

the National Park Service must complete certain planning actions that will determine what specific services will be required and what changes from current operations will be necessary. That planning is currently underway, but is not complete. Additionally, with any change of concessioner, payment will be due to the current concessioner from the successor for real property assets at a level that is likely to exceed \$3,000,000, but has not yet been definitively estimated. Additional sums for personal property would also be due and have not yet been estimated. Also, it is necessary in the short contract that the operating concessioner invest an additional \$650,000 in furniture and fixtures to equip dormitory buildings that are under construction. Given these collective circumstances, it is not believed to be practical to expect a competitive successor offer at this time.

Therefore, to effect the necessary investment and to allow for the necessary planning to be completed, it is the intention of the National Park Service to enter into a 3-year contract with the current, preference holding concessioner.

Information about this notice can be sought from: National Park Service, Assistant Field Director, Operations, Pacific West Region, Attention: Mr. Stephen G. Crabtree, 600 Harrison Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, California 94107-1372, or call: (415) 427-1366.

Dated: February 21, 1997.

Patricia Neubacher,
Acting Regional Director, Pacific West Region.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Intent To Issue a Prospectus for the Operation of Stables and Pack Station Services and Facilities Within Kings Canyon National Park

SUMMARY: The National Park Service is seeking a concessioner to operate, under a 4-year permit, a pack station providing pack and saddle animal services and facilities within the Cedar Grove area of Kings Canyon National Park, as well as guided day-ride services and facilities within the Grant Grove area of Kings Canyon National Park. Both the Cedar Grove Pack Station and Grant Grove Stables would be operated for the public under the provisions of a Concession Permit. This notice is the formal announcement of the availability of this

business opportunity and the initiation of the contracting process.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The pack station is located at an elevation of 4,500 feet and the stables at 6,500 feet in the Southern Sierra Nevada. Both is a summer seasonal operation serving visitors to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. The existing operator has a preference in the renewal of this concession permit. The award will be fully competitive based upon the requirements of this Prospectus.

If you are interested in this business opportunity, please ask to be placed on the mailing list by writing or calling: National Park Service, Concession Management Office, Sequoia National Park, Three Rivers, CA 93271, or call: (209) 565-3103—Peggy Williams.

When the Prospectus is issued, submittals will be accepted for a forty-five (45) day period under terms that will be described in the Prospectus. The release of the Prospectus is expected to occur shortly after the publication of this notice.

Dated: February 11, 1997.

Michael J. Tollefson,
Superintendent, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.
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Notice of the Intention To Issue a Concession Contract at Callville Bay, Lake Mead National Recreation Area

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Act of October 9, 1965 (79 Stat. 969; 16 U.S.C. 20 et seq.), notice is hereby given that the National Park Service intends to issue a concession contract at Lake Mead National Recreation Area for a period of two years. This short contract is necessary to allow the continuation of public services during the completion period of the planning documents for the Callville Bay location in the park. The current concessioner has performed its obligation to the satisfaction of the Secretary and retains its right of preference under this administrative action.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The concession contract at Lake Mead National Recreation Area expired on December 31, 1996. The National Park Service will not renew this contract for an extended period until planning can be completed to determine the future direction for concession services at the Callville Bay location within Lake Mead National Recreation Area. This necessary planning process has begun and will have a direct affect on future concession activities. It is anticipated

that this planning process will conclude within the next several months. Until that planning process is completed, it will not be in the best interest of Lake Mead National Recreation Area to enter into a long term concession contract. For these reasons, it is the intention of the National Park Service to issue a short term contract at this time, complete the planning process and then to conduct a public contracting process for selection of a concessioner for an extended period.

Information regarding this notice can be sought from Mr. Mac Foreman, Office of Concession Program Management, Pacific Great Basin System Support Office, 600 Harrison Street, Suite 145, San Francisco, California 94107-1372, or by calling (415) 744-3981.

Dated: January 29, 1997.

Stephen G. Crabtree,
Acting Field Director, Pacific West Area.
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Notice of Intent To Issue a Prospectus for the Operation of Pack Station Services and Facilities Within Sequoia National Park

SUMMARY: The National Park Service is seeking a concessioner to operate, under a 4-year permit, a pack station providing pack and saddle animal services and facilities within the Wolverton area of Sequoia National Park. These facilities would be operated for the public under the provisions of a Concession Permit. This notice is the formal announcement of the availability of this business opportunity and the initiation of the contracting process.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The pack station is located at an elevation of 7,000 feet in the southern Sierra Nevada. It is a summer seasonal operation serving visitors to Sequoia National Park. The existing operator does not have a preference in the renewal of this concession permit. The award will be fully competitive based upon the requirements of this Prospectus.

If you are interested in this business opportunity, please ask to be placed on the mailing list by writing or calling: National Park Service, Concession Management Office, Sequoia National Park, Three Rivers, CA 93271, or call: (209) 565-3103—Peggy Williams.

When the Prospectus is issued, submittals will be accepted for a SIXTY (60) day period under terms that will be described in the Prospectus. The release of the Prospectus is expected to occur