

plan, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to Superintendent Scott Travis, Canyon de Chelly National Monument, PO Box 588, Chinle, AZ 86503. You may also e-mail comments to scott_travis@nps.gov. Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to the Canyon de Chelly National Monument visitor center (3 miles east of Chinle, Arizona on Highway 7). 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 we withhold their home address from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. 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.

Dated: January 22, 2003.

Karen P. Wade,

Director, Intermountain Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Draft Environmental Impact Statement on Vessel Quotas and Operating Requirements for Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve, Alaska

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on Vessel Quotas and Operating Requirements.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on Vessel Quotas and Operating Requirements for Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve. The document describes and analyzes the environmental impacts of four action alternatives, including a preferred alternative, for managing vessels in Glacier Bay and Dundas Bay. A no action alternative also is evaluated. This notice announces the public comment period, the locations of public hearings, and solicits comments on the EIS.

DATES: Comments on the draft plan and EIS must be received no later than May 13, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the EIS should be submitted to Nancy Swanton, EIS Project Manager, 2525 Gambell Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99503. Submit written comments electronically through the park's Web site at <http://www.nps.gov/glba>. The draft EIS may be viewed at this Web site as well. Hard copies and CDs of the Draft EIS are available by request from the aforementioned address. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the locations of public hearings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Swanton, EIS Project Manager, Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve. Telephone: (907) 257-2651.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Park Service (NPS) proposes to establish new or keep existing quotas (limits) and operating requirements for four types of waterborne motorized vessels—cruise ships and tour, charter, and private vessels—within Glacier Bay and Dundas Bay in Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve. The purpose for the action is to address the continuing demand for vessel access into Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve in a manner that assures continuing protection of park resources and values while providing for a range of high-quality recreational opportunities for visitors. The need for action stems from legislation enacted in 2001, wherein the U.S. Congress directed the NPS to set the maximum level of vessel entries based on the analysis in this EIS.

The EIS considers a reasonable range of alternatives that include:

- Alternative 1 (no action) would maintain the current vessel quotas, quota season, and operating requirements for Glacier Bay.
- Alternative 2 would set vessel quotas in accordance with the 1985-authorized levels and maintain the current quota season and operating requirements for Glacier Bay.
- Alternative 3 (NPS preferred alternative) would maintain the current vessel quotas for Glacier Bay, with a provision to increase the number of cruise ships. It would maintain the current quota season and operating requirements for Glacier Bay.
- Alternative 4 (environmentally preferred alternative) would maintain the daily quotas for cruise ships and reduce slightly the daily quotas for the other three vessel classes. It would reduce seasonal use days for cruise ships, tour vessels and charter vessels, and would increase slightly the number of seasonal use days for private vessels

for Glacier Bay. The quota season would be lengthened to include May and September for all vessel classes. Seasonal entry quotas would be eliminated. Vessel quotas would be initiated for Dundas Bay. Operating requirements would be modified, including limited closure of certain waters to cruise ships and tour vessels.

- Alternative 5 would maintain the current daily vessel quotas and lengthen the quota season to include May and September for cruise ships. It would maintain the number of seasonal use days for cruise ships, tour vessels, and charter vessels during the current quota season but decrease the number of seasonal use days for cruise ships during May and September. It would increase the number of seasonal use days for private vessels. Seasonal entry quotas would be eliminated. Vessel quotas would be initiated for tour and charter vessels in Dundas Bay. Operating requirements would be modified, including limited closures of certain waters to cruise ships and tour vessels.

Public hearings will take place in April 2003 at the following locations: Anchorage, Juneau, Gustavus, Hoonah, Elfin Cove, and Pelican, Alaska, and Seattle, Washington. The specific dates and times of the public hearings will be announced in local media.

Dated: February 12, 2003.

Marcia Blaszk,

Acting Regional Director, Alaska.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

General Management Plan Revision, Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Petrified Forest National Park, Arizona

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the draft Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan Revision for Petrified Forest National Park.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(C), the National Park Service announces the availability of a draft Environmental Impact Statement and General Management Plan Revision for Petrified Forest National Park, Arizona.

DATES: The draft Environmental Impact Statement and General Management Plan Revision will remain available for public review through May 13, 2003. No

public meetings are scheduled at this time.

If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to Superintendent, Petrified Forest National Park, P.O. Box 2217, Petrified Forest National Park, Arizona 86028. You may also comment via the Internet to Suzy_Stutzman@nps.gov. Please submit Internet comments either as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption, as a Microsoft Word file, or as a Word Perfect file. Please also include your name and return address in your Internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your Internet message, contact us directly by calling Suzy Stutzman at 303-987-6671. Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to the Petrified Forest National Park visitor center or the Intermountain Support Office-Denver, 12795 W. Alameda Parkway, Lakewood, CO (room 186) 80228.

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 we withhold their home address from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. 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.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the draft Environmental Impact Statement and General Management Plan Revision are available from the Superintendent, Petrified Forest National Park, P.O. Box 2217, Petrified Forest National Park, Arizona 86028. The plan is also available on the Internet at: <http://planning.nps.gov/plans.cfm>.

Public reading copies of the document will be available for review at the following locations:
Petrified Forest National Park,
P.O. Box 2217,
Petrified Forest National Park, Arizona 86028,
Telephone: 928-672-2700.
Planning and Environmental Quality,
Intermountain Support Office—Denver,
National Park Service,
12795 W. Alameda Parkway,

Lakewood, CO 80228,
Telephone: (303) 987-6671.
Office of Public Affairs, National Park Service,
Department of Interior,
18th and C Streets NW.,
Washington, DC 20240,
Telephone: (202) 208-6843.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Superintendent, Petrified Forest National Park, at the above address and telephone number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This General Management Plan Revision / Environmental Impact Statement describes and analyzes four alternatives for managing Petrified Forest National Park. The approved plan revision will help managers make decisions about managing resources, visitation, and development for the next 15 to 20 years. Issues addressed by the plan revision relate to use of Painted Desert Inn National Historic Landmark, staff housing needs, cultural landscape values, use and treatment of Painted Desert headquarters complex, museum collections, accommodating researchers, concessions, and providing for resource protection and visitor experience/understanding in different areas of the park.

Alternative 1, the no-action alternative, would continue present management. It provides a baseline for understanding changes and impacts of the other alternatives. There would be no new construction or major changes, and the park would be operated and maintained as before. Resources would be protected as funding allows. Visitor and operational facilities would remain concentrated in the Painted Desert and Rainbow Forest areas. Some areas would be closed or access modified to address harmful resource impacts. Visitor uses would be reassessed and revised as new information about natural and cultural resource impacts becomes available. Museum collections would be stored offsite and in the park, some in substandard facilities. In *alternative 2*, the preferred alternative, reusing and maintaining the historic integrity of Painted Desert headquarters complex would be a priority. Visitor services at Painted Desert Inn (rehabilitated) would be expanded. Facility improvements would be made at Rainbow Forest. Park lands would be managed similar to now, but with greater protection for natural and cultural resources from increased monitoring and adapting to new information. Some trails and turnouts would be added, and visitor hours would be expanded in the north. Most park collections would be housed in a

new facility at headquarters. In *alternative 3*, the park would be managed as a fossil resource preserve. Painted Desert Inn and the headquarters complex would be rehabilitated and adaptively reused. Improvements would be made at Rainbow Forest developed area. This alternative would provide the most protection for natural and cultural resources. Visitors would be encouraged to explore the park primarily in selected frontcountry areas. Some sensitive areas would be closed to visitor use. Backcountry access would be managed with permits and/or other methods (*e.g.*, guided access only). Interpretive services would be expanded to increase understanding of park resources. Park collections would be reunited at the park in a new facility. In *alternative 4*, resources would be protected while more opportunities to experience park resources would be provided. Visitor services at Painted Desert Inn (rehabilitated) would be expanded. Painted Desert headquarters complex would be demolished and rebuilt in phases in the same location. Improvements would be made at Rainbow Forest developed area. New trails, turnouts, and other options would expand opportunities to experience and understand park resources. Visitor hours would be expanded in the north. Park collections would be moved to institutions and/or agency facilities outside the park that meet National Park Service standards.

This document includes discussion of the potential environmental consequences of each alternative. Notable impacts of *alternative 1* include adverse impacts to the Painted Desert headquarters complex and historic residences near the Painted Desert Inn from continued deterioration; adverse impacts on museum collections from inadequate facilities, limited work space, and inaccuracies in recordkeeping; adverse impacts on archeological resources and petrified wood and other fossils, primarily from visitor use; adverse impacts on visitor experience and appreciation from dated interpretive materials and lack of opportunities and accessibility. Notable impacts of *alternative 2* include potential adverse impacts to archeological sites and petrified wood from new trails; adverse impacts to Rainbow Forest cultural landscape from parking and walkway realignment; beneficial impacts to park collections from construction of a new collections facility; beneficial impacts on visitor experience and appreciation from new turnouts, trails, and facility improvements; beneficial impacts to

park operations from improved work conditions and facilities. Impacts of alternative 3 include adverse impacts to Rainbow Forest cultural landscape from parking and walkway realignment; beneficial impacts on archeological sites and petrified wood from reducing trails and controlling backcountry use; adverse impacts to operations from new visitor programs; beneficial impacts on park operations from improved work conditions and facilities. Impacts of alternative 4 include adverse impacts to Rainbow Forest cultural landscape from parking and walkway realignment; adverse impacts to archeological sites and petrified wood from new trails and turnouts; beneficial impacts on visitor experience and appreciation from new facilities, turnouts, trails, and expanded services; beneficial impacts to park operations from new facilities and removal of deteriorating structures.

Dated: January 24, 2003.

Karen P. Wade,

Director, Intermountain Region, National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Notice of Availability of a General Management Plan

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of a General Management Plan, Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Rock Creek Park, Washington, DC

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service announces the availability of a draft Environmental Impact Statement and General Management Plan (DEIS/GMP) for Rock Creek Park, Washington, D.C. The DEIS/GMP evaluates four alternatives for the park. The document describes and analyzes the environmental impacts of three action alternatives and a no-action alternative. When approved, the plan will guide management actions during the next 15-20 years.

Alternatives: Alternative A would improve visitor safety, better control traffic volumes and speeds through the park, enhance interpretation and educational opportunities, and improve the use of park resources, especially cultural resources. It generally would retain the current scope of visitor uses. In Alternative B, the no action alternative, Rock Creek Park and the Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway would be maintained as they have

evolved thus far. There would not be any major changes in resources management, visitor programs, or facilities beyond regular maintenance. The current park road system would be retained and existing traffic management would continue. Developed in response to comments by members of the public who want to promote non-motorized recreation, Alternative C would eliminate traffic in much of the northern part of the park by closing three sections of Beach Drive to automobiles at all times. These would be the same three segments that currently are closed on weekends. It also would implement traffic-reducing and traffic-calming measures on roads in the southern portion of the park and on the Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway. Under Alternative C management of resources other than traffic would be the same as those listed above for Alternative A. Alternative D was developed in response to a letter sent to the National Park Service by the Mayor of Washington, DC. Alternative D, the National Park Service's preferred alternative, would close three segments of Beach Drive in the northern portion of the park to motorized vehicles for a 6-hour period, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on weekdays. These would be the same segments that currently are closed on weekends. For the other 18 hours of each weekday, including both rush-hour periods, traffic management would be similar to Alternative B, although traffic-calming measures like those in Alternative A would be used to reduce speeds. Under Alternative D management of resources other than traffic would be in the same manner as presented above for Alternative A.

Public Review: A 90-day public review period for comment on the draft document will begin after publication of this notice. In order to facilitate the review process, public reading copies of the DEIS/GMP will be available for review at the following locations: Rock Creek Park, 3545 Williamsburg Lane, Washington, DC 20008. National Capital Region, National Park Service, Lobby, 1100 Ohio Drive, NW., Washington, DC 20242.

In addition, the document will be posted on the National Park Service Planning site under: <http://www.nps.gov/rocr/>. Comments on the draft DEIS/GMP should be received (or transmitted by e-mail) no later than 60 days after publication of this **Federal Register** notice. Written comments may be submitted to: Craig Cellar, National Park Service, P.O. Box 25287, Denver, CO 80225-0287 or e-mailed to: rocr_gmp@nps.gov.

All comments received will be available for public review at Rock Creek Park headquarters. If individuals submitting comments request that their name and/or address be withheld from public disclosure, it will be honored to the extent allowable by law. Such requests must be stated prominently in the beginning of the comments. There also may be circumstances wherein the National Park Service will withhold a respondent's identity as allowable by law. As always, the National Park Service will make available for public inspection all submissions from organizations or businesses and from persons identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations and businesses. Anonymous comments may not be considered.

There will also be a public meeting with a date and location to be determined. The meeting will take place no later than two weeks prior to the closing of the public comment period. The date, time and location of the meeting will be identified in local newspapers as well as on the Internet at <http://www.nps.gov/rocr>.

Decision Process: Notice of the availability of the final document will be published in the **Federal Register**. Subsequently, notice of an approved Record of Decision will be published in the **Federal Register** not sooner than 30 days after the final document is distributed. The official responsible for the decision is the Regional Director, National Capital Region, National Park Service; the official responsible for implementation is the Superintendent of Rock Creek Park.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent Adrienne Applewhaite-Coleman, Rock Creek Park, 3545 Williamsburg Lane, Washington, DC 20008, phone 202-895-6000, fax 202-895-6015, e-mail: rocr_superintendent@nps.gov.

Terry R. Carlstrom,

Regional Director, National Capital Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

General Management Plan, Final Environmental Impact Statement, Tonto National Monument, AR.

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement