

Sec. 30, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 31, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described contains 160 acres in Tulare County.

**(v). Starvation Giant Sequoia Grove**

T. 23 S., R. 31 E.,  
Sec. 9, lot 4;  
Sec. 10, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 15, lots 3 to 6, inclusive;  
Sec. 16, lots 1 to 3, W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ .

The area described contains 559.80 acres in Tulare County.

**(w). Packsaddle Giant Sequoia Grove**

T. 23 S., R. 31 E.,  
Sec. 13, W $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
Sec. 14, E $\frac{1}{2}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 23, lots 1 and 8;  
Sec. 24, lots 2 to 7, inclusive.

The area described contains 1,160.29 acres in Tulare County.

**(x). Deer Creek Giant Sequoia Grove**

T. 23 S., R. 31 E.,  
Sec. 34, lot 7;  
Sec. 35, lot 1.  
T. 24 S., R. 31 E.,  
Sec. 2, lot 4, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 3, lot 1, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described contains 307.29 acres in Tulare County.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to protect 24 naturally occurring old-growth Giant Sequoia groves, pursuant to Presidential Proclamation Number 6457 of July 14, 1992.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing to the California State Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the California State Director within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2300.

For a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that

date. The temporary uses which may be permitted during this segregative period are those which are determined to be compatible with the use of the lands by the Forest Service.

Dated: December 29, 1997.

**David McIlroy,**

*Chief, Branch of Lands.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**National Park Service**

**Concession Contract, VA**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Public Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Public notice is hereby given that the National Park Service proposes to award a concession contract authorizing retail sales for the public in Yorktown, Virginia within Colonial National Historical park for a period of five (5) years from date of contract execution.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 10, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties should contact National Park Service, Colonial National Historical Park, P.O. Box 210, Yorktown, VA 23690, or phone (757) 898-3400, to obtain a copy of the prospectus describing the requirements of the proposed contract.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This contract has been determined to be categorically excluded from the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act and no environmental document will be prepared.

The existing concessioner has performed its obligation to the satisfaction of the Secretary under an existing contract which expired by limitation of time on December 31, 1990, and therefore pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of October 9, 1965 (79 Stat. 969; 16 U.S.C. 20), is entitled to be given preference in the renewal of the contract and in the negotiation of a new contract, providing that the existing concessioner submits a responsive offer (a timely offer which meets the terms and conditions of the Prospectus). This means that the contract will be awarded to the party submitting the best offer, provided that if the best offer was not submitted by the existing concessioner, then the existing concessioner will be afforded the opportunity to match the best offer. If the existing concessioner agrees to match the best offer, then the contract will be awarded to the existing concessioner.

If the existing concessioner does not submit a responsive offer, the right of preference in renewal shall be considered to have been waived, and the contract will then be awarded to the party that has submitted the best responsive offer.

The Secretary will consider and evaluate all proposals received as a result of this notice. Any proposal, including that of the existing concessioner, must be received by the Superintendent, Colonial National Historical Park, not later than the sixtieth (60th) day following publication of this notice to be considered and evaluated.

Dated: December 19, 1998.

**Alec Gould,**

*Superintendent, Colonial National Historical Park.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**National Park Service**

**Subsistence Resource Commission Meeting**

**SUMMARY:** The Superintendent of Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve and the Chairperson of the Subsistence Resource Commission for Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve announce a forthcoming meeting of the Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve Subsistence Resource Commission.

The following agenda items will be discussed:

- (1) Call to order.
- (2) Roll call.
- (3) Approval of summary of minutes from April 29—May 1, 1997 meeting.
- (4) Review agenda.
- (5) Superintendent's introduction of guests and review of Commission function and purpose.
- (6) Superintendent's management/research reports.
  - a. Administration and management.
  - b. Park operations.
  - c. Resource management.
  - d. Subsistence program.
- (7) Public and agency comments.
- (8) Old business.
  - a. Correspondence.
  - b. Federal Subsistence Program update: 1997-1998 regulatory changes.
    - c. National Park Service Subsistence Program document.
    - d. Review of Subsistence Management Plan (draft).
  - (9) New business.
    - a. Election of officers.
    - b. Other park Subsistence Resource Commission actions.