

Has the MMS Fully Evaluated the Voluntary Adoption Approach?

No. Because the MMS strongly believes that the real value of SEMP will be derived from field-level implementation of SEMP plans, we believe it will be another year before we have enough evidence to ascertain whether this regulatory approach will be a success. We have every reason to believe it will be if OCS operators continue to develop and implement their SEMP plans with due diligence.

What's Next?

The MMS will defer judgment on how successful voluntary adoption of RP75 has been for 1 year. We have, however, identified a few goals that we can pursue collectively with OCS operators during this time:

1. Work to broaden voluntary implementation to the few remaining holdouts;
2. Accelerate, where feasible, field-level implementation of SEMP plans;
3. Continue to promote greater understanding of SEMP through cooperative efforts such as the joint workshops held during 1995;
4. Begin to develop reliable, commonly-defined measures of performance; and,
5. Further explore regulatory reform for companies that conscientiously develop, implement, and undertake to improve SEMP plans.

Also during this time, the MMS will continue its efforts to independently assess implementation of SEMP by meeting with OCS operators on a voluntary basis to discuss their SEMP plans and by talking to field-level personnel during routine inspections we conduct of their offshore facilities.

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National Park Service

General Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement Rock Creek Park, D.C.; Notice of Intent

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 Rock Creek Park, Washington, D.C.

The GMP/EIS will evaluate a range of alternatives which address cultural and natural resources protection, socioeconomic concerns, traffic circulation, and visitor use. Studies will also be done on transportation issues and the management of the park as a national scenic byway.

Public involvement will be a key component in the preparation of the general management plan and environmental impact statement.

The NPS will be holding a public scoping meeting on July 24, 7-9 p.m. at the National Zoo where you will have an opportunity to present your ideas, questions, and concerns directly to the planning team. The meeting will be held in the auditorium of the visitor center (formerly the Education Building). Enter the Zoo at the Connecticut Avenue entrance and park in Lot A (parking is free).

The purpose of these meetings is to determine the content that should be addressed in the GMP/EIS. Individuals unable to attend the scoping meetings may request information from the Superintendent of Rock Creek Park at the address listed below.

You can also get the latest information on the general management plan by being on our mailing list. Please call the GMP Info Line (202-282-1008) for a recorded message and, if desired, to leave your comments; or by checking our homepage on the Internet at the following address: <http://www.nps.gov/rocr/gmpnewsletter1>.

The draft GMP/EIS are expected to be completed and available for public review by summer, 1997. After public and interagency review of the draft document, comments will be considered and a final EIS will be prepared for release by winter, 1998, which will be followed by a record-of-decision. The responsible official is Robert G. Stanton, Field Director, National Capital Area, NPS. Written comments should be submitted to the Superintendent of Rock Creek Park, 3545 Williamsburg Lane, NW, Washington, DC 20008-1207.

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Acting Field Director, National Capital Area.

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Golden Gate National Recreation Area and Point Reyes National Seashore Advisory Commission; Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act that a meeting of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and Point

Reyes National Seashore Advisory Commission will be held at 7:30 p.m. (PST) on Wednesday, August 14, 1996 at GGNRA Park Headquarters, Building 201, Fort Mason, Bay and Franklin Streets, San Francisco, California to hear presentations on issues related to management of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and Point Reyes National Seashore.

The Advisory Commission was established by Public law 92-589 to provide for the free exchange of ideas between the National Park Service and the public and to facilitate the solicitation of advice or other counsel from members of the public on problems pertinent to the National Park Service systems in Marin, San Francisco and San Mateo Counties.

Members of the Commission are as follows:

Mr. Richard Bartke, Chairman
Ms. Naomi T. Gray
Mr. Michael Alexander
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Ms. Sonia Bolaños
Mr. Redmond Kernan
Mr. Merritt Robinson
Mr. John J. Spring
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Mr. Jerry Friedman
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Mr. Trent Orr
Ms. Jacqueline Young
Mr. R.H. Sciaroni
Dr. Edgar Wayburn
Mr. Mel Lane

The main agenda item at this meeting will be possible Advisory Commission action on the Environmental Assessment for Presidio Golf Course Facilities. A presentation the draft environmental assessment on the proposed Presidio Golf Clubhouse and Maintenance Facility was made before the Advisory Commission at the May 15, 1996 Advisory Commission meeting, and public comments were taken at the June 19, 1996 Advisory Commission meeting. The 30-day comment period on this assessment ended on June 21, 1996.

Also on the agenda will be a presentation and Commission discussion on plans for Marine Learning Center at Pier 1 at Fort Mason Center and a presentation on the activities and operations of the GGNRA Special Use Permit office.

The meeting will also contain reports of committees and ad hoc committees, a Presidio General Manager's Report, and a GGNRA Superintendent's Report.

Specific final agendas for these meetings will be made available to the public at least 15 days prior to each