

Range 6 West, sections 21 and 22, of the Mount Diablo Meridian. These private property access roads will be available for public motor vehicle use as long as they are properly maintained under private rights-of-way. Maps illustrating these road locations are available at the BLM's Redding Field Office.

Roads available for motor vehicles registered for highway-use only include: Muletown Road, Placer Street, Cloverdale Road, Clear Creek Road, and China Gulch Drive. These public road systems are controlled by Shasta County. Maps illustrating these road locations are available from the Shasta County Public Works Department.

### Background

The BLM prepared an environmental impact statement and approved a record of decision (ROD) for the Redding Resource Area Management Plan in 1993. The ROD provides off-highway vehicle designations for public lands administered by the BLM. The BLM's main objective for managing lands within the Lower Clear Creek and Mule Mountain management areas is to: "Enhance non-motorized recreation opportunities by establishing a Greenway from the Sacramento River to the Whiskeytown Unit of the National Recreation Area along Clear Creek (Resource Management Plan, 1993)".

The identification of available roads and trails under the "limited" designation was further evaluated within an environmental assessment for the Lower Clear Creek Greenway—Motor Vehicle Designations prepared in 1999. The authority for this off-road vehicle designation is 43 CFR 8342. Any person who fails to comply with the terms of an off-road vehicle use designation is subject to arrest and fines of up to \$100,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months under the authority of 43 CFR 8340.0-7. Exceptions apply to authorized BLM employees, contractors, law enforcement personnel, fire prevention crews and others given express permission by the BLM authorized officer.

**DATES:** This off-road vehicle designation will take effect April 9, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Charles M. Schultz, Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 355 Hemsted Drive, Redding, CA 96002.

**Charles M. Schultz,**  
Redding Area Manager.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### General Management Plan, Environmental Impact Statement, Washita Battlefield National Historic Site, Oklahoma

**AGENCY:** National Park Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for the general management plan, Washita Battlefield National Historic Site (NHS).

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Park Service is preparing an environmental impact statement for the general management plan (GMP) for Washita Battlefield NHS. This statement will be approved by the Director, Intermountain Region.

Washita Battlefield NHS was established by Public Law 104-333 on November 12, 1996, to provide for the preservation and interpretation of the Battle of the Washita. The battle, which occurred on November 27, 1868, was one of the largest engagements between Plains tribes and the United States Army on the Southern Great Plains. The site is a registered National Historic Landmark. The GMP is needed to guide the protection and preservation of the natural and cultural environments, considering a variety of interpretive visitor experiences that enhance the enjoyment and understanding of the park resources.

The effort will result in a comprehensive plan that encompasses preservation of natural and cultural resources, provision for visitor use and interpretation, and development of necessary and appropriate facilities. In cooperation with local interests, attention will also be given to resources outside the boundaries that affect the integrity of park resources. Alternatives to be considered include no-action, the preferred alternative, and other alternatives addressing the following major issues:

- How can the important natural and cultural resources be best protected and preserved, while providing for visitor use for present and future generations?
- What level and type of use is appropriate to be consistent with the park's purpose, and to relate to the park's significance?
- What facilities are needed to meet the mission goals of the park regarding natural and cultural resource management, visitor use and interpretation, partnerships, and park operations?

The National Park Service is planning to hold public scoping meetings regarding the GMP during the week of May 10th. Specific dates, times, and

locations will be announced in the local media, and can be obtained by contacting the park superintendent. The purpose of these meetings is to explain the planning process and to obtain comments concerning appropriate resource management; desired visitor use, interpretation, and facilities; and issues that need to be resolved. In addition to attending scoping meetings, people wishing to provide input to this initial phase of developing the GMP may address comments to the superintendent. Scoping comments should be received no later than 60 days from the publication of this Notice of Intent.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact Superintendent Sarah Craighead, Washita Battlefield National Historic Site, P.O. Box 890, Cheyenne, Oklahoma 73628; Tel: (580) 497-2742; Fax: (580) 497-2712; e-mail: craighead\_sarah@nps.gov.

Dated: March 31, 1999.

**Sarah Craighead,**

Superintendent, Washita Battlefield NHS.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Announcement of Subsistence Resource Commission Meeting

**SUMMARY:** The Superintendent of Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve and the Chairperson of the Subsistence Resource Commission for Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve announce a forthcoming meeting of the Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve Subsistence Resource Commission. The following agenda items will be discussed:

- (1) Call to order.
- (2) Roll call.
- (3) Approval of summary of minutes from January 14-15, 1998 meeting.
- (4) Review agenda.
- (5) Superintendent's introduction of guests and staff and review of Commission function and purpose.
- (6) Superintendent's Management/Research report.
  - a. Administration and management.
  - b. Park operations.
  - c. Resource management.
  - d. Subsistence program.
- (7) Public and agency comments.
- (8) Old business.
  - a. SRC Chairs meeting report.
  - b. Subsistence Management Plan work session.
  - c. Review traditional use area report.

- (9) New business.  
 a. Hunting plan work session.  
 (10) Election of Officers.  
 (11) Set time and place of next Subsistence Resource Commission meeting.  
 (12) Adjournment.
- DATES:** The meeting dates are: The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 20, 1999, and conclude at approximately 5 p.m. The meeting will reconvene at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 21, 1999, and adjourn at 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting location is: Sophie Station Hotel in Fairbanks, Alaska.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steve Ulvi, Management Assistant, 201 First Avenue, Doyon Bldg., Fairbanks, Alaska 99701. Phone (907) 456-0352.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Subsistence Resource Commissions are authorized under Title VIII, Section 808, of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, Pub. L. 96-487, and operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committees Act.

**Paul R. Anderson,**

*Acting Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Announcement of Subsistence Resource Commission Meeting

**SUMMARY:** The Superintendent of Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and the Chairperson of the Subsistence Resource Commission for Wrangell-St. Elias National Park announce a forthcoming meeting of the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park Subsistence Resource Commission. The following agenda items will be discussed:

- (1) Call to Order (Chairman).
- (2) Roll Call: Confirmation of Quorum.
- (3) Introduction of Commission members and guests.
- (4) Review Agenda.
- (5) Superintendent's welcome and review of the Commission purpose.
- (6) Commission membership status.
- (7) Election of Chair and Vice Chair.
- (8) Public and other agency comments.
- (9) Review and approval of minutes from November 17-18, 1998 meeting.
- (10) Report on Eastern Interior/Southcentral Proposal Coordination Meeting.
- (11) Report on SAC meeting.
- (12) Superintendent's report.

- (13) Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve staff reports.  
 a. Cordova hearing.  
 b. Status of Malaspina Forelands ATV study project.
  - (14) Old business:  
 a. Status report on inclusion of Healy Lake as a resident zone community.  
 b. Status of EA/rulemaking to add Northway, Tetlin, Tanacross and Dot Lake as resident zone communities (Dot Lake proposed boundary)  
 c. Possible restrictions of the harvest of ewe sheep.  
 d. Subsistence Hunting Program Recommendation 97-01 (establish minimum residency requirements for resident zone communities).  
 e. Review National Park Service response to Harry Kalmakoff (customary trade letter).  
 f. Status report on Hunting Plan Recommendation 96-1 and 96-2 (letter sent to all SRC Chairs 11/18/98).  
 g. Access to Inholdings (Chapter 5: Access, page 1).  
 h. Status report on draft subsistence plan, hunt maps, and subsistence brochure for Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve.
  - (15) New Business:  
 a. Inclusion of four wheeler's in draft subsistence plan (Chapter 5: access, page).  
 b. Federal Subsistence Program update.  
 (1) Review actions taken by Regional Councils on Federal Subsistence Program  
 (2) Status on Individual C&T proposals.  
 (3) Update on C&T Task Group.  
 (4) Review 1999-2000 Federal Subsistence Board proposals for Units 5, 6, 11, 12, and 13.  
 c. Update on Federal Fish Management.
  - (16) Public and other agency comments.
  - (17) Subsistence Resource Commission work session to develop proposals/finalize recommendations.
  - (18) Set time and place of next Subsistence Resource Commission meeting.
  - (19) Adjourn meeting.
- DATES:** The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, April 20, 1999, and conclude at approximately 5 p.m. The meeting will reconvene at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, April 21, 1999, and adjourn at approximately 5 p.m. The meeting will adjourn earlier if the agenda items are completed.
- LOCATION:** The meeting location is: Dot Lake Community Hall, Dot Lake, Alaska.
- FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jonathan B. Jarvis, Superintendent,

Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve, P.O. Box 439, Copper Center, Alaska 99573. Phone (907) 822-5234.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Subsistence Resource Commission is authorized under Title VIII, Section 808, of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, Pub. L. 96-487, and operates in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committees Act.

**Paul R. Anderson,**

*Acting Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Notice of Availability of Draft Director's Order Concerning National Scenic and Historic Trails

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, DOI.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The National Park Service is updating its system of internal policy instructions. When new policy and procedural documents are proposed which might affect parties outside the Service, this information is made available for public review and comment. Draft Director's Order #45-1, "National Trails System," clarifies the status of components of the National Trails System within the National Park System and gives instructions on how such trails are assigned for management and operations.

**DATES:** Written comments will be accepted until May 15, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the draft Director's Order 45-1 are available from Steve Elkinton, National Park Service, Room 3622, USDOI, 1849 C St., NW, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 565-1177, or by e-mail at [steve\\_elkinton@nps.gov](mailto:steve_elkinton@nps.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Steve Elkinton, at (202) 565-1177.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of Director's Order 45-1 is to clarify the administrative status within the National Park Service (NPS) of those national scenic and national historic trails administered by NPS, and to ensure that such trails are able to operate on an equitable basis with other NPS units. Even though NPS has administered national trails since 1968, few policy directives have been issued to systematically guide their management and administration. In the past, trail administrators and their partners may have developed policy statements as needed for individual