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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Adrienne Coleman, Superintendent, Rock Creek Park, at 3545 Williamsburg Lane NW., Washington, DC 20008-1207, or by telephone at (202) 895-6004.

Dated: June 20, 2003.

**Terry R. Carlstrom,**

*Regional Director, National Capital Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Notice of Availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement for Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage, Management Plan Update

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Department of Interior.

**ACTION:** Availability of the final environmental impact statement for the Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area Management Plan Update.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service announces the availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area Management Plan Update. The Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area Act of 2000 required the Schuylkill River Greenway Association, with guidance from the National Park Service, to prepare an update of their 1995 Schuylkill Heritage Corridor Management Action Plan. The Management Plan Update includes: (A) Actions to be undertaken by units of government and private organizations to protect the resources of the Heritage Area; (B) an inventory of the resources contained in the Heritage Area, including a list of any property in the

Heritage Area that is related to the themes of the Heritage Area and that should be preserved, restored, managed, developed, or maintained because of its natural, cultural, historical, recreational, or scenic significance; (C) a recommendation of policies for resource management that considers and details application of appropriate land and water management techniques, including the development of intergovernmental cooperative agreements to protect the historical, cultural, recreational, and natural resources of the Heritage Area in a manner consistent with supporting appropriate and compatible economic viability; (D) a program for implementation of the management plan by the management entity, (E) an analysis of ways in which local, State, and Federal programs are to be coordinated to promote the purposes of this title, and (F) an interpretation plan for the Heritage Area.

The study area, designated as the Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage, includes parts of the counties of: Schuylkill, Berks, Chester, Montgomery and Philadelphia in southeastern Pennsylvania as associated with the Schuylkill River watershed.

The National Park Service (NPS) maintains two park sites within the region: Valley Forge National Historical Park and the Hopewell Furnace National Historic site. Otherwise the majority of land is non-federal and the NPS assumes a management role only within their park units. Instead, conservation, interpretation and other activities are managed by partnerships among federal, state, and local governments and private nonprofit organizations. The Schuylkill River Greenway Association manages the national heritage area. The National Park Service has been authorized by Congress to provide technical and financial assistance for a limited period (up to 10 years from the time of the designation in 2000).

**DATES:** The FEIS will remain on Public Review for thirty days from the publication of the notice in the **Federal Register** by the Environmental Protection Agency.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Peter Samuel, Project Leader, Northeast Region, National Park Service, US Custom House, 200 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106.  
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If you correspond using the internet, please include your name and return address in your e-mail message. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of

respondents, available for public review. 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 respondent's 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. However, we will not consider anonymous 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: June 19, 2003.

**Marie Rust,**

*Regional Director, Northeast Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the White-Tailed Deer Management Plan, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, IN

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the National Park Service (NPS) is preparing an environmental impact statement for the White-tailed Deer Management Plan for Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore (Lakeshore). A deer management plan is needed to ensure the local deer population does not become a dominant force within the Lakeshore that negatively influences ecosystem components such as sensitive vegetation or other wildlife.

**DATES:** The NPS will accept comments from the public for 60 days from the date this notice is published in the **Federal Register**. In addition, the NPS intends to conduct public scoping open houses at the Lakeshore. Please check local newspapers, the Lakeshore's Web site <http://www.nps.gov/indu> or contact the name listed below to find out when and where these open houses will be held.

**ADDRESSES:** Information will be available for public review and comment at the Lakeshore headquarters located at 1100 North Mineral Springs Road, Porter, Indiana, and the Dorothy

Buell Memorial Visitor Center, U.S. 12 and Kemil Road, Beverly Shores, Indiana.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Resource Management Program Assistant, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, 219-926-7561, extension 332.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Within eastern national parks such as Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, landscapes have been managed to allow for preservation and rehabilitation of scenic, scientific, and historic lands. The result is a mixture of forest, shrub, and grassland, which constitute excellent habitat for white-tailed deer. Since deer management has not been part of management policies in the majority of parks, the population of deer has greatly increased. Impacts to significant park resources by the deer population could compromise the park's purpose as mandated by Congress in 1966, which was to preserve the exceptional biological diversity found within its boundaries. The objectives of this planning effort include determining a science-based and supportable vegetation and wildlife impact level and corresponding density of deer populations to assist in potential future management actions. The plan would develop and implement an adaptive management approach for maintaining a healthy deer population. Finally, the plan would prevent impacts from deer browsing to sensitive, threatened or endangered plant and animal species. Preliminary alternatives to meet these objectives include fencing, repellents, reproductive control, direct reduction, and a combination of these management strategies. A no action alternative will also be analyzed.

A scoping brochure has been prepared that details the issues identified to date, and possible alternatives to be considered. Copies of that information may be obtained from the Resource Management Program Assistant, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, 1100 North Mineral Springs Road, Porter, Indiana 46304, telephone 219-926-7561, extension 332, or the Lakeshore's Web site (<http://www.nps.gov/indu>).

If you wish to comment on the scoping brochure or on any other issues associated with the plan, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to Resource Management, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, at the address given above. You may also e-mail comments to [indu\\_forum@nps.gov](mailto:indu_forum@nps.gov). Please submit Internet comments as a text file avoiding the use of special characters and any

form of encryption. Please put in the subject line "Deer Management" and include your name and return address in your message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your message, contact us directly at Resource Management 219-926-7561, extension 332. Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to the Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center, U.S. 12 and Kemil Road, Beverly Shores, Indiana.

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 respondent's 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 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: June 24, 2003.

**Ernest Quintana,**

*Acting Regional Director, Midwest Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### **General Management Plan, Environmental Impact Statement, Padre Island National Seashore, Texas**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan, Padre Island National Seashore.

**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 the General Management Plan for Padre Island National Seashore. The effort will result in a comprehensive General Management Plan that encompasses preservation of natural and cultural resources, visitor use and interpretation, roads, and facilities. The plan will guide the protection and preservation of the natural and cultural environments considering a variety of interpretive and

recreational visitor experiences that enhance the enjoyment and understanding of the park resources. In cooperation with local and national interests, attention will also be given to resources outside the boundaries that affect the integrity of park resources. Alternatives to be considered include a no-action and alternatives addressing the following:

To clearly describe specific resource conditions and visitor experiences in various management units throughout the park and,

To identify the kinds of management, use, and development that will be appropriate to achieving and maintaining those conditions.

Major issues include sea turtles, southern access from a ferry proposal from Port Mansfield, trash along the shoreline, dredge material disposal, illegal activities routes to smugglers, terrorists, and illegal immigrants, illegal off-road vehicles, poaching, metal detecting, and illegal commercial fishing), beach/shoreline management, boundaries, and partnership opportunities with other agencies (state and federal). A scoping brochure has been prepared outlining the issues identified to date and will be available in July 2003. Electronic copies of the newsletter will be available on the NPS Planning Web site for the plan in the What's New Section: <http://planning.nps.gov/parkweb/default.cfm?RecordID=143> or from, Jock Whitworth, Superintendent, Padre Island National Seashore, 20301 Park Road 22, Corpus Christi, Texas 78418. Public workshop information will be announced on the Web site in late August. Comments on this notice must be received by September 15, 2003.

**DATES:** The Park Service will accept comments from the public through September 22, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Information will be available for public review and comment in the office of the Superintendent, Padre Island National Seashore, 20301 Park Road 22, Corpus Christi, Texas 78418, (361) 949-8173.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jock Whitworth, Superintendent, Padre Island National Seashore, (361) 949-8173.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** If you wish to comment on the scoping brochure or on any other issues associated with the plan, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to Padre Island National Seashore, P.O. 181300, Corpus Christi, Texas 78480-1300. You may also comment via the Internet on the Your Input Section of the Web site at: