

3. Comply with pending Environmental Protection Agency Sanitary Sewer Overflow Regulations,
4. Address aging elements of the sewer system (the subject sewer is nearing the end of its useful life) and maintain system operating conditions at an adequate level of functionality,
5. Maintain continuous sewer service to existing local users,
6. Provide service availability to potential future users (Arlington Ridge Park, Arlington National Cemetery, etc.),
7. Consolidate utilities in Eisenhower Drive in accordance with the 1998 Master Plan for Arlington National Cemetery,
8. Maximize acreage for additional grave sites at Arlington National Cemetery,
9. Implement a cost-effective project for the ratepayers, and
10. Minimize capital and operating costs and operation and maintenance requirements.

All interested individuals, agencies, and organizations are urged to provide comments on the EA. The NPS, in making a final decision regarding this matter, will consider all comments received by the closing date.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Record of Decision, General Management Plan, Final Environmental Impact Statement, Tonto National Monument, Arizona

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of a Record of Decision on the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan, Tonto National Monument.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, Public Law 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 General Management Plan, Tonto National Monument, Arizona. On July 28, 2003, the Acting Director, Intermountain Region approved the Record of Decision for the project. As soon as practicable, the National Park Service will begin to

implement the Preferred Alternative contained in the FEIS issued on March 14, 2003. The following course of action will occur under the preferred alternative:

The selected alternative integrates a combination of actions that will preserve cultural and natural resources and provide opportunities for high quality visitor experiences based on resource values. This alternative provides the balance and flexibility necessary to accomplish both of these objectives in a realistic manner. A new administrative facility constructed inside the monument will improve staff needs. The existing visitor center will be remodeled to increase visitor orientation and education opportunities. A 10-to 50-vehicle transportation staging area will be built and an alternative transportation system to access park resources will be developed and implemented to transport visitors from the new staging area near the entrance station to the visitor center during the busiest times of the year. A seasonal employee/volunteer residence will be constructed increasing the park's ability to obtain needed help for resource stewardship and visitor services. The management of cultural and natural resources will improve with more staff and the information needed to conduct preservation programs.

This course of action plus three other alternatives were analyzed in the Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statements. The full range of foreseeable environmental consequences was assessed, and appropriate mitigating measures were identified.

The Record of Decision includes a statement of the decision made, synopses of other alternatives considered, the basis for the decision, a description of the environmentally 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 www.nps.gov/tont/index.html.

Dated: July 26, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

General Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, West Virginia, Virginia, and Maryland

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for the general management plan, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Park Service is preparing an environmental impact statement for the general management plan for Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. The Regional Director, National Capital Region, will approve the environmental impact statement.

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park is in Jefferson County, West Virginia; Loudoun County, Virginia; and Washington County, Maryland. The park was authorized by Congress in June 1944. Congress charged the National Park Service with managing the site as "a public national memorial commemorating historical events at or near Harpers Ferry." The enabling legislation also states that the Director of the National Park Service "shall maintain and preserve it for the benefit and enjoyment of the people of the United States, subject to the provisions of the [NPS Organic Act]."

The general management plan will prescribe the resource conditions and visitor experiences that are to be achieved and maintained in the park 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 park's purpose, significance, special mandates, and the body of law and policies directing park management. Management decisions to be made where law, policy, or regulations do not provide clear guidance or limits will be based on the purposes of the park; the range of public expectations and concerns; resource analysis; an evaluation of the natural, cultural, and social impacts of alternative courses of action; and consideration of long-term economic costs. Based on determinations of desired conditions, the general management plan will outline the kinds of resource management activities, visitor activities, land acquisition and development that would be appropriate in the park in the future. Alternatives will be developed through this planning