

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**National Park Service****Notice of Availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the General Management Plan Amendment (GMPA) for Biscayne National Park, Homestead, FL**

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 and General Management Plan Amendment (FEIS/GMPA) for Biscayne National Park, Homestead, Florida.

DATES: The Draft EIS/GMP was on public review from December 6, 2002, through February 13, 2003. Responses to public comment are addressed in the FEIS/GMPA. A 30-day no-action period will follow the Environmental Protection Agency's Notice of Availability of the FEIS/GMPA in the **Federal Register**. After the 30-day period, the NPS Southeast Regional Director will sign a Record of Decision that will document NPS approval of the final EIS/GMPA and identify the selected alternative for implementation.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the FEIS/GMPA are available from the Superintendent, Biscayne National Park, P.O. Box 1369, Homestead, Florida 33090-1369. Public reading copies of the FEIS/GMPA will also be available for review at the following locations:

- Office of the Superintendent, Biscayne National Park, 9700 S.W. 328th Street, Homestead, Florida 33033-5634. Telephone: 305-230-1144, Ext. 3002.
- 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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Consistent with the park's purpose, significance, and mission goals, the FEIS/GMPA analyzes 4 alternatives for guiding management of the Stiltsville area of the park over the next 15 to 20 years. The environmental consequences anticipated from implementation of the various alternatives are addressed in the document. Impact topics include cultural resources, natural resources, visitor use and experience and socioeconomic environment. The following management alternatives were evaluated in the EIS/GMPA:

Under Alternative A, the preferred alternative, a non-profit organization would be created along with an appropriate agreement with the National

Park Service and other groups for the management and use of the Stiltsville structures. The Stiltsville organization would rehabilitate the buildings to support education and interpretation opportunities. Stiltsville also may provide a visitor and interpretive center, research facilities, an artist-in-residence dwelling, meeting space, and a satellite park office that would provide for National Park Service presence in the northern portion of the park.

Alternative B, would result in the National Park Service being responsible for the renovation, management, and operation of the Stiltsville structures. The designated uses of the structures would be similar to Alternative A.

Under Alternative C, the structures would be leased for private use based on current authorities. Potential lessees would compete for the right to lease the structures. The size or footprint of the structure would not be expanded. The purposes for which the structures could be leased is similar to Alternative A as well as for private uses similar to those under the former non-renewable leases. Preference would be given to individuals or groups that would provide for some level of public access.

Alternative D is the no-action alternative, which would implement the provision of the non-renewable leases that calls for the removal of the structures from the Stiltsville area.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent, Biscayne National Park, P.O. Box 1369, Homestead, FL 33090-1369, Telephone: 305-230-1144, Ext. 2002.

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

Dated: February 21, 2003.

William W. Schenk,

Regional Director, Southeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**National Park Service****Denali National Park and Preserve Draft Backcountry Management Plan, General Management Plan Amendment, and Environmental Impact Statement**

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Public comment period extension for Denali National Park and Preserve Draft Backcountry Management Plan, General Management Plan

Amendment, and Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service announces that the public comment period for the Denali National Park and Preserve Draft Backcountry Management Plan, General Management Plan Amendment, and Environmental Impact Statement has been extended to May 30, 2003.

DATES: Comments on the general management plan amendment and environmental impact statement will be accepted through May 30, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the proposed general management plan amendment and environmental impact statement should be submitted to the: Superintendent, Denali National Park and Preserve, P.O. Box 9, Denali Park, Alaska, 99755.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the draft plan are available by writing the Superintendent, Denali National Park and Preserve, P.O. Box 9, Denali Park, Alaska, 99755, or by calling (907) 683-2294. The plan is published in print, CD-ROM, and on the park's web site at: <http://www.nps.gov/dena/home/planning/plans/bcplan/bcbrief.html>.

A printed Executive Summary is also available.

Victor Knox,

Acting Regional Director, Alaska.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**National Park Service****Notice of Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the General Management Plan Amendment and Development Concept Plan for Chalmette Battlefield and National Cemetery, an Administrative Unit of Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, Louisiana**

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the National Park Service (Service) will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to accompany its General Management Plan Amendment and Development Concept Plan (GMPA/DCP) for Chalmette Battlefield and National Cemetery. The Service will conduct public scoping meetings in the local area to receive input from interested parties on issues, concerns, and suggestions pertinent to managing cultural and natural resource conditions and visitor experiences at the site.

Duration of the comment period for public scoping will be announced at the meetings and will be published on the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve website at <http://www.nps.gov/jela>.

DATES: Locations, dates, and times of public scoping meetings will be published in local newspapers and may also be obtained by calling Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve. This information will also be published on the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve website.

ADDRESS: Scoping suggestions should be submitted to the following address to ensure adequate consideration by the Service: Superintendent, Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, 419 Rue Decatur, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130-1142, Telephone: 504-589-3882.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Park Service has announced that an EIS will be prepared for this GMPA/DCP. To comply with Service and NEPA policy, a formal scoping period is announced.

Comments are invited on any issue believed to be relevant to the management of Chalmette Battlefield and National Cemetery and should be submitted to the Superintendent whose address is given above. Public scoping meetings will be held in the local area and the dates and times may be obtained from local newspapers, the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve website, or by calling Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve. We urge that comments and suggestions be made in writing.

Our practice is to make the public comments we receive in response to planning documents, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. If you wish for us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. Anonymous comments will be included in the public record; however, the Service is not legally required to consider or respond to anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

Issues currently being considered include determining the most appropriate use of existing structures, enhancement of vehicle and pedestrian circulation, identification of future infrastructure needs, and how to best fulfill the park's interpretive mission. Central to these issues is definition of the national battlefield and cemetery's mission, purpose, and significance. The plan will identify desired future conditions for cultural and natural resources and visitor experiences for various management units within Chalmette Battlefield and National Cemetery. A schematic site design will be developed to further define potential physical changes to the historic landscape. A draft GMPA/DCP/EIS will be prepared and presented to the public for review and comment, followed by preparation and availability of the final GMPA/DCP/EIS.

The responsible official for this environmental impact statement is William W. Schenk, Regional Director, National Park Service, Southeast Region, 100 Alabama Street SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Dated: April 17, 2003.

W. Thomas Brown,

Acting Regional Director, Southeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Acadia National Park, Bar Harbor, ME; Acadia National Park Advisory Commission; Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770, 5 U.S.C. App. 1, Sec. 10), that the Acadia National Park Advisory Commission will hold a meeting on Monday, June 2, 2003.

The Commission was established pursuant to Pub. L. 99-420, Section 103. The purpose of the commission is to consult with the Secretary of the Interior, or his designee, on matters relating to the management and development of the park, including but not limited to the acquisition of lands and interests in lands (including conservation easements on islands) and termination of rights of use and occupancy.

The meeting will convene at park Headquarters, McFarland Hill, Bar Harbor, Maine, at 1 p.m. to consider the following agenda:

1. Review and approval of minutes from the meeting held February 3, 2003

2. Committee reports:

- Land Conservation
- Park Use
- Science

3. Old business

4. Superintendent's report

5. Public comments

6. Proposed agenda for next

Commission meeting, June 2, 2003

The meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may make oral/written presentations to the Commission or file written statements. Such requests should be made to the Superintendent at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Further information concerning this meeting may be obtained from the Superintendent, Acadia National Park, P.O. Box 177, Bar Harbor, Maine 04609, tel: (207) 288-3338.

Dated: April 4, 2003.

Len Bobinchock,

Acting Superintendent, Acadia National Park.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Gettysburg National Military Park Advisory Commission

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of June 19, 2003 meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the date of the June 19, 2003 meeting of the Gettysburg National Military Park Advisory Commission.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on June 19, 2003 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Location: The meeting will be held at the Cyclorama Auditorium, 125 Taneytown Road, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325.

Agenda: The June 19, 2003 meeting will consist of the Sub-Committee Reports from the Historical, Executive, and Interpretive Committees; Federal Consistency Reports Within the Gettysburg Battlefield Historic District; Operational Updates on Park Activities which consists of an update on Gettysburg National Battlefield Museum Foundation and National Park Service activities related to the new Visitor Center/Museum Complex, update on the 5-year plan for the Historic Landscape Rehabilitation; update on the Pennsylvania Monument; Construction Updates such as the fire suppression project for 50 historic structures, the Gettysburg Borough Interpretive Plan which will consist of updates on the Wills House and the Train Station; Transportation which consists of the