

imposed by the settlement agreement, some of the proposed and ongoing winter use research may not be completed in time for incorporation into the draft winter use plans and environmental impact statement.

The National Park Service requests that all individuals, organizations, agencies or entities that are interested in or affected by winter visitor use in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway share comments or concerns on appropriate topics of research for use in the winter use planning process.

### Background

Winter use research projects currently underway in the affected national parks include: the social carrying capacity of Yellowstone National Park for winter use, Hayden Valley bison monitoring, bison use of groomed roads in Yellowstone National Park, characterization of snowmobile particulate emissions, measurement of airborne toxics and regulated pollutants emitted from snowmobiles in Yellowstone National Park, and snowpack and snowmelt runoff chemical analysis at Yellowstone National Park. In addition, research projects are currently being conducted on bison ecology and brucellosis. These studies include forage availability, habitat use, and bison population dynamics.

Proposed research topics include, but are not limited to, snowmobile emissions and the effects of ethanol based fuels, snowmobile mogul generation, a field evaluation of gasohol's ability to reduce snowmobiler exposure to carbon monoxide, noise monitoring, an assessment of winter recreation on wildlife in Yellowstone National Park, and a study of the economics of winter use in the Greater Yellowstone Area.

### Comments

Written comments concerning appropriate research topics on winter use in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway should be postmarked no later than sixty (60) days from the publication of this notice. Comments should be addressed to Winter Use Research, Planning Office, Box 168, Yellowstone National Park WY, 82190.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sarah Creachbaum, Planning Office, Box 168, Yellowstone National Park WY, 82190, (307) 344-2024; or Nancy Arkin, Planning Office, Grand Teton National

Park, Box 170, Moose WY, 83102 (307) 739-3486.

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

In accordance with Departmental policy, 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that on April 16, 1998, the United States of America, on behalf of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") filed a complaint with the United States District Court for the District of Idaho alleging that defendant Monsanto Company and its affiliate P4 Production L.L.C. (together with "Monsanto") are liable under Sections 106 and 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9606 & 9607, for the implementation of EPA's selected remedy for the Monsanto Company Superfund Site in Caribou County, Idaho ("the Site"), and for the reimbursement of all costs incurred by the United States in response to the release of hazardous substances at the Site. The action is styled *United States v. Monsanto*, Civil Action No. C98-154-E-ELW (D. Idaho). On the same day, the United States lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Idaho a Consent Decree resolving the United States' claims in this action.

The Consent Decree requires Monsanto to implement EPA's selected remedy for the Site, and to reimburse the United States for \$17,980.70, which represents the full amount of unreimbursed costs incurred by the United States in response to releases of hazardous substances from the Site.

The Department of Justice will receive, for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication, comments relating to the proposed Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Monsanto*, DOJ Ref. #90-11-2-1277.

The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the Region 10 Office of the Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104 (206)

553-1504, and may be obtained from the Office of the United States Attorney for the District of Idaho, P.O. Box 32, Boise, Idaho 83707 (208) 334-1211. A copy of the proposed consent decrees may also be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005. In requesting copies please refer to *United States v. Monsanto*, No. C98-154-E-ELW (D. Idaho), and enclose a check payable to the Consent Decree Library in the amount of \$20.00 (80 pages at 25 cents per page reproduction costs).

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act

In accordance with Departmental policy, 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that a proposed Consent Decree in *United States and State of Connecticut v. Town of Southington, et al.*, Civil Action Nos. 3: 98cv8 and 3:98cv236 was lodged on March 12, 1998 with the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut.

The complaint in this action seeks (1) to recover, pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq., response costs incurred and to be incurred by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") at the Old Southington Landfill Superfund Site located in the Town of Southington, Connecticut ("Site"); and (2) injunctive relief under Section 106 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9606. The defendants include Town of Southington, United Technologies Corp. and 266 other parties.

The proposed Consent Decree embodies an agreement with two potentially responsible parties ("PRPs") at the Site pursuant to sections 106 and 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9606 and 9607, to perform a remedial action at the Site including the relocation of businesses located on the Site, the construction of a multi-layer cap, the excavation and consolidation of a "hot-spot", the extraction and possible treatment of landfill gases, and the performance of additional groundwater studies. The proposed Consent Decree also embodies an agreement with 266