

Type of Request: Reinstatement and revision of a previously approved information collection.

Abstract: The National Park Service (NPS) authorizes private businesses known as concessioners to provide necessary and appropriate visitor facilities and services in areas of the National Park Systems. The concessioner Annual Financial Report (Forms 10-356 and 10-356A) provides concessioner financial information to the NPS as required by each concession contract. This information is necessary to comply with requirements placed on the NPS by the Congress.

Public Law 105-391 requires that the NPS exercise its authority in a manner consistent with a reasonable opportunity for a concessioner to realize a profit on its operation as a whole commensurate with the capital invested and the obligations assumed. It also requires that franchise fees be determined with consideration to both gross receipts and capital invested. The financial information collected is necessary to provide insight into and knowledge of the concessioner's operation so that this authority can be exercised appropriately and franchise fees determined in a timely manner without undue burden on the concessioner.

Estimate of Burden

Gross Receipts

Under \$250,000: approximately 4 hours per response.

Over \$250,000: approximately 16 hours per response.

Estimated Number of Respondents

Gross Receipts

Under \$250,000—419 respondents.

Over \$250,000—181 respondents.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: One.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents

Gross Receipts

Under \$250,000—approximately 1.676 hours.

Over \$250,000—approximately 2,896 hours.

Sample copies of this information collection can be obtained from Cynthia Orlando, Program Manager, Concessions Program Division, 1849 C Street, NW., Room 7313, Washington, DC 20240 at (202) 565-1210.

Send comments regarding the accuracy of the burden estimate, ways to minimize the burden, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology,

or any other aspect of this collection of information to Cynthia Orlando, Program Manager, Concessions Program Division, National Park Service, 1849 C Street, NW., Room 7313, Washington, DC 20240.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: September 1, 1999.

Linda Canzanelli,

Acting Associate Director, Park Operations and Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Effigy Mounds National Monument

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Environmental Assessment of the General Management Plan Amendment and Boundaries Study, Effigy Mounds National Monument, Iowa.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Council of Environmental Quality regulations and National Park Service (NPS) policy, the NPS prepared and made available for a 30-day public review a general management plan amendment/boundaries study and an environmental assessment (EA) for Effigy Mounds National Monument, Iowa. During the review period, the NPS held public meetings to discuss the document.

After the end of the 30-day public availability period, the NPS selected the preferred alternative as described in the document, and determined that implementation of the preferred alternative will not cause a significant environmental impact. In making that selection and determination, the NPS considered the information and analysis contained in the EA and the comments received during the public review period. The NPS has prepared a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the project.

Because the GMP amendment/boundaries study is closely similar to projects for which the NPS would normally require an environmental impact statement, the NPS will make the FONSI available for a 30-day public review before implementation of the amendment/boundaries study begins.

DATES: The public review period for comment on the FONSI will end October 13, 1999.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Requests for copies of the FONSI, or for any additional information, should be directed to Superintendent Kate Miller, Effigy Mounds National Monument, 151 Highway 76, Harpers Ferry, Iowa 52146, Telephone: 319-873-3491. Comments on the FONSI may be sent to Superintendent Miller at this address or at e-mail:

efmo__superintendent@nps.gov

Dated: September 2, 1999.

Catherine A. Damon,

Acting Regional Director, Midwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Final Environmental Impact Statement for General Management Plan; Whiskeytown Unit, Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area; Notice of Availability

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub.L. 91-190 as amended), the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, has prepared a final environmental impact statement assessing the potential impacts of the proposed General Management Plan for Whiskeytown Unit, Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area, Shasta County, California. Once approved, the plan will guide the management of the unit over the next 15 years.

PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES:

The final General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement presents a proposal and three alternatives for the management, use, and development of Whiskeytown Unit. The proposed general management plan includes provisions for preserving significant natural and cultural resources and for restoring the backcountry to more natural conditions through watershed restoration activities. The plan provides for increasing the range and depth of interpretive services, expands opportunities for backcountry use, and manages recreation at Whiskeytown Lake to provide opportunities for tranquil recreation experiences. To facilitate more tranquil experience, the use of personal watercraft at the reservoir is discontinued and enforcement of existing noise standards is increased.

Alternative A: No Action, would continue the current situation at Whiskeytown. Management focus would remain on the lake and natural

and cultural resource values would continue to decline because of the lack of human and financial resources for their management and protection.

Alternative B: Minimum Requirements, would be similar to Alternative C in terms of provisions for resource management and protection, but would provide fewer visitor services. The visitor service emphasis would continue to be focused on the lake and on safety and visitor protection, with only limited commitments to interpretation. The existing range of recreation uses, including the use of personal watercraft, would continue.

Alternative D: Expanded Recreation, retains the current management focus on active water-based recreation, and increases the capacity of the lake to accommodate use by adding a major new developed area near the mouth of Boulder Creek. Major new utility infrastructure would be required to support this development, and South Shore Drive would be widened, realigned, and paved to provide access. The existing spectrum of recreation uses on the lake, including use of personal watercraft, would be retained. However, a zoning plan would separate the reservoir into a low-speed zone, where personal watercraft use would be discouraged, and an unrestricted zone where all types of activities would be accommodated.

Background

The Draft EIS/GMP was released for a 75-day public review ending November 30, 1998. Altogether nine public meetings were held in local communities. Both the Draft and Final documents evaluate the same Proposed Action and Alternatives. The environmental consequences of the alternatives are fully documented in the Final EIS. No significant adverse impacts are foreseen from the three Action Alternatives, because the plans include provisions to avoid or mitigate potentially significant impacts. However, the No-Action Alternative would result in significant long-term impacts to natural and cultural resources due to insufficient management and protection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Written comments or questions regarding the final general management plan and environmental impact statement should be directed to the Superintendent, Whiskeytown NRA, PO Box 188, Whiskeytown, California 96095. Copies may be requested by contacting the Superintendent at (530) 241-6584. The no-action period for the FEIS/GMP will extend for thirty days after the

Environmental Protection Agency's notification of the filing of the document is published in the **Federal Register**. Subsequently, the National Park Service will publish a notice of the Record of Decision in the **Federal Register**. The official responsible for the decision is the Regional Director, Pacific West Region; the official responsible for implementation is the Superintendent, Whiskeytown Unit.

Dated: September 1, 1999.

John J. Reynolds,

Regional Director, Pacific West Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Primary Restoration Plan for Santa Cruz Island, Channel Islands National Park, Santa Barbara County, California; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement

SUMMARY: Pursuant to § 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub. L. 91-190) and Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR 1508.22), the National Park Service intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for a Primary Restoration Plan that focused on removing non-native species from Santa Cruz Island, Channel Islands National Park, California. During the ensuing conservation planning-environmental analysis process, comprehensive management alternatives will be developed which will address recovery of the island's natural communities. Throughout the restoration planning process will be conducted in consultation with affected federal agencies, State and local governments, tribal groups, and interested organizations and individuals.

BACKGROUND: The National Park Service completed a General Management Plan (GMP) and Environmental Impact Statement for Channel Islands National Park in 1985. The park's Resources Management Plan was approved in 1994 (and last updated in 1998). Both documents set clear direction and priorities for responding to invasive species. This focused restoration planning effort is intended to expand and refine that management direction, with the focused objective of preparing a Primary Restoration Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (PRP/EIS) specific to Santa Cruz Island. The PRP/EIS will identify, analyze, and select the immediate, critical management actions necessary to

initiate recovery of the island's natural communities. Of special concern is the pressing need to address alternative methods for removal of feral pigs (*Sus scrofa*) and control of fennel (*Foeniculum vulgare*), an invasive alien plant species. Based upon scientific review, at this time it is anticipated that bringing management and control efforts to bear primarily upon these two species would facilitate the restoration of many other native ecosystem components. The fennel and feral pig initiatives will be implemented in collaboration with The Nature Conservancy, Santa Cruz Island Preserve.

SCOPING: The NPS is hereby initiating the scoping phase with a request for comments and information from interested individuals, organizations, and agencies. Responses are encouraged, and may address current issues and concerns, relevant research, immediate management options, mitigation strategies, future direction for recovery efforts, and other factors relevant to a comprehensive restoration planning process. Written comments must be postmarked not later than November 30, 1999, and should be directed to the Superintendent, Channel Islands National Park, 1901 Spinnaker Dr., Ventura, CA 93001. In addition, public scoping sessions are scheduled for October 20 (Ventura) and October 27 (Santa Barbara). Details as to time and location will be announced via local and regional press releases, notices distributed to area libraries, and direct mailings.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Periodic information updates about various aspects of the restoration planning process will be distributed via direct mailings, the park's website (<http://www.nps.gov/chis/naturalresources/restoration.html>), and regional and local news media. To request placement on the PRP/EIS mailing list, interested parties may contact Mr. Steve Ortega, Restoration Biologist, at (805) 658-5784 or CHIS_Restoration@NPS.gov.

REVIEW AND DECISION PROCESS: The Draft PRP/EIS is anticipated to be available for public review and comment during winter-spring, 1999-2000. Availability of the Draft document for review and written comment will be announced by formal Notice in the **Federal Register**, through local and regional news media, the internet, and direct mailing. At this time it is anticipated that the Final PRP/EIS will be completed during October, 2000. Subsequently, notice of an approved Record of Decision would be published in the **Federal Register** not sooner than thirty (30) days after the Final document is distributed. This is