

application. Under Alternative C, additional lands would be excluded from the potential area available for leasing. The lands that would be available under Alternative C include some of the lands that are available under Alternative B, but exclude lands that are identified as requiring special management or resource protection in existing land use plans. Site-specific NEPA analyses would be required under both alternatives prior to leasing and approval of plans of operations during the project development phase. These site-specific analyses will identify potential project-specific impacts and define appropriate lease stipulations and required mitigation measures. Included in this PEIS are potentially applicable mitigation measures that would be applied following the site-specific analyses, as appropriate. In addition, conservation measures agreed upon with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and documented in the PEIS would be applicable to all future commercial leases.

For tar sands resources, Alternative A also is the no action alternative. Under this alternative, land use plans would not be amended to allow for leasing for commercial tar sands development, but current plans authorize leasing under the existing Combined Hydrocarbon Leasing (CHL) program. The BLM has assumed no development of tar sands resources on public lands since there has been no tar sands development under the existing CHL in the last 20 years or more. At the time this PEIS was drafted, no commercial tar sands project proposals have been submitted to the BLM on existing CHL leases. On this basis, the BLM has determined that it is unlikely that commercial tar sands development will occur under the CHL program.

The BLM has developed two programmatic alternatives for identifying lands available for application for commercial leasing and for establishing a commercial tar sands leasing program. Programmatic Alternatives B and C consist of different approaches to designating lands available for application for commercial tar sands leasing. Under both alternatives, six land use plans in Utah would be amended to:

- (1) Make certain lands within the STSAs available for application to lease;
- (2) Stipulate requirements for future NEPA analyses and consultation activities; and
- (3) Specify that priority will be given to the use of land exchanges to facilitate commercial tar sands development pursuant to Section 369(n) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

Under Alternative B, about 430,000 acres would be available for application for lease and under Alternative C, about 230,000 acres would be available for application. Site-specific NEPA analyses will be required under both alternatives prior to leasing and approval of plans of operations during the project development phase. These site-specific analyses would identify potential project-specific impacts and define appropriate lease stipulations and required mitigation measures. Included in this PEIS are potentially applicable mitigation measures that would be applied following the site-specific analyses, as appropriate. In addition, conservation measures agreed upon with the USFWS and documented in the PEIS would be applicable to all future commercial leases.

The Oil Shale and Tar Sands Resources PEIS is of interest to numerous Federal, Tribal, state, and local governments. The BLM initially invited about 50 agencies to participate in preparation of the PEIS as cooperating agencies. Fourteen agencies expressed an interest, and memorandums of understanding between these agencies and the BLM were executed to set forth the parameters of cooperating agency relationships with these agencies. The following are participating cooperating agencies in the preparation of this PEIS:

- National Park Service
 - Bureau of Reclamation
 - U.S. Forest Service
 - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 - State of Colorado, Department of Natural Resources and Department of Public Health and the Environment
 - State of Utah
 - State of Wyoming
 - Garfield County, Colorado
 - Mesa County, Colorado
 - Rio Blanco County, Colorado
 - Duchesne County, Utah
 - Uintah County, Utah
 - City of Rifle, Colorado
 - Town of Rangely, Colorado.
- Paper and electronic (CD-ROM) copies of the PEIS are available at the following BLM locations:
- Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, CO 80215
 - Utah State Office, 440 West 200 South, Suite 500, Salt Lake City, UT 84101
 - Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone, Cheyenne, WY 82009
 - Vernal Field Office, 170 South 500 East, Vernal, UT 84078
 - Price Field Office, 125 South 600 West, Price, UT 84501
 - Richfield Field Office, 150 East 900 North, Richfield, UT 84701
 - Monticello Field Office, 435 North Main, P.O. Box 7, Monticello, UT 84535

- White River Field Office, 220 E. Market Street, Meeker, CO 81641
 - Glenwood Springs Field Office, 2425 S. Grand Ave., Suite 101, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601
 - Grand Junction Field Office, 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, CO 81506
 - Kemmerer Field Office, 312 Highway 189 North, Kemmerer, WY 83101
 - Rawlins Field Office, at 1300 North Third, PO Box 2407, Rawlins, WY 82301
 - Rock Springs Field Office, 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, WY 82901.
- Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information, 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Draft General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement, Governors Island National Monument, New York, NY

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 (Pub. L. 91-190, as amended), the National Park Service announces the availability of the Draft General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for Governors Island National Monument, New York.

Consistent with National Park Service laws, regulations, and policies, and the purpose of the National Monument, the Draft GMP/EIS describes and analyzes four alternatives (A–D) to guide the management of the Monument over the next 15 to 20 years. The alternatives incorporate various management prescriptions to ensure protection, access and enjoyment of the park's resources. Alternative A is a no action alternative. Alternative D is the National

Park Service's preferred alternative. Alternative D proposes the National Monument be developed as a Harbor Center with partners as a hub of activities and a jumping off point for visitors to explore New York Harbor. The Draft GMP/EIS evaluates potential environmental consequences of implementing the alternatives. Impact topics include the cultural, natural, and socioeconomic environments. This notice also announces that a public meeting will be held to solicit comments on the Draft GMP/EIS during the public review period. The date, time and location will be announced on the park's Web site <http://www.nps.gov/gois>, in local papers and can also be obtained by calling 212.825.4162.

DATES: There are several ways to view the document, which will be publicly available on or about October 15, 2007:

- An electronic version of the document will be available for public review and comment on the National Park Service Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) Web site at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>.
- Downloadable PDF from the park's Web site <http://www.nps.gov/gois>.
- Printed copies (these are limited in quantity) and CDs can be requested by contacting the park at 212.825.4162.

The National Park Service will accept comments on the Draft General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement from the public for a period of 60 days following publication of the Environmental Protection Agency's Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. Interested persons may check the park Web site at <http://www.nps.gov/gois> for date, time, and place(s) of public meetings to be conducted by the National Park Service, or by calling 212.825.4162.

ADDRESSES: The document will be available for public review and comment online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>, and can be viewed at the following locations:

Mid-Manhattan Library, 455 5th Avenue, New York, NY 10016.

Science, Industry and Business Library, 188 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016.

New Amsterdam Branch Library, 9 Murray Street, New York, NY 10007.

Bronx Library Center, 310 East Kingsbridge Road, New York, NY 10458.

St. George Library Center, 5 Central Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10301.

Business Library, 280 Cadman Plaza West at Tillary St., Brooklyn, NY 11201.

Carroll Gardens Library, 396 Clinton St. at Union St., Brooklyn, NY 11231.

Central Library, Grand Army Plaza, Brooklyn, NY 11238.

Red Hook Library, 7 Wolcott St. at Dwight St., Brooklyn, NY 11231.

Central Library, 89–11 Merrick Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11432.

Flushing Library, 41–17 Main Street, Flushing, NY 11355.

Jersey City Public Library, Documents Department, 472 Jersey Ave., Jersey City, NJ 07302.

Newark Public Library, 5 Washington St., P.O. Box 0630, Newark, NJ 07101–0630.

New Jersey State Library, U.S. Documents, 185 W. State St., P.O. Box 520, Trenton, NJ 08625–0520.

If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to Superintendent Linda Neal, Governors Island National Monument, Battery Maritime Building, Slip 7, 10 South Street, New York, NY 10004. The preferred method of comment is via the Internet at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>. You may also fax your comments to 212.825.4161. 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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For over two centuries, Governors Island has played a vital role in the defense and development of New York City. The island's military history begins with the American Revolution and culminates with the U.S. Coast Guard's departure in 1996. In 1985 the northern 121 acres of the island were designated a National Historic Landmark District. Castle Williams and Fort Jay, within the district, are among the best remaining examples of early American coastal fortifications.

On January 19, 2001, President William J. Clinton established the Governors Island National Monument by Presidential Proclamation 7402. On February 7, 2003, President George W. Bush issued Proclamation 7647, which re-established the monument and clarified its status. The Draft General Management Plan (GMP) sets forth alternative visions (management alternatives) for the development and operation of Governors Island National Monument. This plan is the product of a process that integrates the aspirations of the public with the unique capabilities of the NPS to provide for

the preservation and public enjoyment of the National Monument over the next 20 years.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Environmental Impact Statement on Recreational Use of Off-Road Vehicles Along Nine Trails in the Nabsna Area of Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) is preparing an EIS on the recreational use of off-road vehicles (ORV) along nine trails in the Nabsna area of Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve. The purpose of the EIS is to evaluate a range of alternatives for managing recreational off-road vehicle use on the following trails: Caribou Creek, Lost Creek, Trail Creek, Reeve Field, Boomerang Lake, Soda Lake, Suslota Lake, Copper Lake and Tanada Lake. The EIS will be used to guide the management of recreational ORV use on these trails in the Nabsna area of Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve. It may also form the basis for either a special regulation to designate ORV routes and areas or a compatibility finding to issue permits for ORV use in accordance with current regulations. The EIS will assess potential environmental impacts associated with a range of reasonable alternatives for managing recreational ORV impacts on park resources and values such as soils, vegetation, wetlands, wildlife, visitor experience, scenic quality, cultural resources and subsistence opportunities.

In addition to the No Action alternative, this EIS will evaluate a proposed action that would authorize recreational ORV use on trails that can be maintained to a standard that reduces or eliminates adverse impacts. Other alternatives include: authorizing recreational ORV use on some or all nine trails after making improvements to address degraded conditions along trail alignments, and not authorizing recreational ORV use on any trails. Public input is sought on this range of alternatives.