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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Winter Use Plans, Final Environmental Impact Statement, Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway, Wyoming

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Winter Use Plans, Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C), the National Park Service announces the availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Winter Use Plans, Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway, Wyoming.

Seven alternative winter use management plans are evaluated in this EIS; alternative 7 is the NPS preferred alternative. Alternative 1 would put into place the provisions of the temporary winter use plan of August 2004, with some modifications. Alternative 2 would prohibit recreational snowmobiling in the parks in favor of snowcoach access. Alternative 3A would close much of Yellowstone to oversnow travel, leaving the South Entrance to Old Faithful route open to such use. A variation of alternative 3 (3B) is the no action alternative—it closes all routes to motorized oversnow recreation. This would be the outcome of the temporary plan, should no new decision be made. Four other alternatives (4, 5, 6, and 7) would allow varying levels of snowmobile and snowcoach access to continue in the parks. Alternative 4 would allow for increased snowmobile use, relative to historic numbers. Alternative 5 would allow for some unguided snowmobile use and would feature seasonal and

flexible daily entry limits in Yellowstone. Alternative 6 would provide for plowing some roads in Yellowstone to allow commercial wheeled-vehicle access from West Yellowstone and Mammoth to Old Faithful. Preferred alternative 7 would provide for a balance of snowmobile and snowcoach use and protect park soundscapes, air quality, wildlife and other resources. In Yellowstone, the daily limit on snowmobiles would be 540 snowmobiles per day in Yellowstone. 65 snowmobiles would be allowed per day in Grand Teton and the Parkway. In Yellowstone, all snowmobilers would be required to travel with a commercial guide, and in both parks, all snowcoaches and most snowmobiles would be required to use Best Available Technology (BAT). 83 snowcoaches would be allowed into Yellowstone daily. The East Entrance would remain open for cross-country ski and snowshoe access.

DATES: The National Park Service will execute a Record of Decision (ROD) no sooner than 30 days following publication by the Environmental Protection Agency of the Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

ADDRESSES: Information will be available for public inspection online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/yell>, in the office of Superintendent Suzanne Lewis, PO Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190, 307-344-2019 and in the office of Superintendent Mary Gibson Scott, Grand Teton National Park, PO Drawer 170, Moose, WY 83012-0170, 307-739-3300.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kevin Franken, P.O. Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190, 307-344-2019, yell_winter_use@nps.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Walker River Basin Acquisitions Program, Mineral, Lyon, and Douglas Counties, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) and notice of public scoping meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) proposes to prepare an EIS for the Walker River Basin Acquisitions Program. The primary purpose of the program is to comply with the requirements of Public Law 107-171 (Desert Terminal Lakes Program), which appropriates funds to provide water to at-risk natural desert terminal lakes, and with Public Law 109-103, which allocates funds to the University of Nevada for two specific purposes. The first purpose is to implement a program for environmental restoration to acquire from willing sellers land, water appurtenant to the land, and related interests in the Walker River Basin, Nevada. Acquired water rights would be transferred to provide water to Walker Lake. The second purpose of the University's funding is to establish and operate an agricultural and natural resources center. The actions to be analyzed in this EIS will be the purchase of water rights and related interests from willing sellers in the Walker River Basin, Nevada.

DATES: A series of public scoping meetings will be held to solicit public input on the alternatives, concerns, and issues to be addressed in the EIS. The meetings dates are:

- Monday, October 22, 2007, 6 to 8 p.m., Reno, NV.
- Tuesday, October 23, 2007, 6 to 8 p.m., Yerington, NV.
- Wednesday, October 24, 2007, 6 to 8 p.m., Hawthorne, NV.
- Thursday, October 25, 2007, 6 to 8 p.m., Bridgeport, CA.

Written comments on the scope of the EIS should be sent by November 26, 2007.

ADDRESSES: The public scoping meetings locations are:

- Reno at Rancho San Rafael Park, Main Ranch House, 1595 N. Sierra Street.
- Yerington at Yerington High School, gymnasium, 114 Pearl Street.
- Hawthorne at Mineral County Public Library, meeting room, 110 1st Street.
- Bridgeport at Bridgeport Memorial Hall, 73 N. School Street.

Send comments on the scope of the EIS to Mrs. Caryn Hunt DeCarlo, Bureau of Reclamation, 705 N. Plaza Street, Room 320, Carson City, NV 89701, via e-mail to chunttdecarlo@mp.usbr.gov, or faxed to 775-884-8376.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Hunt DeCarlo, 775-884-8352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The project area is in the Walker River Basin