**DATES:** *Effective Date:* October 1, 2005.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

### Public Notice

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

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the terms of existing concession contracts, public notice is hereby given that the National Park Service intends to request a continuation of visitor services for a period not-to-exceed 1 year from the date of contract expiration.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The contracts listed below have been extended to maximum allowable under 36 CFR 51.23. Under the provisions of current concession contracts and pending the completion of the public solicitation of a prospectus for a new concession contract, the National Park Service authorizes continuation of visitor services for a period not-to-exceed 1 year under the terms and conditions of the current contract as amended. The continuation of operations does not affect any rights with respect to selection for award of a new concession contract.

| Concid# | Concessioner name | Park |
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| BIBE002–82 | Forever Resorts, LLC | Big Bend National Park. |
| BLR1007–82 | Forever Resorts, LLC | Blue Ridge Parkway. |
| ISRO002–82 | Forever Resorts, LLC | Isle Royale National Park. |
| MACA002–82 | Forever Resorts, LLC | Mammoth Cave Nationall Park. |
| OLYM003–82 | Forever Resorts, LLC | Olympic National Park. |

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

### Environmental Statements; Availability, etc.; Badlands National Park, SD

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of the Draft General Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the North Unit of Badlands National Park, South Dakota.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of the draft General management plan and environmental impact statement (GMP/EIS) for the North Unit of Badlands National Park (BADL).

**DATES:** The GMP/EIS will remain available for public review for 60 days following the publishing of the notice of availability in the **Federal Register** by the Environmental Protection Agency. Public meetings will be held in the cities of Rapid City, Wall, and Pierre, South Dakota. Meeting places and times will be announced through the local media and on the park Web site at: *http://www.nps.gov.gov/badl.*

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the GMP/EIS are available by request by writing to the Superintendent at Badlands National Park, P.O. Box 6, Interior, SD 57750. The document is also available to be reviewed in person at park headquarters with an appointment, which can be scheduled at 605/433–5281. Finally, the document can be found on the Internet at: *http://parkplanning.nps.gov/.* This Web site allows the public to review and comment directly on this document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Superintendent, Badlands National Park, P.O. Box 6, Interior, SD 57750.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The BADL is a unit of the national park system. The BADL was established due to the area's outstanding scenic values, its importance to the science of paleontology, and its mixed grass prairie and associated natural resources, including wildlife. Over half of the North Unit is designated wilderness.

The draft GMP/EIS describes and analyzes the environmental impacts of the proposed management action (preferred alternative) and two other action alternatives for the future management direction of the park, including the impacts of the boundary modifications. A no-action management alternative also is evaluated.

Persons wishing to comment may do so by any one of several methods. They may attend the public hearing or open houses noted above. They may mail comments to Badlands Planning Team, National Park Service, Denver Service Center, P.O. Box 25287, Denver, CO 80225. They also may comment via the Internet at *http://parkplanning.nps.gov/*. Finally, they may hand-deliver comments to the Badlands National Park headquarters at Cedar Pass in Interior, South Dakota.

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There may also be circumstances where we would withhold from the record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials or organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

The responsible official is Mr. Ernest Quintana, Regional Director, Midwest Region.

Dated: August 26, 2005.

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