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National Park Service

Notice of Availability of the Draft General Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement for the Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park

AGENCIES: National Park Service,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the draft
general management plan/
environmental impact statement for the
Klondike Gold Rush National Historical
Park.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service
announces the availability of the draft
General Management Plan/
Environmental Impact Statement for the
Klondike Gold Rush National Historical
Park. The draft General Management
Plan and Environmental Impact
Statement describes a proposed action
for the three Alaska units and one
Seattle unit of the park and three

alternatives (two in Seattle) to provide
additional opportunities for residents
and visitors to enjoy the park units
while protecting the park's cultural and
natural resources. A no action
alternative also is evaluated. This notice
announces the dates and locations of
public meetings to solicit comments on
the draft GMP/EIS.

DATES: Public comment on the draft
GMP/EIS is from May 31 to July 31,
1996. Comments must be postmarked by
July 31. Hearing dates, times, and
locations are listed under
Supplementary Information, below.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the draft
GMP/EIS should be submitted to the
General Management Plan, Klondike
Gold Rush National Historical Park,
2525 Gambell Street, Anchorage, AK
99508-2892. Comments may also be
sent via electronic mail by July 31 to:
KLGO/KLSE GMP Comments@nps.gov.
Copies of the draft GMP/EIS are
available by request from the
aforementioned address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jack
Mosby, National Park Service, Alaska
System Support Office. Telephone:
(907) 257-2650 FAX: (907) 257-2510.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant
to section 102(2)(C) of the National
Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L.

91-190, as amended), the National Park
Service, has prepared a draft GMP/EIS
that describes a proposed action for the
three Alaska units and one Seattle unit
of the park and three alternatives (two
in Seattle) to provide additional
opportunities for residents and visitors
to enjoy the park units while protecting
the park's cultural and natural
resources. Public meetings are
scheduled on the dates and at the times
and locations indicated below.

- June 18—Seattle, Park Office, 117
South Main Street, 7:00 p.m.
- July 8—Skagway, Public Library,
8th & State Streets, 7:00 p.m.
- July 9—Whitehorse, Public Library,
2071 2nd Avenue, 7:00 p.m.

The proposed action (alternative C) in
Alaska includes development concept
plans for Dyea and the Chilkoot Trail
and would expand park management,
development, resource (cultural and
natural) protection, and maintenance
components to meet most, but not all, of
the expected visitor-use increases and
interests in the park. A Klondike History
Research Center would be established,
in cooperation with the city of Skagway
and State of Alaska, to process, study,
conserve, and store historical,
ethnographic, and natural history
artifacts. Part of the center's function
would be to provide interpretive and

educational programs, as well as the opportunity for interagency training and academic research within Skagway. Specialized historic-restoration skills would be made available to others on a cost-reimbursable basis. Access to the Dyea area would be improved with a rerouted, wider gravel road, and parking, picnic, interpretive, and trail opportunities. Selected Dyea townsite streets would be cleared and signed. Archaeological inventory, surveys, and mapping; marking the historical segments; minor trail rerouting; and increased interpretive programs would occur along the Chilkoot Trail. White Pass archaeological inventory, surveying, mapping, and marking the historic trail route would be completed; but no facilities are proposed in the unit.

In Seattle, the proposed action would lead eventually to acquiring a permanent location for the park visitor center, park offices, and historic collections. In the interim, expanded lease space at the present location would allow park offices to move to accessible space on the third floor; and park collections would be moved to the mezzanine level of the building. The interpretive focus would shift with more emphasis toward the role of the Pacific Northwest in the gold rush. Additional interpretive information (exhibits and walking tours) would be developed within the Pioneer Square area. Interpretive exhibits, in cooperation with the city of Seattle, would be added to the waterfront area at Washington Street Landing. Contacts with the Skagway office would be expanded with staff cross training. A Friends of the Park group would be organized.

Under the No-Action Alternative (alternative A), the development of a new general management plan would not take place. Management actions would react to situations as needed. In Alaska, work toward a new crossing of Nelson Slough and beach area access would continue, and the existing park management and operations would continue. In Seattle, the basic operation would continue unchanged.

Under alternative B (minimal alternative), some actions would take place in the park units. In Alaska, the park boundary in Dyea would be marked. Work toward a new crossing of Nelson Slough and beach area access would continue. The existing road along Nelson Slough would be graveled, but remain one lane. The campground, picnic area, and ranger station would be moved to be within the park boundary and the historic segments of the Chilkoot Trail would be marked. In Skagway interpretive programs would

be slightly increased, as would the visitor center operation. Site bulletins would be developed for each restored building. There would be an increased emphasis on maintaining the restored historic buildings as that program is completed. In Seattle about 2,800 ft² of additional lease space would be acquired and improvements would be made to storage capabilities and the mezzanine area. Collections would be moved out of the basement and minor improvements made to existing exhibits. Pioneer Square and Washington Street Landing and other appropriate waterfront locations interpretive exhibits would be developed and sited. A park friends group would be established.

Under alternative D for Alaska, park management, development, resource protection, and maintenance needs would expand to meet all of the expected visitor use increases and interests in the park well into the next century. To accommodate the additional visitor use, there would be an increase in operational activities, maintenance, interpretation, and resources management, while protecting park resources from degradation. Park facilities would be upgraded with improvements to the visitor and administrative facilities in Skagway and the development of new facilities in Dyea and along the Chilkoot Trail. The day-use education center proposed in Alternative C would be expanded to provide for overnight use. This would provide visitors with additional activity options for a better understanding of park themes. Additional historic buildings would be acquired for restoration and lease for commercial activities, or retention for administrative purposes. Both an historical restoration center and a Klondike History Research Center would be established in Skagway.

The park would work with the state of Alaska and city of Skagway to provide better access for the Dyea and Chilkoot Trail areas. The park would also initiate and maintain additional cooperation with the city of Skagway, Parks Canada, and state and federal land management agencies to assure compatible uses in areas adjacent to the park. Maximum protection of cultural and natural resources would be provided. Connections with the Brackett Wagon Road and Canadian trails would be examined, as would additional trail opportunities along the Chilkoot Trail.

No alternative D (Substantial Change) was developed for Seattle unit.

This document is a collaborative effort between two vastly separated National Park system support offices

and two park locations along with input from the city of Skagway, state of Alaska, and international assistance from Parks Canada.

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Judith Gottlieb,

Field Director, Alaska.

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Everflow Eastern, Inc., Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area, Summit County, OH; Availability of Plan of Operations and Environmental Assessment; Drilling Two Oil/Gas Wells

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 9.52(b) of Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations that the National Park Service has received from Everflow Eastern, Incorporated, a Plan of Operations to drill two oil/gas wells in Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area, located within Summit County, Ohio.

The Plan of Operations and Environmental Assessment are available for public review and comment for a period of 30 days from the publication date of this notice. The documents can be viewed during normal business hours at the Office of the Superintendent, Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area, 15610 Vaughn Road, Brecksville, Ohio. Copies can be requested from the Superintendent, Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area, 15610 Vaughn Road, Brecksville, Ohio, 44141.

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John P. Debo, Jr.,

Superintendent, Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area.

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Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Notice of Proposed Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing that the information collection requests for the titles described below have been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The information collection requests describe the nature of the