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### INTERIOR RELEASES MAPS OF 1,400 AREAS BEING CONSIDERED FOR ADDITION TO COASTAL BARRIERS RESOURCES SYSTEM

The Interior Department announced in the Federal Register March 4, 1985, that public review and comment are invited on draft maps of some 1,400 areas identified as undeveloped coastal barriers along the Atlantic, Pacific, Gulf of Mexico, and Great Lakes coastlines.

The Coastal Barriers Resources Act of 1982 established the Coastal Barriers Resources System and prohibits all new Federal expenditures and financial assistance within the units of the system. New Federal flood insurance for developments within system units was prohibited after October 1, 1983.

The Coastal Barriers Resources Act also required the Secretary of the Interior to study and report to Congress within three years on additions or deletions recommended for the system. A Coastal Barriers Study Group appointed by the Secretary and led by the National Park Service identified barriers, drafted maps, definitions, delineation criteria, and descriptions of more than 1,400 undeveloped barriers.

Maps and other materials are being sent to Governors and Members of Congress in the 32 affected states, territories, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; Washington, regional and field offices of the National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Federal Emergency Management Agency; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Environmental Protection Agency; Department of Agriculture; Department of Transportation; Department of Defense; Department of Housing and Urban Development; Barrier Island Coalition; National Wildlife Federation; and National Realtors Association.

To facilitate public review, anyone interested in learning where the nearest set of maps can be examined may call the National Park Service at 202/343-8115 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday. The original maps and other materials may be inspected and comments delivered to National Park Service, 1100 "L" Street, N.W., Room 3319, Washington, D.C.

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