



Environmental Impact Statement and Section 106 Consultation for Proposed Changes to Sacramento Peak Observatory Operations

Sunspot, New Mexico

Overview:

The National Environmental Policy Act requires federal agencies to conduct an environmental review to assess the potential environmental impacts of federal actions that could significantly affect the environment.

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires federal agencies to consult with interested parties and the State Historic Preservation Officer regarding potential effects of their proposed actions on significant historic properties.

The purpose of this public meeting is to obtain comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). A Section 106 Consulting Parties meeting is expected to occur in the Spring of 2018.

Timeline for Public Involvement:

- **Scoping Comment Period (completed):**
July 5-August 5, 2016
- **Draft EIS Published:**
February 8, 2018
- **Draft EIS Comment Period:**
 - 45-Day Comment Period ends on March 25, 2018
 - Public meeting on Draft EIS: New Mexico Museum of Space History, February 28, 2018, 6:30 to 8:30 pm
- **Section 106 Consulting Parties meeting target: Spring 2018**
- **Final EIS target: Summer 2018**
- **Record of Decision target: Fall 2018**

Submit Comments:

You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

Email to: envcomp-AST-sacpeak@nsf.gov,
with subject line
"Sacramento Peak Observatory"

Mail to: Ms. Elizabeth Pentecost,
RE: Sacramento Peak Observatory
National Science Foundation,
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Project information will be posted, throughout the EIS process, at www.nsf.gov/AST.