

preferable alternative, a finding on impairment of park resources and values, a listing of measures to minimize environmental harm, and an overview of public involvement in the decision-making process.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Copies of the Record of Decision may be obtained from the contact listed above or online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/romo>.

Dated: April 3, 2008.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement, Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument, NM

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for the general management plan for Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(C), the National Park Service is preparing an environmental impact statement for a general management plan for Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument, New Mexico. The environmental impact statement will be approved by the Director, Intermountain Region.

The general management plan will prescribe the resource conditions and visitor experiences that are to be achieved and maintained in the monument over the next 15 to 20 years. The clarification of what must be achieved according to law and policy will be based on review of the monument's purpose, significance, special mandates, and the body of laws and policies directing park management. Based on determinations of desired conditions, the general management plan will outline the kinds of resource management activities, visitor activities, and development that would be appropriate in the future. A range of reasonable management alternatives will be developed through this planning process and will include,

at a minimum, no-action and the preferred alternative.

The monument does not have a general management plan as required by the Redwood Amendment of 1978 and NPS management policies.

Issues to be addressed will include but are not limited to the following: The protection and interpretation options for the cliff dwellings and TJ Ruin and long-term direction for protection and management. The needs of all users (cultural heritage visitors, wilderness hikers, nature watchers, and Native Americans) and the appropriateness and adequacy of current facilities. Identifying and analyzing various options for long-term management of the monument, adjacent land, and facilities.

DATES: Any comments on the scope of issues to be addressed in the plan should be submitted no later than 30 days after publication of this notice. Public meetings regarding the general management plan will be held during the scoping period. Specific dates, times, and locations will be made available in the local media, on the National Park Service Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) Web site (<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/gicl>), or by contacting the Superintendent of Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument.

ADDRESSES: Information on the planning process and copies of newsletters will be available from the office of the Superintendent, HC 68 Box 100, Silver City, NM 88061-0100.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent Steve Riley, Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument, HC 68 Box 100, Silver City, NM 88061-0100; phone: (505) 536-9461.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public and agency involvement will be solicited at several key steps in the planning process including initial scoping, alternatives development, and the draft plan.

If you wish to comment on any issues associated with the plan, you may submit your comments to the planning team by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument, HC 68 Box 100, Silver City, NM 88061-0100. You may also comment electronically at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/gicl>. Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to the monument headquarters located forty-four miles north of Silver City, New Mexico, on NM Road 15. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be

advised 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 from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: April 2, 2008.

Michael D. Snyder,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Availability of Draft General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement/Wilderness Study for Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore.

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Draft General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement/Wilderness Study for Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(c), the National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of a draft General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement/Wilderness Study (GMP/EIS/WS) for Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, Michigan.

DATES: The draft GMP/EIS/WS will remain available for public review for 45 days following the publishing of the notice of availability in the **Federal Register** by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Public meetings will be held during the 45-day review period on the GMP/EIS/WS in Benzie, Lelanau, and Grand Traverse Counties, Michigan, in early summer 2008. In concert with one of the public meetings, a hearing on the wilderness study will be conducted consistent with Section 3(d)(1) of the Wilderness Act. Specific dates and locations will be announced in local and regional media sources of record and on the national lakeshore's Web site.

You may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may comment via the Internet through the national lakeshore's Web site at <http://www.nps.gov/slbe>; simply click on the GMP page. You may also comment via the Internet through the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment Web

site (<http://parkplanning.nps.gov>); simply click on the link to Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. You may mail comments to Superintendent Shultz, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, 9922 Front Street, Empire, Michigan 49630–9797. You may contact the Superintendent by facsimile at 231–326–5382. Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore headquarters at the address above.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the draft GMP/EIS/WS are available from the Superintendent, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, 9922 Front Street, Empire, Michigan 49630–9797.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This GMP/EIS/WS will guide the management of the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore for the next 25 years. The draft GMP/EIS/WS considers five draft conceptual alternatives—a no-action and four action alternatives, including the NPS preferred alternative. The draft GMP/EIS/WS assesses impacts to a variety of natural resources, a variety of cultural resources, visitor opportunities and use, wilderness character, socioeconomics, and NPS operations.

The NPS preferred alternative manages the national lakeshore primarily for preservation of its natural resources and for the opportunities it provides for visitor enjoyment of the natural, cultural and recreational resources in scenic outdoor settings. In addition, the Wilderness Act, the enabling legislation for the national lakeshore, and the NPS management policies require that all lands administered by the NPS at the national lakeshore be evaluated for their suitability for inclusion within the national wilderness preservation system. The purpose of the wilderness study, incorporated into the GMP/EIS is to determine if and where lands and waters within the national lakeshore should be proposed for wilderness designation. The study identifies possible wilderness configurations within the park and evaluates their effects. The NPS preferred alternative proposes 32,200 acres for wilderness designation. Based on the findings of this study, a formal wilderness proposal will be submitted to the Director of the NPS for approval and subsequent consideration by the U.S. Department of the Interior, the President of the United States, and Congress under the provisions of the Wilderness Act.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent Shultz, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, at the address or telephone number above.

Before including your address, telephone number, electronic mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, 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 comments to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: March 12, 2008.

Ernest Quintana,

Regional Director, Midwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Final Management Action Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement; Record of Decision; National Coal Heritage Area, West Virginia

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for the Final Management Action Plan/Environmental Impact Statement, National Coal Heritage Area.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, Pub. L. 91–190, 83 Stat. 852, 853, codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C), the National Park Service announces the availability of the Record of Decision for the Final Management Action Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (Final MAP/EIS) for the National Coal Heritage Area in West Virginia. The Regional Director, Northeast Region, approved the Record of Decision for the project, selecting Alternative C-Focal Point with Corridor Development, which was described on pages II–1 to II–11 of the Final MAP/EIS and announced to the public in a Notice of Availability published in the **Federal Register** on September 23, 2002.

The selected alternative, and three additional alternatives including Alternative D, the No-Action Alternative, were analyzed in the Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statements. Each alternative was evaluated as to how it would guide the

priorities, projects, and management of the national heritage area over the following ten years. Management approach, funding sources, and education, preservation, conservation and interpretation opportunities and priorities were all considered during the analysis, as were marketing and tourism opportunities and priorities and the development of physical components including visitor centers, destination centers, a museum, and access corridors. The full range of foreseeable environmental consequences was assessed and disclosed in relation to impacts on historic, cultural, natural and recreational resources, the environment, and the quality of the visitor experience.

The NPS will implement Alternative C, the preferred alternative (the selected action), as described in the *National Coal Heritage Area Management Action Plan/Environmental Impact Statement* for the National Coal Heritage Area because it best reflects and fulfills the goals of the National Coal Heritage Area's mission, as well as the purpose and intent of the National Coal Heritage Area's enabling legislation. The selected alternative is based on a combined focal point/corridor development approach and is a hybrid of Alternatives A and B, which were also evaluated in the *National Coal Heritage Area Management Action Plan/Environmental Impact Statement*. The selected alternative includes the nine Destination Centers and Experience Zones proposed in Alternative A and the development of a large-scale, state-of-the-art interpretive and educational museum/visitor center complex near Beckley proposed in Alternative B. The selected alternative is estimated to cost approximately \$78 million over a 10-year period.

The NPS has selected Alternative C for implementation because it best meets the legislative intent of the National Coal Heritage Area Act to “develop and implement integrated cultural, historical, and land resource management policies and programs to retain, enhance, and interpret significant values of the lands, water, and structures of the Area.” The Selected Alternative captures a broad range of visitors and encourages local capacity building simultaneously. It gives visitors several options for exploring the 11-county heritage area with a large interpretive center, several Visitor Centers and nine Destination Centers. The Selected Alternative provides for strong central leadership that would take an active role in the development of a broad-based preservation and conservation effort that