

erosion to original lots 3 and 8 in section 34 of the subject township.

A copy of the preceding described plat will be immediately placed in the open files and will be available to the public as a matter of information.

If a protest against this survey, as shown on this plat, is received prior to the date of the official filing, the filing will be stayed pending consideration of the protests.

This particular plat will not be officially filed until the day after all protests have been accepted or dismissed and become final or appeals from the dismissal affirmed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bureau of Land Management, 5001 Southgate Drive, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107-6800.

Dated: June 12, 2001.

Robert L. Brockie,

Acting Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Division of Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Anacostia Park General Management Plan; Public Notice

In accordance with section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service (NPS) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the impacts of alternative management strategies for the General Management Plan (GMP) for Anacostia Park, Washington, DC.

The GMP/EIS will evaluate a range of alternatives that address cultural and natural resources protection, socioeconomic concerns, traffic and pedestrian circulation, and visitor use.

Public involvement will be a key component in the preparation of the GMP/EIS.

As part of the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative (AWI), NPS is conducting a GMP for Anacostia Park. This riverine park is composed of a series of 8 areas that are better known by their individual names. They are Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens, Kenilworth Park, River Terrace, Fairlawn/Twining, Boathouse Row, Robert F. Kennedy (RFK) Stadium Shoreline, the Arboretum Shoreline and Langston Golf Course. All of these areas lay along the Anacostia River between the 11th Street Bridges and the Maryland State line. The areas are collectively named and managed as Anacostia Park. The purpose of this GMP/EIS is to give

vision and unity of purpose as well as functional specificity these areas.

A separate planning effort is being undertaken for Poplar Point. This is an area of approximately 100 acres that involves lands under the jurisdiction of NPS and the District of Columbia. Sixty acres of this is composed of lands transferred to NPS in 1984 from the Architect of the Capitol and the District of Columbia that had used these properties for plant nursery purposes for 65 years. The Act of Congress which transferred these lands provided for a joint planning process between the Secretary of the Interior and the Mayor of the District of Columbia which was to include transportation facilities related to the Metro stop and other uses to be determined by the planning process. Although this area will become part of the family of parks that are a part of Anacostia Park, its unique circumstance at this point in time requires a separate planning process as part of the AWI. The plan will also be accompanied by an EIS.

The RFK Stadium and its parking lots are on lands under the jurisdiction of NPS but are leased to the District of Columbia for 49 years with another 49-year renewable clause as provided for in Public Law 85-300 as amended (September 7, 1957). This law retained a strip of land, a minimum of 200-feet wide, along the shoreline as parkland that will be addressed as part of the GMP/EIS. The remainder of the RFK Stadium property will be included in the AWI planning.

The responsible official is Terry R. Carlstrom, Regional Director, National Capital Region, NPS. Written comments should be submitted to Superintendent of National Capital Parks—East, 1900 Anacostia Drive, SE., Washington, DC—20020.

Terry R. Carlstrom,

Regional Director, National Capital Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

General Management Plan, Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Devils Tower National Monument, Wyoming

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Availability of draft environmental impact statement and general management plan for devils tower national monument.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service announces the availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement and General Management Plan (DEIS/GMP) for Devils Tower National Monument, Wyoming.

DATE: The DEIS/GMP will remain available for public review until August 31, 2001.

Comments: If you wish to make comments, you may submit them by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to Devils Tower National Monument, Planning Team, P.O. Box 10, Devils Tower, WY, 82714. You may also send comments by email to: deto-planning@nps.gov. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your email message, you may contact Chris Moos [(307) 467-5283 ext 15)] at Devils Tower National Monument. Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to Park Headquarters/ Administration Office, Devils Tower National Monument. Please include your name and return address regardless of the method you choose to make comments. 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.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the DEIS/GMP are available from the Superintendent, Devils Tower National Monument, P.O. Box 10, Devils Tower, WY, 82714. Public reading copies of the DEIS/GMP will be available for review at the following locations:

Office of the Superintendent, Park Headquarters (Administration Office), Devils Tower National Monument, P.O. Box 10, Devils Tower, WY, 82714, Telephone: (307) 467-5283. Planning and Environmental Quality, Intermountain Support Office—Denver, National Park Service, 12795 West Alameda Parkway, P.O. Box 25287, Denver, CO 80225-0287,

Telephone: (303) 969-2851 [or (303) 969-2377].

Office of Public Affairs, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, 18th and C Streets NW, Washington, D.C. 20240, Telephone: (202) 208-6843.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The DEIS/GMP analyzes a "no-action" alternative and 4 "action" alternatives:

- *Alternative 1* (the no-action alternative) represents the continuation of existing conditions and management at the monument.
- *Alternative 2* would reduce overall development to improve the monument's natural setting; institute a reservation system during periods of peak visitation; convert the parking area at the base of the Tower to a pedestrian plaza; selectively restore natural vegetation; improve trail accessibility; and reduce the size of the Belle Fourche River campground.
- *Alternative 3* (the NPS preferred alternative) would institute a shuttle system for use during peak visitation periods; construct a shuttle staging area and visitor orientation facilities within the monument; convert the parking area at the base of the Tower to a pedestrian plaza; remove the Belle Fourche River campground and restore/revegetate disturbed areas; construct and reconfigure trails.
- *Alternative 4* would also institute a shuttle system, but would construct/relocate staging and visitor orientation facilities, along with headquarters and maintenance facilities, outside the monument boundaries; convert the parking area at the base of the Tower to a pedestrian plaza; retain camping in a portion of the Belle Fourche River campground; convert another part of the campground to a shuttle stop with visitor facilities; construct and reconfigure trails.
- *Alternative 5* would continue to offer visitor experiences similar to those presently available, but would expand, pave, and upgrade parking areas and roads, and/or add facilities to reduce visitor congestion.

The DEIS/GMP evaluates the environmental consequences of the proposed action and the other alternatives on natural resources (e.g. air quality, soils, vegetation, wildlife, wetlands, floodplains, threatened and endangered species); cultural resources (e.g. ethnographic resources of importance to American Indian tribes, Civilian Conservation Corps-constructed roadway features, etc.); the visitor experience; and socioeconomic resources (e.g. local businesses, construction-related employment, etc.).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Superintendent, Devils Tower National Monument, at the above address and telephone number.

Dated: June 14, 2001.

Jack Neckels,

Director, Intermountain Region, National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service, Interior.

Environmental Assessment for Proposal To Address Safety Concerns Along the Mount Vernon Trail in and Around Bridge #12

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Availability of the environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed safety improvements to Bridge #12 located approximately ¼ mile north of the southbound Fort Hunt exit off of the George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP) along the Mount Vernon Trail (MVT).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Council on Environmental Quality regulations and National Park Service (NPS) policy, the NPS announces the availability of an EA for the proposed safety improvements on and around MVT Bridge #12 within GWMP. The EA examines several alternatives aimed to increase safety for trail users while maintaining the integrity of the natural and cultural resources at Bridge #12. The area on and around Bridge #12 has been identified as a safety concern, primarily due to the bridge and trail designs in relationship to the existing terrain and the increased speeds that bicyclists are now able to obtain. As the trail approaches the bridge from both the north and the south, it combines a series of sharp curves with a steep downhill grade which has resulted in serious accidents to bicyclists, especially when the bridge deck is wet or damp. The NPS is soliciting comments on this EA. These comments will be considered in evaluating it and making decisions pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act.

DATES: The EA will remain available for public comment until August 1, 2001. Written comments should be received no later than this date.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this EA should be submitted in writing to: Ms. Audrey F. Calhoun, Superintendent, George Washington Memorial Parkway, Turkey Run Park, McLean, Virginia, 22101. The EA will be available for

public inspection Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. through 4 p.m., at GWMP Headquarters, Turkey Run Park, McLean, Virginia; on the NPS Website, www.nps.gov/gwmp; and at several libraries in Alexandria, Fairfax and Arlington, Virginia.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NPS proposes to increase safety for trail users while maintaining the integrity of the natural and cultural resources at Bridge #12, located approximately ¼ mile north of the southbound Fort Hunt exit off of the GWMP on the MVT. Approximately nine years ago, both ends of the bridge were widened to allow a greater turning radius for bicyclists to make the turn onto the bridge, a non-slip coating was applied to the bridge deck surface, and warning signs were posted at each end of the bridge. Although these modifications have lessened the existing safety hazards, accidents continue to occur on and around this bridge structure and it requires reconsideration. A 1990 NPS trail study entitled *Paved Recreational Trails of the National Capital Region: Recommendations for Improvements and Coordination to Form a Metropolitan Multi-Use Trail System* identified this area as a priority for safety improvements. The bridge traverses a ravine with a wetland area and small creek running through it. The existing bridge is approximately 165 feet long and is constructed from a combination of pressure treated lumber and creosote piles.

The following primary needs have been identified with this project to address the existing safety issues. There is a need:

1. For design changes to the bridge itself to make it a more sustainable structure and provide for safety on the bridge.
2. To change the steep, sharp curved approaches to the bridge.
3. To protect natural and cultural resources in and around the bridge area.

Incidents that have occurred at this location have been informally documented by observations by park staff and through conversations with visitors who have reported incidents. Physical evidence such as skid marks and bicycle paint and scrape marks on the wood of the bridge have also been observed. Finally, park staff have assisted injured bicyclists on several occasions on and around the bridge.

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