

Disposal of the Federal lands was not analyzed in the Judith-Valley-Phillips Resource Management Plan (RMP) and associated Environmental Impact Statement. Disposal of Federal land requires that the specific tract be identified in the land use plan with the criteria to be met for exchange and discussion of how the criteria have been satisfied. This will be part of the plan amendment and environmental assessment. The Lewistown Field Office, Bureau of Land Management will prepare an environmental assessment to analyze the effects of disposal.

DATES: Comments and recommendations on this notice to amend the Judith-Valley-Phillips RMP should be received on or before June 18, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to David L. Mari, Field Manager, Lewistown Field Office, P.O. Box 1160, Lewistown, MT 59457-1160.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Loretta Park, Realty Specialist, 406-538-1910.

Dated: May 5, 1999.

David L. Mari,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Wrangell-St. Elias National Preserve; Intention To Issue Concession Permits

AGENCY: National Park Service, DOI.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Under the authority of section 404(11)(B) of the National Park Service Concessions Management Improvement Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-391), the National Park Service intends to award noncompetitively six concession permits at Wrangell-St. Elias National Preserve. The proposed permits will authorize hunting guide services within Wrangell-St. Elias National Preserve and will be for a term of approximately 4 years from February 1, 1999, through November 30, 2003. The National Park Service proposes to award these six permits to the following individuals: Terry Overly, Dick Gunlogson, Tom Vaden, Ray MuNutt, Urban Rahoï and Kirk Ellis.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These six operations were included in a prospectus for seventeen hunting guides at Wrangell-St. Elias National Preserve that was issued in October 1997. Because these six operations contain

overlaps with other guide areas, the offerors were told that they would be required to develop a cooperative joint use agreement before the six permits could be issued, to prevent reoccurrence of problems within the overlapping guide areas. Offers in response to the prospectus were evaluated in March 1998. Seventeen guides were selected and all signed the permits proposed by the park. The National Park Service executed eleven of the permits. The remaining six permits, which contain overlapping guide areas, were not executed by the National Park Service pending the development of cooperative joint use agreements, which could not be finalized until late November 1998. By that time, the National Park Service Concessions Management Improvement Act of 1998 had been passed, and the park could not sign the permits for the remaining six guides.

Section 404(11)(B) of the National Park Service Concessions Management Improvement Act of 1998 authorizes the Secretary to issue, without public solicitation, concession contracts in extraordinary circumstances where compelling and equitable considerations require the award of a concession contract to a particular party in the public interest. Although these six permits were awarded as a result of a competitive process under the Concession Policies Act of 1965 (Pub. L. 89-249), they were not competed under the requirements of the new law. There are no inconsistencies between the terms and conditions of the proposed permits and the National Park Service Concessions Management Improvement Act of 1998. Keeping all of the permits the same will facilitate permit administration at the park level. More importantly, it will maintain consistency of guide services throughout the Preserve. Further, there is an issue of equity in that the execution of these six permits was delayed because of an administrative requirement imposed by the National Park Service. The National Park Service believes that this situation constitutes an extraordinary circumstance where compelling and equitable considerations require the award of a concession contract to a particular party in the public interest.

DATED: The proposed permits will be awarded on or before June 18, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wendelin Mann, Concession Program, National Park Service, 1849 "C" Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240 (202) 565-1219.

Dated: May 5, 1999.

Robert G. Stanton,

Director, National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Acadia National Park, Bar Harbor, ME; Acadia National Park Advisory Commission; Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770, 5 U.S.C. App. 1, Sec. 10), that the Acadia National Park Advisory Commission will hold a meeting on Monday, June 7, 1999.

The Commission was established pursuant to Pub. L. 99-420, sec. 103. The purpose of the commission is to consult with the Secretary of the Interior, or his designee, on matters relating to the management and development of the park, including but not limited to the acquisition of lands and interests in lands (including conservation easements on islands) and termination of rights of use and occupancy.

The meeting will convene at park Headquarters, McFarland Hill, Bar Harbor, Maine, at 10:00 AM to consider the following agenda:

1. Review and approval of minutes from the meeting held February 8, 1999
2. Committee reports
 - Land Conservation
 - Education
 - Park Use
 - Science
3. Old business
4. Superintendent's report
5. Public comments
6. Proposed agenda and date of next Commission meeting

The meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may make oral/written presentations to the Commission or file written statements. Such requests should be made to the Superintendent at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Further information concerning this meeting may be obtained from the Superintendent, Acadia National Park, P.O. Box 177, Bar Harbor, Maine 04609, tel: (207) 288-3338.

Dated: May 12, 1999.

Len Bobinchock,

Acting Superintendent, Acadia National Park.

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