

other large trees that immediately surround it such that no trees larger than 4 inches in diameter can be cut or otherwise removed. Incidental take is expected in the form of harm and harassment from noise and movement associated with construction and timber management activities during the nesting season. These impacts may disturb eagles in the immediate area and/or prevent them from nesting, resulting in incidental take through modification of habitat in the vicinity of the existing nest or future nests and/or disturbance of nesting bald eagles. The strategy that the Applicant will employ to offset the impacts of the project to the bald eagle include efforts to avoid or minimize take, combined with management to improve bald eagle nesting and foraging habitat in selected areas as described in the Applicant's HCP.

Under section 9 of the Act and its implementing regulations, "taking" of endangered and threatened wildlife is prohibited. However, the Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take such wildlife if the taking is incidental to and not the purpose of otherwise lawful activities. The Applicant has prepared an HCP as required for the ITP application.

As stated above, the Service has made a preliminary determination that the issuance of the ITP is not a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment within the meaning of section 102(2)(C) of NEPA. This preliminary information may be revised due to public comments received in response to this notice and is based on information contained in the draft EA and HCP. The Service will also evaluate whether the issuance of a section 10(a)(1)(B) ITP complies with section 7 of the Act by conducting an intra-Service section 7 consultation. The results of the biological opinion, in combination with the above findings, will be used in the final analysis to

determine whether or not to issue the ITP and sign the Implementing Agreement.

Dated: March 9, 2001.

**H. Dale Hall,**

*Acting Regional Director.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**U.S. Geological Survey**

**Request for Public Comments on Information Collection To Be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act**

A request extending the collection of information listed below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). Copies of the proposed collection of information and related forms may be obtained by contacting the USGS Clearance Officer at the phone number listed below. Comments and suggestions on the requirement should be made within 60 days directly to the USGS Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, Reston, VA 20192. As required by OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), the U.S. Geological Survey solicits specific public comments regarding the proposed information collection as to:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the USGS, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the USGS estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The utility, quality, and clarity of the information to be collected; and,

4. How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

*Title:* Consolidated Consumers' Report.

*Current OMB approval number:* 1028-0070.

*Abstract:* Respondents supply the U.S. Geological Survey with domestic consumption data of 12 metals and ferroalloys, some of which are considered strategic and critical. This information will be published as Annual Reports, Mineral Industry Surveys, and in Mineral Commodity Summaries for use by Government agencies, industry, and the general public.

*Bureau form number:* 9-4117-MA.

*Frequency:* Monthly and Annual.

*Description of respondents:* Consumers of ferrous and related metals.

*Annual Responses:* 3,670.

*Annual burden hours:* 2,791.

*Bureau clearance officer:* John E. Cordyack, Jr., 703-648-7313.

**John H. DeYoung, Jr.,**

*Chief Scientist, Minerals Information Team.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**National Park Service**

**Notice of Intention To Extend Concession Contracts to: December 31, 2001**

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to 36 CFR part 51, section 51.23, public notice is hereby given that the National Park Service proposes to extend the following expiring concession contracts.

Concessioner identification No.	Concessioner name	Park
JOTR001 .....	Joshua Tree National Park Association .....	Joshua Tree National Park.
OLYM047 .....	Allen Rancourt .....	Olympic National Park.
OLYM064 .....	Sure Fire Wood .....	Olympic National Park.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 1, 2001.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** All of the listed concession authorizations will expire on or before April 30, 2001. The National Park Service has determined that the proposed short-term extensions are necessary in order to avoid an interruption of visitor services and has taken all reasonable and appropriate steps to consider alternatives to avoid

such interruption. These extensions will allow the National Park Service to complete and issue prospectuses leading to the competitive selection of concessioners for new longer-term concession contracts covering these operations. This short-term extension will be until December 31, 2001. 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.