

It has been determined that in order to successfully eradicate pigs from Santa Cruz Island that fennel will have to be controlled in areas where it has formed large dense thickets. These dense thickets of fennel create a safe harbor for pigs to escape from being hunted, and thus potential failure of the project. Fennel would be burned in the fall with a follow-up treatment of herbicide (Garlon 3A) in the two springs following the burn. The Nature Conservancy developed this protocol in an extensive 600-acre test program in the Central Valley of Santa Cruz Island. The fire and herbicide treatment would involve application by hand, from a vehicle, and from a helicopter.

Alternatives: After identifying the significant environmental issues associated with the proposed action, the Park began developing alternatives to the proposed action. Modifying the eradication strategies to address the environmental issue concerns was the basis used to develop alternatives. In all, three alternatives were developed, including the “No Action” Alternative (which maintains the existing minimal management). The two “action” alternatives are as follows: *Alternative Two*, “Simultaneous Island-wide Eradication of Pigs”, involves eradicating pigs island-wide without the use of fenced zones. A simultaneous island-wide operation would require several teams of hunters and dogs repeatedly working sections of the island. This is considered to be a high intensity effort for a short period of time, approximately 2–3 years in duration to have near complete eradication island-wide. *Alternative Three* would eradicate pigs from eastern Santa Cruz Island but only exclude pigs from selected sensitive resources on central and western Santa Cruz Island. Selected sensitive resources including archeological sites, and threatened and endangered plant species, would be protected from pigs by constructing and maintaining pig-proof fence around these selected sensitive sites.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public meetings will be held in the area, with confirmed dates and locations to be announced on the park’s website. The DEIS is now available for public review (distribution began during mid-February); copies can be obtained at the park, on the Park’s website (<http://www.nps.gov/chis/homepage/restoringsci.html>), Ventura’s Foster Library, and Santa Barbara’s Central Library. After a reasonable number of printed copies have been made available, CD copies will be the preferred method of distribution of the

DEIS. Inquiries and comments regarding the DEIS should be directed to: Superintendent, Channel Islands National Park, 1901 Spinnaker Dr., Ventura, California 93001. The telephone number for the park is (805) 658–5700.

All written comments must be postmarked on or before May 8, 2001 (as soon as this date has been determined it will be confirmed on the park’s website). Persons wishing to express any new concerns about management issues and future land management direction are encouraged to address these to the Superintendent, as noted above. 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.

Decision: After the formal draft EIS review period has concluded, all comments and suggestions received will be considered in preparing a final EIS. The park expects to complete the final EIS during July 2001. Its availability will be announced in the **Federal Register** and in local and regional news media. Subsequently a Record of Decision would be executed no sooner than 30 (thirty) days after release of the final EIS. The official responsible for the final decision is the Regional Director, Pacific West Region; the official responsible for implementation is the Superintendent, Channel Islands National Park.

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Patricia L. Neubacher,
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

General Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement, Glen Echo Park, MD

ACTION: Availability of the Final Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement for Glen Echo Park.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service announces the availability of a Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (MP/EIS) for Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo, Maryland.

DATES: 30-day no-action period will follow the Environmental Protection Agency’s notice of availability of the MP/EIS.

ADDRESSES: Public reading copies of the MP/EIS will be available for review at the following locations:

In Maryland: Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Boulevard, Glen Echo, Maryland 20812; Bethesda Public Library, 7400 Arlington Road, Bethesda, Maryland 20814; Davis Public Library, 6400 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, Maryland 20817; Gaithersburg Public Library, 18330 Montgomery Village Avenue, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20879; Little Falls Public Library, 5501 Massachusetts Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland 20816; Potomac Public Library, 99 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20850; Silver Spring Public Library, 8901 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; Wheaton Public Library, 11701 Georgia Avenue, Wheaton, Maryland 20902.

In Virginia: Arlington Central Library, 1015 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia 22201; Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly, Virginia 20151; Fairfax City Regional Library, 3915 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia 20130; Pohick Public Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke, Virginia 22015.

The responsible official is Terry R. Carlstrom, Regional Director, National Capital Region, National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Manzanar National Historic Site Advisory Commission; Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Commission Act that a meeting of the Manzanar National Historic Site Advisory Commission will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday April 27, 2001 at the Sierra Baptist Church Social Hall, 346 North Edwards Street (U.S. Highway 395), Independence, California, to hear presentations on issues related to the