening: "Infozone," "Reference Desk," "Director's Orders." Reference Manual

#41 is included under sub-title "Draft Guidance Documents." Requests for copies and written comments should be sent to Jim Walters, National Park Service Deputy Wilderness Program Coordinator, National Park Service, P.O. Box 728, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-0728.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Walters at 505 988-6022 (fax) 505 988-6123, or Wes Henry at 202 208-5211.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Table of Contents: Reference Manual #41: Wilderness Preservation and Management

I. Background and Purpose

The purpose of Reference Manual #41: Wilderness Preservation and Management is to provide national park managers with the information they need to understand the laws and policies affecting the NPS wilderness resource and guidance to the application of the edicts into the day-to-day and long-term preservation of these resources. The Reference Manual contains: (1) An update of the NPS Management Policies pertaining to wilderness; (2) the Director's Orders intended to assist managers in the application of these policies, and (3) specific detailed references and background information affecting the Service's wilderness resource.

II. Legislative Guidance Applicable to NPS Wilderness Preservation

This information is intended to provide park managers and the public with an understanding of the primary laws regulating the wilderness resource. This discussion includes: the relationship between the Wilderness Act and the NPS Organic Act, the clarification of Section 4(a)(3) of the Wilderness Act which is often misinterpreted by park managers, the implication of the Redwood Act Amendments to the Service's wilderness program, and an explanation of the Eastern Wilderness Act as it applies to the National Park Service.

III. Revised Management Policies Guiding Wilderness Preservation and Management (Level One)

The "Level One" wilderness policy statements will revise and update previous policies included in Chapter 6 of the 1988 Wilderness Policies handbook. These revised policies include general statements addressing: wilderness characteristics and values, the process for reviewing potential wilderness additions, general wilderness policies, consistency of the Service's wilderness program, zoning,

accountability and responsibility, management plans, the minimum requirement process, monitoring strategies, signing, research protocols, NPS administrative facilities, fire management, cultural resources, environmental compliance standards, general public use, commercial services, special events, grazing and livestock driveways, rights-of-way and mineral development and public education standards.

IV. Director's Order #41 (Level Two)

The "Level Two" Director's Order are intended as more detailed guidance and standards for managers to use in the application of the revised policy statements. Director's Order #41 will be issued by the NPS Associate Director-Operations and Parks as required standards at which the respective programs and functions must be managed within NPS wilderness. These program, identified as "Critical Issues" include: wilderness management plan requirements, procedures for applying the "minimum requirement" concept, interagency coordination, cultural resource management, climbing protocols, fire management, interpretation and education, mineral development, research and other scientific uses, wilderness use by persons with disabilities, special events, training requirements, and the administration of commercial services in wilderness.

V. Appendices

The appendices of the Level 3 Reference Manual are intended as a reference and bibliography for wilderness managers. This information includes: a glossary of wilderness terms, the text of the Wilderness Act, the *Wilderness Access Decision Tool* (not included in the draft due to bulk of the appendix document), examples of minimum requirement decision tools, the minimum requirements of a wilderness management plan, the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (not included in draft due to bulk of this Act), and a list of suggested readings relating to wilderness management.

Dated: August 18, 1998.

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Associate Director, Operations and Education.

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