

Decision: As soon as practical the park will begin to implement as its updated Fire Management Plan the “multiple strategy” alternative (identified and analyzed in the Draft and Final EIS as Alternative IV). The selected plan will focus on restoring high elevation logged plant communities and reducing the risk of high severity wildland fire by decreasing forest stand density, reducing surface fuels, and attempting to restore fire as a natural disturbance process to the greatest extent feasible. Implementation of these strategies combines use of prescribed fire and mechanical treatment, and includes both pile and broadcast burns.

Project sizes may range from 0.5 to 1,000 acres, and will occur in all vegetation types. Up to 2,200 acres could be treated in each year of implementation. To facilitate these operations, the park’s fire operations cache will be centrally located at the Oak Bottom area.

An additional component of the Draft and Final EIS was the amending of the 2001 General Management Plan (GMP), to allow for future consideration of replacing or modernizing the existing park administrative center within the park. Under the selected alternative, the park’s GMP is amended to allow the park to consider construction a new administrative building at the existing park headquarters site on Kennedy Memorial Drive (subsequent environmental compliance, with opportunity for public involvement, would be necessary to address this option within a full range of alternatives).

The selected plan was determined to be the “environmentally preferred” alternative. Since the Fire Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement is programmatic in nature, project- or site-specific mitigations may need to be developed and implemented to ensure resource protection efforts reduce or avoid adverse effects. During the fire management planning phase, subject matter experts will review evaluate existing databases and maps, and, if necessary, conduct additional surveys to field verify natural or cultural resource conditions. Additional consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the California State Historic Preservation Officer, the Redding Rancheria, and others may be required and will be documented in the project planning phase.

This selected plan and three alternatives were identified and analyzed in the Draft and Final EIS. In addition to the selected alternative, the environmental analysis addressed:

Alternative/No Action (the current fire management program); Alternative II Prescribed Fire Dominated (the fire program would have focused on the intentional use of fire through the application of prescribed fire to meet ecological restoration and maintenance objectives, and to reduce hazardous fuels throughout the park); and Alternative III Suppression Dominated (all natural and human-ignited wildland fires would have been suppressed). The full spectrum of foreseeable environmental consequences was assessed, and appropriate mitigation measures identified for each alternative.

Conclusion: The selected plan (Alternative IV) provides the most comprehensive and effective method among the alternatives considered for meeting the NPS purposes, goals, and criteria for managing fire and fire risks in Whiskeytown National Recreation Area and for meeting national environmental and fire policy goals. The selection of Alternative IV, as detailed in the Fire Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement, will not result in the impairment of park resources nor violate the Organic Act of 1916, and will allow the park to most effectively conserve park resources and provide for the long term enjoyment of visitors.

Interested parties desiring to review the Record of Decision may obtain a complete copy by contacting the Superintendent, Whiskeytown National Recreation Area, P.O. Box 188, Whiskeytown, CA 96095 (530) 242-3400.

Dated: August 25, 2004.

Jonathan B. Jarvis,
Regional Director, Pacific West Region.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Committee for the Preservation of the White House; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, National Park Service.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act that a meeting of the Committee for the Preservation of the White House will be held at the White House at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, November 17, 2004.

DATES: November 17, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Executive Secretary, Committee for the

Preservation of the White House, 1100 Ohio Drive, SW., Washington, DC 20242. (202) 619-6344.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: It is expected that the meeting agenda will include policies, goals, and long range plans. The meeting will be open, but subject to appointment and security clearance requirements. Clearance information, which includes full name, date of birth and social security number, must be received by November 10, 2004. Due to the present mail delays being experienced, clearance information should be faxed to (202) 619-6353 in order to assure receipt by deadline. Inquiries may be made by calling the Committee for the Preservation of the White House between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays at (202) 619-6344. Written comments may be sent to the Executive Secretary, Committee for the Preservation of the White House, 1100 Ohio Drive, SW., Washington, DC 20242.

Dated: October 8, 2004.

Ann Bowman Smith,
Executive Secretary, Committee for the Preservation of the White House.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Announcement of Gates of the Arctic National Park Subsistence Resource Commission (SRC) Meeting

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act that a meeting of the Gates of the Arctic National Park Subsistence Resource Commissions will be held at Fairbanks, Alaska. The purpose of the meeting will be to continue work on currently authorized and proposed National Park Service subsistence hunting program recommendations including other related subsistence management issues. The meeting will be open to the public. Any person may file with the Commission a written statement concerning the matters to be discussed.

The Subsistence Resource Commission is authorized under Title VIII, Section 808, of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, Pub. L. 96-487, and operates in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

DATES: The meeting times are, 1. Tuesday, November 9, 2004, from 9 a.m. to approximately 5 p.m. 2. Wednesday,

November 10, 2004, from 9 a.m. to approximately 5 p.m.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Locations and dates may need to be changed based on weather or local circumstances.

Notice of this meeting will be published in local newspapers and announced on local radio stations prior to the meeting dates. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Call to order (SRC Chair).
2. SRC Roll Call and Confirmation of Quorum.
3. SRC Chair and Superintendent's Welcome and Introductions.
4. Review and Approve Agenda.
5. Review and adopt minutes from April 20–21, 2004 meeting.
6. Review Commission Purpose and Status of Membership.
7. SRC Member's Report.
8. Public and Agency Comments.
9. Superintendent's Report.
10. Access Issues—Airboats.
11. User Conflicts.
12. Durational Residency.
13. Wildlife Management Unit 24 Moose Regulations and Moose Survey Report.
14. Kobuk River Management Issues.
15. Bear Baiting.
16. Federal Subsistence Board: Wildlife and Fisheries Reports.
17. 2004 SRC Chairs Workshop Update.
18. NPS Staff Reports.
19. New Business.
20. SRC, Agency, Public Closing Comments.
21. Set time and place of next SRC meeting.
22. Adjournment.

Draft minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection approximately six weeks after the meeting from the Superintendent, Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve, 201 First Ave., Fairbanks, Alaska, 99701.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dave Mills, Superintendent, at (907) 457–5752 or Fred Andersen, Subsistence Manager, at (907) 455–0621.

Dated: August 26, 2004.

Marcia Blaszak,
Regional Director, Alaska Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Settlement Stipulation Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act

Notice is hereby given that on October 18, 2004, a proposed Settlement

Agreement in *In re Federal-Mogul Global Corporation, et al.* Case No. 01–10578 (Bankr. D. Del.), was lodged with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware.

During negotiations regarding this bankruptcy case, the United States asserted that it has certain claims against the estates of two debtors, Federal-Mogul Corporation and Federal-Mogul Ignition Corporation. The proposed Settlement Agreement would resolve the claims of the United States, and certain state and local governments, against various debtors for the recovery of response costs, incurred at 14 sites, under Section 104(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 9604(a), and analogous state statutes. In addition, the proposed Settlement Agreement would permit governmental entities and other settlers to resolve in due course any alleged liabilities of debtors at 58 listed “Additional Sites” or any other Additional Site (e.g., a presently unknown site), whether prior to or following the effective date of a confirmed reorganization plan. Any settlements reached or judgments obtained regarding Additional Sites will be paid at the rate at which general unsecured claims in the bankruptcy case will be paid. Under Debtors’ proposed Third Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization, which is to be the subject of a confirmation hearing on December 9, 2004, that rate is 35%.

Under the proposed settlement, the United States will receive, on behalf of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, allowed secured claims for response costs respecting four Sites totaling \$213,080.46. In addition, the United States will receive allowed general unsecured claims relating to two Sites (one of which is among the four Sites with respect to which the United States also has a secured claim) totaling \$1,451,201.

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments relating to the proposed Settlement Agreement. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044–7611, and should refer to *In re Federal-Mogul Global Corporation*, DJ No. 90–11–2–770/2.

The proposed Settlement Agreement may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, District of Delaware, 1007 N. Orange Street, Suite 700, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, and at the Region III Office of the

Environmental Protection Agency, 1650 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103. During the public comment period, the Stipulation and Agreement may also be examined on the following Department of Justice Web site, <http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/open.html>. A copy of the Stipulation and Agreement may be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044–7611 or by faxing or e-mailing a request to Tonia Fleetwood (tonia.fleetwood@usdoj.gov), fax no. (202) 514–0097, phone confirmation number (202) 514–1547. In requesting a copy from the Consent Decree Library, please enclose a check in the amount of \$23.25 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the U.S. Treasury. In all correspondence, please refer to the case by its title and DOJ Ref #90–11–2–770/2.

Robert D. Brook,

Assistant Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

Absolute Distributing, Inc.; Denial of Registration

On May 6, 2004, the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), issued an Order to Show Cause to Absolute Distributing, Inc. (Absolute) proposing to deny its May 12, 2003, application for DEA Certificate of Registration as a distributor of list I chemicals. The Order to Show Cause alleged that granting Absolute’s application would be inconsistent with the public interest, as that term is used in 21 U.S.C. 823(h) and 824(a). The order also notified Absolute that should no request for a hearing be filed within 30 days, its hearing right would be deemed waived.

According to the DEA investigative file, the Order to Show Cause was sent by certified mail to Absolute at its proposed registered location at 2005 S. 300 W., Suite C, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84115. It was received on May 10, 2004, and DEA has not received a request for a hearing or any other reply from Absolute or anyone purporting to represent the company in this matter.

Therefore, the Deputy Administrator of DEA, finding that (1) thirty days have passed since delivery of the Order to Show Cause, and (2) no request for a