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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steve Miller, Superintendent, Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve, P.O. Box 585, Cottonwood Falls, Kansas 66845; or telephone him at 620-273-6034.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve was established by Public Law 104-333, dated November 12, 1996.

Dated: May 29, 2001.

**William W. Schenk,**

*Regional Director, Midwest Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before May 26, 2001.

Pursuant to section 60.13 of 36 CFR part 60 written comments concerning the significance of these properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation may be forwarded to the National Register, National Park Service, 1849 C St. NW, NC400, Washington, DC 20240. Written comments should be submitted by June 27, 2001.

**Carol D. Shull,**

*Keeper of the National Register Of Historic Places.*

*California*

Orange County

Ebell Society of Santa Ana Valley, 625 N. French St., Santa Ana, 01000682

*Florida*

Sarasota County

Appleby Building, 501-513 Kumquat

Court, Sarasota, 01000683

*Missouri*

Bates County

Bates County Courthouse, 1 North Delaware, Butler, 01000684

*South Dakota*

Hanson County

Saint Peter's Grotto, O.5 mi N of Chicago and North Western Railroad Tracks, Farmer, 01000686

*Wisconsin*

Brown County

Holy Cross Church and Convent, 3001 Bay Settlement Rd., Green Bay, 01000685

In order to preserve the following resource the comment period for the following resource has been shortened to three (3) days:

A request for a MOVE has been made for the following resource:

*Iowa*

Polk County

Vail, Mrs. Marian D.-Prof. Charles Noyes Kinney House (Drake University and Related Properties in Des Moines, Iowa, 1881-1918 MPS) 1318 27th St., Des Moines, 88001340

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Oil and Gas Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Big Cypress National Preserve, Florida

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service is preparing an Oil and Gas Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Big Cypress National Preserve in Collier, Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties, Florida, and is initiating the scoping process for this document.

**DATES:** Open houses will be held on the following dates:

July 12, 2001, 3:30 to 7:30 p.m., Miami, Florida,

July 11, 2001, 3:30 to 7:30 p.m., Naples, Florida.

Comments on this scoping process should be received by July 27, 2001. An Oil and Gas Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement should be available for review by Fall 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting locations are:

1. Miami—Florida International University, Graham Center Ballroom

West, 11200 SW 8th Street, Miami, Florida 33199.

2. Naples—The Conservancy of Southwest Florida, 1450 Merihue Drive, Naples, Florida 33440.

Send requests to be placed on the mailing list to Susan Kaynor, EIS Coordinator, Big Cypress National Preserve, HCR 61, Box 110, Ochopee, Florida 34141, telephone 941-695-2000.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Oil and Gas Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement is needed to address the issues of how the National Park Service can protect its resources and values, ensure public safety, and minimize conflicts with visitors and park management while recognizing the rights of private mineral owners to develop their oil and gas resources. In the Oil and Gas Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement and its accompanying public involvement process, the National Park Service will formulate and evaluate the environmental impacts of a reasonable range of alternatives that will provide protection for resources and values at Big Cypress National Preserve while allowing for exploration and development of the private mineral estate. Distinct management issues include identifying which park resources and values are most sensitive to oil and gas exploration and development disturbances, defining impact mitigation requirements to protect such resources and values, establishing reasonable performance standards and providing pertinent information to oil and gas owners and operators that will facilitate operations planning.

A public scoping newsletter will be mailed in May 2001 to invite public participation in the scoping process and to describe the planning process. The general public and affected or interested parties are encouraged to provide comments and suggestions, and to identify issues and other reasonable alternatives that should be addressed in the Oil and Gas Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. If you wish for us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of

organizations nor businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Please contact the Superintendent, Big Cypress National Preserve, HCR 61, Box 110, Ochopee, Florida 34141, telephone 941-695-2000 with any comments you may have or for information.

Dated: May 3, 2001.

**W. Thomas Brown,**

*Regional Director, Southeast Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Appalachian National Scenic Trail— Notice of Realty Action

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of realty action.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a proposed exchange of federally owned lands for privately-owned lands both located in Botetourt County, Commonwealth of Virginia.

I. The following described interest in Federally-owned land was acquired by the National Park Service and has been determined to be suitable for disposal by exchange. The authority for this exchange is Section 5(b) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act Amendments in Public Law 90-401, approved July 15, 1968, and Section 7(f) of the National Trails System Act, Public Law 90-543, as amended.

The selected interest in Federal land is within the boundaries of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail. The land has been surveyed for cultural resources and endangered and threatened species. These reports are available upon request.

Fee ownership of the following Federally-owned property is to be exchanged: Tract 475-33 is a 4.54 acre portion of 49.00 acres acquired (475-28) by the United States of America by deed recorded in Book 549, Page 397, in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Commonwealth of Virginia. The tract is partially located within a 100-foot wide Appalachian Electric Company utility easement. Conveyance of the land by the United States will be done by Quitclaim Deed and will include a provision that the conveyance will not affect any and all access to the remainder as conveyed to the United States of America by the aforesaid deed.

II. In exchange for the land described in Paragraph I above, the United States of America will acquire a 3.33-acre

portion of a parcel of land currently owned by Marvin L. Harris, *et ux.*, lying within the boundaries of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail. All right, title and interest in Tract 475-31 is to be conveyed to the United States. This land will be administered by the National Park Service as a part of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail upon completion of the exchange. This exchange of real property will provide permanent protection for the Appalachian Trail. The exchange will also provide additional property to the landowner whose current property line is just 75 feet from their house.

The land to be acquired by the United States of America is described as follows: Tract 475-31 is a 3.33-acre portion of 22.50 acres acquired by Marvin L. Harris, *et ux.*, by deed from William E. Goad, *et ux.*, recorded in Book 481, Page 448, in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Commonwealth of Virginia. Conveyance of the fee simple title, will be done by a General Warranty Deed.

The value of the properties exchanged shall be determined by a current fair market value appraisal and if they are not approximately equal, the values shall be equalized by payment of cash as circumstances require.

Detailed information concerning this exchange including precise legal descriptions, Land Protection Plan and cultural reports, are available at the Appalachian Trail Land Acquisition Field Office, 1314 Edwin Miller Boulevard, P.O. Box 908, Martinsburg, West Virginia 25402.

For a period of 45 days from the date of this notice, interested parties may submit written comments to the above address. Adverse comments will be evaluated and this action may be modified or vacated accordingly. In the absence of any action to modify or vacate, this realty action will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** Chief, Acquisition Division, National Park Service, Appalachian Trail Land Acquisition Field Office, P.O. Box 908, Martinsburg, WV 25402-0908, 304-263-4943.

Dated: May 18, 2001.

**Pamela Underhill,**

*Park Manager, Appalachian National Scenic Trail.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree in Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act Cost Recovery Action

In accordance with the Department Policy, 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that a Consent Decree in *United States v. Ameron International Corp., Jotun A/S, and The Valspar Corporation*, Civil Action No. S01-CV-1544 was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Maryland on May 29, 2001. This Consent Decree resolves claims of the United States' against Ameron International Corp., Jotun A/S, Jotun Marine Coatings, and The Valspar Corporation ("Settling Defendants") under Section 107(a) of the Comprehensive Environment Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9607(a), for response costs incurred at the Ainsworth Paint and Chemical Superfund Site in Baltimore, Maryland, Pennsylvania. The Consent Decree requires the Settling Defendants to pay a total of \$799,500 in past response costs.

The Department of Justice will accept written comments on the proposed Consent Decree for thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice. Please address comments to the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Environmental and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, P.O. Box 7611, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, D.C. 20044 and refer to *United States v. Ameron International, Jotun A/S, and The Valspar Corporation*, DOJ #90-11-3-06454.

Copies of the proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, District of Maryland, 101 West Lombard Street, 6225 U.S. Courthouse, Baltimore, MD 21201 and at EPA Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029. A copy of the proposed Consent Decree may be obtained by mail from the U.S. Department of Justice, Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC, 20044-7611. When requesting a copy of the proposed Consent Decree, please enclose a check to cover the twenty-five cents per page reproduction cost payable to the "Consent Decree Library" in the amount of \$6.50, and please reference *United States v. Ameron International Corp., Jotun A/S, and The*