

of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*) and/or the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing endangered species (50 CFR part 17) and/or marine mammals (50 CFR part 18). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of the complete applications or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be submitted to the Director (address above). Anyone requesting a hearing should give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

Applicant: Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, PRT-084858.

The applicant requests a permit to export a fragment of muscle tissue sample taken from a dead southern sea otter (*Enhydra lutris nereis*) specimen for the purpose of scientific research on the DNA nucleotide sequence variation in sea otters versus other mustelids for the purpose of understanding the importance of certain proteins in the adaptation to deep diving. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Applicant: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Marine Mammals Management, Anchorage, AK, PRT-041309.

The applicant requests an amendment to their permit which currently authorizes aerial and/or skiff surveys of Northern sea otters (*Enhydra lutris lutris*) wherever they occur in the State of Alaska, that may result in Level B harassment, for the purpose of scientific research. The applicant requests an extension of those activities and also requests authorization to capture, take biological samples, mark, and release up to 100 animals per year for the purpose of scientific research to assess a wide variety of health parameters and body condition indices. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Division of Management Authority is forwarding copies of the above applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

Dated: July 9, 2004.

Michael S. Moore,
Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits,
Division of Management Authority.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Meeting Notice for the John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Vale District, Interior.

ACTION: Meeting notice for the John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council.

SUMMARY: The John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council will meet on Tuesday, September 14, 2004, in the Fir and Cedar meeting rooms at the Malheur National Forest Office, 431 Patterson Bridge Road, John Day, Oregon 97845.

The meeting may include such topics as, Forest Service Weeds Plan. There will also be subcommittee updates on OHV, Noxious Weeds, Planning, Sage Grouse, and other matters as may reasonably come before the board.

There will be a field trip from approximately 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, September 15, 2004, location to be determined at a later date. Any public that would like to join in the field trip will need to provide their own transportation.

The entire meeting is open to the public. For a copy of the information to be distributed to the Council members, please submit a written request to the Vale District Office 10 days prior to the meeting. Public comment is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., Pacific Time (PT) on September 14, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Additional information concerning the John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council may be obtained from Peggy Diegan, Management Assistant/Webmaster, Vale District Office, 100 Oregon Street, Vale, OR 97918 (541) 473-3144, or email Peggy_Diegan@or.blm.gov.

Dated: July 22, 2004.

David R. Henderson,
District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Availability

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

SUMMARY: National Park Service (NPS) has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Saratoga National Historical Park General Management Plan, which is now available from the NPS.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies should be sent to Superintendent, Saratoga National Historical Park, 648 Route 32, Stillwater, New York 12170-1604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent at (518) 664-9821.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NPS prepared a Draft General Management Plan (GMP)/Draft EIS for Saratoga National Historical Park, New York, pursuant to section 102(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The draft was made available for public review for 60 days (January-March 2004) during which time the NPS distributed 2000 summaries of the draft plan and over 60 full versions of the draft. Both the summary and the full version were made available on the Web and at area libraries. A total of 32 comments were received and some 45 participants attended an open house. The consensus of the public comment period was that NPS is pursuing the correct path for the park in Alternative D, the preferred alternative. Comments from individuals and public agencies did not require NPS to add other alternatives, significantly alter existing alternatives, or make changes to the impact analysis of the effects of any alternative. Thus, an abbreviated format is used for the responses to comments in the Final EIS, in compliance with the 1978 implementing regulations (40 CFR 1503.4[c]) for the National Environmental Policy Act.

DATES: The Final EIS will be made available for a 30-day period, from August 2-September 2, 2004.

Dated: June 4, 2004.

Robert W. McIntosh,
Associate Regional Director, Planning & Partnerships, Northeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Termination of the Environmental Impact Statement for the Exit Glacier Area Plan

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

SUMMARY: The NPS is terminating the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Exit Glacier Area Plan because it has determined an Environmental Assessment (EA) will suffice. A Notice of Intent to prepare the EIS for the Exit Glacier Area Plan was published July 27, 2001 (66 FR 39196). Preliminary analysis of alternatives showed there was no potential for significant impacts to park resources and values. Scoping