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SCOPING PERIOD INITIATED FOR SPRING GULCH ROAD EMPLOYEE HOUSING PROJECT

Grand Teton National Park Acting Superintendent Ralph Tingey announced today that the public scoping process has begun on a proposal to construct housing for park employees on the north end of Spring Gulch Road in the vicinity of the Jackson Hole Golf and Tennis Resort. A related action involves extending Spring Gulch Road, approximately 500 feet, about one-half mile south of the junction with Sagebrush Drive. This road extension will accommodate safe access into the proposed park employee housing area and the Teton County affordable housing site currently being planned adjacent to the Jackson Hole Golf and Tennis Resort.

Grand Teton faces a critical shortage of housing for park employees and is using several strategies to address this shortage; these include construction of new housing, the adaptive use of historic structures, and leasing of apartments in Jackson. The proposed action for the *Spring Gulch Road Employee Housing Project* would construct approximately 40 living quarters on about five acres of park land off Spring Gulch Road at a density similar to the Jackson Hole Golf and Tennis Resort. This project would take advantage of existing infrastructure serving the Resort, and cluster the proposed units with a planned Teton County affordable housing project.

As part of the scoping process, a public open house is scheduled for March 2, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Jackson Hole Middle School on South Park Loop Road. The open house will offer project information through exhibits and provide opportunities for the public to make written and verbal comments. No formal presentations are scheduled, however, park staff will be available to provide information and answer questions. The NPS expects to release an environmental assessment (EA) for the *Spring Gulch Road Employee Housing Project* in the summer of 2004.

A scoping notice has been developed which describes the project background, identifies preliminary alternatives and resource considerations, and presents a timeline for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. The comment period on the *Spring Gulch Road Employee Housing Project Scoping Notice* runs from February 18 – March 26, 2004.

Copies of the scoping notice are available at the Moose Visitor Center or on the park's website at www.nps.gov/grte/plans/planning.htm. Copies are also available for review at the reference desk of the Teton County Library.

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