

The Conference Report for the FY 1992 Interior Related Agencies Appropriations Act, H. Conf. Rept. No. 102-256, p. 46 (1991), indicated that Congress wanted the Department to revise the priority ranking process for new school construction. The Bureau revised the process and developed draft revised instructions and criteria, complying with the 1991 Conference Report requirements that the BIA should emphasize tribal consultation and improve the objectivity of the ranking process, provide continuity to the priority ranking list, and provide procedures for handling emergency needs.

The Bureau published a Notice in the **Federal Register** on November 17, 1998 (63 FR 63942), requesting comments on the draft revised instructions and criteria, entitled "Instructions and Application for Replacement School Construction, 1999." The new instructions governed the priority ranking process for construction of replacement education facilities and the criteria used in ranking applications. Comments were received relating to administrative requirements and responsibilities; definitions of ranking criteria; evaluation of applications; and cost-sharing. The comments were reviewed and incorporated into the final instructions and criteria as appropriate by a team comprised of tribal representatives and BIA employees from the Office of Indian Education Programs and the Office of Facilities Management and Construction. The Bureau proceeded with using the final revised application instructions and criteria on February 26, 1999.

Copies of the final revised instructions and criteria were sent to all BIA schools and schools that receive BIA funds under contract or grant (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number: 15.062 "Replacement and Repair of Indian Schools"), and the Bureau held tribal consultation meetings on the revised process. BIA's Office of Indian Education Programs Education Line Officers offered training to applicants at all schools under their administrative jurisdiction on how to complete applications using the revised instructions and ranking criteria. Tribes and BIA-funded school boards received advance, written notice of training session dates, times and locations for tribes and schools under their respective jurisdictions. The Bureau published another Notice in the **Federal Register** on March 29, 1999 (64 FR 14936), calling for applications based on the revised instructions and ranking criteria. The Bureau accepted applications beginning June 28, 1999

and used the criteria in the revised instructions to review and evaluate all applications that were received on or before the deadline of July 16, 1999. These applications were ranked according to the new criteria and 10 schools were placed on the FY 2000 Priority List.

The Committee on Appropriations also recommended that the BIA establish a demonstration project to allow tribes with schools on the replacement list to apply for Federal funding with the guarantee of a cost share from the tribe, S. Rept. No. 106-99, p. 54 (1999). Accordingly, in the priority ranking process for the Education Facilities Replacement Construction Priority List as of FY 2000, applicants indicated whether they would cost share. Congress further stated that tribes may share the cost of construction of their school, identify non-Bureau funding to match or supplement Bureau funding, or pay future operations costs in exchange for the full funding of school construction costs earlier than they might hope to receive it under the Priority List.

Use of the term "cost share" after the name of an education facility replacement construction project on the FY 2000 Priority List means that a tribe has submitted a tribal council resolution supporting a long-term commitment to cost sharing, and has specified the exact nature of its monetary commitment or contribution by completing Section II of the application form, which commits the tribe to share in the costs of school facility replacement in order to expedite construction.

This notice is published under authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs in the Departmental Manual at 209 DM 8.

Education Facilities Replacement Construction Priority List as of FY 2000

1. Tuba City Boarding School
2. Second Mesa Day School
3. Zia Day School
4. Baca/Thoreau (Dlo'ay Azhi) Consolidated Community School
5. Lummi Tribal School
6. Wingate Elementary School
7. Polacca Day School
8. Holbrook Dormitory
9. Santa Fe Indian School (Cost Share *)
10. Ojibwa Indian School
11. Conehatta Elementary School (Cost Share*)
12. Paschal Sherman Indian School
13. Kayenta Boarding School

*Tribe or tribal organization commits to cost share.

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Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UTU 78566]

Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Utah

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Reclamation proposes to withdraw 170 acres of National Forest System lands, for a period of 50 years, for protection, operation and maintenance of the Washington and Lost Lake Dams in the Upper Provo River component of the Bonneville Unit of the Central Utah Project. This notice segregates the lands for up to 2 years from location and entry under the United States mining laws. The lands will remain open to all other uses which may be made of National Forest System lands.

DATES: Comments and requests for a meeting must be received on or before May 1, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the Bureau of Reclamation, Area Manager, Provo Area Office, 302 East 1860 South, Provo, Utah 84606-7317.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Krueger, Provo Area Office, 801-379-1083.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 1, 1999, a petition was approved allowing the Bureau of Reclamation to file an application to withdraw the following described National Forest System lands from location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights:

Salt Lake Meridian

Wasatch National Forest

T. 2 S., R. 9 E.,

Sec. 4, SW¹/₄NW¹/₄SW¹/₄ and NW¹/₄SW¹/₄SW¹/₄;

Sec. 5, SE¹/₄SW¹/₄NE¹/₄, SW¹/₄SE¹/₄NE¹/₄, W¹/₂NE¹/₄SE¹/₄, SE¹/₄NE¹/₄SE¹/₄,

E¹/₂NW¹/₄SE¹/₄, and N¹/₂SE¹/₄SE¹/₄;

Sec. 6, SW¹/₄NE¹/₄ and N¹/₂NW¹/₄SE¹/₄.

The areas described aggregate 170 acres in Summit County.

All persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed

withdrawal may present their views in writing, by the date specified above, to the Bureau of Reclamation, Provo Area Office.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the Bureau of Reclamation, Provo Area Office, within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2300.

For a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date.

Dated: January 21, 2000.

Roger Zortman,

Deputy State Director, Division of Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Boundary Revision, Mount Rainier National Park

AGENCY: National Park Service, DOI.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the revision of the boundary of Mount Rainier National Park to include one additional tract of land, effective upon this publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: National Park Service, Chief, Land Resources Program Center, Columbia Cascades Support Office, 909 First Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104-1060, (206) 220-4065.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public Law 104-333, authorizes minor boundary revisions of areas within the National Park System. Such boundary revisions may be made after advising the appropriate congressional committees and upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Approximately 12.5 acres of unimproved land and underlying separate mineral interests in Pierce County, Washington are being acquired by donation.

This boundary revision accommodates and includes the property donations, which are now a part of Mount Rainier National Park, identified as Tract 01-108.

The official map depicting the boundary adjustment and the property donation(s) is "Mount Rainier National Park, Drawing No. 105-92,002, Segment 01, dated March 1990". The map is available for inspection at the aforementioned Land Resources Program Center—Columbia Cascades Support Office.

Dated: December 21, 1999.

William C. Walters,

Deputy Regional Director, Pacific West Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Final Environmental Impact Statement, General Management Plan Amendment, Wilderness and Backcountry Management Plan, Joshua Tree National Park, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, California; Notice of Approval of Record of Decision

SUMMARY: Pursuant to § 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190, as amended) and the regulations promulgated by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR Part 1505.2), the Department of the Interior, National Park Service has prepared and approved a Record of Decision for the Final Environmental Impact Statement Wilderness and Backcountry Management Plan for Joshua Tree National Park. The no action period was initiated November 5, 1999, with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's **Federal Register** notification of the filing of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

Decision: The National Park Service will implement wilderness stewardship actions, monitoring, research, and other elements of a comprehensive program described as the New Proposed Action (Alternative E), as soon as practical. This course of action and four alternatives were identified and analyzed in the Final and Supplemental Environmental Impacts Statements (latter issued November 2, 1998). The Draft Environmental Impact Statement was distributed on November 21, 1997.

COPIES: Interested parties desiring to review the Record of Decision may obtain a copy by contacting the Superintendent, Joshua Tree National

Park, 74485 National Park Dr., Twentynine Palms, California 92277-3597; or via telephone request at (760) 367-5502.

Dated: January 14, 2000.

William C. Walters,

Deputy Regional Director, Pacific West Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the General Management Plan for Cane River Creole National Historical Park, Louisiana.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Park Service will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement to assess the potential impacts of future development and management options in conjunction with the General Management Plan (GMP) for Cane River Creole National Historical Park, Louisiana.

Preparation of a draft GMP began in 1996 and included preparation of a draft Environmental Assessment. Scoping for the plan has included interdisciplinary team meetings with the Cane River National Heritage Area Commission, interested agencies, organizations, and individuals. Meetings with the general public were conducted in January and February, 1996, March and April 1997, and March and April 1998. The scoping process has indicated that the proposals being considered may constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, the preparation of an EIS in conjunction with the plan is appropriate.

The General Management Plan and EIS will investigate alternatives ranging from no action to a variety of development and management proposals designed to guide visitor use, resource protection, and partnership relationships. Federal, state, and local agencies, and other individuals and organizations who may be interested in, or affected by, the future development of Cane River Creole National Historical Park are further invited to participate in refining or identifying issues.

Preparation of the plan and EIS is expected to take about 11 months. The draft plan and EIS should be available for public review by early spring, 2000 with the final plan and EIS and Record of Decision expected to be completed by