

Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Lower East Side Tenement National Historic Site (NHS), located in the city of Borough of Manhattan, New York, New York. The purpose of the EA is to assess the environmental consequences of alternative management strategies that will be described in the general management plan for Lower East Side Tenement NHS. A number of alternatives will be formulated for cultural resource protection, visitor use and interpretation, facilities development, and operations.

The NPS will hold a public meeting June 14, 2000 that will provide an opportunity for public input into the scoping for the GMP/EA. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM, at the Lower East Side Tenement Museum, 97 Orchard Street, New York, New York.

The purpose of this meeting is to obtain both written and verbal comments concerning the future direction and development of Lower East Side NHS. Those persons who wish to comment verbally or in writing or who require further information should contact Ruth Abram, President, Lower East Side Tenement Museum, 66 Allen Street, New York, New York 10002, (212) 431-0233 Ext. 212.

The draft GMP/EA is expected to be completed and available for public review in fall 2000. After public and interagency review of the draft document comments will be considered, and a final EA followed by a Record of Decision will be prepared.

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Chief of Planning, Northeast Region Development Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Going-to-the-Sun Road Rehabilitation Environmental Impact Statement, Glacier National Park, Montana

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Going-to-the-Sun Road Rehabilitation, Glacier National Park.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Park Service is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement for the Going-to-the-Sun Road Rehabilitation for Glacier National Park. This Environmental Impact Statement will be

approved by the Intermountain Regional Director.

The Going-to-the-Sun Road, a National Historic Landmark, is in need of rehabilitation. Since its opening in 1932 it has had limited repairs and reconstruction resulting in a deteriorating condition resulting in visitor use, maintenance, and safety concerns. Rehabilitation of the road is extremely difficult because of the very narrow width and the limited room available for staging construction and performing repairs. The narrow road corridor, the short construction season, and extreme and unpredictable weather conditions affect both the integrity of the road and the rehabilitation effort. Avalanches, rock falls, and repeated freezing and thawing continually deteriorate the road and jeopardize both the public and construction workers safety.

In the final General Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement for Glacier National Park, the preferred alternative reflects a desired condition for the road to be repaired and for its continued use, but not the method to achieve it. The road will continue to be protected as a national historic landmark. The road's historic character and significance will be preserved, and the needed repairs will be completed before the road fails. The National Park Service will minimize the impacts on natural resources, visitors and the economy, and minimize the rehabilitation costs.

The Going-to-the-Sun Road rehabilitation project/EIS includes a number of technical studies including engineering studies, a socio-economic study and marketing plan, a cultural landscape report, and a transportation/visitor use plan. A public advisory committee has also been established by authority of the Secretary of the Interior under Section 3 of Public Law 91-383 (16 U.S.C 1a-2(c)) to advise the National Park Service during development of the Rehabilitation Study.

The various technical studies will result in a series of findings and recommendations that will be combined into a range of alternatives to rehabilitate the road. These alternatives will be evaluated through the EIS process. A variety of factors will be considered in developing these alternatives including, but not limited to, socio-economic implications, natural resources, visitor use, and construction costs. These alternatives have not yet been developed. A no action alternative will also be considered as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The effort will result in a selected course of action for the

rehabilitation of the Going-to-the-Sun Road.

Major issues include the limited season available for rehabilitation activities on the critical sections of the road, concerns about impacts to the local and regional economy (past studies have considered closing the road for limited periods of time), and potential short-term and long-term impacts to natural resources in Glacier National Park. The current poor condition of the road resulting in potential safety concerns to visitors and the travelling public underscores the purpose and need for the project.

If you wish to provide comments for consideration, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to Superintendent, Attn: Going-to-the Sun Road Study Glacier National Park, West Glacier, Montana 59936. You may also comment via email at glac_public_comments@nps.gov, attention: GTTSR-Rehabilitation Project. Please include your name and return address in your email message. If you do not receive confirmation from the system that we received your email message, contact us directly at 406/888-7972. Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to Glacier National Park headquarters, West Glacier, Montana. 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. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the record a respondents identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will not consider anonymous comments. 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.

When a scoping document is prepared and public meetings/open houses are scheduled, an announcement will be made in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Superintendent Glacier National Park, (406) 888-7972.

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Director, Intermountain Region, National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

George Washington Memorial Parkway: Environmental Assessment of Proposed Wireless Telecommunications Facility at Great Falls Park, VA

ACTION: Notice of availability of an environmental assessment (EA) to erect a wireless telecommunications facility (cellular telephone monopole with support facility) that Bell Atlantic Mobile (BAM) has proposed for location on National Park Service (NPS) property at Great Falls Park, Virginia, which is managed by the George Washington Memorial Parkway.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality regulations and National Park Service policy, NPS has completed an EA which analyzes five alternatives and discusses others which were considered but rejected. The five alternatives analyzed include: (1) 125-foot monopole; (2) 150-foot monopole as proposed by BAM; (3) 150-foot monopole with two larger co-locator buildings; (4) Alternative technology; and, (5) No action. The specific location proposed by BAM is the site where an existing 85-foot NPS antenna tower is located along the Ridge Trail approximately one-half mile from the junction of Old Dominion Drive and Georgetown Pike as one enters the park headed north along Old Dominion. NPS is soliciting comments on this EA. These comments will be considered in evaluating it and in making decisions pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act.

DATES: Comments on the EA are due by Friday, June 23, 2000. Two public hearings on the EA will be held. The first will be at the Great Falls Park Visitor Center on Monday June 5, 2000, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. The entrance road into the park is located at the intersection of Old Dominion Drive and Georgetown Pike. The second will be held on Wednesday, June 7, 2000, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. in the Brooke Hall meeting room at Rockwood Manor, 11001 MacArthur Boulevard, Potomac, Maryland. Rockwood Manor is located in Rockwood Park, southeast of the intersection of MacArthur and Falls

Road in the vicinity of the C&O Canal National Historical Park and Trail, approximately 1.5 miles west of the Clara Barton Parkway.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be sent to Audrey Calhoun, Superintendent, George Washington Memorial Parkway, c/o Turkey Run Park, McLean, VA 22101 or via e-mail to gwpmp_superintendent@nps.gov. Copies of the EA have been mailed to agencies, groups, and individuals on the project mailing list. A copy of the EA can also be found at the George Washington Memorial Parkway Headquarters along the northbound lane of the parkway in Turkey Run Park, McLean, Virginia. Turkey Run Park is located north of the CIA exit and south of Interstate 495. Additionally, the document may be viewed on the park's web page at <http://www.nps.gov/gwpmp/grfa> by clicking on the link to the Environmental Assessment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Audrey Calhoun, Superintendent, George Washington Memorial Parkway, c/o Turkey Run Park, McLean, VA 22101; Telephone: (703) 289-2500.

Dated: May 30, 2000.

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Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Upper Rio Grande Basin Water Operations Review

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public scoping meetings on development of a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for upper Rio Grande basin water operations.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), with and on behalf of other joint-lead agencies [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Department of Defense; and the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission (Commission), State of New Mexico], is preparing a draft EIS on water operations in the Rio Grande Basin above Fort Quitman, Texas. Preparation of the draft EIS will be integral to the Upper Rio Grande Basin Water Operations Review. It is anticipated that a plan for water operations at existing

Reclamation and Corps facilities will be developed.

The public is invited to participate in a series of scoping meetings that will be held throughout the upper Rio Grande basin to receive comments from interested organizations and individuals on the environmental impacts of water operations in the Rio Grande Basin above Fort Quitman, Texas. Reclamation invites other federal agencies, states, Indian tribes, local governments, and the general public to submit written comments and/or suggestions concerning the scope of the issues to be addressed in the draft EIS.

Each scoping meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. There will be a presentation, an opportunity to discuss issues and ask questions of staff and managers, and an informal open house where various technical teams for the Operations Review and EIS will provide information on resources as well as receive comments. Comments will be taken and recorded in writing at the open house or they may be provided in writing by meeting participants. Written comments may also be mailed to Reclamation, the Corps, or the Commission at the names and addresses provided below. Written comments should be received no later than November 20, 2000, to be most effectively considered.

Those not desiring to submit comments or suggestions at this time, but who would like to receive a copy of the draft EIS, should write to Mr. Chris Gorbach. When the draft EIS is complete, its availability will be announced in the **Federal Register**, in the local news media, and through direct contact with interested parties. Comments will be solicited on the document.

DATES AND LOCATIONS: The schedule of open public scoping meetings is as follows:

- June 28, 2000, 6-9 p.m., Alamosa Elks Lodge, 406 Hunt, Alamosa, Colorado
- June 29, 2000, 6-9 p.m., Kachina Lodge, 413 Paseo del Pueblo Norte, Taos, New Mexico
- July 26, 2000, 6-9 p.m., Northern New Mexico Community College, 921 Paseo de Onate, Espanola, New Mexico
- August 9, 2000, 6-9 p.m., El Meson Lodge, South Highway 84/64, Chama, New Mexico
- August 17, 2000, 6-9 p.m., Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, 2401 12th NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico
- September 20, 2000, 6-9 p.m., Radisson Hotel, 750 N. St. Francis, Santa Fe, New Mexico