

Ecologist, Tara Williams conducted a wetland survey on additional lands in the area to determine if an existing wetland could be used as part of the treatment process. None were found.

Comments received on the Final EIS also concluded that the Environmental Protection Agency supported the Preferred Alternative. They also recommended that the ultimate sludge disposal location be identified and selected. A subsequent phone call clarified they did not intend for the NPS to delay in issuing the Record of Decision before resolving this, but to explain in the ROD our progress to date in locating a site. The NPS has continued to communicate with local landfills and sewage treatment plants throughout the Flathead Valley. Columbia Falls and Kalispell indicated that they will take the sludge, however they are unwilling to sign a contract today for sludge disposal that won't be necessary for another 8 years.

Two letters were also received from the Coalition for Canyon Preservation during the 30 day no-action period on the FEIS. One of these letters raised a new concern about impacts to groundwater that had not been raised in their comments on the Draft EIS. Groundwater resources and impacts were addressed in the Draft and Final EIS under the heading Water Resources and Floodplains. Specific references to groundwater are found on pages 45, 58, 59, 60, 62. Specific references to the hyporheic community that also lives in the groundwater are found on pages 67, 68, 69. The NPS decision and preferred alternative, as described in the FEIS and ROD, provides for treatment of wastewater at the highest level that technology allows. Concerns raised by CCP and other members of the public contributed to the NPS taking another look at how best to protect the hyporheic community and the Wild and Scenic River. This resulted in further modification of the effluent discharge method described in the FEIS. The new location for the exfiltration gallery and the use of the spray field during the spring, summer and fall months as described in this ROD, will result in an even better treatment system than proposed in the DEIS or FEIS.

Neither direct discharge to the Middle Fork of the Flathead River or constructing an exfiltration gallery just outside the 10 year floodplain of the River will be further considered.

As described in this record of decision treating the effluent during the late spring, summer and early fall to surface water standards and then discharging it through the existing spray field (which is not part of the treatment

process) will ensure that the groundwater and hyporheic communities are not adversely affected. Use of an exfiltration gallery (near the horse barn) and treatment of the effluent to meet drinking water standards, will ensure that groundwater is not adversely affected. It will also provide protection to the water quality of the wild and scenic river and the values for which it was designated a wild and scenic river.

Concerns were also raised by the CCP about development within floodplains. The exfiltration gallery will be buried 6 feet below the surface in an already disturbed area within the existing spray field. It will not present an obstruction within the floodplain. This is also exempted from compliance with the Executive Order 11988, in accordance with NPS Guidelines for implementing the executive order, because it is water dependent. Siting it within an already disturbed area was suggested by CCP in a letter dated October 12, 2000.

All comments received on this project are on file at Park headquarters in West Glacier, Montana. Public and agency comments were obviously an important component of this project and greatly assisted with modification and selection of Alternative 3 and the NPS decision.

Conclusion

Alternative 3 with the changes described in this record of decision, provides the most comprehensive and effective method among the alternatives considered for rehabilitating the wastewater treatment system in the Lake McDonald/Park Headquarters area. The selection of Alternative 3 as reflected by the analysis contained in the environmental impact statement, would not result in the impairment of park resources and will allow the National Park Service to conserve park resources and provide for their enjoyment by visitors.

Recommended:

Dated: March 30, 2001.

Suzanne Lewis,

*Superintendent, Glacier National Park,
National Park Service.*

Approved:

Dated: April 9, 2001.

Michael D. Synder,

*Regional Director, Intermountain Regional
Office, National Park Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Public Scoping for Proposed Construction of a Two-Unit Vault Toilet Comfort Station To Replace the Existing Portable Chemical Toilets at Gravelly Point, a Unit of the George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP)

AGENCY: National Park Service Interior.

ACTION: Availability of the proposal for the construction of a two-unit vault toilet comfort station to replace the existing portable chemical toilets at Gravelly Point.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Council on Environmental Quality regulations and National Park Service policy, the National Park Service announces the availability of a proposal for the construction of a two-unit vault toilet comfort station to replace the existing portable chemical toilets at Gravelly Point within the George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP). The proposal is examining several alternatives for the specific location of the temporary vault toilet unit. The National Park Service is soliciting comments on this proposal. These comments will be considered in preparing the Environmental Assessment pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

DATES: The proposal will remain available for public comment on or before June 13, 2001. Written comments should be post marked no later than this date.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this Environmental Assessment should be submitted in writing to: Ms. Audrey F. Calhoun, Superintendent, George Washington Memorial Parkway, Turkey Run Park, McLean, Virginia 22101. The Environmental Assessment will be available for public inspection Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. through 4 p.m. at GWMP Headquarters, Turkey Run Park, McLean, VA, on the National Park Service Website www.nps.gov/gwmp and at various libraries in the City of Alexandria and Arlington County, Virginia.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Park Service proposes to construct a two-unit vault toilet comfort station to replace the existing 2-4 portable chemical toilets at Gravelly Point within the GWMP and the possible relocation of an area designated as Governors Grove. An estimated 1 million visitors per year use the Gravelly Point area, which is accessible from the northbound GWMP as well as

the Mount Vernon Trail (MVT). Since there is no water or sewer available at Gravelly Point, the National Park Service currently provides 4 portable toilets between April and November and 2 portable toilets December through March on a rental basis. The NPS would like to replace these rental units with an alternative that is less likely to cause environmental concern from being tipped over, that is fully accessible in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and that have a larger holding capacity than the portable toilets. This would reduce the number of portable toilets needed and the frequency of pumping them. The intent of the proposed two-unit vault toilet comfort station is to provide an environmentally sound and fully accessible comfort station for visitors to this site that will better serve the public until a more permanent solution is found such as water and sewer eventually being brought to Gravelly Point. The overall goal is to meet this visitor need while preserving the viewshed from the GWMP, a property listed on the National Register of Historic Places, protecting the integrity of cultural landscape features such as Governors Grove and preventing interference with ground radar at National Airport (height restrictions). The proposed action is based on observations by National Park Service staff that existing conditions are in need of improvement at this location.

All interested individuals, agencies, and organizations are urged to provide comments on the proposal. The National Park Service, in preparing an EA regarding this matter, will consider all comments received by the closing date.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Dan Sealy (703) 289-2531.

Dottie Marshall,

Acting Superintendent, George Washington Memorial Parkway.

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

National Park Service

Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site, Cornish, NH: Environmental Assessment—Purple Loosestrife Management; Notice of Availability and Public Comment Period

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (Pub. L. 91-190) the National Park Service (NPS) announces that the document

“Environmental Assessment, Purple Loosestrife Management, Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site” will be available for public review and comment for thirty days from the date of its publication in the **Federal Register**.

The document presents four alternatives for managing the non-native, invasive plant, purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) at the site. Ultimately, an alternative will be selected that will guide the park in the management of this invasive species.

During the thirty-day comment period, interested persons may review the document and provide written comments to the Superintendent, Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site, RR 3, Box 73, Cornish, NH 03745.

The NPS will distribute a summary of the Environmental Assessment to the site's mailing list, interested individuals and institutions. The NPS will then distribute a complete version of the document to federal, state, regional, and local agencies. Both versions will be available at local libraries and at the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site.

Queries and requests for copies of the complete Environmental Assessment or of the summary document should be directed to the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site at (603) 675-2175.

Dated: April 30, 2001.

John H. Dryfhout,

Superintendent, Saint-Gaudens NHS.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Correction—Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee: Meeting

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Correction.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix (1988), that a meeting of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee will be held on May 31, and June 1 and 2, 2001, in Kelseyville, CA. This notice corrects the agenda, and the telephone number and e-mail address of the Assistant Director, Cultural Resources Stewardship and Partnerships in the meeting notice published on March 26, 2001.

The third paragraph of the March 26, 2001, notice is corrected as follows:

The agenda for the meeting will include discussion of the 1999/2000 and 2001 reports to Congress, Federal

agency compliance, status of pending disputes, contamination of cultural items, reburial on Federal lands, and implementation of the statute in the western United States.

The seventh paragraph of the March 26, 2001, notice is corrected as follows:

Persons wishing further information concerning this meeting may contact Mr. John Robbins, Assistant Director, Cultural Resources Stewardship and Partnerships, 1849 C Street NW., 350 NC, Washington, DC 20240, telephone (202) 343-3388, fax (202) 343-5260, e-mail john_robbins@nps.gov. Transcripts of the meeting will be available for public inspection approximately eight weeks after the meeting at the office of the Assistant Director, Cultural Resources Stewardship and Partnerships, 800 North Capitol Street NW., Suite 350, Washington, DC 20001.

Dated: May 1, 2001.

John Robbins,

Assistant Director, Cultural Resources Stewardship and Partnerships.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before April 28, 2001. Pursuant to section 60.13 of 36 CFR part 60 written comments concerning the significance of these properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation may be forwarded to the National Register, National Park Service, 1849 C St. NW., NC400, Washington, DC 20240. Written comments should be submitted by May 29, 2001.

Carol D. Shull,

Keeper of the National Register Of Historic Places.

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