

*Classification Comments:* Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for a shooting facilities complex. Comments on the classification are restricted to whether the land is physically suited for the proposal, whether the use will maximize the future use (or uses) of the land, whether the use is consistent with local planning and zoning, or whether the use is consistent with State and Federal programs.

*Application Comments:* Interested parties may submit comments regarding the specific use proposed in the application, or any other factors not directly related to the suitability of the land for a shooting facilities complex.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

The BLM State Director will review any adverse comments. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective on November 28, 2011. The land will not be available for conveyance until after the classification becomes effective. An Environmental Assessment (DOI-BLM-UT-G021-2009-0083) has been completed with a finding of no significant impact and is available at the address listed above.

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State Director.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Final Wilderness and Backcountry Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for Isle Royale National Park, MI

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C), the National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of a Final Wilderness and Backcountry Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (Plan/

EIS) for Isle Royale National Park, Michigan (Isle Royale).

**DATES:** The final Plan/EIS will remain available for public review for 30 days following the publishing of the notice of availability in the **Federal Register** by the Environmental Protection Agency.

**ADDRESSES:** The Plan/EIS is available via the Internet through the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment Web site (<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/ISRO>); click on the link to Wilderness and Backcountry Management Plan. You may also obtain a copy of the final Plan/EIS by sending a request to the Superintendent, Isle Royale National Park, 800 East Lakeshore Drive, Houghton, Michigan 49931.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the Plan/EIS is to serve as a public document that outlines steps for preserving Isle Royale's wilderness character, natural resources, and cultural resources while also providing for the use and enjoyment of the park's wilderness and backcountry by current and future generations. It also serves as a management document that will provide accountability, consistency, and continuity for managing Isle Royale's wilderness and backcountry and this park's place in the NPS's wilderness management program.

The Plan/EIS addresses issues and provides guidelines for managing the wilderness and backcountry areas of the park, which encompass all areas of Isle Royale outside of the Developed and Open Water Zones. This Plan/EIS addresses a wide array of management issues, and identifies specific goals, objectives, and decisionmaking guidelines for administrative actions and visitor use. In many cases this Plan/EIS formalizes current NPS management practices in Isle Royale's wilderness and backcountry. However, several modifications and changes are proposed that are intended to bring management practices on Isle Royale into better compliance with NPS policies, improve visitor services, or generally improve wilderness and backcountry management in the park. This Plan/EIS does not propose any changes in the wilderness boundaries set forth in Isle Royale's 1976 Wilderness Legislation.

Adopting this Plan/EIS causes some changes in how the NPS manages wilderness and backcountry in Isle Royale, some of which will be readily apparent to the public, while others will be primarily operational. The NPS will institutionalize a Minimum Requirement process to guide and document decisions on appropriate tools for maintenance activities in the

park's wilderness, appropriate research projects and field methods within wilderness, and appropriate administrative actions within the wilderness. The NPS will aim to make better use of research and monitoring to guide management through the creation and implementation of a coordinated monitoring plan, and will strive to increase staff training and accountability for wilderness management.

The most obvious changes from the public perspective are those that address crowding and visitor distribution, visitor information services, and resource conditions. Several issues were presented in the draft Plan/EIS with multiple alternatives for goals and management actions, which were developed with extensive public input. These issues are: (1) Managing overnight camping and boating in Isle Royale's wilderness and backcountry, including permitting and information services; (2) managing day use in the park's wilderness and backcountry; (3) managing campfires; (4) maintaining or removing the fire towers in the park's wilderness; and (5) maintaining or removing picnic tables from wilderness campgrounds. Chapter 2 outlines the details of all of the previously proposed changes, and identifies the NPS preferred alternative (the final, approved action alternative) for each of these issues.

The draft Plan/EIS proposed several changes in how Isle Royale's wilderness and backcountry are managed. The preferred alternatives were crafted with an intention of creating one cohesive management program, with management goals for each of several issues being complementary, not contradictory. The planning team's intention was to respond to public interest and the concerns of subject matter experts, and incorporate the best science available for guiding preservation of Isle Royale's resources and values. General goals included improving the quality of wilderness and backcountry experiences for visitors while still providing high public access to the park for appropriate types of recreation. Existing facilities could be used more efficiently, while unnecessary facilities would be removed from the wilderness.

The preferred alternatives in combination also strive to minimize adverse resource impacts, in many cases improving resource conditions that are currently showing degradation. Since Isle Royale is already a difficult and expensive park to visit, the preferred alternatives were also crafted with an interest in not further restricting general

public access to the park. The preferred alternative for managing overnight camping and boating on Isle Royale focused on more efficiently utilizing existing camping facilities through the creation of a backcountry office and advanced permitting. The intent is to expand visitor services for trip planning and reduce campground crowding to improve social and resource conditions in campgrounds. This could result in a decrease in visitor access to the backcountry for camping during the busiest weeks of the season. The preferred alternative for managing day use was crafted with an intention to allow an increase in day use and concessions lodging throughout the visitor season. Day tours would be managed to concentrate the majority of day visitors close to developed and frontcountry areas of the park and minimize adverse impacts to wilderness character and other critical resources.

The preferred alternatives in combination also aimed to minimize or reduce the impacts of development in the park's wilderness. Although the preferred alternative for overnight use would add one additional campsite at North Desor campground and a few rustic cabins in Rock Harbor, and the preferred alternative for day use would add three to five miles of new trail, no new campgrounds would be constructed other than those approved in the park's General Management Plan, up to two fire towers would be removed, and campfire rings would be located only where resource conditions could tolerate the associated impacts.

The Plan/EIS involves analysis of current conditions in the park and the likely impacts of implementing each of the alternatives, considering impacts to visitor use and experiences, wilderness character, natural resources, cultural resources, socioeconomic, and NPS operations and administration. In general, each of the alternatives would be expected to result in both beneficial and adverse impacts to park resources and values.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact Superintendent Phyllis Green, Isle Royale National Park, at the address above or by telephone at 906-482-0984.

Dated: May 17, 2011.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

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### Meeting of the National Park System Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix, and Parts 62 and 65 of title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, that the National Park System Advisory Board will meet December 1–2, 2011, in Key Largo, Florida. The agenda will include the review of proposed actions regarding the National Historic Landmarks Program and the National Natural Landmarks Program. Interested parties are encouraged to submit written comments and recommendations that will be presented to the Board. Interested parties also may attend the board meeting and upon request may address the Board concerning an area's national significance.

**DATES:** (a) Written comments regarding any proposed National Historic Landmarks matter or National Natural Landmarks matter listed in this notice will be accepted by the National Park Service until November 28, 2011 (b) The Board will meet on December 1–2, 2011.

**Location:** The meeting will be held in the Largo Key Ballroom of the Key Largo Bay Marriott Beach Resort, 103800 Overseas Highway, MM 103.8, Key Largo, Florida 33037, telephone 305-453-0000.

**Information:** (a) For information concerning the National Park System Advisory Board or to request to address the Board, contact Shirley Sears Smith, Office of Policy, National Park Service, 1201 I Street, NW., 12th Floor, Washington, DC 20005, telephone 202-354-3955, e-mail

*Shirley\_S\_Smith@nps.gov*. (b) To submit a written statement specific to, or request information about, any National Historic Landmarks matter listed below, or for information about the National Historic Landmarks Program or National Historic Landmarks designation process and the effects of designation, contact J. Paul Loether, Chief, National Register of Historic Places and National Historic Landmarks Program, National Park Service, 1849 C Street, NW. (2280), Washington, DC 20240, e-mail *Paul\_Loether@nps.gov*. (c) To submit a written statement specific to, or request information about, any National Natural Landmarks matter listed below, or for

information about the National Natural Landmarks Program or National Natural Landmarks designation process and the effects of designation, contact Dr. Margaret Brooks, Program Manager, National Natural Landmarks Program, National Park Service, 225 N. Commerce Park Loop, Tucson, Arizona 85745, e-mail *Margi\_Brooks@nps.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 1, the Board will convene its business meeting at 8 a.m., and adjourn for the day at 1 p.m. During the afternoon, the Board will tour sites within Everglades National Park. On December 2, the Board will reconvene the business meeting at 8 a.m., and adjourn at 5:30 p.m. During the course of the two days, the Board will be addressed by National Park Service Director Jonathan Jarvis; briefed by other National Park Service officials regarding education, leadership development and science; deliberate and make recommendations concerning National Historic Landmark Program and National Natural Landmarks Program proposals; and receive status briefings on matters pending before committees of the Board.

### A. National Historic Landmarks (NHL) Program

NHL Program matters will be considered at the business meeting on the morning of December 1, during which the Board may consider the following:

#### *Nominations for New NHL Designations*

#### Arizona

- Fort Apache and Theodore Roosevelt School, Fort Apache, AZ.
- 1956 Grand Canyon TWA–United Airlines Aviation Accident Site, Grand Canyon NP, AZ.

#### California

- Carrizo Plain Archeological District, San Luis Obispo County, CA.
- Nuestra Señora Reina De La Paz, Kern County, CA.
- Drakes Bay Historic and Archeological District, Marin County, CA.

#### Colorado

- Trujillo Homesteads, Alamosa County, CO.

#### Florida

- Florida Southern College Historic District, Lakeland, FL.

#### Indiana

- Akima Pinšwa A Wiiki (Chief Jean-Baptiste De Richardville House), Fort Wayne, IN.