DATES: The program announcement and application forms are expected to be available on or about January 15, 1996. Applications must be received on or before March 29, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Copies of Program Announcement 08187 may be obtained by writing to Kathleen Craig, U.S. Geological Survey, Office of Procurement and Contracts, Mail Stop 205A, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 22092. (703) 648–7357.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Snyder, FGDC, U.S. Geological Survey, 590 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 22092; telephone number (703) 648–5514; facsimile (703) 648–5755. Internet ''gdc@usgs.gov''.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under this FY 1996 program announcement, proposals are to be directed towards four components of the NSDI. The first component deals with creation of a distributed clearinghouse for finding and accessing geospatial data. Efforts considered applicable include the creation (inventory, evaluate, catalog data, and establish Internet access) and management of a node within the National Geospatial Data Clearinghouse that provides users with a means for finding, accessing, and sharing geospatial data; establish, develop, or expand programs or projects, through development of training programs, information guides and other explanatory materials, that increase the contributions of local, regional, or national data sets to the National Geospatial Data Clearinghouse; and, design, develop, or implement tools to assist in the inventory, evaluation, documentation, cataloging, serving, maintenance, and sharing of geospatial data or metadata.

The second component involves development and promulgation of the use of FGDC-endorsed standards in data collection, documentation, transfer, and search and query. Applicable efforts include conducting programs to increase user comprehension and adoption of the FGDC Content Standards for Digital Geospatial Metadata and the Spatial Data Transfer Standard; developing software tools or techniques to aid the collection, comparison, evaluation, and maintenance of metadata; and stimulating the development of applicable geospatial data standards in partnership with the FGDC Subcommittees and Working Groups.

The third component focuses on the initial implementation of creating a geospatial data framework that provides a base on which to collect, register, or integrate information accurately. Applicable efforts include conducting feasibility projects for implementing technical and institutional aspects of the framework; and, expanding programs or projects to incorporate data content, technical, operational, and business characteristics of the framework.

The fourth component addresses developing and implementing educational outreach programs to increase awareness and understanding of the major NSDI components among members of the broader community. Applicable efforts involve providing programs and services to educate and train constituents on the purpose, benefits, and application of NSDI initiatives, networks, and standards.

Dated: December 11, 1995.

William Gossman,

Acting Chief, Office of Program Support.

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National Park Service

General Management Plan; Lava Beds National Monument; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102 (2) (C) 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 Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) assessing the potential impacts of the proposed Draft General Management Plan (DGMP) for Lava Beds National Monument, Modoc and Siskiyou Counties, California. Once approved, the DGMP/EIS will guide the management of the monument over the next fifteen (15) years.

This DGMP/EIS presents a proposal and two alternatives for the management, use, and development of Lava Beds National Monument. The proposed alternative, Alternative B: Minimum Requirements, provides for staffing, facilities, and boundary changes to provide for long-term resource protection, and facilities and programs sufficient to provide for essential visitor services. Physical features of the plan include boundary additions at Petroglyph Point, improvements at that area to reduce damage to the petroglyphs from wind erosion and vandalism, a small-scale research facility to facilitate the recruitment of volunteers for cost-effective research and resource-management projects, a visitor contact station at the north end of the monument, improvements at the existing visitor center, and minor increases in administrative support facilities.

Alternative A: No Action, would continue the current situation at Lava Beds. Lands at Petroglyph Point would not be acquired, resources would not be adequately protected, and no additional steps would be taken to accommodate visitor interest and use. Resource quality and visitor use experience quality would decline.

Alternative C: Enhanced Visitor Experience, would be similar to Alternative B in terms of resource management and protection, but would provide a broader range of visitor service. Increased interpretive and law enforcement staffing would allow a wider range of interpretive programs and faster response to emergency situations. A visitor center at the north end of the monument and a new and larger visitor facility at the Indian Well area would increase the range of exhibits and visitor services. Additional administrative facilities would be needed to support the greater staffing.

The environmental consequences of the proposed action and the alternatives are fully documented, and mitigation provided as appropriate to minimize impacts. No significant impacts are anticipated as a result of implementing the proposed action.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Written comments on the DGMP/EIS should be directed to the Superintendent, Lava Beds National Monument, P.O. Box 867, Tulelake, California 96134. Comments on the DGMP/EIS must be received by March 1, 1996.

A public meeting will be held January 10 at the home economics building at the Tulelake-Butte Valley Fairgrounds from 7:00–10:00 p.m. National Park Service personnel will be available to explain the planning alternatives, answer questions, and receive public comments.

Inquiries on the DGMP/EIS and requests for copies of the DGMP/EIS should be directed to Lava Beds National Monument, address as above, or by telephone at (916) 667–2282. Copies of the DGMP/EIS will be available for public inspection at the Monument and at area libraries.

Dated: December 6, 1995.

Stephen Crabtree,

Field Director, Pacific West Area.

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Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

The proposal for the collection of information listed below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of the proposed collection of information and related form may be obtained by contacting the Bureau clearance officer at the phone number listed below. Comments and suggestions on the requirements should be made directly to the Bureau's clearance officer and to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project 1029–0083, Washington, DC 20503, telephone 202–395–7340.

Title: Application for Blaster Certification in Federal Program States and on Indian Lands, 30 CFR 955.

Abstract: This information is being collected to ensure that the qualification of applicants for blaster certification is adequate. This information will be used to determine the eligibility of the applicant. The affected public will be blasters who want to be certified by the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

Bureau Form Number: OSM–74.

Frequency: Every three years.

Description of Respondents: Individuals seeking certification as Blasters.

Estimated Completion Time: 50 minutes.

Annual Responses: 35.

Annual Burden Hours: 30.

Bureau Clearance Officer: John A. Trelease (202) 208–2617.

Dated: October 25, 1995.

Gene E. Krueger,

Acting Chief, Office of Technology Development and Transfer.

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INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

[Docket NO. AB–6 (Sub-No. 368X)]

Burlington Northern Railroad Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Clatsop County, OR

AGENCY: Interstate Commerce Commission.

ACTION: Notice of exemption.

SUMMARY: The Commission, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10505, exempts from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903–04 the abandonment by Burlington Northern Railroad Company of 5.04 miles of railroad in Clatsop County, OR, subject to standard labor protective conditions, an environmental condition, and a trail use condition.

DATES: Provided no formal expression of intent to file a financial assistance offer has been received, this exemption will be effective on January 17, 1996. Formal expressions of intent to file financial assistance offers [1] under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2) and requests for a notice of interim trail use/rail banking must be filed by December 28, 1995. Petitions to stay must be filed by January 2, 1996. Requests for a public use condition must be filed by January 8, 1996. Petitions to reopen must be filed by January 12, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send pleadings referring to Docket No. AB–6 (Sub-No. 368X) to: (1) Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Interstate Commerce Commission,[2] 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423; and (2) Petitioner's representative: Sarah J. Whitley, 3800 Continental Plaza, 777 Main Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102–5384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph H. Dettmar, (202) 927–5660. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 927–5721.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Additional information is contained in the Commission's decision. To obtain a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: DC NEWS & DATA, INC., Interstate Commerce Commission Building, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423. Telephone: (202) 289–4357. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services (202) 927–5721.]

Decided: December 5, 1995.

By the Commission, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Owen, and Commissioner Simmons.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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[1] See *Exempt. of Rail Abandonment—Offers of Finan. Assist.*, 4 I.C.C.2d 164 (1987).

[2] Legislation to sunset the Commission on December 31, 1995, and transfer remaining functions is now under consideration in Congress. Until further notice, parties submitting pleadings should continue to use the current name and address.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comphrensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act

Notice is hereby given that a proposed consent decree in *United States* v. *American Color & Chemical Corporation et al.*, Civil Action No. 4: CV–92–1352, was lodged on November 30, 1995 in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. The consent decree settles an action brought under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (''CERCLA''), 42 U.S.C. 9606 et seq., against American Color & Chemical Corporation (''AC&C'') and Beazer East, Inc. (''Beazer'') for reimbursement of response costs incurred in connection with clean-up of the Drake Chemical Superfund Site located in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania.

Under the proposed settlement, AC&C and Beazer agree to finance and perform the groundwater cleanup for Drake Site. In addition, the settling defendants will reimburse the United States and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for past costs in the amounts of $3.6 million and $400,000, respectively. Additionally, the settling defendants will co-ordinate the Drake Site groundwater cleanup with a corrective action ongoing at the neighboring AC&C facility pursuant to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (''RCRA''), 42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.

In consideration of settling defendants' groundwater remediation and their reimbursement of $4 million in past costs incurred by the United States and the Commonwealth, AC&C and Beazer will receive a covenant not to sue under Sections 106 and 107(a) of CERCLA for the Drake Site and for CERCLA Section 107 costs associated with RCRA management at the AC&C facility. With respect to future liability for the remedial action to be performed, the covenant not to sue for Section 106 of CERCLA becomes effective upon certification of completion of the remedial action by EPA. In addition, the covenants not to sue are conditioned upon the complete and satisfactory performance by each settling defendant of its obligations under the Consent Decree.

The Department of Justice will receive, for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication, comments relating to the proposed consent decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and