

because we, as the lead agency for CITES implementation in the United States, are responsible for the authorization of shipments of live wildlife, or their parts and products, that are subject to the requirements of CITES.

Under Executive Order 12630, this policy does not have significant takings implications for the same reason as described above under the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Under Executive Order 13132, this policy does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment because there are no effects on State management programs.

Under Executive Order 12988, the Office of the Solicitor has determined that this policy does not unduly burden the judicial system and meets the requirements of Sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of the Order.

This policy does not contain new or revised information collection for which Office of Management and Budget approval is required under the Paperwork Reduction Act. Information collections associated with CITES permits is covered by an existing OMB approval, and is assigned clearance No. 1018-0093, Form 3-200-27, with an expiration date of January 31, 2001. Details of the information collection requirements for CITES documentation appear at Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 23.15(g). The Service may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

This policy does not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement is not required. This policy is categorically excluded from further National Environmental Policy Act requirements, under Part 516 of the Departmental Manual, Chapter 2, Appendix 1.10.

Executive Order 12866 requires each agency to write regulations that are easy to understand. The one comment that we received did not include any suggestions on how to make the proposed policy easier to understand.

Under the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 551-553), our normal practice is to publish policies with a 30-day delay in effective date. But in this case, we are using the "good cause" exemption under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3) to make this policy effective upon publication for the following reasons: (1) We have learned in discussions we have had with the sturgeon products

industry and others that the normal shelf life for caviar is 12 months, so there should no longer be available any pre-Convention caviar imported before April 1, 1998. (2) On the effective date of this policy, the normal shelf life of any caviar imported before April 1, 1998, will have been exceeded by more than 8 months, and we have learned in discussions we have had with the sturgeon products industry that this caviar would be of very low quality and may be unhealthy for consumption. (3) As a party to CITES, it is our responsibility to carry out promptly our obligations under the treaty, and we interpret our obligations to include the prompt implementation of the CITES Secretariat's prudent recommendation that no permits or certificates declaring pre-Convention caviar should be accepted after April 1, 1999. (4) Recent correspondence from the CITES Secretariat indicates that the European Union has already prohibited the trade in pre-Convention caviar. (5) We have shown the urgency of this situation by the fact that, in the proposed policy published on October 26, 1999 [64 FR 57645], the comment period was reduced from the usual 60 days to only 15 days.

Dated: November 29, 1999.

Donald J. Barry,

Assistant Secretary—Fish and Wildlife and Parks.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement and General Management Plan for Zion National Park

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement and General Management Plan (DEIS/GMP) for Zion National Park, Utah.

DATES: Comments on the DEIS/GMP will be accepted through February 11, 2000. Public meetings concerning the DEIS/GMP will be held at the following locations and dates: All meetings will run from 7-10 p.m.
January 6, 2000

Sharwan Smith Center, SUU, 351 W. Center Street, Cedar City, UT

January 10, 2000

Town Offices, Public Assembly Hall, 118 Lion Boulevard, Springdale, UT
January 11, 2000

Kanab City Library, 374 N. Main Street, Kanab, UT

January 12, 2000

Interagency Offices and Information Center, 345 E. Riverside Road, St. George, UT

January 13, 2000

Utah Department of Natural Resources, 1594 W. North Temple, Salt Lake City, UT

The draft also will be available for review on the Internet at www.nps.gov/planning.

ADDRESSES: If you wish to comment on the DEIS/GMP, you may mail your comments to the Superintendent, Zion National Park, Springdale, UT 84767-1099. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

Public reading copies of the DEIS/GMP will be available for review at the following locations:

Office of the Superintendent, Zion National Park, Springdale, Utah 84767-1099; Telephone (435) 772-0211

Planning and Environmental Quality, Intermountain Support Office—Denver, National Park Service, P.O. Box 25287, Denver, CO 80225-0287, Telephone: (303) 969-2851 or (303) 969-2377

Office of Public Affairs, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, 18th and C Streets NW, Washington, D.C. 20240, Telephone: (202) 208-6843

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The DEIS/GMP analyzes four alternatives for managing and using Zion National Park. The plan is intended to provide a foundation to help park managers guide park programs and set priorities. The alternative that is finally chosen as the plan will guide the management of Zion National Park over the next 15 to 20 years.

The "no-action" alternative is a continuation of the present management course regarding the management of visitor use. Three action alternatives would create zones within the park to protect resources and provide opportunities for a range of visitor experiences. All three action alternatives limit park visitation in some backcountry areas, and all of the action alternatives call for making adjustments to the park boundary. The National Park Service's proposed action would emphasize proactive management to address impacts caused by increased visitor use. Under this alternative, overall park visitation would continue to increase, but it would be limited in certain areas. Some new visitor facilities would be built in frontcountry areas. Alternative A would provide greater opportunities for increased use of Zion. Trails would be upgraded, new routes designated, and additional picnic areas, interpretive facilities, and backcountry campsites would be provided. Alternative B emphasizes the additional protection of park resources while still providing opportunities for a range of visitor experiences. Under alternative B, the number and frequency of shuttles going from Zion Canyon Lodge to the Temple of Sinawava would be reduced, and the lodge would be converted to a research/environmental education center.

A wild and scenic river suitability/eligibility study is included in the DEIS/GMP for all of the drainages in the park and several drainages on adjacent lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management. The three action alternatives recommend the inclusion of five drainages and their tributaries in the national wild and scenic rivers system.

The DEIS/GMP evaluates the environmental consequences of the proposed action and the other alternatives on natural resources (e.g., the North Fork of the Virgin River floodplain, Virgin spinedace, Mexican spotted owl, desert bighorn sheep) visitor use and experiences (e.g., the range of visitor experiences, natural sounds), and the socioeconomic environment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Darla Sidles, Zion National Park, at the above address and telephone number.

Dated: November 10, 1999.

Ron Everhart,

Acting Regional Director, Intermountain Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before November 27, 1999. Pursuant to section 60.13 of 36 CFR Part 60 written comments concerning the significance of these properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation may be forwarded to the National Register, National Park Service, 1849 C St. NW., NC400, Washington, DC 20240. Written comments should be submitted by December 21, 1999.

Carol D. Shull,

Keeper of the National Register.

CALIFORNIA

Riverside County

Garbani, Rocco, Homestead, 33555 Holland Rd., Winchester vicinity, 99001593

Santa Barbara County

Andalucia Building, 316-324 State St., Santa Barbara, 99001592

Tulare County

Sequoia Field—Visalia-Dinuba School of Aeronautics, Near jct. of Ave. 368 and Road 112, 9 mi. N of Visalia, Visalia vicinity, 99001591

CONNECTICUT

Litchfield County

Barkhamsted Center Historic District, 119, 131 Center Hill Rd.; 2,5,6,8 Old Town Hall Rd., Barkhamsted, 99001594

ILLINOIS

Iroquois County

Wateka Union Depot, South Second St., Wateka, 99001595

INDIANA

Delaware County

Carmichael, Otto, House, 900 W. Kilgore Ave., Muncie, 99001596

MICHIGAN

Branch County

Stancer Road—North Coldwater River Bridge (Highway Bridges of Michigan MPS) Stancer Rd. over N. Coldwater R., Union Township, 99001608

US-12—Coldwater River Bridge (Highway Bridges of Michigan MPS) Old US 12 over Coldwater Bridge, Coldwater, 99001609

Calhoun County

12 Mile Road—Kalamazoo River Bridge (Highway Bridges of Michigan MPS) 1 Mile Rd. over Kalamazoo R., Marshall, 99001610

23 Mile Road—Kalamazoo River Bridge (Highway Bridges of Michigan MPS) 23 Mile Rd. over Kalamazoo R., Marengo, 99001611

Cass County

Thompson Road—Air Line Railroad Bridge (Highway Bridges of Michigan MPS) Thompson Rd. over abandoned RR right-of-way, Howard, 99001612

MISSOURI

Andrew County

Walnut Park Farm Historic District, Jct. of MO 59 and MO 71, St. Joseph vicinity, 99001597

Cape Girardeau County

Big Hill Farmstead Historic District, 2246 MO PP, Jackson vicinity, 99001598

TEXAS

Orange County

Navy Park Historic District, Roughly bounded by W. Dewey Ave., Farragut St., Cooper's Gully Tract and 6th Ave., Orange, 99001600

VIRGINIA

Nottoway County

Inverness, 884 Inverness Ave., Burkeville vicinity, 99001602

Page County

Welfley—Shuler House, 449 Shipyard Rd., Shenandoah vicinity, 99001604

Powhatan County

Provost, 4801 Cartersville Rd., Powhatan vicinity, 99001603
Charlottesville Independent City Robertson, Judge William J., House, 705 Park St., Charlottesville, 99001601
Petersburg Independent City Folly Castle Historic District (Boundary Increase II), Roughly along South St. from Commerce St. to Farmer St., Petersburg, 99001605

WISCONSIN

Sheboygan County

Sheboygan Theater, 826 N. Eighth St., Sheboygan, 99001606

Winnebago County

Sherry, Henry, House, 527 E. Wisconsin Ave., Neenah, 99001607

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INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AGENCY

Overseas Private Investment Corporation

Public Hearing

AGENCY: Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and requirements for participation in an annual public hearing to be conducted by the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) on December 21, 1999. This hearing is