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National Park Service

Notice of Availability of the Final Development Concept Plan/Abbreviated Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Entrance Area and Road Corridor, Denali National Park and Preserve, Alaska

AGENCIES: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of the Final Development Concept Plan/Abbreviated Final Environmental Impact Statement for the entrance area and road corridor, Denali National Park and Preserve, Alaska.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service announces the availability of a Final Development Concept Plan/Abbreviated Final Environmental Impact Statement (DCP/EIS) for the Entrance Area and Road Corridor (Front Country) of Denali National Park and Preserve. The document describes and analyzes the environmental impacts of a proposed action and three other action alternatives for visitor facilities and services. A no action alternative also is evaluated.

DATES: A Record of Decision will be made no sooner than 30 days after the date of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the statement are available on request from: Superintendent, Denali National Park and Preserve, P.O. Box 9, Denali Park, Alaska 99755.

Public reading copies of the final DCP and abbreviated final EIS will be available for review in the following locations:

Office of Public Affairs, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, Room 3424, Washington, DC 20240, telephone: (202) 208-6843.

Alaska System Support Office, National Park Service, 2525 Gambell Street, Room 404, Anchorage, Alaska 99503-2892, telephone: (907) 257-2647.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Tranel, Denali National Park and

Preserve. Telephone: (907) 683-9552
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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 final DCP and abbreviated final EIS for proposed visitor facilities and services in the front country of Denali National Park and Preserve in Alaska. The final DCP/EIS includes five alternatives for providing for visitor use and resource protection and related facility development in the front country of Denali National Park and Preserve. The front country includes all non-wilderness areas along the Parks Highway, the Riley Creek/headquarters area, and the park road corridor to the Kantishna airstrip. The five alternatives include a no action alternative and four action alternatives. The proposed action as revised in the final is based on the recommendations of the Denali Task Force, a committee formed at the request of the Secretary of the Interior in 1994, on proposals received during public scoping, on previous plans, on planning team work and impact analysis, and on public comments on the draft plan.

Facilities and services considered in the proposed action and in each alternative include visitor accommodations, campgrounds, camper conveniences, interpretive facilities, transportation, parking, bus tours, bicycle use, rest and picnic areas, concessions, road maintenance, trails, employee housing, administrative and support facilities, airstrips, and utility systems. The alternatives differ in construction costs, extent and location of visitor facilities, and corresponding environmental, social, and economic impacts.

The Proposed Action (Alternative D) would provide visitor facilities and services in the front country to meet a wide range of visitor needs and interests. Front country developments would be limited to actions in which the NPS has traditionally specialized, such as interpretive centers, environmental education opportunities, trails, and campgrounds. The park hotel would be closed, and the NPS would encourage the private sector to develop visitor service facilities (accommodations, food service, and other commercial services) outside the park. The existing Visitor Access Center would be remodeled and expanded to serve as an interpretive and discovery center, and a new visitor services building and parking would be constructed nearby. Camper convenience services would be

provided in this same area and the existing store and temporary shower building would be removed. Some buildings in the former hotel area would be adaptively used to provide an environmental education and science facility. New permanent rest areas would be constructed at Savage and Toklat. Additional trails would be constructed primarily in the Nenana River and Savage River areas. New campsites would be developed in the entrance area, the Nenana River corridor, and in the Kantishna area. Road maintenance and repair would be upgraded to address safety concerns and major structural failures along the park road. These actions would be phased in over the 15 to 20-year life of the plan.

Alternative A (No Action—Continue Current Management Direction) represents no change from current management direction. With the exception of development concepts not yet implemented, it continues the present course of action set forth in existing management plans and guidance documents including the Statement for Management (1995) and the General Management Plan/Land Protection Plan/Wilderness Suitability Review (1986). This alternative represents the existing situation in the park, so existing facilities and services would remain. For example, the temporary park hotel would be rehabilitated as funds allow, adaptive use of historic structures and overcrowding of administrative space would continue, campgrounds would not be expanded, and no new trail construction or additional trail maintenance would be done.

Alternative B (Implement Development Concepts from Previous Plans) would fully implement previous planning decisions and development concepts contained in approved plans such as the 1986 General Management Plan and the 1992 Amendment to the 1983 Development Concept Plan/Environmental Assessment for the park road corridor and 1987 addendum (1992 Riley Creek Amendment). These documents not only propose additional facilities throughout the park to support NPS operations; they also propose increased visitor services and facilities within the park entrance area. Examples of new facilities proposed include a new hotel and camper convenience center to replace existing temporary facilities, a hostel in the entrance area, a new interpretive center with additional administrative space, a 50-site expansion to Riley Creek campground, and upgraded trail maintenance in the entrance area.

Alternative C (Reduce Facilities and Services Inside Park) would reduce the level of development and visitor services inside the park and encourage the private sector to provide necessary new facilities such as overnight accommodations, campgrounds, and camper conveniences outside the park boundary. Major new park facilities such as an interpretive center and an environmental education center would be constructed outside the park as well. The park entrance area would function primarily as a staging area for trips farther into the park rather than as a destination in itself. This alternative allows for minimizing resource impacts and therefore maximizing resource protection inside the park.

Alternative E (Emphasize Visitor Services and Recreational Opportunities Within the Park) would significantly enhance the visitor experience by concentrating new development inside the park and providing a diversity of visitor facilities and services in the front country to meet a wide range of visitor needs and interests. The NPS would take the leading role in providing new visitor services. A new hotel would replace the existing temporary building, and a hostel or similar low-cost accommodations would be constructed at a separate location. A new interpretive center, a camper conveniences center, and an environmental education facility would be constructed just north of Riley Creek Campground. Additional campsites would be developed throughout the front country. New permanent rest areas would be constructed at Toklat and Savage, and trails would be upgraded and expanded at several locations. Road maintenance and repair along the park road would be upgraded to address documented structural problems as well as safety concerns and actual structural failures.

The responsible official for a Record of Decision on the proposed action is the NPS field director in Alaska.

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Paul R. Anderson,

Field Director, Alaska Field Office.

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National Park Service, National Capital Region

Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site Advisory Commission; Notice of Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act that a meeting of the Mary McLeod

Bethune Council House National Historic Site Advisory Commission will be held on January 24 and 25, 1997, at the Madison Hotel at 10:00 a.m., the hotel is located at 15th and M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

The Commission was authorized on December 11, 1991, by Public Law 102-211, for the purpose of advising the Secretary of the Interior in the development of a General Management Plan for the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site.

The members of the commission are as follow: Dr. Dorothy I. Height; Ms. Barbara Van Blake; Ms. Brenda Girton-Mitchell; Dr. Savanna C. Jones; Dr. Bettye J. Gardner, Bettye Collier-Thomas; Mr. Eugene Morris; Dr. Rosalyn Terborg-Penn; Mrs. Bertha S. Waters; Dr. Frederick Stielow; Dr. Sheila Flemming; Dr. Ramona Edelin; Mrs. Romaine B. Thomas; Ms. Brandi L. Creighton; and Dr. Janette Hoston Harris.

The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss and develop a general management plan for the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site. The meeting will be open to the public. Any person may file with the Commission a written statement concerning the matters to be discussed. Persons who wish further information concerning this meeting or wish to file a written statement or testify at the meeting may contact Ms. Marta C. Kelly, the Federal Liaison Officer for the Commission, at (202) 332-1233. Minutes of these meetings will be available for public inspection 4 weeks after the meeting at the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site, located at 1318 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.

Dated: January 17, 1997.

Richard Powers,

Acting Field Director, National Capital Area.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Attorney Personnel Management, Justice Management Division Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Reinstatement, Without Change of a Previously Approved Collection for Which Approval Has Expired; Comments Requested

ACTION: Application Booklets—Attorney General's Honor Program, Summer Law Intern Program, Law Student Program.

The Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Office of Attorney Personnel Management, has

submitted the following information collection request utilizing emergency review procedures, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Additionally, this notice will also serve as the 60 day public notification for comments as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Pursuant to 28 CFR 0.15(b)(2), the Deputy Attorney General of the United States Department of Justice has the responsibility of administering the "Attorney General's recruitment program for honor law graduates and judicial law clerks." This includes the hiring of third-year law students and judicial law clerks for full-time employment following graduation or completion of a clerkship, and primarily second-year law students for summer and/or part-time employment. This program has been in existence for 43 years, and is considered the Federal Government's premier legal recruitment program. The Department of Justice currently hires approximately 130-150 third-year law students/judicial law clerks and 130 second-year law students each year under these programs. The Department of Justice is the largest legal employer in the country. Approximately 5,700 applications are received for these positions annually. The responsibility for running these programs has been delegated by the Deputy Attorney General to the Director, Office of Attorney Personnel Management (OAPM) pursuant to 28 CFR 0.15(c). OAPM together with other Department of Justice representatives who make the ultimate hiring determinations have developed these application booklets to distribute information on the programs and in turn collect the information they consider essential to make an informed hiring decision on legal applicants. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Emergency review and approval of this collection has been requested from OMB by January 20, 1997. If granted, the emergency approval is only valid for 180 days. Comments should be directed to OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Ms. Victoria Wassmer, 202-395-5871, Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, D.C. 20530. The agency requests written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points: