

grazing, rights of permittees and lessees, and the interests of adjoining land owners. The public land being considered for disposal, comprising 510.0 acres, is described as follows:

Salt Lake Meridian, Utah

T. 21 S., R. 15 E.,
Section 23, SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Section 24, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Section 25,
NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Section 26, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

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State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

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

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service announces the availability of the Winter Use Plan, Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway, Wyoming and Montana.

DATES: The Winter Use Plan, Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway will remain available for public review through November 15, 1999. Public meetings concerning the plan will be held in Livingston and West Yellowstone, Montana; Jackson and Cody, Wyoming; Idaho Falls, Idaho; and Denver, Colorado. Dates, times, and locations will be announced at a later date.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the Winter Use Plan, Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway should be sent to Clifford Hawkes, National Park Service, Denver Service Center, 12795 West Alameda Parkway, Lakewood, Colorado 80228. Public reading copies of the plan are available on the Internet (nps.gov/planning/yell/

winteruse) and will be available for review at the following locations:

Office of the Superintendent
Clifford Hawkes, National Park Service, Denver Service Center
12795 W. Alameda Parkway,
Denver, CO 80225-0287,
Telephone: (303) 969-2262
Office of Public Affairs, National Park Service, Department of Interior,
18th and C Streets NW,
Washington, DC 20240, Telephone:
(202) 208-6843

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Winter Use Plan, Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway analyzes 7 winter use management alternatives for the parks and the justification, anticipated impacts and relevant scientific research regarding each of the alternatives.

Under Alternative A-No Action, current use and management practices in the parks and Parkway would continue. Alternative B, the preferred alternative, provides a moderate range of affordable and appropriate winter visitor experiences. Air quality and oversnow motor vehicle sound would be addressed, and by the winter of 2008-2009, strict emission and sound requirements would be required by all oversnow vehicles entering the parks. The preferred alternative also emphasizes an adaptive approach to park resource management, which would allow the results of new and ongoing research and monitoring to be incorporated. Alternative C maximizes winter visitor opportunities for a range of park experiences, while preserving natural resources and addressing safety concerns. Alternative D stresses visitor access to unique winter features in the parks. This alternative emphasizes clean, quiet modes of travel, visitor activities focused near destination areas, and a minimization of conflicts between nonmotorized and motorized users. Under alternative E the protection of wildlife and natural resources is emphasized while allowing park visitors access to a range of winter recreation experiences. Alternative E uses an adaptive planning approach that allows new information to be incorporated. Alternative F stresses the protection of wildlife resources by focusing winter visitor activities in Yellowstone National Park outside important winter range for large ungulate species, and closing north and west roads to winter use. For Grand teton National Park and the Parkway, this alternative emphasizes the protection of all resources by focusing developments,

oversnow motorized trails and zones, and nonmotorized trails and zones in certain areas, while still allowing park visitors opportunities for a range of winter recreational experiences. Alternative G places the highest priority on clean quiet oversnow access to the parks using present technologies.

The Winter Use Plan, Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway in particular evaluates the environmental consequences of the proposed action and the other alternatives on wildlife, air quality, natural quiet, local economies, and visitor experience.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Clifford Hawkes, National Park Service, Denver Service Center, 12795 West Alameda Parkway, Lakewood, Colorado 80228.

Dated: September 20, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Wild and Scenic River Suitability Study/Recommendation for the Escalante River Drainage, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, Garfield County, UT

AGENCY: National Park Service, USDI.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the National Park Service, USDI, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) which analyzes the suitability of sections of the Escalante River, Harris Wash, Coyote Gulch, Fortymile Gulch, Willow Gulch, Fiftymile Creek, Davis Gulch, Cow Canyon, Fence Canyon, Silver Falls Creek, Choprock Canyon, Neon Canyon, Moody Creek, East Moody Creek, Twentyfive Mile Wash (Glen Canyon NRA portion), Georgie's Canyon, Scorpion Gulch, Fools Canyon, Fold Canyon, Eastside Tributaries 1-4, Stevens Canyon, Big Hollow Wash, Hurricane Wash, Carcass Wash, Sooner Wash, Unnamed Wash of the Escalante River (3 miles upriver of Silver Falls Creek), North Fork of Silver Falls Creek, Middle Moody Creek, within Glen Canyon National Recreation Area boundary in Garfield County, Utah for inclusion into the National Wild and