

Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report. A response to each comment received in these letters has been included in Final Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report considered five alternatives, including the Proposed Action and the No-Action Alternatives. Under the No-Action Alternative, landowners within the County would continue to apply for individual incidental take permits on a case-by-case basis, resulting in piecemeal planning that would establish isolated patches of mitigation land scattered throughout the County. This could result in cumulatively significant adverse impacts to those species which would benefit from larger tracts of interconnected habitats.

Under the Reduced Land Acquisition/ Increased Preserve Enhancement Alternative, mitigation would focus on habitat enhancement which could interfere substantially with agricultural activities, creating significant adverse impact to agricultural productivity in the County. This alternative would have questionable benefits to the covered species because habitat enhancement is unpredictable and may be unsuccessful.

Under the No Wetlands Coverage Alternative, landowners within the County would continue to apply for individual permits pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act, which is expected to result in piecemeal planning. Mitigation lands would likely consist of smaller and more widely scattered habitat blocks than would occur with the Proposed Action, resulting in cumulatively significant adverse impacts to those wetland-dependent species which would benefit from larger tracts of interconnected habitats.

Under the Preserve Location Outside of the County Alternative, significantly less habitat within the County would be preserved than with the Proposed Action, adversely impacting some covered species by creating gaps in the species' range and potentially disrupting the genetic integrity of some populations. This alternative could also adversely impact relatively immobile species that are unable to relocate to distant newly created habitats.

The analysis provided in the Final Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report is intended to accomplish the following: inform the public of the proposed action; address public comments received on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report; disclose the direct,

indirect, and cumulative environmental effects of the proposed actions; and indicate any irreversible commitment of resources that would result from implementation of the proposed action.

Dated: November 20, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Extension of the Public Comment Period on the Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Cadiz Groundwater Storage Dry-Year Supply Program

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the public comment period on the Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Cadiz Groundwater Storage Dry-Year Supply Program has been extended to Monday, January 8, 2001. The original public comment was scheduled to close on Monday, December 4, 2000.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Department of the Interior, the Federal lead agency, and Metropolitan Water District (MWD) of Southern California, the State lead agency, developed the supplement in response to public and agency concerns about groundwater management and potential air quality impacts associated with the project, proposed by Metropolitan in partnership with Cadiz, Inc. Cooperating agencies in developing the supplement were the National Park Service (NPS) and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS).

The Supplement provides more information on the proposed project and includes a Groundwater Monitoring and Management Plan (Plan). The Plan would govern water storage and extraction operations, including the amount of indigenous groundwater that may be extracted over the 50-year life of the proposed project.

The project proposes to utilize the groundwater basins under a portion of the Cadiz and Fenner Valleys, about 60 miles southwest of Needles, Calif., to store water imported from

Metropolitan's Colorado River Aqueduct during years with surplus water and extract the stored water and available indigenous groundwater for use by Metropolitan to serve its customers.

Some of the necessary facilities involved would be located on Cadiz, Inc. private land, while a 35-mile-long pipeline and other facilities would be on public lands administered by BLM.

The supplement is available online at www.ca.blm.gov/needles/nepa01.html.

Review copies are available at BLM offices in Needles (101 West Spikes Road) and Riverside (6221 Box Springs Blvd.), and Metropolitan's Los Angeles headquarters (700 North Alameda Street), as well as local public libraries.

Comments on the Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Cadiz Groundwater Storage Dry-Year Supply Program should be addressed to the Bureau of Land Management, Attn: James Williams, 6221 Box Springs Blvd., Riverside, CA 92507 or Metropolitan Water District, Attn: Jack Safely, P.O. Box 54153, Los Angeles, CA 90054.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Williams at (909) 697-5390 or Jack Safely at (213) 217-6981.

Dated: November 27, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent to Extend the Time Period for Removal of Excess and Stray Wild Horses

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

SUMMARY: On June 21, 2000, notice was published in the **Federal Register** at Vol. 65, No 120, pgs 38572-38573, which stated in part, "* * * the Rawlins and Lander Field Offices of the Bureau of Land Management plan to remove 500-600 excess and stray horses from three contiguous areas of the Rawlins and Lander Field Offices known as the Lost Creek HMA, an area designated as I-80 North, and the Antelope Hills HMA * * * The removal is scheduled to begin after September 30, 2000, and conclude prior to January 1, 2001. The Appropriate Management Level for these three contiguous areas is 140. At least 140 horses will remain in the area after the removal is completed."

Due to weather and logistical considerations, it was not possible to complete the action described in the notice in the time period originally envisioned; therefore the BLM will complete the action as soon after January 1, 2001, as is practical. The action will take place in the same manner, in the same places, employ the same practices for safe and humane treatment of the horses, and have the same effects as discussed in EA# WY-030-EA0-181.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, please contact

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Extension of Expiring Contracts Up to One Year

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.
ACTION: Public notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 36 CFR 51.23, public notice is hereby given that the National Park Service proposes to extend the following expiring concession contracts for a period of up to one year.

Concessioner identification No.	Concessioner name	Park
ANIA903	Katmai Guide Service	Aniakchak National Monument and Preserve
ANIA904	King Guiding Service	Aniakchak National Monument and Preserve
ANIA906	Cinder River Lodge	Aniakchak National Monument and Preserve
ACAD001	The Acadia Corp.	Acadia National Park
AMIS002	Lake Amistad Resort & Marina	Amistad National Recreation Area
AMIS003	Rough Canyon Marina, 1144	Amistad National Recreation Area
BADL001	Oglala Sioux Tribe (Cedar Pass Lodge)	Badlands National Park
BAND001	Bandelier Trading, Inc.	Bandelier National Monument
BEOL001	Bent's Old Fort Historical Assn.	Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site
BICA003	Horseshoe Bend Marina	Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area
BICA007	Lucon Corp.	Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area
BISC002	Biscayne National Underwater Park Co	Biscayne National Park
BISO001	LeConte Lodge Limited Partnership	Big South Fork National Recreation Area
BLCA001	Rim House	Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument
BLRI001	Southern Highland Handicraft Guild	Blue Ridge Parkway
CACA001	The Cavern Supply Co., Inc.	Carlsbad Caverns National Park
CACO003	Town of Truro	Cape Cod National Seashore
CACO004	Charles W. Silva	Cape Cod National Seashore
CAHA001	Avon-Thornton Limited Partnership	Cape Hatteras National Seashore
CAHA002	Cape Hatteras Fishing Pier, Inc.	Cape Hatteras National Seashore
CAHA004	Oregon Inlet Fishing Center, Inc.	Cape Hatteras National Seashore
CALO003	Morris Marina, Kabin Kamps & Ferry Service	Cape Lookout National Seashore
CALO005	Alger G. Willis Fishing Camps, Inc	Cape Lookout National Seashore
CANY024	Tag-A-Long Tours, Ltd.	Canyonlands National Park
CANY025	Lin Ottinger Tours	Canyonlands National Park
CANY026	Tag-A-Long Tours, Ltd.	Canyonlands National Park
CANY027	Tex's Riverways	Canyonlands National Park
CANY031	Holiday River Expeditions, Inc.	Canyonlands National Park
CANY032	Kaibab Mountain Bike Tours	Canyonlands National Park
CANY033	Nichols Expeditions, Inc.	Canyonlands National Park
CANY034	Rim Tours	Canyonlands National Park
CANY035	Western Spirit Cycling, Inc.	Canyonlands National Park
CHAT001	Chattahoochee Outdoor Center, Inc	Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area
CHIS002	Channel Islands Aviation, Inc.	Channel Islands National Park
CHOH001	Fletcher's Boat House, Inc.	Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park
COLM001	Colorado National Monument Assn	Colorado National Monument
COLO001	Yorktown Shoppe	Colonial National Historical Park
COLO003	Period Designs	Colonial National Historical Park
CRMO001	Craters of the Moon Natural History Assn	Craters of the Moon National Monument
CUIS001	Lang Seafood, Inc.	Cumberland Island National Seashore
CURE001	Elk Creek Marina, Inc.	Curecanti National Recreation Area
DENA005	Rainier Mountaineering, Inc.	Denali National Park and Preserve
DENA006	Mountain Trip, Inc.	Denali National Park and Preserve
DENA008	Alaska-Denali Guiding	Denali National Park and Preserve
DENA009	Fantasy Ridge Alpinism, Inc.	Denali National Park and Preserve
DENA010	American Alpine Institute	Denali National Park and Preserve
DENA011	National Outdoor Leadership School	Denali National Park and Preserve
DENA013	Wallace and Jerryne Cole (Camp Denali and North Face Lodge).	Denali National Park and Preserve
DENA015	Kantishna Roadhouse Company	Denali National Park and Preserve
DENA016	Denali Backcountry Lodge, Inc.	Denali National Park and Preserve
DENA901	Alaska Remote Guide Service	Denali National Park and Preserve
DENA904	Kichatna Guide Service	Denali National Park and Preserve
DEVA001	Amfac Hotels & Resorts, Inc.	Death Valley National Monument
DEVA002	Amfac Hotels & Resorts, Inc.	Death Valley National Monument