

paperwork burden of complying with the NPS's mining regulations is difficult. Below is the NPS's best estimate, pro-rated on an annual basis, as to the number of respondents and number of hours involved in complying with the Service's regulations governing mining claims and non-Federal oil and gas rights.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 80 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Publicly held companies, private companies and individuals.

*Estimate of Number of Respondents:* On an annual basis, the NPS estimates that it receives a range of between 20 to 35 plans of operations under its regulations: 5 to 15 plans of operations for mining claims and 15 to 20 plans of operations for non-Federal oil and gas rights.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* One. To conduct mineral development operations in park units, a prospective operator must submit a proposed plan of operations to the NPS for review and approval. Once approved, such a plan covers the life of the operation. If the plan is for geophysical work associated with private oil and gas rights it may only cover a period of a few months. In contrast, a plan for a production oil and gas well or a hardrock mine may cover a period of 10 or more years.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 1760 to 2520 hours. The NPS estimates that on an annual basis, it will take operators a range of 440 to 1760 hours to prepare complete plans of operations for review and approval under the Service's mining claim regulations at 36 CFR Part 9, Subpart A. In the case of non-Federal oil and gas rights, the NPS estimates it will take all operators a range of 1320 to 1760 hours to prepare complete plans of operations for review and approval under the Service's non-Federal oil and gas regulations at 36 CFR Part 9, Subpart B.

Please send comments regarding the accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to improve them and any other related comments on the collection of information under the NPS's mining regulations at 36 CFR Part 9 to the noted addressee above. The NPS also solicits information and estimates on the typical costs that prospective operators incur in preparing complete plans of operations under both the Service's mining claim and non-Federal oil and gas rights. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

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### **Draft General Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Cape Cod National Seashore, Massachusetts**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.  
**ACTION:** Notice of availability and public meetings of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Draft General Management Plan.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Council on Environmental Quality regulations and National Park Service policy, this notice announces the availability of a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for the Draft General Management Plan (DGMP) for Cape Cod National Seashore, Barnstable County, Massachusetts. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the environmental impact statement was prepared to assess the impacts of implementing the general management plan. This notice also announces dates of the public review period and public forums for the purpose of receiving public comments on the DEIS.

This Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Draft General Management Plan presents a proposal and two alternative strategies for guiding future management of Cape Cod National Seashore and balancing resource protection and public use. The major subject areas are natural and cultural resources, public use, nonfederal lands, and park management and operations.

Alternative 1 is a continuation of current management practices, often referred to as a no action or minimum requirements alternative in terms of lower cost improvements and minimum protection and safety actions.

Alternative 2, the proposed action, emphasizes a collaborative stewardship approach with local communities to include cooperative efforts with other governmental entities, organizations, local residents, and users to address resource management and use concerns. Alternative 3 builds on the initiatives of the proposed action, proposing the national seashore take a more active role in directing efforts to protect resources through more structured partnerships. The DEIS evaluates the potential environmental impacts associated with the strategies comprising the three alternatives.

**DATES:** The DGMP and DEIS will be available for public review on August 19, 1996. Comments should be received no later than October 31, 1996. Public meetings regarding the DEIS will be held in both August and October, 1996. Two public forums are now scheduled on August 27, 1996 and August 29, 1996 at the locations listed below. Additional public meeting dates will be arranged for October, 1996 and noticed separately in the Federal Register.

**MEETINGS:** The public forums will be held at the following National Seashore locations:

Provincelands Visitor Center, 111 Race Point Road, Provincetown, MA,  
Tuesday, August 27, 1996, 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Salt Pond Visitor Center, 50 Nauset Road (@ Route 6), Eastham, MA,  
Thursday, August 29, 1996, 6:30-9 p.m.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Public reading copies of the DEIS will be available for review at the following locations: National Seashore Headquarters, 99 Marconi Site Road, Wellfleet, MA 02667. Town halls and libraries in Chatham, Eastham, Orleans, Provincetown, Truro, and Wellfleet.

A limited number of copies of the DEIS are available from:  
Superintendent, Cape Cod National Seashore, South Wellfleet, MA 02663, (508) 349-3785. Deputy Field Director, National Park Service, New England System Support Office, 15 State Street, Boston, MA 02109, (617) 223-5048.

Comments on the DGMP and the DEIS shall be submitted to: Ms. Maria Burks, Superintendent, Cape Cod National Seashore, South Wellfleet, MA 02663, (508) 349-3785.

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Superintendent, *Cape Cod National Seashore*.  
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### **Bureau of Reclamation**

#### **Trinity River Basin Fish and Wildlife Task Force**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), announcement is made of a meeting of the Trinity River Basin Fish and Wildlife Task Force.