

On December 19, 1996, BLM published its preliminary determination that release of the data would not damage the competitive position of the licensee or any participants in the **Federal Register** (61 FR 67061). Only one company responded with an assertion that their competitive position would be harmed by the release of the data. Shortly after this response, the respondent divested themselves of their coal interests. On August 18, 1999, a letter was sent to their apparent successor-in-interest to enable them to provide any further information in support of an assertion that they might be harmed by BLM's release of the data. Their August 29, 1999, response expressed a desire to maintain confidentiality of the data but provided no information to support any assertion that their competitive position would be harmed by BLM allowing the data to become public. Therefore, in accordance with 43 CFR 3410.4(b), BLM has determined that the data acquired by Royal Land Company and any participants in coal exploration license UTU-48608 can be made public without damage to the competitive position of the licensee or any participants. The coal exploration data, including drill hole logs and coal quality analyses, will be made public effective 30 days from publication of this notice. This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR, Part 4. If an appeal is taken, your notice of appeal must be filed with the Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, P.O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0155 within 30 days from publication of this notice. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error. If you wish to file a petition (pursuant to regulation 43 CFR 4.21)(58 FR 4939, January 19, 1993)(request) for a stay (suspension) of the effectiveness of this decision during the time that your appeal is being reviewed by the Board, the petition for a stay must accompany your notice of appeal. A petition for a stay is required to show sufficient justification based on the standards listed below. Copies of the notice of appeal and petition for a stay must be submitted to the Interior Board of Land Appeals and to the appropriate Office of the Solicitor (see 43 CFR 4.413) at the same time the original documents are filed in this office. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

Standards for Obtaining a Stay

Except as otherwise provided by law or other pertinent regulation, a petition for a stay of a decision pending appeal shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards:

- (1) The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied,
- (2) The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits,
- (3) The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted, and
- (4) Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Douglas M. Koza, Deputy State Director Natural Resources, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, P.O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0155.

Dated: September 19, 2000.

Robert Lopez,

(Acting) Deputy State Director Natural Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Meeting of the California Desert District Advisory Council

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Public Laws 92-463 and 94-579, that the California Desert District Advisory Council to the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior, will participate in a field tour of the BLM-administered public lands on Friday, October 20, 2000, from 8:00 a.m. to 4 p.m., and meet in formal session on Saturday, October 21, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Saturday meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 220 East Mountain View, Barstow, California.

The Council and interested members of the public will assemble for the field tour at the Holiday Inn parking lot at 7:45 a.m. and depart at 8 a.m. The hotel is located at 1511 East Main Street in Barstow. Tour stops will include sites along Route 66, Amboy Crater, Cadiz Land Company for a discussion on the proposed Cadiz-Metropolitan Water District (MWD) Groundwater and Dry-Year Supply Program, Camp Essex (Patton Camp), and Goffs. Members of the public are welcome to participate in the tour, but should plan on providing their own transportation, drinks, and lunch.

The Council will meet in formal session on Saturday. Agenda items will include updates/briefings on the BLM National Off-Highway Vehicle Management Strategy, Route 66, and the California Desert District Recreation Fee District Policy. At 1:00 p.m. discussions will focus on the proposed Cadiz-MWD Groundwater Storage Project. The Council meeting also will serve as a public meeting during which BLM will accept and record public comment regarding the proposed project. Members of the public must register with the Council Chairman to speak. The time allotted each speaker will be based upon the number of people who register to speak.

All Desert District Advisory Council meetings are open to the public. Time for public comment may be made available by the Council Chairman during the presentation of various agenda items, and is scheduled at the beginning of the meeting for topics not on the agenda.

Written comments may be filed in advance of the meeting for the California Desert District Advisory Council, c/o Bureau of Land Management, Public Affairs Office, 6221 Box Springs Boulevard, Riverside, California 92507-0714. Written comments also are accepted at the time of the meeting and, if copies are provided to the recorder, will be incorporated into the minutes.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doran Sanchez at (909) 697-5220, BLM California Desert District External Affairs.

Tim Salt,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Intention To Extend a Concession Contract at Crater Lake National Park

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Park Service Concessions Management Improvement Act of 1998, notice is hereby given that the National Park Service intends to extend the concession contract with Crater Lake Lodge, Inc., authorizing continuation of visitor services which include lodging, food service, campground, gasoline service, retail merchandise, and boat tour services within Crater Lake National Park. This short-term extension is necessary to avoid an interruption of public services while the National Park

Service finalizes and issues a Prospectus soliciting offers to provide these services under a new longer-term contract. This short-term extension will be for a one-year period beginning November 1, 2000. This notice is in pursuant to 36 CFR part 51, section 51.23.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The concession contract at Crater Lake National Park will expire on October 31, 2000. The National Park Service is in the process of completing the necessary documents to competitively award a new longer-term concession contract. This 1-year extension is necessary to allow for completion and issuance of the Prospectus, leading to the selection of a concessioner for a new longer-term concession contract.

Information about this notice can be sought from: National Park Service, Chief, Concession Program Management Office, Pacific West Region, Attn: Mr. Tony Sisto, 600 Harrison Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, California 94107-1372 or call (415) 427-1366.

Dated: September 14, 2000.

Cynthia Ip,

Acting Regional Director, Pacific West Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Pipestone National Monument; Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a general management plan and environmental impact statement for Pipestone National Monument, Minnesota.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) will prepare a general management plan (GMP) and an associated environmental impact statement (EIS) for Pipestone National Monument, Minnesota, in accordance with section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). This notice is being furnished as required by NEPA Regulations 40 CFR 1501.7.

To facilitate sound planning and environmental assessment, the NPS intends to gather information necessary for the preparation of the EIS, and to obtain suggestions and information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS. Comments and participation in this scoping process are invited.

Participation in the planning process will be encouraged and facilitated by various means, including newsletters and open houses or meetings. The NPS will conduct public scoping meetings to explain the planning process and to solicit opinion about issues to address in the GMP/EIS. Notification of all such meetings will be announced in the local press and in NPS newsletters.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and information concerning the scope of the EIS, requests to be added to the project mailing list, and other matters should be directed to: Mr. Jim LaRock, Superintendent, Pipestone National Monument, 36 Reservation Avenue, Pipestone, Minnesota 56164. Telephone: 507-825-5464. E-mail: jim_larock@nps.gov

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim LaRock, Superintendent, Pipestone National Monument, at the address and telephone number listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pipestone National Monument is located near the Minnesota-South Dakota border. Within the 283-acres monument are pipestone (catlinite) quarries, native tallgrass prairie, and quartzite bluffs. The monument was established for two purposes: (1) To manage the pipestone quarries to provide American Indians the opportunity to quarry the pipestone, and (2) to preserve and manage the ethnological, historical, archeological, and geological resources of the area for the betterment and enjoyment of all.

In accordance with NPS Park Planning policy, the GMP will ensure the monument has a clearly defined direction for resource preservation and visitor use. The GMP will help define what types of resource conditions, visitor uses, and management actions will best achieve the mission of the NPS and Pipestone National Monument. Additionally the GMP process will address facility needs, staffing, park interpretation and activities, and maintenance. It will be developed in consultation with servicewide program managers, interested parties, and the general public. It will be based on an adequate analysis of existing and potential resource conditions and visitor experiences, environmental impacts, and costs of alternative courses of action.

The environmental review of the GMP/EIS for the monument will be conducted in accordance with requirements of the NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4371 *et seq.*), NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508), other appropriate Federal regulations, and NPS procedures and policies for compliance with those regulations.

Dated: September 13, 2000.

Linda C. Witkowski,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Death Valley National Park Advisory Commission; Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Commission Act that a meeting of the Death Valley National Park Advisory Commission will be held October 11 and 12, 2000 at the Furnace Creek Inn within Death Valley National Park.

The main agenda will include:

- Death Valley National Park's Revised Draft General Management Plan;
- Updates on Park Operational Plans;
- Appropriate field trips within Death Valley National Park, if time allows.

The Advisory Commission was established by PL #03-433 to provide for the advice on development and implementation of the General Management Plan.

Members of the Commission are Janice Allen, Kathy Davis, Michael Dorame, Mark Ellis, Pauline Esteves, Stanley Haye, Sue Hickman, Cal Jepsen, Joan Lolmaugh, Gary O'Connor, Alan Peckham, Michael Prather, Wayne Schulz, and Gilbert Zimmerman.

This meeting is open to the public.

Richard H. Martin,

Superintendent, Death Valley National Park.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Public Hearing; Mojave National Preserve.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to public comment to **Federal Register** Notice of Realty Action published April 18, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 75, pages 20831-20832) on the exchange of federal property for private property at Mojave National Preserve, this notice announces a public hearing to be held regarding the proposed exchange, at the date, time and place noted below. The hearing is open to the public.

Date: October 11, 2000.

Time: 11 am-2 pm.

Place: Hole in the Wall Visitors Center, Mojave National Preserve.