

some of the unpaved roads in lands added to the park in 1994 as part of the developed zone and thus, open to motor vehicle use. Alternative E would also designate management prescriptions for recreational climbing throughout the park and would indicate locations in the park where roadside auto camping would or would not be permitted. Alternative E would prescribe the analysis of major artificial water sources installed for wildlife in designated wilderness and if such sources should be removed or maintained. It would adopt areas limited to day use only or closed to public access seasonally or permanently. It would establish group size limits for overnight stays in the backcountry and wilderness, implement the Department of Interior's Desert Tortoise Recovery Plan, and analyze proposed additions to wilderness. Implementing Alternative E would result in the protection of park lands and the reclamation of previously disturbed lands. User conflicts would be minimized by providing for a variety of visitor experiences, group sizes, trail designations, and a recreational climbing management program.

Alternatives: Alternatives to the new proposed action include Alternative A (the old proposed action), Alternative B (no action), Alternative C (maximum protection), and Alternative D (minimum protection). Alternative A would establish wilderness experience classes, and would designate slightly fewer miles of equestrian trails and roads. It does not provide reclamation prescriptions for the closed trails and roads. Alternative A would prohibit the replacement of existing bolts or the placement of new bolts in wilderness and would analyze only three of the four artificial water sources placed in the park's wilderness.

Under Alternative B, the park would maintain existing programs and operations. Alternative C would impose greater restrictions upon all uses in the park and afford the most rigorous and strict protection to the resources, in particular the wilderness resource. Also, those lands in the natural zone that are not wilderness would be treated and managed as if they were so designated. Alternative D would impose no restrictions on use of the old monument lands other than those that already exist. The public could use the new lands much as they were used prior to their inclusion within the park. Only those public recreational activities that are illegal in NPS or other regulations, such as hunting or operating vehicles in wilderness, would be prohibited.

The potential environmental consequences of Alternative E (the new

proposed action) and other alternatives were previously addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and the Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. No significant adverse environmental impacts are anticipated.

Background: The NPS initiated scoping for the Wilderness and Backcountry Management Plan on January 30, 1995. A Draft Environmental Impact Statement was issued November 21, 1997 for a public review period which was extended from January 31, 1998 through February 28, 1998. Approximately 1,100 written comments were received. In addition, approximately 260 persons attended three public workshops held December 2 and December 11, 1997 and on January 16, 1998. A Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement was issued November 3, 1998 for a public review period which ended January 20, 1999. Approximately 200 written comments were received. Both documents were made widely available through direct mailings, distribution to area libraries, and via the internet.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Written comments or questions regarding the final Wilderness and Backcountry Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement should be directed to the Superintendent, Joshua Tree National Park, 74485 National Park Drive, Twentynine Palms, California 92277. Copies may be requested by contacting the park at (760) 367-5502. Copies are also available at libraries located in the park's vicinity, as well as on the park's website at <http://www.nps.gov/jotr>. The no-action period for the FEIS/MP will extend for thirty (30) days after the Environmental Protection Agency's notification of the filing of the document is published in the **Federal Register**. Subsequently, the National Park Service will publish a notice of the Record of Decision in the **Federal Register**. The official responsible for the decision is the Regional Director, Pacific West Region; the official responsible for implementation is the Superintendent, Joshua Tree National Park.

Dated: October 22, 1999.

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OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

Submission for OMB Review; Request for Comment

AGENCY: Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

ACTION: Notice and Request for Comments for Emergency Extension of the Expiration date on OPIC Form 139, Foreign Sponsor Disclosure Report in Support of an Application for Financing (OMB 3420-0017) which expires 11/30/99.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Controlling Paperwork Burdens on the Public, The agency shall set forth in the **Federal Register** notice prescribed by § 1320.5(a)(1)(iv), unless waived or modified under this section, a statement that it is requesting emergency processing, and the time period so stated.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the subject form and the request for review prepared for submission to OMB may be obtained from the Agency Submitting Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *OPIC Agency Submitting Officer:* Carol Brock, Records Manager, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, 1100 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20527; 202/336-8563.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Type of Request: Notice of request for emergency extension of the expiration date on the Foreign Shareholder Disclosure Report in Support of an Application for Financing, OPIC-139 (OMB 3420-0017) which expires 11/30/99. A ninety day extension to the expiration date is being requested.

Title: The Foreign Shareholder Disclosure Report in Support of an Application for Financing.

Form Number: OPIC-139.

Authority for Information Collection: Sections 231, 234 (b) and (c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended.

Abstract (Needs and Uses): The Foreign Sponsor Disclosure Report is the principal document used by OPIC to gather information from project sponsors on whether a project might harm the U.S., and describes sponsor activities with the U.S. Government and other information for the underwriting and analysis of a project.

Dated: October 21, 1999.

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