

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roy L. Masinton, Field Manager, or Leah Quesenberry, Outdoor Recreation Planner, at the above address and phone number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public lands affected by the change in designation, closure and supplementary rules are identified as follows:

Certain public lands located within the Gold Belt Travel Management Plan area in El Paso, Fremont, Park, and Teller Counties, Colorado

Colorado, Sixth Principal Meridian

T. 15 S., R. 70 W. through 72 W.
T. 16 S., R. 68 W. through 72 W.
T. 17 S., R. 68 W. through 72 W.
T. 18 S., R. 68 W. through 71 W.

These supplementary rules do not apply to emergency, law enforcement, and Federal or other government vehicles while being used for official or other emergency purposes, or to any other vehicle use that is expressly authorized or otherwise officially approved by BLM. Violation of order and rules is punishable by imprisonment for up to 12 months and/or a fine as defined in 18 U.S.C. 3571. This notice with detailed maps will be posted at the Royal Gorge Field Office.

Linda McGlothlen,
Acting Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Special Resource Study; San Gabriel Watershed and Mountains, Los Angeles and Orange Counties, CA; Notice of Extension of Public Scoping Period

SUMMARY: Pursuant to § 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190 as amended), and as authorized by Pub. L. 108-042, the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, has initiated public scoping for a study of the San Gabriel River surrounding watershed and San Gabriel Mountains so as to evaluate significance of the area's resources and assess the possible suitability and feasibility of the area to be considered for inclusion in the National Park System. Originally the public scoping period was set to conclude on April 19, 2005 (per **Federal Register** notice dated January 19, 2005). In deference to public interest expressed to date from local governmental agencies, organizations, and other interested parties, the scoping period has been extended.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are encouraged to provide written comments—to be considered any response must now be postmarked or transmitted no later than *May 20, 2005*. At this time five public meetings are scheduled to be held during March 18–24; complete details including times and locations are available at <http://www.nps.gov/pwro/sangabriel>.

All written responses should be addressed to the National Park Service, Attn: San Gabriel SRS, 1111 Jackson St., Ste. 700, Oakland, CA 94607 (or may be sent electronically in care of pwr_sangabriel@nps.gov). If individuals submitting comments request that their name or/and 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 NPS will withhold a respondent's identity as allowable by law. As always NPS will make available to public inspection all submissions from organizations or businesses and from persons identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations and businesses, and, anonymous comments may not be considered.

Availability of the pending draft study for review and comment will be announced by local and regional news media, the above listed website, and direct mailing. At this time it is anticipated that the draft study will be released by late 2006 or early 2007 for public review and comment.

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George J. Turnbull,
Acting Regional Director, Pacific West Region.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Availability for a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Feasibility Study on the Preservation of Civil War Battlefields and Related Historic Sites Along the Vicksburg Campaign Trail (VCT) in Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and National Park Service (NPS) policy in Director's Order Number 12 (Conservation Planning, Environmental Impact Analysis, and Decision-making), the NPS announces the availability of a

FEIS for the Feasibility Study on the Preservation of Civil War Battlefields and Related Historic Sites along the VCT in Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee. The Feasibility Study examines almost 500 sites with a view to how they might best be preserved and linked.

ADDRESSES: Limited numbers of copies of the FEIS/Feasibility Study are available from Harlan Unrau, National Park Service, Denver Service Center—Planning, P.O. Box 25287, 12795 West Alameda Parkway, Denver, CO 80225-0287, or by calling (303)-969-2254. An electronic copy of the FEIS/Feasibility Study is available on the Internet at <http://www.nps.gov/vick>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Feasibility Study identified approximately 500 sites in five states that were associated with the Vicksburg Campaign. The study then evaluated and rated each site according to criteria established by the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission Report on the Nation's Civil War Battlefields (1993); sites were rated as Tier One (Decisive/Major), Tier Two (Formative), and Tier Three (Limited). As of May 2003, 19 Tier One, 26 Tier Two, 131 Tier Three, and 315 associated sites had been identified, for a total of 491 sites included in the VCT Feasibility Study.

The FEIS describes and analyzes the environmental impacts of three alternatives, including a no action alternative, for the future management direction of the VCT Initiative. NPS Preferred Alternative is Alternative C—Comprehensive Preservation. The intent of the proposed action is to link all sites associated with the VCT in a formally designated VCT Initiative. Legislation would be needed to establish the VCT Initiative, modeled after the legislation establishing the Underground Railroad Network to Freedom program.

Emphasis would be placed on protection of all sites associated with the VCT that have been recognized as being nationally significant, *i.e.*, the Tier One Sites, through acquisition in fee or easement by Federal, State, or local agencies, and private organizations. It also anticipates that three of the sites (Champion Hill, Port Gibson, and Fort Heiman) encompassing approximately 2,000 acres could be added to the National Park System as boundary adjustments at existing units if authorized by Congress. In other cases the NPS could assist other managing authorities in the protection and preservation of other Tier One sites (*e.g.*, Fort Pillow).

Protection of the Tier One sites would be part of a comprehensive effort that