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DATES: Comments concerning the scope of this project should be received on or before September 30, 2008. The draft EIS is projected to be available in early 2010.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be mailed to the address below. Electronic comments may be submitted to the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) Web site: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/DENA>. To comment using PEPC, select the “Denali Park Road Vehicle Management Plan”, then select “Open for Public Comment”.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Adrienne Lindholm, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Denali Planning, 240 West 5th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501, (907) 644-3613.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Denali National Park contains one of the most intact predator-prey ecosystems in the world as well as one of the best opportunities in North America to view wildlife in its natural setting. Denali National Park was established in 1917 as a game refuge and conserving wildlife and protecting opportunities to view wildlife remain its most important values. Key resources and values include: Wildlife populations, wildlife habitat, and the processes and components of the park’s natural ecosystem; wilderness character, wilderness resource values, and wilderness recreational opportunities; scenic and geologic values of Mount McKinley and surrounding mountain landscape; and visitor enjoyment and inspiration from observing wildlife in its natural habitat and other natural features. Denali is now one of the most visited subarctic national parks in the world, with the vast majority of visitation focused along the 90-mile park road. Park managers must ensure that Denali’s vehicle management plan protects these critical resource values.

Before 1972, Denali visitation was low because travelers arrived either by train or by an arduous overland route on the unimproved Denali Highway. In 1972 park visitation increased 100% in direct response to the opening of the George Parks Highway which created a direct corridor from Anchorage to the park. Anticipating this increase, park managers implemented a mandatory

visitor transportation system that same year to minimize disturbances to wildlife and scenery. This was one of the first visitor transportation systems in the national park system and it set the standard for transportation systems in other park units.

With the sustained growth in Alaska’s tourism industry, Denali continues to be a featured part of travelers’ itineraries. To better manage the park experience in light of increased pressures, the 1986 General Management Plan (GMP) for the park established a limit of 10,512 motor vehicle trips annually on the park road. This limit, which affects the existing allocation of vehicle trips (among tour buses, shuttle buses, private vehicles, administrative vehicles, and private inholders and their guests) will be comprehensively evaluated in this EIS. The transportation system enabled Denali to maintain vehicle use levels below this figure while providing visitors the opportunity to travel the park road. However, visitation continues to increase and demand exceeds capacity in some cases. Trends indicate that visitation will continue to increase and that there will continue to be a demand for access to Denali. There is also a need to accommodate the changing demographics, interests, and needs of visitors. This will require a comprehensive review of the current system and evaluation of alternatives for developing a system to better serve the needs of visitors while protecting park resources.

Dated: June 20, 2008.

Victor Knox,

Acting Regional Director, Alaska.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Intent To Prepare a General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for the Ice Age National Scenic Trail Interpretive Site and Cross Plains Unit of the Ice Age National Scientific Reserve, WI

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare a General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for the Ice Age National Scenic Trail Interpretive Site and Cross Plains Unit of the Ice Age National Scientific Reserve, Wisconsin.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy

Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C), the National Park Service (NPS) with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), is preparing a General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/EIS) for the Ice Age National Scenic Trail (NST) Interpretive Site and Cross Plains Unit of the Ice Age National Scientific Reserve in Wisconsin. The GMP/EIS will prescribe the resource conditions and visitor experiences that are to be achieved and maintained in these areas over the next 15 to 20 years.

To facilitate sound planning and environmental assessment, the NPS intends to gather information necessary for the preparation of the GMP/EIS and obtain suggestions and information from other Agencies and the public on the scope of issues to be addressed in the GMP/EIS. Because the planning area involves a complex of public lands with different State and Federal designations, the NPS is partnering with the Wisconsin DNR in developing this plan. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will participate in the planning team. Comments and participation in this scoping process are invited. Participation in the planning process will be encouraged and facilitated by various means, including newsletters and open house meetings. The NPS will conduct public scoping meetings to explain the planning process and to solicit opinions about issues to address in the GMP/EIS. Notification of all such meetings will be announced in the local press and in the NPS newsletters.

ADDRESSES: Additionally, if you wish to comment on any issues associated with the GMP/EIS, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may mail or hand-deliver comments to Superintendent, Ice Age and North Country National Scenic Trails, 700 Rayovac Drive, Suite 100, Madison, Wisconsin 53711. You may provide comments electronically by entering them into the NPS’s Planning, Environment and Public Comment Web site <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>. Information will be available for public review and comment from the Office of the Superintendent at the above address.

Requests to be added to the project mailing list should be sent to Manager, Ice Age NST, 700 Rayovac Drive, Suite 100, Madison, Wisconsin 53711; telephone 608-441-5610.

Before including your address, telephone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, you should be aware that your entire comment (including your personal identifying information)

may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comments to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials, or organizations or businesses available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Superintendent, Ice Age and North Country National Scenic Trails, 700 Rayovac Drive, Suite 100, Madison, Wisconsin 53711; telephone 608-441-5610.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purpose of the Ice Age NST is to create an outstanding 1,000-mile hiking trail that follows the terminal moraines and other landscape features left by the last glacial advance and retreat approximately 10,000 years ago. The Ice Age National Scientific Reserve (Reserve), a companion project to the Ice Age NST, is a network of nine units that contain clusters of the most significant examples of landscape features formed by continental glaciation. The Ice Age NST and Reserve are the only authorized areas in the National Park System that focus on interpreting the landscape formed by continental glaciation. The Ice Age NST Interpretive Site lies within the boundary of the Wisconsin DNR Cross Plains Unit of the Reserve.

The NPS efforts to establish, develop, and manage the Ice Age NST are guided by the 1983 Comprehensive Plan for Management and Use of the Ice Age NST. The plan does not address or resolve the many detailed issues associated with owning, operating, and organizing a major interpretive site along the trail, although it cites the NPS authority to establish such a site. The development of a new GMP/EIS for the Ice Age NST Interpretive Site and Cross Plains Unit of the Reserve will result in a long-term (15-20 year) vision for the management and protection of this unique area. The outcome of the GMP/EIS will achieve a consistent management over the entire project, identify necessary developments, and support facilities to achieve the desired outcomes for the Ice Age NST and Interpretive Site, provide direction for restoring and managing the significant geologic and biologic features on the site, and define appropriate visitor use activities.

Dated: May 19, 2008.

Ernest Quintana,

Regional Director, Midwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Quarterly Status Report of Water Service, Repayment, and Other Water-Related Contract Negotiations

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of contractual actions that have been proposed to the Bureau of Reclamation and are new, modified, discontinued, or completed since the last publication of this notice on May 9, 2008. This notice is one of a variety of means used to inform the public about proposed contractual actions for capital recovery and management of project resources and facilities consistent with section 9(f) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939. Additional announcements of individual contract actions may be published in the **Federal Register** and in newspapers of general circulation in the areas determined by Reclamation to be affected by the proposed action.

ADDRESSES: The identity of the approving officer and other information pertaining to a specific contract proposal may be obtained by calling or writing the appropriate regional office at the address and telephone number given for each region in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michelle Kelly, Water and Environmental Resources Office, Bureau of Reclamation, PO Box 25007, Denver, Colorado 80225-0007; telephone 303-445-2888.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Consistent with section 9(f) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 and the rules and regulations published in 52 FR 11954, April 13, 1987 (43 CFR 426.22), Reclamation will publish notice of proposed or amendatory contract actions for any contract for the delivery of project water for authorized uses in newspapers of general circulation in the affected area at least 60 days prior to contract execution. Announcements may be in the form of news releases, legal notices, official letters, memorandums, or other forms of written material. Meetings, workshops, and/or hearings may also be used, as appropriate, to provide local publicity.

The public participation procedures do not apply to proposed contracts for the sale of surplus or interim irrigation water for a term of 1 year or less. Either of the contracting parties may invite the public to observe contract proceedings. All public participation procedures will be coordinated with those involved in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act. Pursuant to the "Final Revised Public Participation Procedures" for water resource-related contract negotiations, published in 47 FR 7763, February 22, 1982, a tabulation is provided of all proposed contractual actions in each of the five Reclamation regions. When contract negotiations are completed, and prior to execution, each proposed contract form must be approved by the Secretary of the Interior, or pursuant to delegated or redelegated authority, the Commissioner of Reclamation or one of the regional directors. In some instances, congressional review and approval of a report, water rate, or other terms and conditions of the contract may be involved.

Public participation in and receipt of comments on contract proposals will be facilitated by adherence to the following procedures:

1. Only persons authorized to act on behalf of the contracting entities may negotiate the terms and conditions of a specific contract proposal.
2. Advance notice of meetings or hearings will be furnished to those parties that have made a timely written request for such notice to the appropriate regional or project office of Reclamation.
3. Written correspondence regarding proposed contracts may be made available to the general public pursuant to the terms and procedures of the Freedom of Information Act, as amended.
4. Written comments on a proposed contract or contract action must be submitted to the appropriate regional officials at the locations and within the time limits set forth in the advance public notices.
5. All written comments received and testimony presented at any public hearings will be reviewed and summarized by the appropriate regional office for use by the contract approving authority.
6. Copies of specific proposed contracts may be obtained from the appropriate regional director or his designated public contact as they become available for review and comment.
7. In the event modifications are made in the form of a proposed contract, the appropriate regional director shall