the U.S. Department of the Interior extended until February 27, 1995, the public comment period on the proposed rule published in the October 26, 1994, Federal Register (59 FR 53884). The extension notice was published Friday, December 23, 1994, Federal Register (59 FR 66287). This correction provides an INTERNET address where comments can be filed electronically through the end of the comment period. DATES: Written comments: OSM will accept written comments on the proposed rule until 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on February 27, 1995. ADDRESSES: Written comments: Hand deliver to the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Administrative Record, Room 660, 800 North Capitol St., Washington, DC; or mail to the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Administrative Record, Room 660 NC, 1951 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20240.

Comments may also be sent through the INTERNET to Scott Boyce, Branch of Research and Technical Standards, INTERNET address:

OSMRULES@OSMRE.GOV. Copies of any messages received electronically will be filed with the Administration Record. Please note that this address is different from the address specified in the proposed rule (59 FR 53884). **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Scott Boyce, Branch of Research and Technical Standards, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 640 NC, Washington, DC 20240; telephone (202) 343–3839.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 26, 1994 (59 FR 53884), OSM published a proposed rule which would require the regulatory authority to provide to each person who was a party to an informal conference its written findings granting, requiring modification of, or denying a permit application. The rulemaking would also require both that an approved permit contain in its permit area only lands for which the applicant has established a right-to-enter and commence surface coal mining and reclamation operations, and that compliance with an approved permit be based on activities to be conducted solely upon such lands.

The comment period for the proposed rule, which was scheduled to close on December 27, 1994, was extended until February 27, 1995 (59 FR 66287). This notice provides an INTERNET address where comments can be filed electronically. A different INTERNET address was published in the proposed rule (59 FR 53884) which was valid through December 27, 1994. Any comments to the proposed rule filed via the INTERNET during the 60-day extension period should be sent to the address given in this notice. Comments will be accepted until 5 p.m. local time on February 27, 1995.

Dated: January 13, 1995.

Mary Josie Blanchard,

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National Park Service

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Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore; Hunting Closure

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior. **ACTION:** Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS), Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, is proposing regulations closing developed and high visitor use areas of the lakeshore to hunting in the interest of public safety. Hunting in such developed and high visitor use areas can constitute a hazard to the safety of the visiting public. The NPS solicits comments from the public, including hunters, on the proposal. DATES: Comments are requested by

March 24, 1995.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to the Superintendent, Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, P.O. Box 40, Munising, Michigan 49862.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry Hach, Chief of Visitor Services and Land Management, Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, P.O. Box 40, Munising, MI 49862. Telephone (906) 387–2607.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore's legislative authority, Public Law 89–668 (80 Stat. 922), states "The Secretary, after consultation with the Michigan Department of Conservation, may designate zones and establish periods where and when no hunting shall be permitted for reasons of public safety, administration, or public use and enjoyment." Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore has already consulted with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources on this issue, as well as with other interested groups including the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, areas hunters, and other interested local individuals.

The National Park Services' Management Guidelines (specifically Chapter 8, "Use of the Parks") state that the protection of park visitors and providing for visitor safety is a primary goal of park management, and that the Service may establish regulations or closures that are more restrictive than applicable state regulations based on a finding that such restrictions are necessary for public safety, resource protection, or visitor enjoyment. With the increased number of visitors to the lakeshore in recent years (CY 93 visitation was 613,000), and the increase of hunting activities within lakeshore boundaries, conflicts between hunters and non-hunters could directly affect the safety of the visiting public in the developed areas.

Options Considered

According to the park's enabling legislation, hunting in the lakeshore is managed according to the State of Michigan's Department of Natural Resources' hunting regulations and those specific regulations contained in the Superintendent's Compendium, which prohibits spotlighting in accordance with 36 CFR 2.2(e). Continuing under the existing guidelines is dangerous from a safety point of view. A total ban on hunting is neither practical nor necessary. This proposed limited closure is in accordance with stated overall management objectives.

Effects of Revision

Much of the high public use area at the western end of the lakeshore is situated within the corporate limits of the City of Munising in which the discharge of a firearm is already prohibited.

The lakeshore's developed areas, such as campgrounds, parking lots, and overlooks, are heavily used by the visiting public. Hunting in such heavily used areas constitutes a hazard to the safety of the visiting public. State of Michigan regulations already prohibit hunting within 150 yards of occupied dwellings and associated structures for similar public safety reasons. State regulations currently permit hunting within road rights-of-way (ROW's), but because of the heavy volume of traffic on NPS owned roads within the lakeshore, hunting within these ROW's is not conducive to the promotion of visitor safety and enjoyment.

The heaviest public use period for the lakeshore occurs between April 1 and Labor Day when the lakeshore receives approximately 73% of its annual

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