

priority this task is assigned within the overall recovery strategy.

(b) The availability and willingness of cooperators to contribute to recovery activities, including cost sharing.

3. In the event that the current recovery plan fails to identify the establishment of refugia, initiation of propagation research, or controlled propagation as recovery tasks as necessary to the recovery of the species, the recovery plan will be updated, amended, or revised as appropriate. Recovery plans not yet finalized will be amended to reflect the changed recovery requirements of the listed species and provide justifications as necessary.

4. Within 6 months of the effective date of this policy, FWS Regional Directors will identify all listed species for which they have the lead recovery responsibility that are (1) being held in refugia; (2) involved in pre-propagation research; and (3) are involved in controlled propagation programs. For species involved in controlled propagation programs, the level of production and the recovery purpose (e.g., augmentation of extant populations, establishment of new populations) will be identified. This information will be reported to the Assistant Director, Endangered Species, in the FWS Washington D.C. Office.

5. Continuation of those programs not in conformity with this policy 12 months following implementation of this policy will require the FWS Director's or NMFS Assistant Administrator's concurrence. The Regional Director and Regional Administrator will provide his or her recommendation to the Director or Assistant Administrator.

1. *Does the policy include annual reporting requirements?* For the FWS, annual reports based on fiscal years will be prepared by the responsible regional authority and submitted to the Director, through the Assistant Director, Endangered Species, not later than October 31st of each year. Reports will contain the following information for each species being maintained in refugia, in pre-propagation research, or under propagation:

- Recovery priority number;
- Policy criteria that are not met (if any);
- A brief description of the controlled propagation program, including objectives and status;
- List of cooperators, if any;
- Expenditures for the past fiscal year;
- Prospects for, or obstacles to, achieving research, controlled propagation, or reintroduction objectives, and,

- A brief description of the status of wild populations, if any.

J. *What authorities support this policy?* The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended; Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended; Animal Welfare Act; Lacey Act; Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956; and National Environmental Policy Act.

K. *What are the information collection requirements?* The permit application required for participation in the controlled propagation of species listed under the Act is FWS form #3-200-55 Interstate Commerce and Recovery and form #3-200-56 for incidental take. Applicants for NMFS research/enhancement permits or incidental take permits must meet certain criteria in their applications but there are no specific forms. We use these forms or applications to permit recovery actions that may be undertaken for scientific purposes, enhancement of propagation or survival, or for incidental taking. Whenever we ask the public to submit information, we must have authorization from the Office of Management and Budget. As part of the permitting process, we often ask the public to provide information such as filling out permit applications or submitting reports.

Information collection requirements under this policy are included under the Office of Management and Budget collection approval number 1018-0094 (FWS) and 0648-0230 (NMFS), which includes information collection for permits granted for interstate commerce and recovery and incidental take. The expiration date of this approval is February 28, 2001 (FWS), and October 31, 2001 (NMFS). The purpose of information collection is to identify performance of permitted tasks and make decisions, according to criteria established in various Federal wildlife and plant conservation statutes and described in 50 CFR 17.22(a)(1) and (3) and 17.32(a)(1) and (3) (FWS) and 50 CFR 222 (NMFS).

We have estimated that the time required by an applicant to complete FWS form 3-200-55 is 2 hours. Applications to NMFS for these permits are estimated to require 80 hours for completion. The information required is already known to the applicant and need only be entered on the application form. Summary information for endangered species permit applications will be published in the **Federal Register** as required by regulation. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act and NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6). The total burden hours for completing reporting requirements is also estimated at 2 hours for the FWS

and 80 hours for NMFS. No costs to applicants beyond the cost of hour burden described above are anticipated. Annual reports are generally required for permits for scientific research.

For organizations, businesses, or individuals operating as a business (i.e., permittee not covered by the Privacy Act), we request that such entities identify any information that should be considered privileged and confidential business information to allow us to meet our responsibilities under the Freedom of Information Act. Confidential business information must be clearly marked "Business Confidential" at the top of the first page and each succeeding page, and must be accompanied by a nonconfidential summary of the confidential information. Documents may be made available to the public under Department of the Interior Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) regulations in 43 CFR 2.13(c)(4), 43 CFR 2.15(d)(1)(I) and Department of Commerce 15 CFR 4. Documents and other information submitted with these applications are made available for public review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and FOIA, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the appropriate Service within 30 days of the date of publication of the notice.

Signed: August 4, 2000.

Jamie Rappaport Clark,
Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service,
Department of the Interior.

Dated: August 18, 2000.

Penelope D. Dalton,
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries,
National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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A Direct Sale of Public Land to Richard Montoya of Santa Fe, NM

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

ACTION: Notice of realty action.

SUMMARY: The following public land has been found suitable for direct sale under Section 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (90 Stat. 2750, 43 U.S.C. 1713) and at no less than the estimated fair market value. The land will not be offered for sale until at least 60 days after the date of this notice.

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 17 N., R. 9 E.,
Section 33, lot 37

The subject public land containing 0.38 acres, more or less will be sold to Richard Montoya, of Santa Fe, NM. The sale is being done to comply with Mr. Montoya's color-of-title case. The proposed sale is for surface rights only. The disposal is consistent with the Taos Resource Area Management Plan dated October 1988, state and local government programs, plans, and applicable regulations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Interested parties may submit comments on the direct sale on or before November 6, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the Taos Field Office Manager, BLM, 226 Cruz Alta Road, Taos, NM 87571.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Hal Knox, BLM, New Mexico State Office, P.O. Box 27115 or at (505) 438-7402.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The direct sale will contain the following reservations:

1. Excepting to the United States a right-of-way thereon for ditches or canals constructed by the authority of the United States in accordance with the Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945).

2. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals. A more detailed description of this reservation, which will be incorporated in the patent document or other document of conveyance is available for review at the BLM office.

The land will be conveyed subject to:

1. Valid existing rights-of-way and easements. Publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** will segregate the public land from appropriations under the public land laws including the mining laws but not the mineral leasing laws.

This segregation will terminate upon the issuance of a patent or other document of conveyance, 270 days from date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or upon publication of Notice of Termination, which ever occurs first.

Any adverse comments will be evaluated by the State Director who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any objections, this realty action will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

Dated: September 7, 2000.

Ron Huntsinger,
Taos Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**National Park Service****Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment**

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment to Install Fire Suppression Systems for 50 Historic Structures at Gettysburg National Military Park, Adams County, Pennsylvania.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality regulations and National Park Service policy, the NPS announces the availability of a draft environmental assessment for the Installation of Fire Suppression Systems for 50 Historic Structures at Gettysburg National Military Park. The purpose of this environmental assessment is to present the alternatives for installation of fire suppression systems in 50 historic structures and related impacts. The NPS is soliciting comments on this environmental assessment. NPS will consider these comments in making a decision pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA).

DATES: The environmental assessment will remain available for public comment through October 10, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Katie Lawhon, (717) 334-1124, extension 452 or write to Superintendent, Gettysburg National Military Park, 97 Taneytown Road, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Park Service proposes to install fire suppression systems for 50 historic structures at Gettysburg National Military Park in Adams County, Pennsylvania. The lack of adequate fire protection places these 50 historic structures at risk. Current uses of the buildings include interpretive exhibits for visitors, park office space, storage, employee or rental housing and agricultural functions. Without fire detection and suppression systems neither the long-term preservation of these historic structures nor the safety of the visitors, employees and residents who use these buildings can be ensured.

Alternatives analyzed in the draft Environmental Assessment include Alternative 1, No Action and Alternate 2 (the Proposal). Under Alternative 1, No Action, fire detection and fire suppression equipment would not be installed in the 50 historic structures under consideration. Under Alternative

2, remote fire detection and suppression systems with storage tanks, pumps, and warning devices would be installed in each of the 50 historic structures.

Dated: September 11, 2000.

Russell A. Thompson,
Acting Superintendent, Gettysburg National Military Park.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**National Park Service****Going-to-the-Sun Road Advisory Committee; Meeting**

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting for the Going-to-the-Sun Road Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a scheduled meeting of the Going-to-the-Sun Road Advisory Committee. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463).

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Monday, September 25, 2000 (8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.); and Tuesday, September 26, 2000 (8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.).

MEETING LOCATION: Community Building, Headquarters, Glacier National Park, West Glacier, Montana 59936, 406-888-7897.

AGENDA: During the morning of September 25 the Going-to-the-Sun Road Advisory Committee will have a field reconnaissance on the Going-to-the-Sun Road (GTSR). In the afternoon the committee will hear and discuss MK Centennials preliminary findings and recommendations on the Engineering Study, Socioeconomic Analysis, Cultural Landscape Report, and the Transportation/Visitor Use Study. The meeting will then open for Public Comment at 5:00 p.m. On September 26 the Advisory Committee will discuss and refine MK Centennials preliminary Conceptual Engineering alternatives for the rehabilitation of the GTSR. Discussion of the Public Involvement Strategy and an Advisory Committee Business Meeting will occur in the afternoon. The meeting will then be open for Public Comment at noon and at 3:30 p.m.

The Committee meeting will be open to the public. Space and facilities to accommodate the public are limited and attendees will be accommodated on a first-come basis. Anyone may file with the Committee a written statement concerning matters to be discussed. The Committee may also permit attendees to