

of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*) and/or the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing endangered species (50 CFR part 17) and/or marine mammals (50 CFR part 18). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of the complete applications or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be submitted to the Director (address above). Anyone requesting a hearing should give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

Applicant: Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, PRT-084858.

The applicant requests a permit to export a fragment of muscle tissue sample taken from a dead southern sea otter (*Enhydra lutris nereis*) specimen for the purpose of scientific research on the DNA nucleotide sequence variation in sea otters versus other mustelids for the purpose of understanding the importance of certain proteins in the adaptation to deep diving. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Applicant: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Marine Mammals Management, Anchorage, AK, PRT-041309.

The applicant requests an amendment to their permit which currently authorizes aerial and/or skiff surveys of Northern sea otters (*Enhydra lutris lutris*) wherever they occur in the State of Alaska, that may result in Level B harassment, for the purpose of scientific research. The applicant requests an extension of those activities and also requests authorization to capture, take biological samples, mark, and release up to 100 animals per year for the purpose of scientific research to assess a wide variety of health parameters and body condition indices. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Division of Management Authority is forwarding copies of the above applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

Dated: July 9, 2004.

Michael S. Moore,
Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits,
Division of Management Authority.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Meeting Notice for the John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Vale District, Interior.

ACTION: Meeting notice for the John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council.

SUMMARY: The John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council will meet on Tuesday, September 14, 2004, in the Fir and Cedar meeting rooms at the Malheur National Forest Office, 431 Patterson Bridge Road, John Day, Oregon 97845.

The meeting may include such topics as, Forest Service Weeds Plan. There will also be subcommittee updates on OHV, Noxious Weeds, Planning, Sage Grouse, and other matters as may reasonably come before the board.

There will be a field trip from approximately 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, September 15, 2004, location to be determined at a later date. Any public that would like to join in the field trip will need to provide their own transportation.

The entire meeting is open to the public. For a copy of the information to be distributed to the Council members, please submit a written request to the Vale District Office 10 days prior to the meeting. Public comment is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., Pacific Time (PT) on September 14, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Additional information concerning the John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council may be obtained from Peggy Diegan, Management Assistant/Webmaster, Vale District Office, 100 Oregon Street, Vale, OR 97918 (541) 473-3144, or email Peggy_Diegan@or.blm.gov.

Dated: July 22, 2004.

David R. Henderson,
District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Availability

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

SUMMARY: National Park Service (NPS) has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Saratoga National Historical Park General Management Plan, which is now available from the NPS.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies should be sent to Superintendent, Saratoga National Historical Park, 648 Route 32, Stillwater, New York 12170-1604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent at (518) 664-9821.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NPS prepared a Draft General Management Plan (GMP)/Draft EIS for Saratoga National Historical Park, New York, pursuant to section 102(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The draft was made available for public review for 60 days (January-March 2004) during which time the NPS distributed 2000 summaries of the draft plan and over 60 full versions of the draft. Both the summary and the full version were made available on the Web and at area libraries. A total of 32 comments were received and some 45 participants attended an open house. The consensus of the public comment period was that NPS is pursuing the correct path for the park in Alternative D, the preferred alternative. Comments from individuals and public agencies did not require NPS to add other alternatives, significantly alter existing alternatives, or make changes to the impact analysis of the effects of any alternative. Thus, an abbreviated format is used for the responses to comments in the Final EIS, in compliance with the 1978 implementing regulations (40 CFR 1503.4[c]) for the National Environmental Policy Act.

DATES: The Final EIS will be made available for a 30-day period, from August 2-September 2, 2004.

Dated: June 4, 2004.

Robert W. McIntosh,
Associate Regional Director, Planning & Partnerships, Northeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Termination of the Environmental Impact Statement for the Exit Glacier Area Plan

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

SUMMARY: The NPS is terminating the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Exit Glacier Area Plan because it has determined an Environmental Assessment (EA) will suffice. A Notice of Intent to prepare the EIS for the Exit Glacier Area Plan was published July 27, 2001 (66 FR 39196). Preliminary analysis of alternatives showed there was no potential for significant impacts to park resources and values. Scoping

conducted for the draft EIS indicated less controversy than anticipated when the project was initiated. Furthermore, changes to the proposal, specifically, dropping the proposed alternative transportation system (shuttle bus), reduced the scope of this planning effort. For these reasons the NPS determined the proposal would not constitute a major federal action requiring an EIS.

In place of the EIS, the NPS has issued an environmental assessment (EA) that considers the following four alternatives and related impacts:

No-Action Alternative: Continue the present management direction as guided by the 1984 General Management Plan and the 1996 Development Concept Plan.

Preferred Alternative: Enhance the experience of viewing Exit Glacier, which is the main attraction of the area, and provide for additional non-motorized recreational opportunities.

Alternative A: Improve interpretation, education, and non-motorized recreation by increasing staff and developing programs rather than improving infrastructure.

Alternative B: Improve the infrastructure of the Exit Glacier area to accommodate a greater number of visitors and recreational activities year-round.

DATES: The EA was distributed for public comment in May 2004, and a decision will be made in June 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anne Castellina, Superintendent, Kenai Fjords National Park, P.O. Box 1727, Seward, AK 99664. Telephone (907) 224-7515.

Dated: June 2, 2004.

Kayci Cook Collins,
Alaska Desk Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

General Management Plan Amendment, Abbreviated Final Environmental Impact Statement, Green Spring Unit, Colonial National Historical Park, VA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of a Record of Decision on the Abbreviated Final Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan Amendment, Green Spring Unit, Colonial National Historical Park.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, Pub. L. 91-190, 83 Stat. 852, 853, codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C), the National Park Service announces the availability of the Record of Decision for the Final General Management Plan Amendment/Abbreviated Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final GMPA/AEIS) for the Green Spring Unit, Colonial National Historical Park, Virginia. On March 31, 2004 National Park Service Regional Director, Northeast Region approved the Record of Decision for the project. As soon as practicable, the National Park Service will begin to implement the Selected Action, described as the Preferred Alternative in the Final GMPA/AEIS issued on September 12, 2003. The Selected Action describes a long-term approach to managing Green Spring and best accomplishes the statutory mission of the National Park Service to provide long-term protection of Green Spring's resources and values while allowing for high quality visitor use and enjoyment. Consistent with the park's mission, NPS policy, and other laws and regulations, this action will guide the development and management of the park over the next 15 to 20 years. The Selected Action incorporates various zoning and management prescriptions to ensure resource preservation and public enjoyment of the park. National Park Service and partners will develop first time interpretive, visitor, and management facilities and programs on the site in two stages: before and after completion of research and closure of Centerville Road. Stage One will focus on research, fieldwork and visitor programs with temporary, low-impact site development. Stage Two's primary site development features include combined Visitor Contact Station/ Archeological Support Facility, 17th Century landscape restoration, and interpretive media/devices. The Selected Action and 2 alternatives were analyzed in the Draft and Abbreviated Final Environmental Impact Statements. The full range of foreseeable environmental consequences was assessed, and appropriate mitigating measures were identified. The Selected Action will have both positive and negative impacts on the park's natural and cultural resources; however, most of the negative impacts will be minor and localized. The Selected Action also best accomplishes the stated purposes of the plan as described on pp.14 of the "Purpose and Need for Action", Final General Management Plan Amendment/Abbreviated Final Environmental

Impact Statement (Final GMPA/AEIS) for Colonial NHP, and park mission goals. Consequently, the Selected Action best addresses the conservation of values embodied in the Organic Act. The National Park Service has determined that implementation of the Selected Action, Alternative C of the Final General Management Plan Amendment/Abbreviated Final Environmental Impact Statement, will not constitute an impairment to Green Spring's resources and values. This conclusion is based on a thorough analysis of the environmental impacts described in the Draft GMPA/EIS and Final GMPA/AEIS, the public comments received, relevant scientific studies, and the professional judgment of the decision-maker guided by the 2001 edition of National Park Service Management Policies. Overall, the plan results in major benefits to park resources and values, opportunities for their enjoyment, and does not result in their impairment. The Record of Decision includes a statement of the decision made, synopses of other alternatives considered, the basis for the decision, a description of the environmentally preferable alternative, a finding on impairment of park resources and values, a listing of measures to minimize environmental harm, and an overview of public involvement in the decision-making process.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent, Colonial National Historical Park, Post Office Box 210, Yorktown, Virginia 23690 or by calling 757-898-2401 or via e-mail at becky_eggleson@nps.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Copies of the Record of Decision may be obtained from the contact listed above.

Dated: May 13, 2004.

Alec Gould,
Superintendent, Colonial National Historical Park.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Realty Action: Boundary Revision at Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County Battle Fields Memorial National Military Park

I. Pursuant to the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 4601-9(c)), the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to make minor revisions of the boundary of an area,