



Curecanti NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

Gunnison and Montrose Counties, Colorado

Resource Protection Study

Dear Friends,

Newsletter #2

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Last spring, we released our first newsletter explaining the background of the project and describing the process we are using to collect and analyze resource data. In response to a request from Congress, we are assessing the natural, cultural, recreational and scenic resource value and character of the land within and surrounding Curecanti. Over the past year, we have been looking at preliminary alternatives to protect those resources, and have been consulting with neighboring land management agencies, county and state officials, state and national congressional representatives, and Native American tribes to share our ideas.

At this stage in the study, we feel we need more information about the unmet potential of land-based and lake tributary-based recreation and resource education in areas within and surrounding Curecanti. Therefore, we have scheduled open houses to gather your ideas about that recreation potential, as well as other facets of the study.

We encourage you to attend our March open houses. You may also provide comment via e-mail (dave_roberts@nps.gov), or in writing via the enclosed response form. If you would like a copy of our first newsletter, which also contains a map of the preliminary study area, please contact us, or visit our website at www.nps.gov/planning/cure, and click on "What's New." The website is another means by which you can send us your comments. (Note: Internet and email connections may be limited until Department of Interior court-ordered restrictions are lifted.)

Please direct correspondence relating to the study to:

Curecanti Resource Protection Study
c/o Dave Roberts, Management Assistant
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Best Regards,

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Curecanti NRA

Open House for the Curecanti Resource Protection Study

You're invited to attend one or more of the public open houses we are holding in conjunction with the Resource Protection Study for Curecanti National Recreation Area (NRA). The purpose of the open houses is to exchange ideas regarding the unmet potential of land-based and lake tributary-based recreation and resource education in areas within and surrounding the NRA. Your ideas regarding other facets of the study will also be welcome. These ideas will be used to generate alternatives that will better protect the natural, cultural, recreational and scenic resource value and character of the land within and surrounding Curecanti.

If you are interested in enhancing recreational opportunities, and in helping to determine how better to protect the spectacular resources of the Curecanti area for today and into the future, please join us at the open houses.

Gunnison Open House

Tuesday, March 5
3:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
Aspinall-Wilson Center
909 Escalante Drive

Hotchkiss Open House

Wednesday, March 6
3:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
Hotchkiss Public Library
Memorial Hall
1st and Main Streets

Montrose Open House

Thursday, March 7
3:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
Montrose Pavilion
1800 Pavilion Road

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