

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management****[CO-956-7130 BJ-7359-241A]****Colorado: Filing of Plats of Survey**

September 29, 2000.

The plats of survey of the following described land will be officially filed in the Colorado State Office, Bureau of Land Management, Lakewood, Colorado, effective 10:00 am., September 29, 2000. All inquiries should be sent to the Colorado State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215-7093.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, and the subdivision of certain sections, and the retracement of a portion of the Colorado-New Mexico boundary, T 32 N., R. 10 W., New Mexico principal Meridian, Group 1230, Colorado, was accepted September 7, 2000.

This survey was requested by the Bureau of Indian Affairs for administrative purposes.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of portions of the subdivisional lines and subdivisional lines of certain sections and the subdivision of section 23, and the survey of irregular boundaries in certain sections, T. 40 N., R. 2 W., New Mexico Principal Meridian, Group 1261, Colorado, was accepted July 27, 2000.

The amended protraction diagram, 24 C, prepared for the express purpose of describing unsurveyed public land and may be used for leasing and administrative purposes only in T. 42 N., R. 7 W., New Mexico Principal Meridian, Group 1297, Colorado, was accepted September 25, 2000.

These surveys were requested by the Forest Service for administrative purposes.

The plat representing the corrective dependent resurvey of a portion of the south boundary and the dependent resurvey of a portion of the Seventh Guide Meridian West (E. Bdy.) and a portion of the subdivisional lines, and the subdivision survey of sections 34 and 35, and the metes-and-bounds surveys of an easement in section 34, and a portion of the East Boundary, Pinion Canyon Maneuver Site, T. 29 S., R. 57 W., Sixth Principal Meridian, Group 1001, Colorado, was accepted September 14, 2000.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the Sixth Standard Parallel South, a portion of the subdivisional lines and a metes-and-bounds of the east boundary of the

Pinion Canyon Maneuver Site in sections 25, 35, and 36, in T. 30 S., R. 58 W., Sixth Principal Meridian, Group 1001, Colorado, was accepted September 14, 2000.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines and a metes-and-bounds survey of the east boundary of the Pinion Canyon Maneuver Site, T. 31 S., R. 58 W., Sixth Principal Meridian, Group 1001, Colorado, was accepted September 14, 2000.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the east boundary and a portion of the subdivisional lines, and a metes-and-bounds survey of a portion of the South Boundary of the Pinion Canyon Maneuver Site, T. 31 S., R. 59 W., Sixth Principal Meridian, Group 1001, Colorado, was accepted September 14, 2000.

These surveys were requested by the Army for administrative purposes.

The supplemental plat, creating lots in section 11, and new lots 4, 5, and 6 from old lot 1 in section 13, and new lots 11 and 12 from old lot 1 in section 14, in T. 3 N., R. 71 W., Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, was accepted August 3, 2000.

The supplemental plat, creating new lots 52 and 53 from old lot 2, in the 4NW¹/₄ of section 12, T. 1 N., R. 73 W., Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, was accepted August 14, 2000.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines and certain tract lines, and the subdivision of section 14 and an informative traverse along the center line of a dirt road in section 14, T. 2 S., R. 85 W., Sixth Principal Meridian, Group 1274, Colorado, was accepted September 21, 2000.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of portions of the north boundary and the subdivisional lines, and the subdivision of certain sections in T. 2 S., R. 94 W., Group 1244, Colorado, was accepted September 26, 2000.

The plat, in two sheets, representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the east, west, and north boundaries and subdivisional lines, and the subdivision of certain sections, T. 8 S., R. 98 W., Sixth Principal Meridian, Group 1218, Colorado, was accepted July 18, 2000.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the Eighth Standard Parallel North (south boundary) and a portion of the subdivisional lines, and the subdivision survey of certain sections, T. 33 N., R. 10 E., New Mexico Principal Meridian, Group 1225, Colorado, was accepted August 1, 2000.

The plat, in 4 sheets, represents the dependent resurvey of portions of the subdivisional lines and certain claim lines, and a metes-and-bounds survey, all in sections 29, 30, 31, and 32, T. 8 N., R. 97 W., Sixth Principal Meridian, Group 1231, Colorado, was accepted August 31, 2000.

The plat representing the entire record of the dependent resurvey of certain claim lines, in section 1, T. 7 N., R. 98 W., Sixth Principal Meridian, Group 1231, Colorado, was accepted August 31, 2000.

The plat, in two sheets, representing the entire record, the dependent resurvey of a portion of the west boundary, certain claim lines, and a metes-and-bounds survey in section 6, T. 7 N., R. 97 W., Sixth Principal Meridian, Group 1231, Colorado, was accepted August 31, 2000.

The plat representing the entire record of the dependent resurvey of a portion of the west boundary and subdivisional lines, with subdivision of section and metes-and-bounds surveys in sections 29 and 30, T. 45 N., R. 5 E., New Mexico Principal Meridian, Group 1263, Colorado, was accepted September 14, 2000.

These surveys were requested by the Bureau of Land Management for administrative purposes.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**National Park Service****Anacapa Island Restoration Plan, Final Environmental Impact Statement, Channel Islands National Park, Ventura County, CA; Notice of Availability**

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub. L. 81-190 as amended), the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) assessing the potential impacts of eradicating the Black rat on Anacapa Island. This FEIS analyzes the effects of implementing proposed actions that accomplish the following objectives: (1) Eradicating introduced Black rats on Anacapa Island; (2) adopting an emergency response plan for accidental introductions of rodents on Anacapa, Santa Barbara, Prince, and Sutil Islands; and (3) incorporating a prevention strategy to reduce the potential for rodents to be accidentally introduced to Park islands. The proposed action was

developed in concert with the Island Conservation and Ecology Group and is based on worldwide evaluation of other island rat eradication projects. Actions to manage existing and potential Black rat infestations are necessary because of the ecological damage occurring on Anacapa Island, and the potential negative impact they would have if introduced to other Park islands.

Proposal

The technique proposed for eradicating rats on Anacapa Island is modeled after other island rat eradication projects that have successfully been completed worldwide. Due to the steep cliffs of the island, an aerial broadcast is necessary to deliver rodenticide to every rat's territory, a condition that has to be met to accomplish eradication. The proposed target date for the application is fall-winter 2000–2001. This period offers the optimum time to apply the bait for three reasons: the Endangered brown pelicans are not breeding on the island; rats are in decline due to lack of available food sources, which prompts them to eat bait more readily; and the onset of the rainy season would expedite the degradation of any residual bait not consumed by the target species. The chronology of eradication would begin with baiting in representative habitat within the project area during the 2000 treatment window.

Representative habitat may include all of East Islet or smaller area on Middle Islet that allows for easy and unobtrusive access. The objective of the initial eradication treatment is to conduct both effectiveness and validation monitoring of the project's objective and the alternative's proposed activities including mandated mitigation. This effort would be followed up with the completion of the island-wide eradication activities starting with East Islet. East Islet baiting would occur during the 2000 treatment window and would be treated along with approximately 20 ha of Middle Islet to lower the probability of invasion by rats from Middle Islet to East Islet. The 20 ha section of Middle Islet may be treated intermittently to prevent re-invasion of East Islet. Middle Islet (including the section treated with East Islet) and West Islet would be treated during the 2001 application window following East Islet application.

Alternatives

In addition to the six alternatives analyzed in detail in the FEIS, many other alternatives were considered, but were eliminated from further study

because they could not meet the objective of total eradication.

The alternatives considered in the FEIS are as follows: *Alternative One* (No Action) would continue with limited control of rats around buildings and structures; *Alternative Two* (proposal) would use an aerial broadcast technique and use a rodent bait containing brodifacoum; *Alternative Three* would utilize bait stations for the top of islands and aerial broadcast the cliffsides and use the rodent bait containing brodifacoum; *Alternative Four* would use an aerial broadcast of a rodent bait containing bromadiolone; *Alternative Five* would use bait stations for the top of islands and aerial broadcast the cliffsides with the rodent bait bromadiolone; and *Alternative Six* would aerial broadcast a rodent bait containing diphacinone followed by a rodent bait containing brodifacoum.

Mitigation measures specific to implementing each alternative were identified. In addition, each alternative addresses the need to: (1) Conduct effectiveness and validation monitoring; (2) implement a non-native rodent introduction and prevention plan; (3) protect the native deer mouse population; (4) implement the rat detection response plan; (5) require visitor use restrictions for a short period during and after bait application; (6) restrict baiting to specified treatment windows; (7) obtain Federal EPA approval for use of rodenticide bait (and otherwise comply with NPS integrated pest management policies); and (8) conduct public awareness program on the impacts of introduced species.

Public Involvement

Since 1996 conservation biologists, educators, agency officials, and interested individuals and organizations have deliberated on the Anacapa Island rat infestation. The Park formally initiated scoping activities in November, 1999, including public meeting held December 8, 1999. Through the scoping and public involvement process the following significant environmental issues were identified: (1) Target species efficacy; (2) Non-target species impacts; and (3) Visitation and visitor use. Development of alternatives was strongly influenced by these environmental issues. In developing a complete range of alternatives, the Park consulted many experts in the field of vertebrate biology, toxicology, and avian biology. The DEIS was distributed during June, 2000. The formal comment period ended September 5, 2000; nine written responses were received.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FEIS is available at Park headquarters, on the

Park's website (<http://www.nps.gov/chis/naturalresources/AIRP.html>), and at Fosters Library, Ventura, California. Copies of the FEIS may also be obtained by contacting the Superintendent, Channel Islands National Park, 1901 Spinnaker Dr, Ventura, California 93001 (or via telephone at (805) 658–5700).

If individuals submitting comments at this time request that their name or/and address be withheld from public disclosure, it will be honored to the extent allowable by law. Such requests must be stated prominently in the beginning of the comments. There also may be circumstances wherein the NPS will withhold a respondent's identity as allowable by law. As always: NPS will make available to public inspection all submissions from organizations or businesses and from persons identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations and businesses; and, anonymous comments may not be considered.

Decision

No sooner than 30 (thirty) days after release of this FEIS a Record of Decision (ROD) will be executed. Notice of approval will be given via local and regional media, and will be duly noted in the **Federal Register** (actions to implement any elements of this plan may not occur until after the latter Notice). The official responsible for approval is the Regional Director, Pacific West Region; the official responsible for implementation is the Superintendent, Channel Islands National Park.

Dated: October 4, 2000.

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Regional Director, Pacific West Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Record of Decision; Final Oil and Gas Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement, Padre Island National Seashore, Texas

ACTION: Notice of Approval of Record of Decision:

SUMMARY: Pursuant to subsection 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the regulations promulgated by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR 1505.2), the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, has prepared a Record of Decision on the Final Oil and Gas Management Plan/