

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

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**Public Notice of Legal Land Descriptions and Map Availability; White Sands Missile Range Withdrawal, New Mexico****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice provides official publication of the legal land description for the White Sands Missile Range/Fort Bliss addition in New Mexico, which is withdrawn and reserved for military training purposes. The fiscal year 2014 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) requires official publication of the legal land description and notification of availability of the White Sands Missile Range map.

**DATES:** The legal description became effective on December 26, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the map are available for public review at the Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico State Office, 301 Dinosaur Trail, Santa Fe, NM 87502, and the Bureau of Land Management, Las Cruces District Office, 1800 Marquess Street Las Cruces, NM 88001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeanette Martinez, Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico State Office at 505-954-2196 or via email at [jeanette@blm.gov](mailto:jeanette@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question for the above individual. Replies are provided during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 26, 2013, the NDAA for 2014 was passed under Public Law 113-66. Pursuant to Section 2912, Subtitle A, of Title XXIX, Withdrawal, Reservation, and Transfer of Public Lands to Support Military Readiness and Security, this Notice informs the public of the official legal land description for the public lands reserved for use by the Secretary of the Army for military purposes in accordance with Public Land Order No. 833 and added to the exterior boundaries of the White Sands Missile Range by Public Law 113-66. The withdrawn and reserved lands are managed according to the provisions stated under Section 2951 and 2952,

Subtitle D of Title XXIX. The public lands withdrawn for the White Sands Missile Range are described as:

**New Mexico Meridian, New Mexico**

T. 20 S., R. 3 E.,

Sec. 28, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; secs. 33 and 34.

T. 21 S., R. 3 E.,

Secs. 3, 4, 9, and 10;

Sec. 14, lots 7, 8, 15, 16, 19, 20, 22, 23, and 24, and NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>;Sec. 15, lots 1 and 3, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>.

The areas described aggregate 5,089.31 acres Dona Ana County.

(Authority: Public Law 113-66)

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**Final Fire Island Wilderness Breach Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement, Fire Island National Seashore, New York****AGENCY:** National Park Service, Department of the Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of the final Fire Island Wilderness Breach Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (final Breach Plan/EIS) for Fire Island National Seashore, New York. The final Breach Plan/EIS identifies Alternative 3, No Human Intervention unless Established Criteria are Exceeded, as the NPS preferred alternative. When approved, the management plan will guide the management of the breach that occurred in the Otis Pike Fire Island High Dune Wilderness during Hurricane Sandy.

**DATES:** The NPS will prepare a Record of Decision (ROD) no sooner than 30 days following publication by the Environmental Protection Agency of a Notice of Availability of the final Breach Plan/EIS in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** The final Breach Plan/EIS is available electronically at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/FireIslandBreachManagementPlan>. A limited number of printed copies will be available upon request by contacting Fire Island National Seashore, 120 Laurel Street, Patchogue, NY 11772-3596, 631-687-4770.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kaetlyn Jackson, Fire Island National

Seashore, 120 Laurel Street Patchogue, NY, 11772, 631-687-4770, [kaetlyn\\_jackson@nps.gov](mailto:kaetlyn_jackson@nps.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Fire Island National Seashore (the Seashore), a unit of the NPS, is located along the south shore of Long Island in Suffolk County, New York. The Seashore encompasses 19,579 acres of upland, tidal, and submerged lands along a 26-mile stretch of the 32-mile barrier island—part of a much larger system of barrier islands and bluffs stretching from New York City to the very eastern end of Long Island at Montauk Point.

On October 29, 2012, Hurricane Sandy created three breaches in the barrier island system off the south shore of Long Island, New York, including one within the Otis Pike Fire Island High Dune Wilderness Area (Fire Island Wilderness) within the Seashore. Managing a breach in designated wilderness is different from managing breaches outside wilderness areas, as the NPS must manage federal wilderness to preserve wilderness character. The existing Breach Contingency Plan is the only guidance currently in effect to address breaches along coastal Long Island from Fire Island Inlet east to Montauk Point but it does not adequately address management of breaches in the Fire Island Wilderness. As a result, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Seashore prepared a draft Fire Island Wilderness Breach Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (draft Breach Plan/EIS) to develop a management strategy for the breach in the Fire Island Wilderness that would ensure the continued integrity of the wilderness character; protect the natural and cultural features of the Seashore and its surrounding ecosystems; protect human life; and manage the risk of economic and physical damage to the surrounding areas. The draft Breach Plan/EIS was prepared in cooperation with the US Army Corps of Engineers, New York District, and the New York Department of Environmental Conservation.

The NPS released the draft Breach Plan/EIS for public and agency review and comment beginning on October 27, 2016 and ending on December 12, 2016. The draft Breach Plan/EIS evaluated two action alternatives (1 and 3) and the no-action alternative (2). Each alternative presented a different management strategy to address the breach in the Fire Island Wilderness.

*Alternative 1* (Closure Using Mechanical Processes) would