

COMMENTS: Comments on the DEIS must be postmarked no later than July 10, 1995. Public meetings regarding the DEIS will be held in several communities in southern Arizona and northern Sonora, Mexico, and the Tohono O'odham reservation. Written responses to the DEIS should be submitted to the Superintendent, Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, Route 1, Box 100, Ajo, AZ 85321.

Public Meetings: Public meetings will be held May 8–11, 1995, in Sonoyta, Mexico, and Ajo, Phoenix, and Tucson, Arizona. Meetings to be held on the Tohono O'odham reservation will be scheduled before July 10, 1995. Meetings will be advertised via local media including newspapers and radio. Information can also be obtained from the superintendent of Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, or the Planning Team Leader, Organ Pipe Cactus General Management Plan, National Park Service, Denver Service Center-TWE, P.O. Box 25287, Denver, CO 80225–0287, (303) 969–2210.

Review Copies: Copies of the DEIS will be available for review at three locations: (1) Office of Public Affairs, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, 18th and C Streets, NW, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 208–6843; (2) Western Regional Office, National Park Service, 600 Harrison St., Suite 600, San Francisco, CA 94107–1372, (415) 744–3968; (3) Headquarters, Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, Route 1, Box 100, Ajo, AZ 85321, (520) 387–7661. A limited number of copies of the DEIS are available on request from either the superintendent or planning team leader.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Draft General Management Plan/Development Concept Plans/Environmental Impact Statement presents a proposed action and an alternative strategy for the management, use, and preservation of Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument. The proposed action, designated in the DEIS as Alternative 1, The Preferred Future, recognizes the full range of scientific, wilderness, and recreational values of the Sonoran Desert. The proposal seeks to ensure the continued existence of threatened and endangered species and their habitat; reduce impacts to historic properties; provide facilities that would more adequately serve the needs of visitors and staff; establish trails that minimize impacts on natural and cultural resources; and reduce vandalism and the threat of vandalism, especially in the southern sections of the monument.

Major features of the proposal include increased regional, tri-national, and

inter-agency cooperative efforts, preservation treatments for several significant cultural resources, new facilities and other improvements in the Twin Peaks, Lukeville, and Quitobaquito Springs areas, and redesignation of the monument to Sonoran Desert National Park. The National Park Service also proposes to facilitate a cooperative planning effort to make the portion of State Route 85 within the monument more compatible with the wildland setting, enhance protection of monument resources, and increase visitor safety. Major consequences of implementing the proposal would be to enhance protection, understanding, and recognition of the Sonoran Desert and further strengthen relations with local communities, the Tohono O'odham Nation and Mexico. Implementing the proposed actions could also lead to an expansion of the National Wilderness Preservation System by 2,130 acres and help perpetuate the existence of endangered and sensitive species, including the Quitobaquito desert pupfish and Quitobaquito snail.

Alternative 2, A Continuation of Existing Conditions, continues the present course of action as specified in approved documents guiding park management and development. Many actions are similar to Alternative 1, except that fewer developments and programs are proposed. In general, the consequences of this alternative are also similar, but with two major exceptions. The persistent degradation of the only known habitat for the Quitobaquito desert pupfish and Quitobaquito snail could potentially jeopardize their continued existence. Secondly, unregulated traffic along State Route 85 would continue to eliminate wildlife along this corridor. Although the National Park Service would work with the state of Arizona to reduce adverse impacts, this alternative would not result in a cooperative planning effort that addresses reductions in traffic speed and volume within the monument.

The official responsible for a decision on the proposed action is the Regional Director, Western Region, National Park Service.

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Regional Director, Western Region.
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Gates of Arctic National Park Subsistence Resource Commission; Meetings

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Subsistence Resource Commission meeting.

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

The following agenda items will be discussed:

- (1) Call to order.
- (2) Roll call.
- (3) Approval of summary of minutes.
- (4) Review agenda.
- (5) Superintendent's introductions and review of SRC function and purpose.
- (6) Superintendent's management/research reports.
- (7) Public and Agency comments.
- (8) Old business:
 - a. Correspondence.
 - b. Federal Subsistence Program update.
 - c. Regions 6 and 10 boundary adjustment.
 - d. Review existing NPS trapping regulations.
 - e. Hunting Plan Recommendation #11.
- (9) New business:
 - a. Harvest monitoring strategies.
 - b. Hunting plan work session.
 - c. Recommendations to Region 10 Council on vacant SRC seat.
- (10) Set time and place of next SRC meeting.
- (11) Adjournment.

DATES: The meeting will be held Tuesday through Thursday, May 16–18, 1995. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday and end at approximately 11:00 a.m. on Thursday.

LOCATION: The meeting will be held at Commack's Lodge in Shungnak, Alaska.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dave Mills, Acting Superintendent, Gates of the Arctic National Park, P.O. Box 74680, Fairbanks, Alaska 99707. Phone (907) 456–0281.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Subsistence Resource Commissions are authorized under Title VIII, Section 808, of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, Pub. L. 96–487, and operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committees Act.

Ralph Tingey,
Acting Regional Director.
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