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Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35.

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

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Filing of Plats of Survey: Alaska

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of official filing.

SUMMARY: The plats of survey of lands described in this notice are scheduled to be officially filed in the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Alaska State Office, Anchorage, Alaska. The surveys, which were executed at the request of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), and BLM, are necessary for the management of these lands.

DATES: The BLM must receive protests by July 21, 2023.

ADDRESSES: You may buy a copy of the plats from the BLM Alaska Public Information Center, 222 W 7th Avenue, Mailstop 13, Anchorage, AK 99513. Please use this address when filing written protests. You may also view the plats at the BLM Alaska Public Information Center, Fitzgerald Federal Building, 222 W 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska, at no cost.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas O'Toole, Chief, Branch of Cadastral Survey, Alaska State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 222 W 7th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99513; 907–271–4231; totoole@blm.gov. People who use a telecommunications device for the deaf may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the BLM during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lands surveyed are:

COPPER RIVER MERIDIAN, ALASKA

U.S. Survey No. 14513, accepted May 23, 2023, situated in T. 17 S., R. 8 W.

U.S. Survey No. 14514, accepted May 23, 2023, situated in T. 18 S., R. 8 W.

U.S. Survey No. 14517, accepted May 23, 2023, situated in T. 17 S., R. 8 W.

U.S. Survey No. 14522, accepted May 23, 2023, situated in T. 17 S., R. 7 W.

U.S. Survey No. 14523, accepted May 23, 2023, situated in T. 18 S., R. 7 W.

U.S. Survey No. 14524, accepted May 23, 2023, situated in T. 18 S., R. 8 W.

U.S. Survey No. 14512, accepted May 23, 2023, situated in T. 17 S., R. 8 W.

T. 13 S., R. 4 E., accepted May 23, 2023.

T. 15 S., R. 1 W., accepted May 23, 2023.

T. 16 S., R. 4 W., accepted May 23, 2023.

T. 15 S., R. 5 W., accepted May 23, 2023.

T. 16 S., R. 5 W., accepted May 23, 2023.

SEWARD MERIDIAN, ALASKA

U.S. Survey No. 4413, accepted May 24, 2023., situated in T. 17 N., R. 61 W.

U.S. Survey No. 14518, accepted May 23, 2023., situated in T. 4 S., R. 12 E.

U.S. Survey No. 14519, accepted May 30, 2023., situated in T. 3 N., R. 4 W.

U.S. Survey No. 14520, accepted May 24, 2023., situated in T. 4 N., R. 7 W.

U.S. Survey No. 14525, accepted May 23, 2023., situated in T. 9 N., R. 6 E.

U.S. Survey No. 14526, accepted May 23, 2023., situated in T. 6 N., R. 7 E.

U.S. Survey No. 14527, accepted May 23, 2023., situated in T. 8 N., R. 8 E.

U.S. Survey No. 14528, accepted May 23, 2023., situated in T. 3 N., R. 10 E.

U.S. Survey No. 14529, accepted May 23, 2023., situated in T. 5 N., R. 10 E.

U.S. Survey No. 14542, accepted May 23, 2023., situated in T. 4 N., R. 10 E.

U.S. Survey No. 14543, accepted May 23, 2023., situated in T. 1 S., R. 13 E.

U.S. Survey No. 14544, accepted May 23, 2023., situated in T. 1 N., R. 13 E.

U.S. Survey No. 14545, accepted May 23, 2023., situated in T. 5 N., R. 6 E.

U.S. Survey No. 14546, accepted May 23, 2023., situated in T. 5 N., R. 6 E.

U.S. Survey No. 14558, accepted May 24, 2023., situated in T. 8 N., R. 10 W.

U.S. Survey No. 14563, accepted May 24, 2023., situated in T. 3 S., R. 21 W.

T. 23 N., R. 32 W., accepted May 24, 2023.

T. 24 N., R. 32 W., accepted May 24, 2023.

T. 23 N., R. 33 W., accepted May 24, 2023.

T. 24 N., R. 33 W., accepted May 24, 2023.

T. 23 N., R. 34 W., accepted May 24, 2023.

T. 24 N., R. 34 W., accepted May 24, 2023.

T. 23 N., R. 35 W., accepted May 24, 2023.

T. 24 N., R. 35 W., accepted May 24, 2023.

T. 23 N., R. 36 W., accepted May 24, 2023.

A person or party who wishes to protest one or more plats of survey identified above must file a written notice of protest with the State Director for the BLM in Alaska. The protest may be filed by mailing to BLM State Director, Alaska State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 222 W 7th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99513 or by delivering it in person to BLM Alaska Public Information Center, Fitzgerald Federal Building, 222 W 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska. The notice of protest must identify the plat(s) of survey that the person or party wishes to protest. You must file the notice of protest before the scheduled date of official filing for the plat(s) of survey being

protested. The BLM will not consider any notice of protest filed after the scheduled date of official filing. A notice of protest is considered filed on the date it is received by the State Director for the BLM in Alaska during regular business hours; if received after regular business hours, a notice of protest will be considered filed the next business day. A written statement of reasons in support of a protest, if not filed with the notice of protest, must be filed with the State Director for the BLM in Alaska within 30 calendar days after the notice of protest is filed.

If a notice of protest against a plat of survey is received prior to the scheduled date of official filing, the official filing of the plat of survey identified in the notice of protest will be stayed pending consideration of the protest. A plat of survey will not be officially filed until the dismissal or resolution of all protests of the plat.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information in a notice of protest or statement of reasons, you should be aware that the documents you submit, including your personally identifiable information, may be made publicly available in their entirety at any time. While you can ask the BLM to withhold your personally identifiable information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority: 43 U.S.C. chap. 3.

Thomas O'Toole,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Alaska.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**National Park Service**

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Selection of the Route of the New England National Scenic Trail and Publication of the Land Protection Plan

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Trails System Act, the National Park Service is publishing notice of its selection of the New England National Scenic Trail route and a Land Protection Plan for said route. Congress established the trail in 2009, which has been in use as a long-distance trail since the 1950s.

DATES: The effective date of this route selection is June 21, 2023.

ADDRESSES: This **Federal Register** notice announces the route for the New England National Scenic Trail following the routes generally depicted on the map referenced in the Act. The legislative map depicting this route is available for inspection at the following locations: National Park Service, Land Resources Program Center, Interior Region 1, 1234 Market Street, 20th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107 and National Park Service, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, 2nd Floor, Room 2342 (MIB 2340), Washington, DC 20240. The route is depicted in more detail in the National Park Service Geographic Information System database as the “NEEN_BND_NationalScenicTrailCenterline_1n,” updated April 7, 2023, and listed as the Authoritative Feature Layer, published, and managed by the National Park Service, which is available at <https://www.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=2732c458d1d64bfda9b0bbc82de8cc7e>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kelly Fellner, Superintendent; New England National Scenic Trail; National Park Service; One Armory Square, Suite 2, Springfield, MA 01105; via email at kelly_fellner@nps.gov; or via phone at (413) 734-8551.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 2009, Congress established the New England National Scenic Trail as a component of the National Trails System as part of Public Law 111-11, Sect. 5202 (Act) which amended the National Trails System Act to include the trail. The law references the trail route as generally depicted on legislated Map No. T06/80,000, dated October 2007. The map indicates an extension to the Long Island Sound, which was approved as part of the designation. Prior to designation, the New England Trail had been continuous in its entirety and in use as a long-distance trail since the 1950s. Post designation, the Long Island Sound extension was completed, as well as other minor relocations to comply with landowner requests. The trail route has been largely unchanged since its ten-year anniversary in 2019.

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 1244(a) and 1246(a)(2), the Secretary of the Interior must select the route for the trail and publish notice of the availability of appropriate maps or descriptions in the **Federal Register**.

To guide the protection of this trail route, legislated trail partners in Connecticut and Massachusetts, the Connecticut Forest & Park Association and Appalachian Mountain Club respectively, conducted various land protection planning efforts and held workshops with interested stakeholders

between 2018 and 2022, resulting in a trail protection strategy in each state. Stakeholders participating included state and local government agencies, nonprofit organizations, land trusts, and private entities. The National Park Service has combined these two strategies, including additional information required by policy and various **Federal Register** notices into a trailwide Land Protection Plan. This Land Protection Plan provides the local criteria, data, and prioritization process for working with willing sellers and partners to protect the trail using various methods. The plan is available at <https://www.nps.gov/need/learn/management/land-protection-plan.htm>.

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Regional Director, Interior Region 1.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Programmatic Environmental Assessment for Use of Electric Bicycles in the National Park System

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of a programmatic environmental assessment (PEA) that evaluates, on a nationwide scale, use of electric bicycles (e-bikes) within the National Park System. We invite comments from the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies.

DATES: We will accept comments received or postmarked on or before 11:59 p.m. ET on July 21, 2023.

ADDRESSES:

Document availability: The PEA is available online at: <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/e-bikes>.

Comment Submission: You may submit written comments by one of the following methods:

- *Electronically:* <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/e-bikes>.
- *Mail or hand deliver to:* Electric Bicycle Programmatic EA, National Park Service, 1849 C Street NW, MS-2472 Washington, DC 20240.

Instructions: Comments will not be accepted by fax, email, or in any way other than those specified above. Comments delivered on external electronic storage devices (flash drives,

compact discs, etc.) will not be accepted. Bulk comments in any format (hard copy or electronic) submitted on behalf of others will not be accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jay Calhoun, Chief, Division of Regulations, Jurisdiction, and Special Park Uses, National Park Service; waso_regulations@nps.gov; (202) 513-7112.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 2, 2020, the NPS promulgated a final rule (rule) governing use of e-bikes within the National Park System (85 FR 69175). On May 24, 2022, the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia issued an opinion finding that the NPS had improperly relied upon a categorical exclusion to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the rule. The Court remanded the rule to the NPS and directed the NPS to conduct additional NEPA analysis for the rule. *Pub Emps. For Env't Responsibility v. Nat'l Park Serv.*, 605 F. Supp. 3d 28 (D.D.C. 2022). The rule remains in place pending the outcome of the required NEPA analysis. The PEA has been prepared consistent with the Court's May 24, 2022 opinion.

The PEA evaluates the environmental impacts, on a nationwide scale, of a no-action alternative and the proposed action (the rule). The no-action alternative assumes that the rule has not been promulgated and that there is no nationwide policy about the use of e-bikes. Under the no-action alternative, superintendents would have no specific authority to allow e-bike use in System units and no policy direction about how to use existing authorities to manage e-bikes. This would result in inconsistent management of e-bikes use across the National Park System. In most System units, visitors would likely be allowed to use e-bikes on public roads and parking lots where motor vehicle use is allowed. In some System units, e-bike use also could occur on administrative roads and trails. Under the proposed action (the rule), e-bikes are defined uniformly and subject to a standard set of operating requirements, while superintendents have the discretion to allow e-bike use in National Park System units on a case-by-case basis, on public roads, parking lots, administrative roads, and trails where traditional bicycle use is allowed. The proposed action has been identified as the NPS preferred alternative. The PEA analyzes impacts to soils, vegetation, visitor use and experience, and wildlife.

Availability of Public Comments

You may submit comments by one of the methods shown under **ADDRESSES**. Before including your address, phone