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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Attn: Ken Smith, 3170 East Main Street, Canon City, Colorado 81212. Phone (719) 269-8500.

Dated: June 3, 2003.

**Roy L. Masinton,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Availability for Public Comment of an Administrative Order Concerning the Dinero Mine Located Near Leadville, CO

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability for public comment of an administrative order on consent concerning the dinero mine located near Leadville, Colorado.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 122(1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9622(1), notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), by and through the Department of the Interior, and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), have signed a proposed Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) concerning the Dinero Complex Site (Site) located near Leadville, Colorado. The Department of Justice has issued its concurrence with the AOC.

The Site affects public land managed by BLM and includes private land owned by John D. Lundquist (Lundquist). The Site includes two mine waste rock piles estimated to contain approximately 40,000 cubic yards of material extracted from the nearby Dinero mine tunnel. The piles are partially located on wetlands within the Sugarloaf Gulch drainage, a tributary of the Lake Fork of the Arkansas River. Several studies conducted at the Site indicate that the two mine waste rock piles contain toxic metal compounds which, when coming into contact with surface and ground water, release toxic metals and acidic drainage into the nearby wetlands and downstream surface waters. After completing an engineering evaluation/cost analysis (EE/CA) of response alternatives, BLM selected a non-time critical removal

action to address releases from the two mine waste rock piles. Under the selected alternative, BLM will remove the waste from the gulch and consolidate it into two on-site repositories, which will be covered and revegetated. In addition, hydrological controls will be installed so as to minimize contact of surface water runoff with the repositories.

Through the proposed AOC, the United States and Mr. Lundquist would resolve the alleged liability of Mr. Lundquist under section 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607. Mr. Lundquist would provide access and materials needed to implement the removal action, and would authorize the construction of a portion of the mine waste rock repositories on his lands. In addition, Mr. Lundquist would grant a covenant running with the land that would prevent disturbance of the portion of his lands subject to removal action.

**DATES:** BLM will receive comments on the proposed AOC until July 11, 2003. Comments should refer to the Dinero Complex Site. The proposed AOC may be examined at the BLM Royal Gorge Field Office in Canon City, Colorado, or at the Timberline Campus of the Colorado Mountain College in Leadville, Colorado.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the proposed AOC may also be obtained from the BLM Royal Gorge Field Office upon request. Comments or requests to obtain a copy of the proposed AOC should be addressed to: Dan Grenard, BLM Royal Gorge Field Office, 3170 East Main Street, Canon City, Colorado 81212, (719) 269-8500.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/General Management Plan, Big Bend National Park, Texas

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102 (2) (C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332 (C), the National Park Service announces the availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a General Management Plan (DEIS/GMP) for Big Bend National Park, Texas.

**DATES:** The National Park Service will accept comments from the public on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement through 60 days from the date of this notice. Public meetings will be held but have not been scheduled at this time. Dates, times and locations will be announced in the local media.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the DEIS/GMP are available from the Superintendent, Big Bend National Park, P.O. Box 129, Big Bend National Park, Texas 79834. Public reading copies of the DEIS/GMP will be available for review at the following locations: Office of the Superintendent, Park Headquarters (Administration Office), Big Bend National Park, P.O. Box 129, Big Bend National Park, Texas 79834. Telephone: (915) 477-1101.

Planning and Environmental Quality, Intermountain Support Office—Denver, National Park Service, 12795 West Alameda Parkway, P.O. Box 25287, Denver, CO 80225-0287. Telephone: (303) 969-2851 (or (303) 969-2377).

Office of Public Affairs, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, 18th and C Streets, NW., Room 7012, Washington, DC 20240. Telephone: (202) 208-6843.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Superintendent or Management Assistant, Big Bend National Park at the above address and telephone numbers.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** If you wish to comment you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to Superintendent, P.O. Box 129, Big Bend National Park, Texas 79834. You may comment via the Internet to *BIBE\_Superintendent@NPS.gov*. Please submit Internet comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include "Attn: GMP Team" and 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 Superintendent Frank Deckert directly at telephone (915) 477-1101 or Management Assistant Lou Good at telephone (915) 477-1103. Finally you may hand-deliver your comments to park headquarters, Panther Junction, Big Bend National Park, Texas. Comments should be received no later than 60 days from the publication of this notice of availability. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, 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. 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: March 31, 2003.

**Michael D. Synder,**

*Acting Director, Intermountain Region,  
National Park Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Fire Management Plan, Environmental Impact Statement, Big Bend National Park, Texas

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for the Fire Management Plan, Big Bend National Park.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service is preparing an environmental impact statement for the Fire Management Plan for Big Bend National Park. This cooperative effort among park staff, other Federal and State agencies, non-profit organizations, and the public, is expected to result in a comprehensive management plan that protects life, property, and cultural resources; provides opportunities for visitor interpretation; and returns natural processes to park ecosystems. In cooperation with neighboring property owners attention will also be given to resources outside the boundaries that affect the integrity of Big Bend National Park. The international border forms the park's southern boundary, and coordination with Mexico is also integral to the fire management program. There are four Fire Management Alternatives being considered. These are No-Action, Full Suppression, Full Wildland Fire Use, and Progressive Fire Use. The No Action alternative maintains the current management direction of suppressing fires in the high Chisos and on park boundaries, along Rio Grande and around inholdings. Fire may be allowed

to burn under pre-determined conditions in the rest of the park. The Full Suppression alternative suppresses all ignitions, while the Full Wildland Fire Use alternative allows for the use of naturally ignited fires to reduce fuels and benefit ecosystems except around developed areas, sensitive resources, and portions of the park boundary. The final alternative is Progressive Fire Use. It is similar to the Full Wildland Fire Use in that sensitive areas receive protection, and allows the use of prescribed and natural ignitions in the park. Unlike the Full Wildland Fire Use alternative; however, its application would be initially limited with expansion based on monitoring of prescribed fire projects and research results. Such information would help managers develop effective prescriptions for managing fires to meet ecological goals.

Major issues for fire management in the park include:

- Safety of firefighters, the public, and park staff;
- Persistence of unique habitats;
- Preservation of high quality visitor experiences;
- Maintenance of populations of threatened and endangered species;
- Control of the spread of exotic plant species;
- Concerns of neighboring landowners;
- Impacts on local communities and their economies;
- Protection of historic and prehistoric cultural resources and cultural landscapes.

A scoping newsletter has been prepared that details the issues identified to date. The newsletter will also announce the locations, times and dates of public scoping meetings that will be held in Alpine, TX and Study Butte, TX. The newsletter is available for downloading as a pdf document from Big Bend National Park's expanded Web site at [www.nps.gov/bibe/press.htm](http://www.nps.gov/bibe/press.htm) or to obtain a paper copy call or write Richard Gatewood, Fire Ecologist, P.O. Box 368 Alpine, Texas 79830, Phone: (915)837-7056 e-mail: [Richard\\_Gatewood@nps.gov](mailto:Richard_Gatewood@nps.gov).

**DATES:** Public scoping meetings are to be held in the towns of Study Butte, TX and Alpine, TX at locations, times and dates to be published in the scoping newsletter mentioned above. The National Park Service will accept comments from the public for 30 days from the date this notice is published in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Information will be available for public review and comment in the Office of the

Superintendent, Frank Deckert, Big Bend National Park, P.O. Box 129 Big Bend National Park, TX 79834 phone: (915) 477-2251.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Richard Gatewood, Fire Ecologist, Big Bend National Park, P.O. Box 368 Alpine, TX 79830, phone: (915) 837-7056, email: [Richard\\_Gatewood@nps.gov](mailto:Richard_Gatewood@nps.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** If you wish to comment on the scoping newsletter or on any other issues associated with the plan, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to Superintendent P.O. Box 129 Big Bend National Park, TX 79830. You may also comment via the Internet to [BIBE\\_Superintendent@nps.gov](mailto:BIBE_Superintendent@nps.gov). Please submit Internet comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include "Attn: Superintendent" and your name and return address in your Internet message and please indicate if you want confirmation that we received your comments. If you do not receive a confirmation that we have received your Internet message, contact directly Richard Gatewood, Fire Ecologist at (915) 837-7056. Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to Visitor's Center and Park Headquarters, Route 11, Panther Junction, Big Bend National Park. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, 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. 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: April 14, 2003.

**Michael D. Synder,**

*Director, Intermountain Region, National Park Service.*

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