

Wilderness Proposal Sent to Congress



Secretary of the Interior Rogers C.B. Morton (second from right), National Park Service Director Ronald Walker (right) and Lynn Greenwalt, Director of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife discuss with President Nixon proposals to add more than a million additional acres to the National Wilderness Preservation System. Secretary Morton later urged Congress to take action on a backlog of wilderness proposals.

The President has sent to Capitol Hill a proposal to add almost one million acres of Service-managed land to the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Interior Secretary Rogers C.B. Morton has urged Congress to act on a backlog of other wilderness proposals totaling about six million acres of land managed by the Department. He noted that of these proposals, only 300,000 acres have been brought into the wilderness system.

National Park Service (NPS) land in these latest proposals include: Bandelier, Joshua Tree and Saguaro National Monuments, 21,110, 372,000 and 42,400 acres respectively; Big Bend and Mesa Verde National Parks, 533,900 and 8,100 acres respectively; and Point Reyes National Seashore, 10,600 acres.

Director's Christmas Message

This holiday season has a special meaning, a real significance, for the Walker family. Twelve short months ago we joined the National Park Service family.

It was a busy year. Including seasonal employees, I was able to personally meet some 8,000 members of this NPS family during the year. Anne and the girls were able to travel with me during last summer's vacation season and get to know many of you, too.

Our scrapbook records many treasured memories from 1973. I look forward to 1974 as both a welcome challenge for myself and for the National Park System, faced with the uncertainties of energy conservation and the certitude of continued growth.

Again, for the Walker family, very best holiday wishes to the Park Service family.

God bless.

Ronald H. Walker

Alcatraz Island opens to public



Alcatraz now offers to visitors a panoramic view of the mainland that for years was enjoyed only by those working or incarcerated on the island.

**By Larry Quist,
Information Officer
Western Region**

Ceremonies were held Oct. 12 opening to the public the 12-acre U.S. version of Devil's Island, Alcatraz.

Some 200 dignitaries and newsmen arrived at the prison fortress Ranger Lee Shenk in 1861 Union Army seacoast artillery uniform bugled assembly.

Invited guests and officials assembled outside the abandoned Big House for the ceremony opening the Rock to the public for the first time since Mexico ceded it to the United States 125 years ago.

During the ceremony, Director Walker said, "This is an occasion long awaited by residents of the Bay Area who have so long wondered from afar about this ill-famed island."

Despite public fascination with The Rock's prison history, Walker

said, "The National Park Service certainly will not preserve this island solely as a memorial to a century of military and civilian confinement."

Since 1858 it had been successively a fortification, a U.S. military prison, an army disciplinary barracks and a Federal penitentiary. On March 21, 1963, the last inmates—27 men in wrist and leg shackles—were transferred to other institutions.

Never again would notorious criminals such as Machine Gun Kelly, "Scarface" Al Capone, George "Baby Face" Nelson and Robert Stroud, "The Bird Man of Alcatraz," reside there.

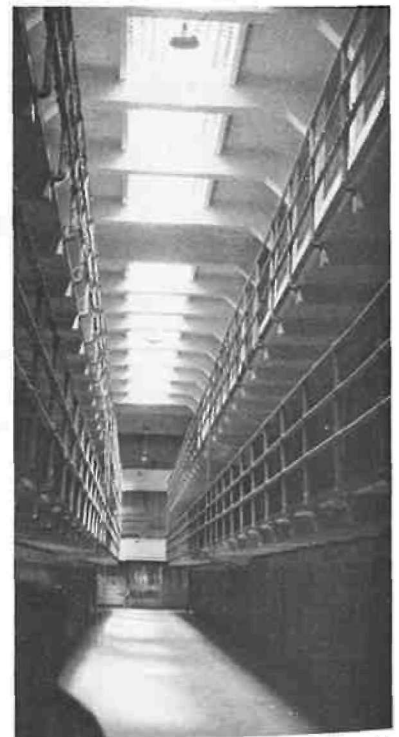
For ten years the island was just there...in the middle of the Bay. Many suggestions were advanced for its ultimate use. On Oct. 27, 1972, President Nixon signed legislation

establishing the 34,000-acre Golden Gate National Recreation Area, of which Alcatraz is a unit.

Bill Whalen, Superintendent Golden Gate NRA, said, "There have been many proposals on what to do with the Island, including tearing the buildings down and giving it back to the pelicans (explorer Don Juan Manuel de Ayala named it "Isla de los Alcatrazes"—island of the pelicans—1775.)"

"We believe the public should help decide what to do with it. After about three to five years, we'll all have a base from which to talk and decide."

While Alcatraz's history and its relics will have a place in the National Park Service's ultimate plans for the Island, Walker said he wanted "to emphasize that the Island is one of the nation's loveliest panoramic vantage points." The Director, in concluding his remarks, said he hoped that in time people would visit Alcatraz "simply to appreciate this sweeping, 360-degree spectacle of one of the world's most dramatic skylines, the Golden Gate Bridge, Marin Headlands and this fabulous bay."



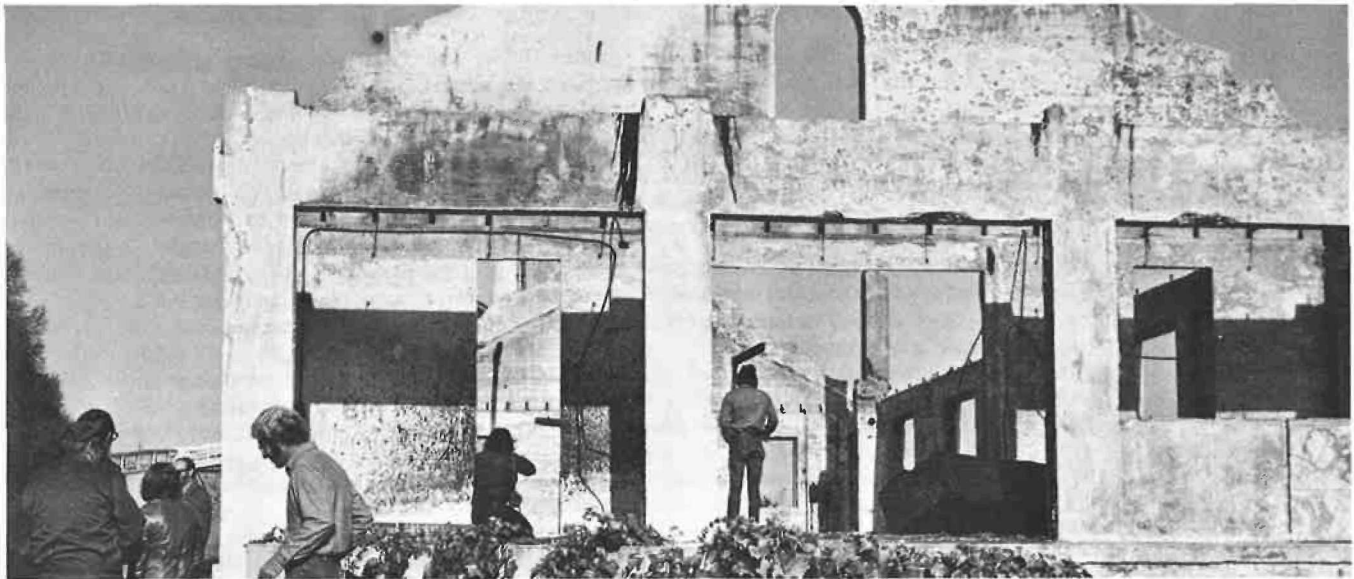
Cell blocks inside Alcatraz will give visitors some idea of how inmates lived. Individual cells are open for inspection also.

Among those present for the ceremony were Thomas J. Mellon, San Francisco's chief administrative officer, representing Mayor Alioto, who made a point of mentioning that Alcatraz is a part of the City by the Bay, and Congressman Phillip Burton and William S. Mailliard, authors of the legislation creating the park.

The ceremony was concluded by bugler Shenk sounding "To the Colors" as Director Walker and Mr. Mellon raised the American flag over the island.



Ranger Lee Shenk concluded opening ceremony by bugling "To the Colors."



Although the buildings at Alcatraz are in disrepair they may afford visitors insight into what it was like for the men who worked or were imprisoned there.

Director Visits Alaska Task Force

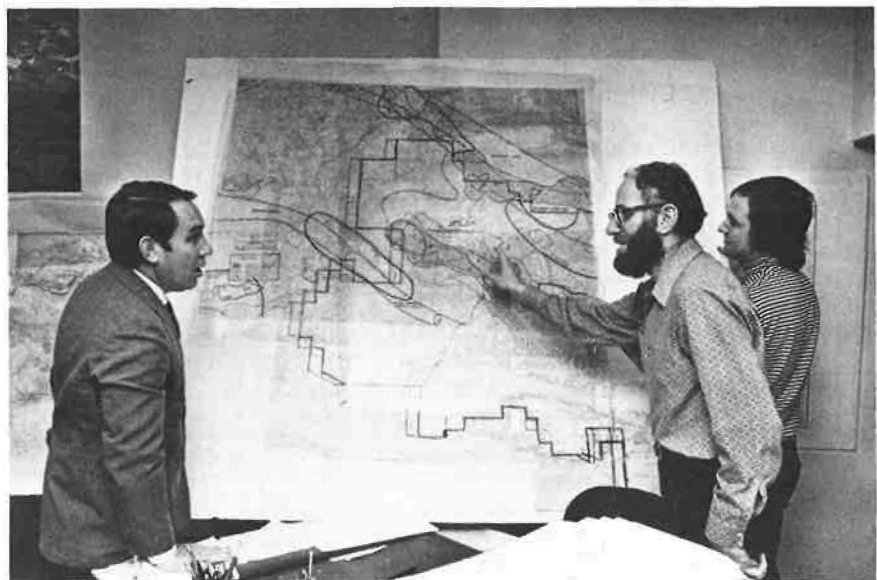
"The American people will never really appreciate the effort that has gone into this Alaska Task Force," said Director Ron Walker when he visited the team Dec. 5.

"The major concern is the wisest use of the Alaskan resources," the Director said.

Alaska Task Force is comprised of personnel from National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation and Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife.

The Task Force was in the final week of producing 28 environmental impact statements. A similar number of conceptual master (or management) plans had already been completed.

During the Director's visit the recurring theme was the magnitude and challenge of planning the use of Alaska park land.



Director Ron Walker discusses problems in the proposed Wrangells-St. Elias National Park in Alaska with Wildlife Biologist Rich Gordon from Anchorage, and Worthy Linen, environmental specialist, Washington.



Let's Make a Difference

National Park Foundation partner with NPS

Cooperation between the National Park Foundation and the National Park Service over the past six years has made a difference with more than twelve million dollars not otherwise available for our National Park areas.

The eighteenth of this month marked the sixth anniversary of the chartering of the National Park Foundation by the United States Congress. Tracing its origins to the National Park Trust Fund Board, established in 1935, creation of the Foundation satisfied a need for a flexible, fast-acting instrument to fill the gap when a nationally significant natural, historic or scenic site becomes available for purchase, and the time when there is legislative authority to make the purchase.

The National Park Foundation was established to encourage the private sector to support programs and activities of the National Park Service. The Foundation is able to accept tax-deductible contributions of money as well as real and personal property.

Empowered by the Congress to buy, sell, hold lease and transfer lands, as well as to deal in real and personal property in the usual manner of a non-profit foundation, the National Park Foundation has quickly become a means of purchasing and holding important sites for addition to existing NPS areas such as Muir Woods National Monument, or as in the case of Cumberland Island National Seashore, the creation of a new area. Through the Land Acquisition Revolving Fund, purchases have ranged in value from hundreds of dollars to several millions. The Foundation conveys lands it purchases to the Park Service at acquisition cost, without additional charge for any holding costs, interest, or appreciation in value.

The other principal activity of the Foundation, aside from land acquisition, has been funding the preparation of educational materials for NEED—the National Environmental Education Development project. This activity makes available to public school systems a coordinated program of environmental education based upon Park Service interpretive materials. Presently, booklets for

grades three, four, five and six are available to schools through an educational publisher. Materials for kindergarten, grades one and two, and grades seven and eight will follow in the coming months.

All Foundation projects are made possible by contributions from private citizens. The Foundation receives no Federal grants or subsidies to support its programs. However, legislation establishing the Foundation authorizes it to call upon the personnel of the National Park Service for administrative support in carrying out its programs.

The authority to ask for assistance from NPS personnel has enabled the Foundation, with a minimum of its own staff, to handle ambitious and complex programs of land acquisition and environmental education.

The necessary NPS administrative support has never been given grudgingly. At every level, in every region, the response has been willing and enthusiastic. The support of NPS personnel coupled with generous contributions by conservation-minded private citizens, has enabled the Foundation to meet essential needs of the Park Service.

The Foundation's affairs are directed by a Board of thirteen members. Under its charter, the Secretary of the Interior serves as Chairman of the Board, and the Director of the National Park Service serves as Secretary. The remaining eleven members are private citizens appointed by the Secretary of the Interior for six-year terms. These private citizens, diverse geographically and vocationally, are bound together by a common tie—that of dedication to the ideal of the National Park Service.

These Board members are really making a difference—helping the Park Service add to and protect America's most magnificent treasure—her National Park System.

A birthday is always an appropriate time to look ahead. The National Park Foundation looks forward to rendering even greater assistance to the National Park Service during a time when effective management of a vast and complex park system is being achieved with limited manpower and financial resources.

John Bryant, Jr.
President
National Park Foundation

Park Service begins switch to metrics

"We're joining the metric world."

These words will be cropping up in more and more National Park Service publications beginning next year as the NPS Publications Division gears up for converting some 300 publications to the metric system.

All major nations of the world,

First composer cottage dedicated

The first Composer's Cottage at Wolf Trap Farm Park for the Performing Arts was officially dedicated on Dec. 12.

Bayard D. Evans, chairman of the Composer's Cottage committee and owner of Evans Farm Inn, McLean, Va., officially presented the Cottage to Director Ron Walker who accepted the gift on behalf of the Department of the Interior.

Located on a wooded area overlooking Wolf Trap Run, the cottage will serve as temporary home for artists wanting the privacy necessary to create. It is part of the original plans for Wolf Trap envisioned by Mrs. Catherine Feline Shouse when she donated land to the U.S. Government in 1966. Those plans call for four more cottages.

Noted American composer Lester Trimble was the first to be invited to the Cottage.

Big Bend closes areas to traffic

Superintendent J.F. Carithers says certain sections of Big Bend National Park are closed to vehicular traffic. This is necessary due to the inability to obtain enough gasoline to run the park's motorized equipment. Certain services may also be reduced if the gasoline shortage continues.

Similar actions are being taken in other park areas.

While all major developed areas will remain open, most of the primitive road system in the park will be closed. "We simply do not have enough gasoline to adequately patrol and maintain these roads," Carithers stated.

except the U.S., are on the metric system or committed to converting to it in the years ahead.

"It's easier to think metric," says Bruce Hopkins, Publications Division general editor at Harpers Ferry Center. "All you have to do is multiply 10 times 10 to go from millimeter up to kilometer—the basic measurement units in the metric system. To go from inches to feet to yards to miles, the multiplication would be one times 12 times three times 1,760—not to mention furlongs and rods and all those other English measurements hardly anyone remembers."

NPS has some 280 park folders and mini-folders. About 30 of these undergo major revisions each year, says Bruce. Metric folders scheduled to be in visitors' hands this summer include those for Prince William Forest, Colonial, Zion, Catocin, Gulf Islands, Mt. McKinley, Saguaro, Grand Teton, Yellowstone and several other smaller areas.

Each folder will contain the following explanatory paragraph: "The National Park Service is introducing metric measurements in its

publications to help Americans become acquainted with the metric system and to make interpretation more meaningful for park visitors from other nations."

New and revised folders will use both measurement systems, with the metric figures first and the customary miles, feet, etc. in parentheses, according to Division Chief Vince Gleason.

"We will use the metric system on all new maps, with elevations in meters and distances in kilometers. As time permits we will convert figures on the old maps to metric," Vince says.

In addition, on all new maps, and, where feasible, on old maps there will be two scales—one for miles and one for kilometers where necessary a verticle scale will be used to indicate elevation comparisons between feet and meters.

The following legend will appear on all new maps: "The scales show the ratio between customary measurements and metrics. Altitudes on the map are in meters and distances in kilometers. One meter 3.280833 feet. One kilometer is 0.62137 miles.

Bill VonAllmen is the chief cartographer heading up the effort to convert NPS maps to the metric system.

New maps will contain only metric figures, says Vince, because to put both English and metric would cause too much clutter and lead to technical difficulties in producing the maps.

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Editor Al Rayford plans layout with editorial staff, L.to R., Ronnie Spiewak, Jean Bullard and Dan Hughes.

Newsletter, Courier have new editor

Albert Lawrence (Al) Rayford, retired Air Force information technician, is the new editor of the NEWSLETTER and COURIER. He succeeds Loretta Neumann, who joined the staff of Congressman Seiberling of Ohio in September.

Announcing Al's appointment, Charlie Keely, Assistant to the Director for Public Affairs, noted the new editor's extensive and varied experience in the government communications field.

Charlie also revealed that Director Walker has asked for a study of the NEWSLETTER and COURIER in terms of possible revisions to increase effectiveness, and expansion of their circulations to include interested groups and individuals outside NPS. He said Al had begun consultation with members of the NPS Directorate regarding possible revisions in both publications.

After 21 years of Service, Al, 41, retired from the United States Air Force. He was then with the Headquarters Defense Language Institute. For two years he edited the 16-page weekly newspaper at Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C.

He served a tour of duty in Vietnam, and filled several Air Force assignments both in and out of the U.S. involving a wide range of communications activities. He edited base newspapers at Grand

Forks, AFB, N.D., Andersen AFB, Guam, Ethan Allen AFB, Vt., Selfridge AFB, Mich. and Ben Guerir Air Base, Morocco.

Al's other activities included writing news releases, writing and delivering newscasts, conducting press relations activities, and carrying out photographic and film coordination assignments.

As a civilian, Al worked with the Evening Star Broadcasting Corp. as a television news reporter and weekend anchorman at WCIV-TV in Charleston, S.C. He also worked at WTOP as a radio newscaster.

Al attended Marquette University, studying journalism and speech. While in the USAF, he took a number of communications-related courses, including those at the Armed Forces Institute and the Defense Information School.

Upon retirement Al and his wife Merlene spent more than a month on a camping tour of the national parks throughout the country. He returned to Washington so impressed with NPS facilities and personnel, that he applied for the vacancy created by Loretta's departure.

Continuing service on the NEWSLETTER/COURIER staff are Jean Bullard, Ronnie Spiewak, Dan Hughes, Glenn Snyder and Theron T. Widman.

Director releases more information on new regions

Director Ron Walker has released additional information regarding the recent regional reorganization of National Park Service.

For now, administrative house-keeping duties (payroll, computer data banks, general administration etc.) required to operate the North Atlantic Region will be handled by the Philadelphia Office. Rocky Mountain Regional Office will also provide administrative support for the Denver Service Center.

Delaware Water Gap NRA, which lies within the boundaries of both the North Atlantic and Mid-Atlantic Regions will remain under the Philadelphia Office.

Except for Alaska and Hawaii, state offices will be abolished. Old state director positions (except Colorado) will become assistants to their regional directors in a coordinating role in dealing with NPS areas within the States.

CSC outlines rules on COL increases

A new Civil Service Commission ruling guarantees that persons who retire immediately after the effective date of a cost-of-living (COL) increase will not get less than they would if they retired just before the increase.

Statistics will be based on what an employee's service and earnings would have been if retirement occurred on the day before a COL increase became effective. The amount of the prior COL increase will be added to this annuity.

Then statistics will be figured on actual service and earnings as of the date of separation—without the COL increase.

The employee is entitled to the larger of the two.

COL annuity increases are added to existing annuities whenever the Consumer Price Index goes up by at least three percent and stays at that percentage for three consecutive months.

Formerly an annuity had to begin the day before a COL increase became effective in order to get the increase.

Register lists Rocky Mountain historic sites

Historic buildings and sites in Rocky Mountain NP have been entered into the National Register of Historic Places for the first time.

The 60-year-old cabins of William Allen White, famed newspaper publisher, writer and politician of the Teddy Roosevelt era will soon be stabilized and restored for public visitation.

A single cabin in Estes Park was first occupied by the White family in 1911.

Later, a second cabin was built which came to be a haven for many of the great men of the time, including William Jennings Bryan and Clarence Darrow.

The National Park Service acquired the property and all the furnishings from White's son, William Allen White, Jr., in 1972.

Park Service has xenodocheionologist

As Assistant Director, Concessions, Jon Foust has responsibility for overseeing private enterprises in NPS areas. Xenodocheionologist Foust provides support to park managers to see that concessioners provide necessary and appropriate services for park visitors. The 319 concessions operations range in size from a few employees to 1,691 for the Yellowstone Park Company.

Visitation high at southeastern park areas

Although the National Park Service is famed for its beautiful west-vice is famed for its beautiful western parks, the states tallying the highest visitation to NPS areas in 1972 were all in the southeastern U.S.

Virginia NPS areas recorded more visits last year than any other state. The 27,506,000 visits were to 20 areas in Virginia. States with the next highest number of visits to their NPS areas were Georgia with 17,823,000 and North Carolina with 16,269,900 visits.



Carolyn B. Rothgeb has earned a National Park Service Incentive Award for outstanding performance as substitute secretary to the Superintendent of Shenandoah NP. Her award was a \$150 check and a letter of congratulations from the Northeast Regional Director.

Braille folders bring Kennesaw story to blind

Braille information folders about Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park have been produced by the Atlanta Braille Volunteers for use at the park and for loan to libraries throughout the U.S.

Joy Mask, spokeswoman for the project, recently presented the Braille booklets to NPS officials.

Southeast Region Director David Thompson thanked the group for "helping the National Park Service provide another means for the handicapped to share in the interpretation of their heritage."

Nature center will stage puppet show

Rock Creek Nature Center in Washington, D.C. will give special Christmas performances of the popular puppet show, "To Bee or Not to Bee," on Dec. 27, 28 and 31 at 2 and 3 p.m.

These performances are sponsored by "Parks for All Seasons" program of the National Capital Parks area. There is no admission charge and tickets will be given to the first 180 persons who arrive at the center 30 minutes before each show.

Produced and directed by Bob and Judy Brown, the show features "Freddy" the adventurous boy-puppet who delighted more than 127,000.

Nominees sought for Interchange program

The President's Commission on Personnel Interchange is now accepting nominations for candidacy in the 1974/75 President's Executive Interchange Program.

This Interchange Program provides an opportunity for executives from Federal departments and agencies and the private sector to share talents and experience, while working in challenging and responsible positions in the opposite sector for a one-year period.

Federal government participants in the program must first be nominated by the head of their department or agency.

Walker addresses police trainees

Director Ron Walker spoke to and answered questions from 35

rangers and technicians attending the 12-week Basic Police School training program in Washington, D.C. on Nov. 28.

He told the attendees that he has "high hopes the 93rd Congress will enact proposed legislation designed to centralize and clarify present law enforcement authorities pertaining to the National Park Service."

The Director asked each of the students to write him concerning their impressions of the training received during the course.

NPS now has 20 NEEL sites

Two outstanding "outdoor classroom" areas were designated recently as National Environmental Educational Landmarks, bringing the total number of National Park Service NEEL sites to 20.

First is the Conservation Education Center, Guthrie Center, Iowa, a 200-acre area of woodlands, brooks, marshes, ponds and a lake located within Springbrook State Park.

The second NEEL site is the Kalamazoo Nature Center, Kalamazoo, Michigan, 525-acres of beech-maple forests, oak-hickory woods, open fields, marshes, ponds and trout streams, farm and glacial deposits.

People On The Move

New Faces

BIRDWELL, Maurice J., to Projectionist, Chamizal NM
 BURNS, John C., to Pk Technician, Castillo De San Marcos NM
 CANTRELL, Glennie Fae C., to Personnel Clk, Off Personnel Mgmt & Devel, SERO
 ROSENTHAL, Howard S., to Maint, Independence NHP
 SCOTT, Sharon M., to Janitor, Harpers Ferry NHP
 SMITH, Ann W., to Compliance Off, Deputy Director, WASO
 WALLING, Ruben R., Sr., to Laborer, Fort Pulaski NM
 ZIMMER, Nicholas G., to Laborer, Hawaii Volcanoes NP

\$10.5 million allocation made for preservation

A Federal government allocation of \$10.5 million for historic preservation matching grants to the states, territories and National Trust for Historic Preservation was recently announced by Secretary Rogers C.B. Morton.

This new funding brings to \$29.7 million the amount allocated to support ongoing programs and Bicentennial projects under the Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

Each grantee's allocation will be awarded as a single grant to carry out annual historic programs. Until now grants had been awarded on a project basis. "The program grant strengthens each grantee's ability to plan thoroughly for historic preservation as an important aspect of sound land use," Secretary Morton said.

Administered by the National Park Service, grants to the states and territories assist historic preservation surveys and plans, as well as public and private efforts to acquire and develop properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Grants to the National Trust for Historic Preservation support technical and advisory programs, maintenance and restoration of Trust-owned properties and new acquisitions.

new places

ADKINS, Vernon W., Supply Tech, Yellowstone NP, to Supply Tech Prop Mgmt, Mount Rainier NP
 CLITHERO, William L., Forestry Tech, Sequoia NP, to Pk Tech, WR
 DUNNING, Jimmie L., Pk Mgr, Colorado State Dir, to Same, Cape Hatteras NS
 DUNMIRE, William W., Pk Ranger, Colorado State Director, to Same, Interp Div, WASO
 FLISTER, John H., Pk Ranger (Pk Planner), Assist Dir Coop Act, NCP, to Buildings & Grounds Mgr, Div of Maintenance, NCP
 GALE, Richard T., Supv Pk Ranger, Lake Mead NRA, to Pk Mgr, Grand Canyon NP
 HOCKELBERG, Kenneth R., Carpenter, Grand Canyon NP, to Maintenance, WR
 HOFFMAN, John J., Archeologist, Assoc Reg Dir Prof Serv, PNRO, to Same, Fort Vancouver NHS
 JOHNSON, Einar L., Pk Mgr, Assoc Reg Dir Admin, to PSame, Spec Resources Staff, WASO
 MASDEN, Ronald E., Maint, Black Canyon of the Gunnison NM, to Oper Gen, Grand Teton NP
 NIGH, Peter K., Pk Tech, WR, to Same, Lake Mead NRA
 NORTON H. Wayne, Supv Pk Ranger, Arches NP, to Same, Padre Island NS
 PENNY, Roland E., Laborer, Area II, NCP, to Motor Vehicle Oper, Area I, NCP
 PORTILLO, Richard R., Admin Assist, Assoc Reg Dir Admin, SWR, to Same, Buffalo NR
 RECK, Samuel H., Pk Mgr, Edison NHS, to Admin Off, Colonial NHP

REED, Glenn C., Mining Engineer, Assoc Reg Dir Prof Serv, PNRO, to Same, Coulee Dam
 ROSS, Lester A., Museum Spec, Assoc Reg Dir Prof Serv, PNRO, to Same, Fort Vancouver NHS
 SMITH, Kenneth, Civil Engineer, Rocky Mountain NP, to Same, Mount Rushmore NM
 WAGNER, Elizabeth T., Personnel Clk, Off Personnel Mgmt & Devel, NERO, to Sec, NER
 WIDDIFIELD, Larry D., Pk Tech, Arkansas Post NM, to Same, Buffalo NR
 WONSON, Richard E., Admin Off, Tumacacori NM, to Assist Mail & File Supv, Div Prop Mgmt & Gen Serv, DSC

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BABBINO, Joan A., Clk-Steno, New York District
 BROWN, Sammy L., Pk Tech, Natchez Trace Pkwy
 DAHL, Helen G., Sec, Legislative Serv Div, WASO
 DAVIS, Jerry F., Sec, Oper Eval, SWRO
 EVANS, Blueford O., Road Foreman, Yellowstone NP
 HASKELL, Pamela C., Clk-Typist, NCP
 JOHNSON Robert L., Tractor Oper, Area II, NCP
 NEWMAN, Lloyd M., Maint Supv, NCP
 PINEDA, Irma, Clk-Typist, Personnel, WR
 WALSTON, Mary R., Clk-Typist, Assoc Dir Prof Support, SER
 WINFIELD, Ernest C., Private, US Pk Police



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