

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Indian Affairs****Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for a Forest Management Plan for the Flathead Indian Reservation, Pablo, Montana**

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed forest management plan for the trust forest lands of the Flathead Indian Reservation, Pablo, Montana, is now available for public review and comment. A description of the proposed action follows as supplemental information. This notice also announces a public hearing to receive public comments on the DEIS.

DATES: Written comments must be received by May 2, 1999. The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 21, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Address written comments to Mr. Ernest "Bud" Moran, Superintendent, Flathead Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, P.O. Box A, Pablo, Montana 59855. The public hearing will take place in the Dan Swaney Conference Room at the Mission Valley Power Headquarters, Pablo, Montana. It will begin at 6 p.m.

To obtain a copy of this DEIS, please write or call Mr. Ralph Goode, Tribal Forestry, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, P.O. Box 278, Pablo, Montana 59855, Telephone (406) 676-3755. Copies of the DEIS have been sent to all agencies and individuals who participated in the scoping process or who have already requested copies of the document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ralph Goode, 406-676-3755.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: There are approximately 451,391 acres of forest trust land on the Flathead Indian Reservation. The Draft Forest Management Plan (the proposed action) takes an interdisciplinary approach to forest management and seeks to restore and maintain the long term ecological integrity of the reservation's forests in a manner consistent with tribal values. The plan describes resource management practices and levels of resource production. It establishes management standards, allocates land and prescribes management practices to achieve balanced forest ecosystems. The plan is needed to: (1) Ensure that management activities are compatible with sustainable forest ecosystems; (2)

balance tribal cultural, social, economic and environmental values; and (3) establish a basis for adaptive management and monitoring that incorporates tribal members' values.

The DEIS includes five alternatives, including a no action alternative. Alternatives One, Two and Three take an ecosystem approach to management. These focus on the overall vegetative structure and composition of the forest rather than on individual stands or on the needs of individual species. They seek to restore, to varying degrees, more natural structures, processes and functions to the forest in order to achieve more sustainable conditions over the long term. Of the three, Alternative One seeks the highest level of restoration, followed by Alternatives Two and Three. Alternative Five takes a passive approach to management, in which timber harvesting would be limited to salvage operations after fires, wind throw, or insect and disease outbreaks. Alternative Four, no action, would continue the management practices of the last forest management plan, which was adopted in 1987.

Alternative Two, the 1996 Draft Forest Plan with updates and revisions made in response to modeling refinements and new information, is both the proposed action and the preferred alternative. It is preferred because it best balances social, cultural, economic and environmental concerns and best meets the stated purpose and need.

This notice is furnished in accordance with § 1503.1 of the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508) implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), and the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 1-6), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Dated: February 19, 1999.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

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Notice of Intent To Prepare the Wisconsin Resource Management Plan Amendment/Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Milwaukee Field Office.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Milwaukee Field Office, will begin preparation of a Resource Management Plan Amendment (RMPA) and Environmental Assessment (EA), whose purpose will be to assess future disposition of the remaining public domain parcels in the State of Wisconsin.

The planning effort will follow the procedures set forth in 43 Code of Federal Regulations, Subpart 1600. The EA will be prepared under 40 CFR 1500, *et seq.*

The public is invited to participate in this process, beginning with the identification of planning issues. Specifically, BLM would like input on how the properties should be managed. In most cases, however, it is BLM's policy to retain the properties in public ownership. This notice is not a solicitation for bids to purchase Federal land.

DATES: The comment period for scoping commences with the publication of this notice. Comments must be postmarked no later than April 12, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Field Manager, Milwaukee Field Office, P.O. Box 631, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201-0631.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Howard Levine, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, telephone at (414) 297-4463, or electronic mail at hlevine@es.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The RMPA/EA will guide future management of public land in the State of Wisconsin. The parcels are located in Bayfield, Door, Forest, Langlade, Marinette, Oneida, Vilas, Waupaca Counties.

The plan will consider the disposition of relinquished U.S. Coast Guard lighthouse stations and other upland public domain parcels in the state. The plan will not include the over 600 river and lake islands within the state. These lands may be conveyed to the State through Federal legislation.

Public involvement will be an important part of the planning process.

The BLM will seek public input through direct mailings, personal contacts and coordination with local, state and other Federal agencies. Workshops or open houses may be scheduled, if public interest warrants holding them.

Complete records of all phases of the planning process will be available at the Milwaukee Field Office. Copies will be available upon request.

Dated: February 19, 1999.

James W. Dryden,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Air Force Memorial Preliminary Design and Park Improvements, Arlington, Virginia

ACTION: Notice of Continuation of a Public Meeting on the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Air Force Memorial preliminary design and park improvements, Arlington, Virginia.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Council on Environmental Quality regulations and National Park Service policy, the National Park Service announced the availability of an Environmental Assessment for the proposed Air Force Memorial preliminary design and park improvements, in Arlington, Virginia, on February 2, 1999 (64 FR 5073). The Environmental Assessment will remain available for public comment through March 22, 1999.

DATES: The National Park Service will continue the public meeting held February 17, 1999 (64 FR 5073), on March 3, 1999, at which time previously registered speakers will be provided the opportunity to speak. The meeting will be held in the Arlington County Central Library auditorium, 1015 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia, from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Individuals and representatives of community and civic organizations will be able to present their comments in the order in which their requests to speak are received. Commenters not already registered may either sign up at the meeting or register in advance by calling Ms. Nancy Young at (202) 619-7097. Individuals will be allowed 3 minutes to present their comments; representatives of community and civic groups will be allowed 5 minutes. Presentation refers solely to oral comments; video and other multimedia materials will not be permitted. At the time commenters are

recognized to speak, they are requested to provide three copies of their comments in writing, if possible.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the Environmental Assessment should be received no later than March 22, 1999, and submitted to: Mr. John G. Parsons, Associate for Lands, Resources, and Planning, National Capital Region, National Park Service, 1100 Ohio Drive, SW., Room 220, Washington, DC, 20242. Public reading copies of the Environmental Assessment will be available at the following locations: National Capital Region, National Park Service, 1100 Ohio Drive, SW, First Floor Lobby, Washington, DC 20242; the Air Force Memorial Foundation, 1501 Lee Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22209-1198; and at Arlington County public libraries.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Ms. Nancy Young, (202) 619-7097.

Dated: February 19, 1999.

Joseph M. Lawlen,

Regional Director, National Capital Region Date.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Grazing Component (Plan) for Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Interior, National Park Service has prepared an Environmental Assessment for the Grazing Component of the 1979 General Management Plan for Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (NRA). The Environmental Assessment (EA) analyzes the potential environmental impacts associated with implementing changes in future grazing practices within Glen Canyon NRA. The EA presents four alternatives and looks at the potential impacts associated with the proposed grazing management practices. The proposed plan clearly identifies the process, and the values and purposes used in the assessment of future actions on the part of the permittees, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Glen Canyon NRA management staff.

DATES: There will be a 30-day public review and comment period on the plan and environmental assessment beginning on March 1, 1999. Comments

should be received no later than March 31, 1999. There will be open public forums from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the following locations:

Kanab, UT—March 29, at Kanab Court House, 76 N Main
Escalante, UT—March 30 at Escalante City Office, 56 N 100 W
Hanksville, UT—March 31, at Bureau of Land Management Field Office
Page, AZ—March 26, at Page City Council Chamber
Monticello, UT—March 22, at Old County Court House

Written comments will be accepted at these meetings, and if postmarked by March 31, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Requests for the grazing plan and EA, and all written comments can be sent to: Superintendent, Glen Canyon NRA, P.O. Box 1507, Page, Arizona 86040, or faxed to (520) 608-6259.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Grazing within Glen Canyon NRA is authorized by the enabling legislation (Pub. L. 92-593). The legislation mandates that the administration of mineral and grazing leases within the recreation area shall be by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). "The same policies followed by the BLM in issuing and administering mineral and grazing leases on other lands under its jurisdiction shall be followed in regard to the lands within the boundaries of the recreation area, subject to the [finding] that such * * * would not have significant adverse effects * * * on the administration of the national recreation area (and) the conservation and management of natural resources . . . pursuant to this act."

Development of this Grazing Component satisfies one of four subsequent Resource Management planning needs listed in the General Management Plan for Glen Canyon NRA.

Dated: February 8, 1999.

Joseph F. Alston,

Superintendent, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area.

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

National Park Service

Keweenaw National Historical Park Advisory Commission Meeting

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an upcoming meeting of the Keweenaw National Historical Park Advisory