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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published in accordance with section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (Pub. L. 92-463).

I. The Agenda for the Public Meeting Is as Follows

- 11:00 am Welcome, introductions
Review Minutes of Previous Meeting
Report from Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management (Acting)
- 11:30 am Report from the Bureau of Land Management
- 12:00 Noon Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Committee
Immuno-contraceptive Study
Population modeling for genetic viability
- 1:00 pm Lunch
- 1:30 pm National Applied Resource Sciences Center
- 2:30 pm Research Needs Review and Budget Process
- 3:30 pm Science Needs for Integrated Weeds Management
- 4:30 pm Public Comments
- 4:45 pm Next Meeting and Other Items
- 5:00 pm Adjourn

II. Public Comment Procedures

Participation in the public meeting is not a prerequisite for submittal of written comments from all interested parties. Your written comments should be specific and explain the reason for any recommendation. BLM appreciates any and all comments, but those most useful and likely to influence decisions on BLM's use of science are those that are either supported by quantitative information or studies or those that include citations to and analyses of applicable laws and regulations. Except for comments provided in electronic format, commenters should submit two copies of their written comments, where practicable. BLM will not necessarily consider comments received after the time indicated under the **DATES** section or at locations other than that listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

In the event there is a request under the Freedom of Information ACT (FOIA) for a copy of your comments, we intend to make them available in their entirety, including your name and address (or your e-mail address if you file electronically). However, if you do not want us to release your name and address (or e-mail address) in response

to a FOIA request, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will honor your wish to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations of businesses, will be released in their entirety, including names and addresses (or e-mail addresses).

Electronic Access and Filing Address: Commenters may transmit comments electronically via the Internet to: cjauhola@wo.blm.gov. Please include the identifier "Science3" in the subject of your message and your name and address in the body of your message.

III. Accessibility

The meeting sites are accessible to individuals with disabilities. An individual with a disability who will need an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the hearing, such as interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format, must notify the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** two weeks before the scheduled hearing date. Although BLM will attempt to meet a request received after that date, the requested auxiliary aid or service may not be available because of insufficient time to arrange it.

Dated: February 2, 1999.

Christine A. Jauhola,

Group Manager, Fish, Wildlife and Forest Group.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Realty Action; Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act Classification; New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action; R&PP Act classification.

SUMMARY: The following public land in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, has been examined and found suitable for classification for conveyance to the City of Sunland Park, New Mexico, and the Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces, New Mexico, under the provisions of the R&PP Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*). Sunland Park has made

application to acquire 138.88 acres (Parcel 1) of public land to be used for recreational purposes. The Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces has made application to acquire 67.10 acres (Parcel 2) of public land to maintain an existing path that leads to a religious shrine, develop rest stops and picnic areas, add shrines/prayer stops, and preserve the remaining pristine qualities of the area.

Parcel 1

T. 29 S., R. 4 E., NMPM
Sec. 17, Lots 6 to 9, inclusive,
W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.
Containing 138.88 acres, more or less.

Parcel 2

T. 29 S., R. 4 E., NMPM
Sec. 16, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 17, Lot 7, E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.
Containing 67.60 acres, more or less.

The land is difficult and uneconomic to manage and is not required for any other Federal purpose. The classification and subsequent conveyance is consistent with the Las Cruces Field Office's Mimbres Resource Management Plan of December, 1993, and would be in the public interest.

DATES: Comments regarding the proposed lease/conveyance or classification must be submitted on or before March 29, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the Bureau of Land Management, Las Cruces Field Office, 1800 Marquess, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Juan Padilla, at the address above or at (505) 525-4376.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The patents when issued will be subject to the following terms, conditions and reservations:

1. Provisions of the R&PP Act and all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.

2. A right-of-way thereon for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States, Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945).

3. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove such deposits from the same under application of law and such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe.

4. The conveyance will be subject to all valid rights and reservations of record. Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the land will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for conveyance under the R&PP Act and leasing under the mineral

leasing laws. The segregative effect will terminate upon issuance of a patent or as specified in an opening order to be published in the **Federal Register**, whichever comes first.

Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the BLM, Las Cruces Field Office. On or before March 29, 1999, interested persons may submit comments regarding the proposed classification or conveyance of the land to the Field Office Manager, Las Cruces Field Office, 1800 Marquess, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88005. The land would not be offered for conveyance for at least 60 days after the date of publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**.

Classification Comments.

Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for the purposes described above. Comments on the classification are restricted to whether the land is physically suited for the proposal, whether the use will maximize the future use or uses of the land, whether the use is consistent with local planning and zoning, or if the use is consistent with State and Federal programs.

Application Comments

Interested parties may submit comments regarding the specific use proposed in the application and plan of development, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision, or any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the land for the purposes described above. Comments received on the classification will be answered by the State Director with the right to further comment to the Secretary. Comments on the application will be answered by the State Director with the right to appeal to the Interior Board of Land Appeals.

In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification of the lands described in this Notice will become effective 60 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: February 2, 1999.

Linda S.C. Rundell,

Field Manager, Las Cruces.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Extension for the Spruce Creek Access Proposal, Draft 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 access to a private inholding on Spruce Creek in the Kantishna Hills of Denali National Park and Preserve, as announced in the **Federal Register**/Vol. 63, No. 53/Thursday, March 19, 1998. The owner of the inholding submitted an application for the right-of-way 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 in the form of a road and airstrip for the inholder to construct and operate a remote backcountry lodge. On January 7, 1998, the NPS accepted an application for access to a 20-acre parcel on Spruce Creek. The applicants amended the request for access on January 26, 1998, to request a revised location of an airstrip.

The NPS provided notice on Tuesday, October 6, 1998 (FR/ Vol. 63, No. 193) stating an additional three months was needed to complete the draft EIS, and extended the release date from October 26, 1998 to January 26, 1999. The applicants continue to modify and clarify the project proposal. The NPS needs additional time to analyze these modifications and clarifications. The NPS also requires an extension to otherwise complete the EIS. For these reasons, the NPS is extending the previous proposed dates of publication and distribution of the draft EIS by approximately three months.

DATES: The draft EIS will be available for public review on or about April 30, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stephen P. Martin, Superintendent, Denali National Park and Preserve, P.O. Box 9, Denali Park, Alaska 99755. Telephone (907) 683-2294.

Robert D. Barbee,

Regional Director, Alaska Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Subsistence Resource Commission Meeting

SUMMARY: The Superintendent of Denali National Park and Preserve and the Chairperson of the Denali Subsistence Resource Commission announce a forthcoming meeting of the Denali National Park Subsistence Resource Commission. The following agenda items will be discussed:

- (1) Call to order by the Chair.
- (2) Roll call and confirmation of quorum.
- (3) Superintendent's welcome and introductions.
- (4) Approval of minutes of last meeting.
- (5) Additions and corrections to the agenda.
- (6) New Business:
 - a. Annual SRC Chair's meeting update.
 - b. Federal subsistence program update.
 - c. Review hunting regulation proposals, FY99-00
 - d. Temporary snowmachine closure, former Mt. McKinley Park.
 - e. Agency reports and wildlife updates.
- (7) Old Business:
 - a. Final draft Subsistence User Guide.
 - b. Draft Denali Subsistence Management Plan.
 - c. Spruce Four access EIS, subsistence review.
- (8) Public and other agency comments.
- (9) Set time and place of next SRC meeting.
- (10) Adjournment.

DATES: The meeting date is: Friday, February 26, 1999, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting location is: North Star Inn, Conference Room, Healy, Alaska.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Hollis Twitchell, Subsistence Coordinator, Denali National Park, P.O. Box 9, Denali Park, Alaska 99755. Phone (907) 683-9544.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Subsistence Resource Commissions are authorized under Title VIII, Section 808, of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, Pub. L. 96-487, and operates in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committees Act.

Paul R. Anderson,

Deputy Regional Director.

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