

provided above. Comments and materials received are available on request for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Restoring an endangered or threatened animal or plant species to the point where it is again a secure, self-sustaining member of its ecosystem is a primary goal of the Service's endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, the Service is working to prepare recovery plans for most of the listed species native to the United States. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for conservation of species, establish criteria for the recovery levels for downlisting or delisting them, and estimate time and cost for implementing the recovery measures needed.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), requires the development of recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act, as amended in 1988, requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. We will consider all information presented during the public comment period prior to approval of each new or revised recovery plan. We, along with other Federal agencies, will also take these comments into account in the course of implementing approved recovery plans.

The Draft Plan describes the status, current management, recovery objectives and criteria, and specific actions needed to reclassify the sentry milk-vetch from endangered to threatened and for eventual consideration for delisting. An original draft of the recovery plan was developed by Dr. Joyce Maschinski, a botanist and species specialist from The Arboretum at Flagstaff. The document was reviewed and updated by a team of botanists, soil scientists, naturalists and National Park Service land managers that have a history of researching or managing the plant and its environs. In 1993, a draft recovery plan for the sentry milk-vetch underwent technical and public review. The draft was not finalized at that time due to other high priority work. The reviews received on

the 1993 draft are maintained in the Service's administrative record. Peer review of this Draft Plan is being conducted concurrent with public review.

Sentry milk-vetch is known from two, and up to three, locations on the South Rim and one location on the North Rim of the Park, where Kaibab limestone forms large flat platforms with shallow soils near pinyon-juniper woodlands. The primary cause of population decline prior to protection was trampling by Park visitors, although drought conditions may have worsened the situation. We carefully assessed the best scientific and commercial information available regarding the past, present, and future threats faced by sentry milk-vetch as part of our 1990 final determination to list this species as endangered (55 FR 50184). The four major threats identified in the rule listing the species were: (1) Destruction of habitat and damage to individuals through human disturbance (trampling); (2) overutilization due to collection; (3) inadequacy of existing regulatory mechanisms to provide protection of habitat; and (4) naturally low reproduction of the species. The Draft Plan contains action items to alleviate these factors.

Public Comments Solicited

We solicit written comments on the Draft Plan. All comments received by the date specified above will be considered prior to approval of the plan.

Authority

The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: August 16, 2004.

Bryan Arroyo,

Acting Regional Director, Region 2, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-958-1430-ET; HAG-04-0071; WAOR-57423]

Public Land Order No. 7614; Withdrawal of National Forest System Lands for the Halliday Fen Research Natural Area; Washington

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public Land Order.

SUMMARY: This order withdraws 646.40 acres of National Forest System lands

from location and entry under the United States mining laws for a period of 20 years to protect a portion of the Halliday Fen Research Natural Area.

DATES: Effective September 10, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathy Ahlenslager, Botanist, Colville National Forest, 509-684-7178, or Charles R. Roy, BLM Oregon/Washington State Office, 503-808-6189.

Order

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (2000), it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, the following described National Forest System land is hereby withdrawn from location and entry under the United States mining laws 30 U.S.C. Ch. 2 (2000), to protect the unique characteristics, sensitive fauna, hydrology, and the research values within the Halliday Fen Research Natural Area:

Colville National Forest

Willamette Meridian

T. 40 N., R. 44 E.,

Sec. 31, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

Portions of the following lands as specifically identified and described by metes and bounds in the "Boundary Description for Halliday Fen Research Natural Area to be Withdrawn from Mineral Location" dated April 19, 2002, in the official records of the Bureau of Land Management, Oregon/Washington State Office and the Colville National Forest Office, Colville, Washington:

T. 39 N., R. 43 E.,

Sec. 1, lot 1.

T. 40 N., R. 43 E.,

Sec. 36, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 39 N., R. 44 E.,

Sec. 6, lots 2 through 5, inclusive.

T. 40 N., R. 44 E.,

Sec. 30, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 31, lots 2, 3, 4, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 32, W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$.

The areas described aggregate 646.40 acres in Pend Oreille County.

2. This withdrawal will expire 20 years from the effective date of this order unless, as a result of a review conducted before the expiration date pursuant to Section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f) (2000), the Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be extended.

Dated: September 8, 2004.

Rebecca W. Watson,
Assistant Secretary—Land and Minerals Management.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Concession Contracts; Extension

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 expired concession contracts for a period of up to one year, or until such time as new contracts are executed, whichever occurs sooner.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All of the listed concession authorizations expired by their terms on December 31, 2003. The National Park Service has determined that the proposed short-term

extensions are necessary in order to avoid 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 long-term concession contracts covering these operations.

Concid ID No.	Concessioner name	Park
GATE012–94	HS Concessions	Gateway National Recreation Area.
COLO005–95	Eastern National	Various Parks, Northeast Region.
NERO001–97	Eastern National	Various Parks, Northeast Region.

DATES: Effective January 2, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Concession Program Manager, National Park Service, Washington, DC 20240, Telephone 202/513–7156.

Dated: July 20, 2004.

Jim Poole,
Acting Associate Director, Administration, Business Practices and Workforce Development.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Proposal To Rehabilitate the Yellow Barn and Chautauqua Tower at Glen Echo Park in Glen Echo, MD

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Availability of the decision notice and FONSI for the proposal to rehabilitate the Yellow Barn and Chautauqua Tower at Glen Echo Park in Glen Echo, Maryland.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Council on Environmental Quality regulations and National Park Service policy, the National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of the Decision Notice and FONSI for the Rehabilitation of the Yellow Barn and Chautauqua Tower at Glen Echo Park, a unit of the George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP). The Decision Notice and FONSI identifies Alternative C as selected by the NPS for action. It is the preferred and environmentally preferred alternative in the Environmental Assessment. Under this alternative, most of the existing Yellow Barn

structure located in Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo, Maryland would be demolished, (an exterior stone wall from the Chautauqua era would be retained), and a new structure built in the same location. The Chautauqua Tower, including stairs, will be stabilized and rehabilitated. This project will provide and maximize useful, efficient program space; address and correct Life and Safety Code deficiencies, as well as address and correct accessibility deficiencies.

DATES: The Environmental Assessment, upon which the decision and FONSI were made, was available for public comment from December 2003—January 2004. There were no public comments received.

ADDRESSES: The Decision Notice and FONSI will be available for public inspection Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. through 4 p.m. at the GWMP Headquarters, Turkey Run Park, McLean, Virginia. The FONSI can also be viewed on the GWMP Web site at <http://www.nps.gov/gwmp>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Decision Notice and FONSI completes the Environmental Assessment process.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Sarah Koenen (703) 289–2540.

Dated: September 3, 2004.

Jon James,
Deputy Superintendent, George Washington Memorial Parkway.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission, Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 86 Stat. 770, 5 U.S.C. App 1, Section 10), that a meeting of the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission will be held on September 27, 2004.

The Commission was reestablished pursuant to Public Law 87–126 as amended by Public Law 105–280. The purpose of the Commission is to consult with the Secretary of the Interior, or his designee, with respect to matters relating to the development of Cape Cod National Seashore, and with respect to carrying out the provisions of sections 4 and 5 of the Act establishing the Seashore.

The Commission members will meet at 1 p.m. at Headquarters, Marconi Station, Wellfleet, Massachusetts for the regular business meeting to discuss the following:

1. Adoption of Agenda.
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (June 21, 2004).
3. Reports of Officers.
4. Reports of Subcommittees.
5. Superintendent’s Report. Update on East Harbor/Pilgrim Lake. Report on Control of Phragmites and Preservation of Cranberry Bogs within Seashore News from Washington.
6. Old Business.
7. New Business.
8. Date and agenda for next meeting.
9. Public comment and
10. Adjournment.

The meeting is open to the public. It is expected that 15 persons will be able