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Greg Thomsen,

Field Manager, El Centro Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Intent To Extend Concession Contract for Services at Olympic, Big Bend, Mammoth Cave, and Isle Royale National Parks and Blue Ridge Parkway

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 authorizing continued food and beverage, general merchandise, automobile service, transportation, marina, gift shop, and overnight accommodations at Olympic, Big Bend, Mammoth Cave, and Isle Royale National Parks and Blue Ridge parkway. The extension will be for a term of not more than 3 years. This extension is necessary to avoid interruption of public services while the National Park Service evaluates the long-term needs of each park. This extension will be for a 3-year period beginning September 21, 2002. This notice is pursuant to 36 CFR Part 51, § 51.24(a).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The current concession contract for these parks expired on September 20, 2002. This contract is unique in that when it was executed in 1982, all parks were covered under one authorization. The extension will allow for individual park contracts to be developed, a prospectus to be released and a new, long-term contract awarded.

Information about this notice can be sought from: National Park Service, Concession Program Manager, 1849 C Street, NW., (2410), Washington, DC 20240 or call 202/513-7156.

Dated: September 23, 2002.

Richard G. Ring,

Associate Director for Park Operations and Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-02-930-1610-DS-005G]

Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro National Historic Trail, and proposed amendments to the Taos, Mimbres and White Sands Resource Management Plans, New Mexico.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service and the Bureau of Land Management announce the availability of the *Draft El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro National Historic Trail Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)*. The plan provides alternative visions for managing the trail between El Paso, Texas, and San Juan Pueblo, New Mexico. This plan also addresses Resource Management Plan (RMP) Amendments to the BLM's Taos, White Sands, and Mimbres RMP's related to protection of scenic values.

Added to the National Trails System in October 2000, El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro (Royal Road of the Interior) National Historic Trail (NHT) recognizes the primary route between the colonial Spanish capital of Mexico City and the Spanish provincial capitals at San Juan de Los Caballeros (1598-1600), San Gabriel (1600-1609) and then Santa Fe (1610-1821). The NHT, as designated, extends 404 miles from El Paso, Texas, to San Juan Pueblo, New Mexico.

This draft CMP/EIS focuses on the NHT's purpose and significance, issues and concerns related to current conditions along the NHT, resource protection, visitor experience and use, and long-term administrative and management objectives. Elements of the proposed plan have been developed in cooperation with federal, state, and local agencies as well as nonprofit and non-governmental organizations—the entities that will form the core of partnerships with the NHT. Community meetings were held in Alcalde, Española, Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Socorro, Truth or Consequences, Sunland Park and Las Cruces, New Mexico, as well as in El Paso, Texas. Meetings were held with several North American Indian Pueblos.

The plan provides a range of alternatives for management direction for the NHT, addressing management of BLM-administered lands within the Las Cruces, Socorro, Albuquerque and Taos Field Offices as well as opportunities on other federal, tribal, state, local or private lands. Issues addressed in the draft plan include three statutory requirements (recreation, interpretation and protection of historic values), as well as integration with tribal and community plans, visitor services, education, scenic values and international interests. The following alternatives are discussed in the draft plan:

Alternative A—This is the no-action alternative, which serves as the baseline for evaluating the changes and impacts of the other action alternatives. Under Alternative A, federal agencies would continue to manage their lands (through which the trail passes) based upon their existing management plans. There would be no overall administration or coordination of the NHT. There would be no effective coordination of the activities of an NHT association, private landowners, and federal, state, and local agencies. There would be no directed cooperation that would result in resource protection. Current visitor and recreational activities commemorating or interpreting the trail would continue.

Alternative B—Collaborative efforts by NHT administration and partners would be directed toward the protection of trail resources (historical, cultural, and natural) on both private and public land. Active stewardship and certification priorities would protect threatened trail resources. A coordinated visitor experience along El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro NHT would be provided and structured to promote public understanding and appreciation of NHT-related resources. An auto tour route would be established. Existing recreational opportunities that are not trail-related, but provided by private landowners and various agencies and organizations would continue.

Alternative C (preferred alternative)—An ambitious program of resource preservation and visitor use would be implemented under this alternative. Trail administration and partners would work cooperatively to provide coordinated programming and activities that integrate themes, resources, and landscapes at certified sites on private land or protected sites on public land. Resources that best illustrate the trail's significance would be identified and protected on both public and private land (high-potential sites and segments). Certification priorities would be placed

upon sites and segments supporting interpretive and educational programming and protecting significant resources. An auto tour route would be established. A bi-national approach with Mexico would promote activities such as interpretation, events, and signage. The BLM's Taos, White Sands and Mimbres Resource Management Plans would be amended to protect important scenic values.

DATES: Comments must be received within 90 days from the date that the Environmental Protection Agency publishes a Notice of Availability and Filing of the Draft EIS in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: National Park Service, Long Distance Trails Office, 2968 Rodeo Park Drive West, Santa Fe, New Mexico; Bureau of Land Management New Mexico State Office, 1474 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Correspondence should be addressed to: Team Leaders, El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro National Historic Trail, P.O. Box 728, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-0728.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Team Leaders, Harry Myers and Terry Humphrey at the address listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A limited number of individual copies of the draft CMP/EIS may be obtained from the address/contacts above. Copies are available for inspection at the Long Distance Trails Office, 2968 Rodeo Park Drive West, Santa Fe, New Mexico. The document is also readily available on CD-ROM in Adobe Acrobat format that can be read by computer regardless of operating system. Copies can be requested from the team leaders at the address or phone numbers listed in the paragraph above. This same document is available at www.elcaminoreal.org. A series of public open houses will be held to discuss the draft plan and answer your questions. Meetings will be announced through press releases and the news media at least 15 days in advance.

If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to Team Leaders, Harry Myers and Terry Humphrey at: El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro National Historic Trail, P.O. Box 728, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-0728. You may also comment via the Internet to www.elcaminoreal.org. Please include your name and return address in your Internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your Internet message, contact us directly at (505) 988-6717 or (505) 751-4718. Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to the Long Distance

Trails Office, 2968 Rodeo Park Drive West, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondent's, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish 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 or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: July 12, 2002.

Richard A. Whitley,

Acting State Director, BLM—New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas.

Karen P. Wade,

Director, NPS, Intermountain Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve; Notice of Task Force Meeting

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App.1, section 10(a)(2), that a meeting of the Chalmette Battlefield Task Force Committee will be held at 6 p.m. at the following location and date:

DATES: Wednesday, November 20, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The Council Chambers Meeting Room at the St. Bernard Parish Government Complex, 8245 W. Judge Perez Drive in Chalmette, LA 70042.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Geraldine Smith, Superintendent, Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, 419 Decatur Street, New Orleans, LA 70130, (504) 589-3882, extension 137 or 108.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Chalmette Battlefield Task Force Committee is to advise the Secretary of the Interior on suggested improvements at the Chalmette Battlefield site within Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve. The members of the Task Force are as

follows: Ms. Elizabeth McDougall, Ms. Faith Moran, Mr. Anthony A. Fernandez, Jr., Mr. Drew Heaphy, Mr. Alvin W. Guillot, Mrs. George W. Davis, Mr. Eric Cager, Mr. Paul V. Perez, Captain Bonnie Pepper Cook, Mr. Michael L. Fraering, Colonel John F. Pugh, Jr., and Geraldine Smith.

The matters to be discussed at this meeting include the purpose of the committee, background and history of the area, appointment of a chairperson and scheduling future meetings. This meeting will be open to the public. However, facilities and space for accommodating members of the public are limited. Any member of the public may file with the committee a written statement concerning the matters to be discussed. Written statements may also be submitted to the superintendent at the address above. Minutes of the meeting will be available at park headquarters for public inspection at 419 Decatur Street, New Orleans, Louisiana for public inspection approximately 4 weeks after the meeting and on the park Web site at <http://www.nps.gov/jela.htm>.

Dated: September 26, 2002.

Jerre Brumbelow,

Acting Regional Director, Southeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee: Meeting; Correction

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

This notice corrects the notice regarding the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee meeting in Seattle, WA, November 8-10, 2002.

In the Federal Register of Thursday, July 18, 2002, FR Doc. 02-18050, page 47397, paragraph number 1 is corrected by substituting the following paragraph: The agenda for the meeting will include Federal agency compliance; regulations on Section 10.11, Disposition of Culturally Unidentifiable Human Remains; and a dispute between the Ho-Chunk Nation and The Field Museum.

Dated: September 17, 2002.

Robert Stearns,

Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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