

204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (1988), it is ordered as follows:

1. The Secretarial Order dated May 13, 1922, which withdrew the following described lands for Powersite Classification No. 35, is hereby revoked in its entirety:

Willamette Meridian

Mt. Baker National Forest

- T. 32 N., R. 11 E.,
 Sec. 5, lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8, NW¹/₄SW¹/₄, and SE¹/₄SE¹/₄;
 Sec. 6, lot 1;
 Sec. 8, lots 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, and 9, SE¹/₄NE¹/₄, W¹/₂NW¹/₄, and NW¹/₄SW¹/₄;
 Sec. 9, lots 1 to 7, inclusive, and SW¹/₄NW¹/₄;
 Sec. 10, lot 1, S¹/₂SW¹/₄, and SW¹/₄SE¹/₄;
 Sec. 11, lot 1, SE¹/₄SW¹/₄, and S¹/₂SE¹/₄;
 Sec. 13, lots 1 to 8, inclusive, N¹/₂NW¹/₄, SE¹/₄NW¹/₄, NE¹/₄SW¹/₄, and N¹/₂SE¹/₄;
 Sec. 14, lots 1 to 9, inclusive, NE¹/₄NE¹/₄, SW¹/₄NW¹/₄, N¹/₂SW¹/₄, and SW¹/₄SE¹/₄;
 Sec. 15, lots 1 to 7, inclusive, and SE¹/₄NE¹/₄.
- T. 32 N., R. 12 E.,
 Sec. 18, lots 3 and 4, SE¹/₄SW¹/₄, and S¹/₂SE¹/₄;
 Sec. 19, lots 1 to 8, inclusive;
 Sec. 20, lots 1 to 8, inclusive, N¹/₂SW¹/₄, and SW¹/₄SE¹/₄;
 Sec. 21, lots 2 to 7, inclusive, and NW¹/₄SW¹/₄.

The areas described aggregate 3,660.40 acres in Snohomish County.

2. The Secretarial Order dated November 20, 1928, which withdrew the following described lands for Powersite Classification No. 209, is hereby revoked in its entirety:

Willamette Meridian

Snoqualmie National Forest

- T. 24 N., R. 11 E.,
 Sec. 2, W¹/₂SW¹/₄;
 Sec. 10, lots 1 to 7, inclusive, and E¹/₂W¹/₂;
 Sec. 14, lot 1, E¹/₂NW¹/₄, and SW¹/₄NW¹/₄.
- T. 28 N., R. 11 E.,
 Sec. 2, lot 1, SE¹/₄NE¹/₄, and E¹/₂SE¹/₄;
 Sec. 12, lot 1, NW¹/₄NE¹/₄, and NW¹/₄NW¹/₄.

The areas described aggregate 848.17 acres in King and Snohomish Counties.

3. At 8:30 a.m. on October 10, 1996, the following described lands will be open to such forms of disposition as may by law be made of National Forest System lands, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. All valid applications received at or prior to 8:30 a.m., on October 10, 1996, shall be considered as simultaneously filed at that time:

Willamette Meridian

Mt. Baker National Forest

- T. 32 N., R. 11 E.,

Sec. 5, those portions of lot 2 and the SE¹/₄SE¹/₄ lying outside the boundary of the Skagit Wild and Scenic River withdrawal;

Sec. 6, lot 1;

Sec. 8, NW¹/₄SW¹/₄ and those portions of lots 1 and 7 lying outside the boundary of the Skagit Wild and Scenic River withdrawal;

Sec. 9, those portions of lots 1 and 2, and the SW¹/₄NW¹/₄ lying outside the boundary of the Skagit Wild and Scenic River withdrawal;

Sec. 13, lot 1, NW¹/₄NW¹/₄, and NE¹/₄SE¹/₄;

Sec. 14, SW¹/₄SE¹/₄ and those portions of lots 5, 6, 7, and 9, and the N¹/₂SW¹/₄ lying outside the boundary of the Skagit Wild and Scenic River withdrawal;

T. 32 N., R. 12 E.,

Sec. 19, lots 4 to 8, inclusive;

Sec. 20, lot 5, N¹/₂SW¹/₄, SW¹/₄SE¹/₄, and those portions of lots 7 and 8 lying outside the boundary of the Skagit Wild and Scenic River withdrawal;

Sec. 21, NW¹/₄SW¹/₄ and those portions of lots 4, 5, 6, and 7 lying outside the boundary of the Skagit Wild and Scenic River withdrawal.

The areas described aggregate approximately 796.97 acres in Snohomish County.

4. The lands described in paragraph 2 are included in the Alpine Lakes and Henry M. Jackson Wilderness Area withdrawals and remain closed to surface entry, mining, and mineral leasing.

5. The lands described in paragraph 1, except as provided in paragraph 3, are included in the Skagit Wild and Scenic River withdrawal and will remain closed to surface entry.

Dated: August 27, 1996.

Bob Armstrong,

Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

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National Park Service

Canyonlands National Park, UT; Concession Contract Negotiations

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Public notice.

SUMMARY: Public notice is hereby given that the National Park Service proposes to award eighteen concession contracts authorizing continued operation of commercially guided, interpretive whitewater river tours and transportation services, for the public at Canyonlands National Park for a period of five (5) years from January 1, 1998 through December 31, 2002.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Offers will be accepted for ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY (120) days under the terms described in the Prospectus. The one hundred and

twenty (120) day application period will begin with the release of the Prospectus, which will occur on or before October 10, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should contact the Superintendent, Canyonlands National Park, 2282 South West Resource Blvd., Moab, Utah 84532, to obtain a copy of the Prospectus describing the requirements of the proposed contracts.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This contract renewal 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 concessioners have performed their obligations to the satisfaction of the Secretary under existing permits which expire by limitation of time on December 31, 1997. Therefore pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of October 9, 1965 (79 Stat. 969; 16 U.S.C. § 20), the concessioner is entitled to be given preference in the renewal of the contract and in the award 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 offers received as a result of this notice. Any offer, including that of the existing concessioner, must be received by the Superintendent, Canyonlands National Park, 2282 South West Resource Blvd., Moab, Utah 84532, not later than one hundred and twenty (120) days following release of the prospectus to be considered and evaluated.

Dated: August 6, 1996.

James T. Reynolds,

Superintendent, Colorado Plateau System Support Office.

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