

1988, requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during Recovery Plan development. The Service will consider all information presented during a public comment period prior to approval of each new or revised Recovery Plan. The Service and other Federal agencies will also take these comments into account in the course of implementing Recovery Plans.

The draft Recovery Plan is being submitted for technical and agency review. After consideration of comments received during the review period, the Recovery Plan will be submitted for final approval.

Public Comments Solicited

The Service solicits written comments on the Recovery Plan described. All comments received by the date specified above will be considered prior to approval of the Recovery Plan.

Authority: The authority for this action is Section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: October 28, 2002.

Charlie Sanchez, Jr.,

Acting Regional Director, Region 2.

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

National Park Service

Boundary Revision: Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of boundary revision.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the National Park Service is revising the boundary of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park to include one additional tract of land.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Judy L. Brumback, Chief, Acquisition Division, National Park Service, ATLAFO, PO Box 908, Martinsburg, WV 25402, (304) 263-4943.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pub. L. 91-664, enacted January 8, 1971 authorizes the acquisition of certain lands for the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park. Section 7 (c) (ii) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, as amended by Pub. L. 104-333, authorizes minor boundary revisions of areas within the National Park System. In accordance with the statutes, such boundary revisions may be made, when necessary, after advising the appropriate Congressional Committees and

following publication in the **Federal Register**.

In order to properly interpret and preserve the historic character of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park, it is necessary to revise the existing boundary to include one additional tract of land comprising approximately 2.91 acres.

Notice is hereby given that the exterior boundary of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park is hereby revised to include the following tract of land:

Tract P76-1, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park, is all of the same land acquired by Barbara Ellen Embly from Barbara E. Rohrer by deed dated July 19, 2001, recorded in Deed Book 1677, Page 591, in the Land Records of Washington County, State of Maryland.

Tract 76-130, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park, is a part of the same land acquired by the United States of America (NPS) from Charles Harold Snyder, a.k.a. C. Harold Snyder by deed dated September 5, 1974, recorded in Liber 585, folio 802 in the Land Records of Washington County, State of Maryland.

Subject to existing easements for public roads and highways, public utilities, railroads and pipelines.

This tracts of land is depicted on Segment Map 76 and are identified as Tracts P76-1 and 76-130. The map is on file and available for inspection in the office of the National Park Service, Appalachian Trail Land Acquisition Field Office, 1314 Edwin Miller Boulevard, PO Box 908, Martinsburg, West Virginia 25402-0908.

Dated: July 22, 2002.

Terry R. Carlstrom,

Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Boundary Revision; Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of boundary revision, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, Indiana.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a revision of the boundaries of Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, Indiana, to include two (2) parcels of land within the boundaries of the National Lakeshore. This action is taken under

the authority of 16 U.S.C., Section 460u-19 (Pub. L. 94-549, enacted October 18, 1976).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, 1100 North Mineral Springs Road, Porter, Indiana 46304-1299, or by telephone at 219-926-7561, extension 410.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby provided that the boundaries of Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore are revised. This revision is to include certain parcels of real property situated in Lake County, Indiana, and is effective upon publication of this notice. These parcels will be donated to the United States of America and they are contiguous to the National Lakeshore boundaries. These parcels contain, in aggregate, 15.93 acres of land, more or less.

The parcels are identified as follows:

Tract 12-117 on Segment Map 12, Drawing No. 626/35,012.

Tract 13-163 on Segment Map 13, Drawing No. 626/35,013.

Both of the above-cited segment maps are dated October 16, 2002.

These maps are on file at the following locations:

U.S. Department of the Interior,
National Park Service, Midwest
Region, Land Resources, 1709 Jackson
Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68102-2571.
Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, 1100
North Mineral Springs Road, Porter,
Indiana 46304-1299.

Dated: October 17, 2002.

William W. Schenk,

Regional Director, Midwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

General Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement, Amistad National Recreation Area, Texas

AGENCY: National Park Service,
Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for a general management plan for Amistad National Recreation Area.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Park Service is preparing an environmental impact statement for a general management plan for Amistad National Recreation Area. This effort

will result in a comprehensive general management plan that provides a framework for making management decisions regarding the preservation of natural and cultural resources, visitor use and interpretation, and development of appropriate park facilities. In cooperation with the Texas State Historic Preservation Office, the Texas Game and Fish Department, and the Texas Department of Water Quality, attention will also be given to resources outside the boundaries that affect the integrity of Amistad National Recreation Area. Alternatives to be considered include no-action, the proposed action, and other reasonable alternatives.

Major issues at Amistad National Recreation Area include:

1. Declining water levels in the reservoir have exposed numerous significant archeological sites to erosion, vandalism, and damage from livestock;
2. Lower water levels have reduced the number of access points to the reservoir, affecting recreational uses at the park and leading to the creation of a network of social trails;
3. Increasing numbers of domestic livestock and exotic game species are grazing on park land, posing potential impacts on cultural sites and habitat for native species;
4. The need to consider establishing fees for hunting in the park;
5. The need to address the potential acquisition of additional private lands within the legislated boundaries of the park;
6. The need for a new administration facility and visitor center;
7. Trans-boundary issues and the need for increased cooperation between the NPS and its counterparts in the government of Mexico.

A public forum for comment on the full range of appropriate visitor experiences and areas in which these experiences may be in conflict will be provided throughout the course of the GMP process. Public involvement is essential for the development of creative solutions to guide future park management. A briefing statement has been prepared that summarizes the issues identified to date. Copies of that information may be obtained from: Superintendent, Amistad National Recreation Area.

DATES: The Park Service will accept comments from the public for 30 days from the date this notice is published in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Information will be available for public review and comment in the office of the Superintendent, Alan Cox, Amistad National Recreation Area. The director,

Intermountain Region, National Park Service will approve the environmental impact statement.

The National Park Service will conduct public scoping (public meetings and solicitation of comments from state, county and town agencies and organizations; park neighbors; state historic preservation officer; and associated American Indian tribes) for the Amistad General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement from January, 2003 to August, 2005. Public involvement will play a critical role in the preparation of the environmental impact statement that will analyze the impacts of the management alternatives in the draft general management plan.

DATES: The National Park Service will conduct further public scoping for the draft alternatives and environmental impact statement for a period of 30-days beyond publication of this Notice of Intent.

ADDRESSES: You may mail comments to: Superintendent's Office, Amistad National Recreation Area, HCR 3 Box 5J, Hwy 90 West, Del Rio, TX 83012. You may also hand-deliver comments to the Superintendent's Office, Amistad National Recreation Area, Del Rio, TX. (Attn: General Management Plan).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent Alan Cox at 830.775.7491 x201 or Management Assistant M. Mark Morgan at 830.775.7491 x234 e-mail: amis_superintendent@nps.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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. 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: November 5, 2002.

Michael Snyder,

Deputy Director, Intermountain Region, National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Environmental Assessment for Managing Flight Obstructions to Preserve Safety at Andrews Air Force Base

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of environmental assessment.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality regulations, U.S. Air Force (USAF) and National Park Service (NPS) guidance and requirements, the USAF Air Mobility Command and the NPS have prepared an environmental assessment (EA), and other environmental documentation evaluating environmental impacts potentially resulting from implementation of vegetation management plans for managing trees which are flight obstructions affecting the safety of flight operations at Andrews Air Force Base (AFB). USAF is the lead agency for this EA, and the NPS intends to adopt this EA. These trees are primarily located on Andrews Air Force Base and within the Suitland Parkway, a park area administered by the NPS—National Capital Region, National Capital Parks—East. The Parkway is located on the National Register of Historic Places. The proposed action occurs in Prince George's County, Maryland.

Copies of these documents are available for public review at the following locations, and by request to the NPS at (202) 690-5185:

The Prince George's County Public Library, 14741 Governor Oden Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772, (301) 952-3904.

Andrews Air Force Base Library, 1642 Brookley & D Street, Andrews AFB, MD 20762.

There is a 30 day public review period for comment on the EA and associated documents. Comments should be received no later than 30 calendar days from the publication date of this notice. The NPS will consider all comments submitted to the address below. Comments should be sent to: Andrews Air Force Base, EA, HQ AMC/CEV, 507 Symington Dr., Scott AFB, IL 62225-5022, Fax: (818) 229-0257, E-mail: AMC.CEV@scott.af.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The USAF identified a need to manage trees which adversely affect safe flight operations at Andrews AFB in Prince George's County, Maryland. Andrews AFB is home to the 89th Airlift Wing and