

CONSULTATION/COORDINATION

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

A scoping brochure for this plan was distributed and made available for public comment in October and November 1990. A Notice of Intent (NOI) was published in the Federal Register on April 30, 1991. The scoping brochure was again made available for comment.

Only nine responses were received from the original release of the scoping brochure and NOI. Eight comments were received from Montana and one from Alberta, Canada.

Issues identified by these respondents are reflected in issue statements contained in the "Purpose and Need for the Plan" chapter of this document.

LIST OF AGENCIES, ORGANIZATIONS, AND PERSONS TO WHOM COPIES OF THE STATEMENT ARE SENT

Federal Agencies

ACHP - Western Division of Project Review - Ms. Claudia Nissley
Big Thicket National Park - Don Cory
Bureau of Land Management
Colorado National Monument - Superintendent Jim Taylor
Department of Interior - Regional Environmental Officer - Robert F. Stewart
Glacier National Park - Cliff Martinka
Honorable Bruce Vento
Oregon Caves National Monument - Stuart Nuss
U.S. Congressman Ron Marlenee
U.S. Congressman Pat Williams
USDA-Forest Service - Bob Gilman
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - David Wann
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Julie DalSoglio
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - John Wordell
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Don Palawski
U.S. General Accounting Office
U.S. Geological Survey - Bob Davis
U.S. Senator Max Baucus
U.S. Senator Conrad Burns

Whiskeytown/Shasta/Trinity National Park - Bob Cherry

State Agencies

Bannack State Park - Dale Tash
Chief Plenty Coups State Park - Rich Pittsley
Ecological Services Office - Field Supervisor
Endangered Species Office - Billings
Honorable Stan Stephens - Governor of Montana
Montana Department of Health and Environmental Sciences - Dick Peterson
Montana Environmental Information Center
Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Director
Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Parks Division
Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Wayne Hadley
Montana Land Reliance
Montana Power Company
Montana State Historic Preservation Office - Marcella Sherfy
Montana State University - APHIS - Bob Richards/Ron Lang
Montana Wildlife Federation
Northern Plains Resource Council
State Senator Tom Beck
State Representative Gary Beck
University of Montana - School of Forestry - Robert Pfister/Paul Hansen

Local Agencies

Butte Chamber of Commerce - Connie Kenney
City of Deer Lodge
City of Deer Lodge - Police Department
County Extension Agent - Mr. Dave Streufert
Powell County Commissioners
Powell County Courthouse - Planner
Powell County Sheriff
Soil Conservation Service - Soil Survey - Huey Long

Organizations

Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Office
ARCO - Ms. Robin Bullock
ARCO - Sandy Stash
Burlington Northern Railroad Sales and Property Management

Clark Fork Coalition - Kathy Hadley
Colorado State University - Documents Librarian
Five Valleys Audubon Society
Land and Associates - Jim Lane
Last Chance Audubon Society
Montana Alliance for Progressive Policy
Montana Audubon Council
Montana Historical Society - Lawrence Sommers
Montana Stockgrowers Association - President
Montana Travel Promotion Unit
Montana Western Railroad
Montana Western Railroad Co - Mike Green
Montana Wilderness Association
National Parks and Conservation Association - Federal Activities
The Nature Conservancy
Old St. Stephen's College - Historic Sites Planner
Pintlar Audubon Society
Powell County Museum & Arts Foundation - Dick Bauman
Rock Creek Cattle Company - Don Davis
Russell Stover Candies, Inc. - Louis Ward
Soil Conservation Service
Towe Ford Museum - Andy Towe
Western Region - Calgary, Alberta - Historical and Archeological Research - W.B. Yeo

Individuals

Berg, Ole
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Daniels, Kermit
Faye, Dr. Peter
Getchell, Mr. & Mrs. W.M.
Harvey, Mark & Phyllis
Johnson, Bill
Johnson, Dave
Johnson, Jim and Bev
McNally, Judy
Nesman, Lisa
Olsen, Lars
Reiswig, Barry
Schillo, Bernie

GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN/EIS/DCP - GRANT-KOHRS RANCH NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

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Shaw, Mr. & Mrs. Frank
Shelley, Davis Mckee
Stoecker, Don
Tavener, Gary
Vaughan, Thomas
Warren, Conrad
Warren, Patricia Nell

PUBLIC AND OTHER AGENCY COMMENT AND RESPONSE

Copies of letters from the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Clark Fork - Pend Oreille Coalition, and the Environmental Protection Agency are included here. There were no other written responses.

Advisory Council On Historic Preservation

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July 30, 1992

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REF: Draft Environmental Impact Statement, General Management Plan,
and Development Concept Plan, Grant-Kohrs Ranch National
Historic Site, Deer Lodge, MT

Dear Mr. Snyder:

We have reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, General Management Plan, Development Concept Plan (April 1992) for the Grant-Kohrs Ranch which has been designated a National Historic Landmark and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The proposed action is consistent with the recommendations contained in the earlier draft reviewed by this office and we continue to have no objection to its overall intent. We noted that the number of individual landscape types referenced on page 2 is inconsistent with other references in the text on pages iv. and 18. We look forward to working with you to review the individual components of this plan which may affect this National Historic Landmark property.

If you have any questions, please contact Lee Keatinge of the Western Office of Project Review at (303) 231-5320.

Sincerely,


Claudia Nissley
Director, Western Office
of Project Review



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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Ref: 8M0

August 28, 1992

Eddie L. Lopez
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Re: Grant-Kohrs Ranch National
Historic Site Draft
Environmental Impact
Statement and General
Management Plan

Dear Mr. Lopez:

In accordance with our responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, the Environmental Protection Agency's Region VIII Montana Office (EPA) has reviewed the above-referenced Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

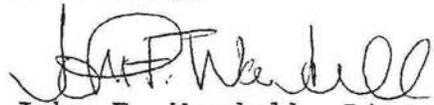
The National Park Service (NPS) has developed three (3) alternatives for the Grant-Kohrs Ranch site. The Proposed Action was selected as the preferred alternative. This alternative would make the park a working ranch, rehabilitate/protect historic structures, and acquire approximately 1,100 more acres to the west of the park.

The EPA agrees with recommendation 4 of the Cultural Landscape Inventory and Analysis (Appendix, page 38), that "both the land and wildlife have suffered damage as the result of upstream mining activities".

The EPA has no environmental objection or concern with the preferred plan. This draft document was very well prepared. We do wish the NPS the very best of luck with this development.

In accordance with the criteria that EPA has established for rating draft environmental impact statements, we have rated this DEIS as category LO-1 (Lack of Objections - Adequate Information). A copy of EPA's rating criteria is attached. If you have any questions or need EPA assistance, please contact Jeff Bryan of my staff at 406-449-5486.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J.F. Wardell".

John F. Wardell, Director
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Attachment

cc: Phyllis Williams, 8WM-EA
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29 August 1992

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Re. DEIS on General Management Plan and Development Concept Plan

Dear Mr. Lopez:

- ① The Clark Fork-Pend Oreille Coalition generally supports much of the preferred alternative in the draft environmental impact statement for management and development at the Grant-Kohrs historical site. There are several items, however, we would like to see added or emphasized more strongly. They include:
- ② - Aggressive participation in land use decisions on surrounding state and federal lands when off-site activities affect the Grant-Kohrs site. For the most part that means making participation in state and federal actions affecting visual quality and water a high management priority.
- ③ - Making acquisition of the 37 acre grassland on Union Pacific a top priority. No historical resources on the site are more rare than examples of native prairie. For the public to fully appreciate the ranching tradition of the site, it should have some understanding of what the biological community was in the presettlement era.
- ④ - Consider converting additional acres to native prairie.
- ⑤ - Review literature and other sources to gain an understanding of what the historical biological resources on the site were before settlement and during the free-range period of 1860-1890. Resources to be examined should include vegetation, wildlife and fish. In order for the public to fully appreciate the ranching and anthropological features of the site, it should

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know what wildlife, fish and vegetation were eliminated and which are still present. That information should be available in interpretation features at the site. It's important to note that if the site is to as much as possible replicate 1860-90, then it should have different wildlife, fish and vegetation than the present. For example, rainbow and brown trout were not native to the area. Cutthroat and bull trout, which are probably not there now, were the native salmonids in the river and its tributaries at the time.

- ⑥ - Take an active role in Superfund remediation affecting the site. Grant-Kohrs staff should participate in upcoming remedial investigation/feasibility studies for two EPA operable units relevant to the ranch: the Milltown site (which includes the floodplain from the reservoir upstream to Warm Springs Ponds); and the Streamside Tailings Operable Unit, which though covering just Silver Bow Creek will include decisions on cleaning up streamside tailings, an area that should concern the Park Service.
- ⑦ - Assess what injuries have occurred to natural resources on the site by mining and smelting. Assess damages for those injuries, including what it would take to restore injured resources (such as smelter-damaged soils, fisheries and riparian areas). We recommend that Park Service/Interior Department file a natural resource damage claim against ARCO to recover restoration funds for damages on the site.
- ⑧ - The DEIS does not address the ranch's consumptive uses of surface water and its impacts. Nor does the document mention the site's water rights. It should. A goal of the management plan should be to help ensure consumptive uses on the ranch do not adversely affect in-stream flows and aquatic life in the Clark Fork. In addition, the Park Service should work to protect its water rights as well as in-stream flows in the river where it flows through the ranch.
- ⑨ - The DEIS is unclear as to how much cattle grazing occurs on the ranch. It also ignores what the impacts of that grazing is. The DEIS is incomplete without that information.

Thanks for consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Bruce Farling
Bruce Farling
Conservation Director

- 1 A Grant-Kohrs staff member is now on the subcommittee of the Clark Fork Steering Committee to address water use from Butte to Garrison. The subcommittee is in the process of making recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature concerning water storage and various water-use issues.
- 2 All potential impacts and threats are being monitored by Grant-Kohrs' staff.
- 3 The Burlington Northern property officer is researching ownership of the parcel and upon completion, acquisition will be accomplished.
- 4 The issue of expanding the size of the native prairie will be addressed in the upcoming grazing plan this year (93).
- 5 Vegetation mapping is under way and historical research is listed as a project statement in the Resource Management Plan.
- 6 Grant-Kohrs is the repository for all Superfund research documents and a study is being conducted in 1993 on the Clark Fork River slickens. In the spring of 1993, National Park Service specialists will meet to identify future needed studies. GIS is being implemented to provide mapping and modeling.
- 7 The National Park Service is presently working with other federal agencies on future courses of action.
- 8 These issues will be addressed in April at a water resources scoping session.
- 9 A grazing plan is being developed to address these issues, and text concerning grazing has been added to the GMP under the section entitled "Proposed Action," subsection "Natural Resource Management."