
Proposed Apgar Land Exchange

Background

A land survey of Apgar in 2002 revealed that two Apgar Village Lodge cabins owned by Belton Mercantile, Inc. are located on NPS land. The land had once been part of the same tract as the Apgar Village Lodge, but when it was sold to the NPS in 1958, two cabins owned by Belton Mercantile, Inc. were never removed. A privately owned water treatment shed and portions of another private cabin also remain on the property. To remedy the situation, Belton Mercantile, Inc. has offered to trade a parcel of land with a cabin in exchange for the land with the Apgar Village Lodge structures.

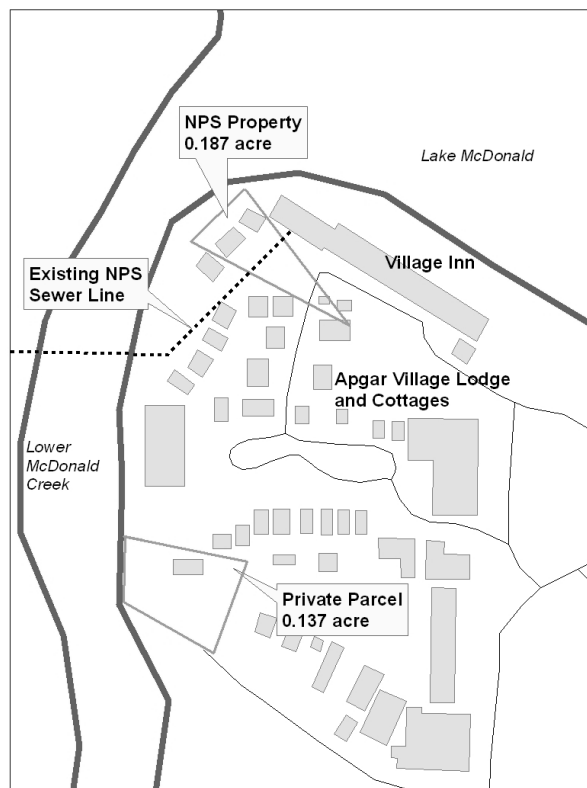
Additionally, in 1974, the NPS installed a sewer line across the Apgar Village Lodge property. The sewer line, which services Apgar Village, Fish Creek Campground, and Grist Road residences, has never been recorded as a formal right-of-way.

Objectives

- Remedy overlap of ownership between the NPS and Belton Mercantile Incorporated
- Provide Glacier National Park with a formal utility right-of-way

Apgar Village

(not to scale)



Concerns and Issues

- Preservation of historic structures and cultural landscapes
- Legal resolution of property ownership and use
- Utility maintenance and access

Alternatives Identified to Date

- *No Action*—commercial structures privately owned by Belton Mercantile, Inc. would remain on NPS property. Access to an NPS sewer line that runs across property owned by Belton Mercantile, Inc. would not be covered by a recorded utility right-of-way.
- *Removal of the Structures*—Belton Mercantile, Inc. would remove the structures from NPS land.
- *Purchase the Structures*—the NPS would purchase the structures from Belton Mercantile, Inc.
- *Land Exchange*—the NPS would accept Belton Mercantile, Inc.'s offer to exchange a 0.137 acre parcel of property, including a cabin, for 0.187 acre of NPS land with Belton Mercantile, Inc.'s buildings. A 25 foot-wide right-of-way for the NPS sewer line would be recorded across Belton Mercantile Incorporated property.



Your Participation

Scoping is the first step involving the public in the planning and environmental assessment process. Due to your interest in Glacier National Park, we are informing you about this upcoming planning effort and requesting your comments. Please send your comments and concerns on the objectives, alternatives, and resources that could be affected. No public meetings are scheduled at this time. We will review your comments to ensure we are addressing all the possible resource issues and alternatives. There will be another opportunity for your review and comment when the environmental assessment is completed and released.


Please provide comments by
August 6, 2010

Submit your comments:

Post your comments:
www.parkplanning.nps.gov/glac

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