

address, including the suitable range of alternatives and appropriate mitigating measures, and the nature and extent of potential environmental impacts.

DATES: Written comments on the scope of the general management plan/environmental impact statement will be accepted for 60 days beyond the publication of this Notice of Intent. In addition, public scoping sessions will be held at Sulphur and surrounding communities in the fall of 2002. Locations, dates, and times of these meetings will be provided in local and regional newspapers, a scoping newsletter to be mailed in September, and on the Internet at www.nps.gov/chic.

ADDRESSES: Written comments or requests to be added to the project mailing list should be directed to: John F. (Rick) Shireman, Superintendent, Chickasaw National Recreation Area, 1008 W. 2nd, Sulphur, OK 73086, telephone (580) 622-3161, extension 1-200; e-mail: chic_superintendent@nps.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Superintendent, John F. (Rick) Shireman, Chickasaw National Recreation Area, 1008 W. 2nd, Sulphur, OK 73086, telephone (580) 622-3161, extension 1-200. General information about Chickasaw National Recreation Area is available on the Internet at <http://www.nps.gov/chic>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Please submit Internet comments as a text file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Be sure to include your name and return street address in your Internet message.

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that their home addresses be withheld from the public record, which will be honored to the extent allowable by law. Requests to withhold names and/or addresses must be stated prominently at the beginning of the comments. However, submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: August 21, 2002.

Michael D. Synder,
Acting Director, Intermountain Region.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

General Management Plan, Final Environmental Impact Statement, Fort Davis National Historic Site, Texas

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan, Fort Davis National Historic Site.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(c), the National Park Service announces the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan, Fort Davis National Historic Site, Fort Davis, Texas.

DATES: The National Park Service will execute a Record of Decision (ROD) no sooner than 30 days following publication by the Environmental Protection Agency of the notice of availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

ADDRESSES: Information will be available for public review in the office of the Superintendent, and at the following locations: (1) Superintendent, Fort Davis National Historic Site, P.O. Box 1379, Fort Davis, Texas 79734. (2) On the NPS Planning Web site at: <http://planning.den.nps.gov/plans.cfm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent, Fort Davis National Historic Site, P.O. Box 1379, Fort Davis, Texas 79734 915-426-3224, extension 21.

Dated: August 5, 2002.

Michael D. Sunder,
Director, Intermountain Region, National Park Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Final Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan for Fort Frederica National Monument, Saint Simons Island, Georgia.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement

and General Management Plan (FEIS/GMP) for Fort Frederica National Monument, St. Simons Island, Georgia.

DATES: The Draft EIS/GMP was on public review from October 15, 2001 through December 15, 2001. Responses to public comment are addressed in the FEIS/GMP. A 30-day no-action period will follow the Environmental Protection Agency's Notice of Availability of the FEIS/GMP. After the 30-day period, a Record of Decision will be signed that will document NPS approval of the FEIS/GMP and identify the selected alternative for implementation.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the FEIS/GMP are available from the Superintendent, Fort Frederica National Monument, Route 9, Box 286-C, St. Simons Island, Georgia 31522. Public reading copies of the FEIS/GMP will also be available for review at the following locations:

- Division of Planning and Compliance, Southeast Regional Office, National Park Service, Attention: David Libman, 100 Alabama Street, 1924 Building, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, Telephone: 404-562-3124, ext. 685.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent, Fort Frederica National Monument, Route 9, Box 286C, St. Simons Island, Georgia 31522, Telephone: 912-638-3639

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Consistent with the park's purpose, significance, and mission goals, the FEIS/GMP analyzes 4 alternatives for guiding management of the park over the next 15 to 20 years. The alternatives incorporate various management prescriptions to ensure resource protection and quality visitor experience conditions. The environmental consequences anticipated from implementing the various alternatives are addressed in the document. Impact topics include cultural resources, natural resources, visitor use and experience, and the socioeconomic environment. The following management alternatives were evaluated in the FEIS/GMP:

Alternative A would emphasize the use of archeological methods and the tangible discoveries of archeological investigations to tell the story to visitors. Active archeological investigations would occur regularly. There would be opportunities for visitors to interact actively with archeologists on site and in labs, and with other park staff. Under this alternative, the park would provide additional archeological infrastructure including a lab to wash, screen, dry, number, and store artifacts in a controlled (humidity, temperature,

insects) environment. There would also be office space for a curator and an archeologist as well as classrooms, additional exhibit space, and storage space for equipment.

Alternative B, which is NPS's preferred alternative, would enable the visitor to experience some of the sights, sounds, smells, and other sensory impressions of daily life in the Fort Frederica colonial military settlement on Saint Simons Island, Georgia. Although archeological field investigations could occur that would provide information on landscape elements and other features of the settlement, there would be no construction of additional labs or other facilities as in *Alternative A*. There would be increased emphasis on re-establishing a visual impression of the colonial Frederica scene by using suitable methods such as appropriate trees, shrubs, ground covers, and other fitting and historically accurate landscape elements. Also, when the existing visitor center and administrative complex becomes functionally obsolete, the NPS would seek authority and funding to demolish it, clear the site, and build a new visitor center in a currently developed or previously disturbed area that is not visible from the historic town site. Administrative offices would be relocated to renovated park residences. The area formerly occupied by the visitor center and parking area would be replanted with native trees and shrubs and allowed to return to a more natural forested condition. Finally, *Alternative B* provides for the possibility of constructing a dock on the Frederica River to permit tour boats and water taxis to bring visitors to the site in the same manner that the original Frederica settlers arrived.

Alternative C would add additional interpretive themes to the story of colonial Frederica to place the monument site in the broader context of coastal sea island history. These themes would include pre-European, post-contact, plantation, and other historical periods associated with the Frederica site. Some on-site archeology would occur to reveal information necessary to interpret these other historical periods. The primary focus would remain the Fort Frederica settlement period, but the expanded number of stories would require an expansion of the visitor center to accommodate additional exhibits and programs.

Alternative D is the no-action alternative, which would continue current management practices and policies into the future. Current interpretive programs include an aging

25-minute visitor center film, ranger-led tours, living history demonstrations, trade and craft demonstrations, military encampments, and the annual Frederica Festival held the first weekend in March. Current resource management activities include riverbank stabilization, monitoring and maintenance of historic structures and earthworks, hazardous tree management, and management of the park's museum collection.

The responsible official for this Environmental Impact Statement is Jerry Belson, Regional Director, Southeast Region, National Park Service, 100 Alabama Street SW., 1924 Building, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Dated: July 16, 2002.

Patricia A. Hooks,

Acting Regional Director, Southeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement for the National Coal Heritage Area, Management Action Plan

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of Interior.

ACTION: Availability of the final environmental impact statement for the National Coal Heritage Area Management Plan.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service announces the availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the National Coal Heritage Area (HCHA) in West Virginia. The National Coal Heritage Area Act of 1996 requires the NCHA, with guidance from the National Park Service, to prepare a management plan for the heritage area. The purpose of the Management Action Plan is to: (1) Set forth the integrated cultural, historical, and land resource management policies and programs in order to retain, enhance, and interpret the significant values of the lands, water, and structures of the Area. (2) describe the guidelines and standards for projects that involve preservation, restoration, maintenance, operations, interpretation, and promotion of buildings, structures, facilities, and sites; and (3) set forth the responsibilities of the State of West Virginia, units of local government, nonprofit entities, in order to further

historic preservation and compatible economic revitalization.

The study area, designated as the National Coal Heritage Area, includes the following eleven counties in the southern region of West Virginia: Boone, Cabell, Fayette, Logan, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Raleigh, Summers, Wayne, and Wyoming.

The National Park Service (NPS) maintains three park sites within the region: New River Gorge National River, The Bluestone National Scenic River and the Gauley National Recreation Area. Otherwise the majority of land is non-federal and the NPS assumes a management role only within their park units. Instead, conservation, interpretation and other activities are managed by partnerships among federal, state, and local governments and private nonprofit organizations. The national heritage area is managed by the State of West Virginia Division of Culture and History, and Division of Tourism, but will be managed in the future by a State Authority. The National Park Service has been authorized by Congress to provide technical and financial assistance for a limited period to the state (up to 10 years from the time of the designation in 1996).

DATES: The FEIS will remain on Public Review for thirty days after announcement is made by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency of its availability.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Peter Samuel, Project Leader, Philadelphia Support Office, National Park Service, U.S. Custom House, 200 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106, peter_samuel@nps.gov, 215-597-1848.

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