

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4644-N-49]

Federal Property Suitable as Facilities To Assist the Homeless

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 7, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Clifford Taffet, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7262, 451 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1234; TTY number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708-2565, (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or

call the toll-free Title V information line at 1-800-927-7588.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the December 12, 1988 court order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration*, No. 88-2503-OG (D.D.C.), HUD publishes a Notice, on a weekly basis, identifying unutilized, underutilized, excess and surplus Federal buildings and real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. Today's Notice is for the purpose of announcing that no additional properties have been determined suitable or unsuitable this week.

Dated: November 30, 2001.

John D. Garrity,
Director, Office of Special Needs, Assistance Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Letters of Authorization To Take Marine Mammals

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of Letters of Authorization to take marine mammals incidental to oil and gas industry activities.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 101(a)(5)(A) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service implementing regulations (50 CFR 18.27(f)(3)), notice is hereby given that the following Letters of Authorization to take polar bears incidental to oil and gas industry exploration activities in the Beaufort Sea and adjacent northern coast of Alaska has been issued to the following companies:

Company	Activity	Location	Date issued
WesternGeco	Exploration	Alaska North Slope	October 19, 2001.
Phillips Alaska, Inc	Exploration	Spark #1	October 22, 2001.
Phillips Alaska, Inc	Exploration	Oxbow #1	October 22, 2001.
Phillips Alaska, Inc	Exploration	Outlook #1	October 22, 2001.
Phillips Alaska, Inc	Exploration	Hunter #1	October 23, 2001.
Phillips Alaska, Inc	Exploration	Rendezvous #1 & # 2	October 23, 2001.
Phillips Alaska, Inc	Exploration	Nanuq #4	October 24, 2001.
Phillips Alaska, Inc	Exploration	Antigua #1	October 29, 2001.
BP Exploration (Alaska), Inc	Exploration	Sakonowyak River	October 30, 2001.

Contact: Mr. John W. Bridges at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Marine Mammals Management Office, 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, (800) 362-5148 or (907) 786-3810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Letter of Authorization is issued in accordance with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Federal Rules and Regulations "Marine Mammals; Incidental Take During Specified Activities (65 FR 16828; March 30, 2000)."

Dated: November 8, 2001.

David B. Allen,
Regional Director.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-130-01-1610-DS-241A]

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces its intent to prepare a management plan for the CCNCA. This notice initiates the public scoping, the planning review process; and the EIS associated with completion of the CCNCA Management Plan. The Act establishing the CCNCA directs the Secretary of the Interior to develop a "comprehensive plan for the long-range protection and management of the Conservation Area" by October 24, 2003.

DATES: The formal scoping comment period will commence with the publication of this notice and end 60 days after publication of this notice. Comments on issues, alternatives, and the preliminary planning criteria to be addressed in the CCNCA Management Plan and EIS should be received on or before the end of the scoping period at the address listed below. During this formal scoping comment period, an open house will be held in Grand Junction, Colorado, where BLM personnel will be available to respond

to questions and provide other information pertaining to the preparation of the documents. There will be subsequent public review periods and open houses where additional public comment will be requested, including a formal comment period on the draft EIS/CCNCA Management Plan. At least 15 days public notice will be given for the open houses or other public meetings. Written comments will be accepted throughout the planning process at the address shown below. All open house and comment deadlines will be announced through the local news media, newsletters and on the CCNCA website (<http://www.co.blm.gov/gjra/ccnca/ccncahome.htm>).

ADDRESSES: For further information, to provide written comments, or to be placed on the mailing list, contact Bureau of Land Management, CCNCA RMP Amendment, 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, Colorado 81506; e-mail Jane_Ross@co.blm.gov; Telephone (970) 244-3000. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name and/or address

from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, are available for public inspection in their entirety.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CCNCA is located in both Colorado and Utah, and preparation of the CCNCA plan may involve amendment of both the Grand Junction RMP in Colorado and the Grand RMP in Utah. The Grand Junction Field Office, located in Colorado, is responsible for management of the CCNCA and preparation of the CCNCA plan. The BLM will work closely with interested parties to identify the management discussions that are best suited to the needs of the public. This collaborative process will take into account local, regional, and national needs and concerns. The Act establishing the 122,300 acre CCNCA in western Colorado and eastern Utah was signed into law by the President on October 24, 2000. The purpose of the Act is to conserve, protect, and enhance for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations the unique and nationally important values of the public lands in the CCNCA, including geology, recreation, cultural, paleontological, biological, wilderness, wildlife, educational, and scenic resources. The Act also designates 75,550 acres of the CCNCA as the Black Ridge Canyons Wilderness Area. There are 5,500 acres of the CCNCA located in the state of Utah. The Grand Junction Field Office in Colorado will coordinate with the Moab Field Office in Utah during preparation of the CCNCA Management Plan.

Management of the CCNCA is currently guided by the Ruby Canyon/Black Ridge Integrated Management Plan completed in March 1998. The Grand Junction RMP and the Grand RMP, in addition to several activity level management plans, include other decisions affecting the CCNCA. On February 13, 2001, the BLM Colorado State Director issued interim guidance for management of the CCNCA pending completion of the final Management Plan. All of these documents will be reviewed during preparation of the CCNCA Management Plan.

The CCNCA Plan and associated EIS will be prepared by an interdisciplinary team. Disciplines to be represented on the team include: Archaeology, botany, fisheries, geology, hydrology, paleontology, range management, realty, recreation, soils, wilderness, and wildlife. Pursuant to the Act establishing the CCNCA, an advisory council is currently being established to advise the BLM the management of the CCNCA. The advisory council is also anticipated to take an active role in preparation of the CCNCA Management Plan.

Preliminary issues identified by the BLM for the CCNCA plans include travel management, recreation, use authorizations such as rights-of-ways and grazing, management of natural resources, wilderness stewardship, and integration of the CCNCA Management Plan with other agency and community plans. Public involvement gained through the initial scoping comment period will be utilized to refine these topics and identify any additional issues to be evaluated.

Planning criteria are the standards, rules, and other factors used in formulating judgements about data collection, analysis, and decision making associated with preparation of the CCNCA Management Plan. These criteria establish parameters and help focus preparation of the effort. Public comment is also welcomed on the following preliminary planning criteria, which will be utilized in the preparation of the CCNCA Management Plan.

A. The CCNCA Management Plan will be completed in compliance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and all other applicable laws.

B. The project team will work cooperatively with the States of Colorado and Utah, tribal governments, county and municipal governments, other Federal agencies, and all other interested groups, agencies, and individuals. Public participation will be encouraged throughout the process.

C. Completion of the CCNCA Management Plan will include preparation of an EIS that will comply with the National Environmental Policy Act.

D. The CCNCA Management Plan will evaluate valid existing rights in the various alternative management schemes.

E. The lifestyles and concerns of area residents, including the activities of grazing, recreational use, off-highway vehicle use, and wilderness management will be addressed in the CCNCA Management Plan.

F. Preparation of the CCNCA Management Plan will involve coordination with Native American tribal governments and will provide strategies for the protection of recognized traditional uses.

G. Decisions in the CCNCA Management Plan will strive to be compatible with existing plans and policies of adjacent local, State and Federal agencies.

H. The CCNCA Management Plan will comply with the legislative directives, needs, and obligations set forth by the legislation establishing the CCNCA.

Catherine Robertson,

Field Manager, Grand Junction Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Final Environmental Impact Statement/ General Management Plan Lassen Volcanic National Park Lassen, Plumas, Shasta, Tehama Counties, CA; Notice of Availability

SUMMARY: Pursuant to § 102 (2) © of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub.L. 91-190 as amended), the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement identifying four alternatives for (and assessing the potential impacts of) a proposed General Management Plan for Lassen Volcanic National Park, located in northeastern California. Upon approval, the new General Management Plan will serve as a "blueprint" for the management and use of Lassen Volcanic National Park over the next 10-15 years.

Proposal and Alternatives Considered

The "no action" alternative, Alternative A, assumes that physical facilities and ongoing activities would remain largely unchanged, and that staffing and operational funding would remain constant over the planning period.

Alternative B: Resource Preservation and Basic Visitor Service, provides a program for preserving, and where necessary, restoring significant park resources. It includes essential staffing and funding increases for the park's cultural and natural resource management functions, restores key elements of the park's infrastructure, provides for restoration of several specific sites with natural system conflicts, establishes a standards-based management zoning system, and proposes designation of approximately