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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 the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including identification of viable alternatives. Additional opportunities for public participation will be available during the process.

Timeline for Public Involvement:

- **Scoping Comment Period:**
July 5-August 5, 2016
- **Draft EIS target:**
Late Fall 2016
 - 45-Day Comment Period on Draft EIS
 - Public meeting on Draft EIS
- **Final EIS target:**
Spring 2017
- **Record of Decision target:**
Summer 2017

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
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Project information will be posted,
throughout the EIS process, at
www.nsf.gov/AST.