

same as alternative 2); other developed areas would be accessible by private vehicles. Overnight accommodations would be increased in all developed areas on the North and South Rims by constructing some new facilities and adaptively reusing existing structures. New facilities would be placed either in or adjacent to disturbed areas. Planning outside the park would emphasize regional information, as described for alternative 2. Cooperative planning with outside entities would focus on disseminating information, providing trip planning assistance, and distributing visitor use.

**Summary of Impacts:** Allowing all visitors to enter the park and developing facilities to accommodate their needs would result in continuing resource damage. This alternative would produce more resource impacts inside the park than any alternative and would set a precedent for continued resource impacts in the future. The greatest resource impacts would be caused by widening roads and developing additional parking. Visitor convenience would be significantly enhanced. Park operations and development would continue to expand to meet visitor demand. After 2010 the visions and management objectives for the developed areas might not be attainable due to the increases in facilities and visitors. Impacts to regional resources would increase over the long term as a result of growth inside and outside the park to meet visitor needs. Due to ever-increasing needs for park construction, new employee housing, and larger visitor facilities, the regional economy would continue to increase.

**Basis for Decision:** The selected action was formulated to address problems and management concerns related to the protection and preservation of natural and cultural resources, the provision of appropriate visitor experiences, and the fulfillment of identified management objectives. The management objectives reflect the park purpose, significance, and park area vision statements. They provide a standard against which progress on the implementation of the plan can be measured. The management zoning concept set forth in the March 1995 draft plan (and refined in the July 1995 final plan) is adopted, which will enhance management's ability to direct future park actions in specific areas within the context of an overall management philosophy.

The selected action also adopts the ongoing implementation plans within the park (for example, the Resource Management Plan, Backcountry Management Plan, Colorado River Management Plan, Fire Management

Plan, and Land Protection Plan), and provides direction, through the management objectives, for future revisions of those plans. The selected action provides for a monitoring program that will provide an appropriate park management presence and an adjustable, sustainable carrying capacity for people and vehicles in developed areas within the park with minimal disturbance to park resources.

No protests or other comments were received on the final plan and environmental impact statement during the 30-day no action period that the document was available to the public.

**Environmentally Preferred Alternative:** Alternative 2 is the environmentally preferred alternative. It balances the statutory mission of the National Park Service to provide long-term resource preservation while still allowing for appropriate levels of visitor use and appropriate means or forms for visitor enjoyment. Within the range of alternatives presented in the plan, alternative 2 corrects the existing infrastructure deficiencies in the park and provides for the projected growth in visitation through the year 2010 by adaptive use of existing historical structures and provision of visitor transportation services other than private automobiles. A long-term monitoring program to determine appropriate use levels and carrying capacities within the developed areas of the park will be established to ensure protection of the natural and cultural resources of the park and to maintain a quality visitor experience.

Alternative 2 also provides the best combination of long- and short-term regional economic and community proposals that will favorably affect the tourism industry and communities in northern Arizona and southern Utah. An emphasis in alternative 2 is to promote economic development in surrounding communities by not providing all tourist related facilities inside the park.

**Measures to Minimize Harm:** All practicable measures to avoid or minimize environmental impacts that could result from implementation of the selected action have been identified and incorporated into the selected action. These include, but are not limited to, protection of viewsheds and wilderness values, and natural resources including the protection of populations of threatened plant species in the developed zone. As specific aspects of the selected action are further developed or implemented, the National Park Service will consult with the Fish and Wildlife Service regarding threatened or endangered species. Also

impacts to the integrity of historic properties, ethnographic resources, and archeological sites will be avoided or minimized. A programmatic agreement has been signed by the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the National Park Service which provides a framework for further consultation and discussion when implementing the selected action.

**Conclusion:** The above factors and considerations warrant selecting Alternative 2, identified as the proposed action in the draft document (and as modified in the final general management plan and environmental impact statement). Additional copies of the approved Record of Decision may be obtained from the Superintendent, Grand Canyon National Park, P.O. Box 129, Grand Canyon, AZ 86023. The officials responsible for implementing the selected action are the Field Director, Intermountain Field Area, National Park Service and the Superintendent, Grand Canyon National Park.

Approved: August 21, 1995.

**Stanley T. Albright,**

*Field Director, Pacific West Field Area.*

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### **Interagency Desert Management Plan Northern and Eastern Mojave Desert Inyo and San Bernardino Counties, CA; Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement**

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with 40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.22, of the regulations of the President's Council on Environmental Quality for the National Environmental Policy Act (Pub. L. 91-190), the National Park Service (NPS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) are initiating the preparation of a management plan and environmental impact statement for the Northern and Eastern Mojave Desert.

#### **Background**

The purposes of this interagency desert management plan are to guide protection, public use, and development of a 7.7 million acre region in parts of Inyo and San Bernardino counties of southern California. Once approved, the plan will provide broad guidance over the next two decades for management of federally owned lands in the Northern and Eastern Mojave Desert. The plan also will contain more detailed plans for two major units of the National Park System and for BLM lands. Specifically, the existing Death Valley general

management plan of 1988 will be amended, the first general management plan for Mojave National Preserve will be prepared, and management decisions for BLM wilderness areas will amend the California Desert Conservation Area Plan of 1980.

The principal issues proposed to be resolved through this planning effort include the following topics: Access to public lands; infrastructure necessary for managing these areas; habitat management, including the habitat of the threatened desert tortoise and other sensitive species; wilderness management; management of wild horses, burros, and alien/exotic plant and animal species; proposed expansion of Fort Irwin; visitor information facilities; recreational opportunities; mining activities and utility corridors.

The project will be conducted by an interagency, multidisciplinary planning team with offices in Barstow, California. Federal and state government agencies, as well as county and city officials, will be invited to consult with the team throughout the project process. Interested individuals and organizations will be able to participate during the planning process through a series of public meetings and review periods. The expected three year planning effort will commence immediately.

The public will be invited to workshops and open houses at three different stages of the project—scoping/ issues identification, development of alternatives, and review of the draft and final documents. The first set of workshops, intended to listen to and record public input on the planning issues, will be held in late September, 1995, in Las Vegas, Nevada and in Baker, Barstow, Furnace Creek, Independence, Lone Pine, Needles, Pasadena, Ridgecrest, and San Bernardino in California. The team will also welcome any written comments during this scoping phase.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Requests for a map of the Northern and Eastern Mojave planning area, as well as comments and inquires about this project, should be directed to: Mr. Dennis Schramm, Planning Team Leader, National Park Service, Mojave National Preserve, 222 East Main Street, Suite 202, Barstow, CA 92311 [(619)255-8840].

Dated: August 22, 1995.

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## Bureau of Reclamation

[FES 95-30]

### Josephine County Water Management Improvement, Fish Passage Improvements, Savage Rapids Dam, OR

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of planning report/final environmental statement.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the Reclamation Act of 1902, as amended, the Bureau of Reclamation has prepared a planning report/final environmental statement (PR/FES) on a proposed project to improve fish passage at Savage Rapids Dam located on the Rogue River in southwest Oregon near the city of Grants Pass. The report presents an evaluation of two alternatives for improving fish passage and reducing loss of salmon and steelhead.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the PR/FES may be requested from the following:

- Regional Director, Bureau of Reclamation, Attention: PN-6309, Pacific Northwest Region, 1150 North Curtis Road, Boise, ID 83706-1234. Telephone (208) 378-5087.
- Secretary/Manager, Grants Pass Irrigation District, 200 Fruitdale Drive, Grants Pass OR 97527-5268. Telephone (503) 476-2582.
- Area Manager, Bureau of Reclamation, Lower Columbia Area Office, 1503 NE 78th, Suite 15, Vancouver, WA 98664. Telephone (206) 576-8858.

Copies of the PR/FES are available for inspection and review at the following locations:

- Josephine County Public Library, Grants Pass, Oregon.
- Medford Public Library, Medford, Oregon.
- Rogue River Public Library, Rogue River, Oregon.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The federally preferred plan proposes replacement of existing pumping and diversion facilities with two electrically-powered pumping plants, removal of the dam and appurtenant structures, and forgiveness of the remaining debt to the Federal Government. No significant changes have been made to the preferred plan as presented in the Bureau of Reclamation's planning report/draft environmental statement (DES 94-51).

The PR/FES presents the preferred plan, an alternative plan that retains the

dam, and the no Federal action plan and describes the existing environment and environmental consequences of plan implementation. Comments received during the 90-day review of the PR/DES and Reclamation's responses are documented. It is Reclamation's intention to defer further action or recommendations until State of Oregon initiatives and recommendations regarding Savage Rapids Dam are completed. We anticipate that those questions will be resolved in mid-1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bureau of Reclamation, Pacific Northwest Region, Attention: PN-6309, 1150 North Curtis Road, Boise, Idaho 83706-1234. Telephone (208) 378-5087.

Dated: August 18, 1995.

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## INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

### Agency Information Collection Under OMB Review

The following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) is being submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval. Copies of the form and supporting documents may be obtained from the Agency Clearance Officer, Ellen R. Keys, (202) 927-5673. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to Ellen R. Keys, Interstate Commerce Commission, 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 2209, Washington, DC 20423-0001 and to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: Desk Officer for ICC, Washington, DC 20503. When submitting comments, refer to the OMB number or the title of the form.

*Type of Clearance: Extension of the expiration date of a currently approved collection without any change in the substance or in the method of collection.*

*Office: Office of Compliance and Enforcement.*

*Title of Form: Owner-operator Annual Report Form.*

*OMB Form Number: 3120-0061.*

*Agency Form Number: OCCA-143.*

*No. of Respondents: 1,045.*