

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 23 S., R. 62 E.,
Sec. 6, Lot 1.
Containing 10 acres.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve****AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) will prepare a General Management Plan (GMP) and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve (hereafter, "the Preserve"), Kansas, in accordance with section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and Public Law 104-333. This notice is being furnished as required by NEPA Regulations 40 CFR 1501.7.

To facilitate sound planning and environmental assessment, the NPS intends to gather information necessary for the preparation of the EIS, and to obtain suggestions and information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS. Comments and participation in this scoping process are invited.

A series of public meetings and open houses will be held during the development of the GMP and the preparation of the EIS. Notices of the dates, times, and locations of these public sessions will be advertised in local media outlets prior to the events. Information regarding public sessions and the GMP/EIS will also be provided through periodic newsletters and through a World Wide Web page.

DATES: Public open houses will be held on Tuesday, July 15 and Thursday, July 17, 1997. The July 15 open house will be held between 4:00 and 8:00 p.m. at the office of the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve, 226 Broadway, Cottonwood Falls, Kansas. The July 17 open house will be held between 4:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the City of Topeka, City Council Office, Topeka Performing Arts Center (2nd Floor), 214 SE 8th Street, Topeka, Kansas.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and information concerning preparation of the GMP/EIS should be received no later than September 15, 1997. These comments are to be directed to the Superintendent, Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve, P.O. Box 585, 226

Broadway, Cottonwood Falls, Kansas 66845.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Superintendent at the above address or telephone 316-273-6034.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As established, the Preserve shall consist of lands and interests in lands defined by the boundary of the Z Bar (Spring Hill) Ranch in Chase County Kansas. This 10,894 acre ranch is located north of Strong City, in the Flint Hills area of east-central Kansas. The ranch contains a vast expanse of tallgrass prairie. The rolling hills and rocky soils of this area are today the most extensive remnant of tallgrass prairie in North America.

Congress established the Preserve (1) to preserve, protect, and interpret for the public an example of a tallgrass prairie ecosystem on the Spring Hill Ranch, located in the Flint Hills of Kansas; and (2) to preserve and interpret for the public the historic and cultural values represented on the Spring Hill Ranch. The 1996 legislation also established the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve Advisory Committee to serve as advisors to the Secretary of the Interior (hereafter, "the Secretary") and the NPS in the development, management, and interpretation of the Preserve.

In accordance with NPS Management Policies, the GMP will set forth a management concept for the Preserve; establish a role for the Preserve within the context of regional trends and plans for conservation, recreation, transportation, economic development, and other regional issues; and identify strategies for resolving issues and achieving management objectives.

In accordance with Public Law 104-333, the GMP for the Preserve will include provisions for:

- (1) Maintaining and enhancing the tallgrass prairie within the boundaries of the Preserve.
- (2) Public access and enjoyment of the property that is consistent with the conservation and proper management of the historical, cultural, and natural resources of the ranch.
- (3) Interpretive and education programs covering the natural history of the prairie, the cultural history of Native Americans, and the legacy of ranching in the Flint Hills region.
- (4) Requiring the application of applicable State law concerning the maintenance of adequate fences within the boundaries of the Preserve.
- (5) Requiring the Secretary to comply with applicable State noxious weed, pesticide, and animal health laws.
- (6) Requiring compliance with applicable State water laws and Federal and State waste disposal laws.

(7) Requiring the Secretary to honor each valid existing oil and gas lease for lands within the boundaries of the Preserve.

(8) Requiring the Secretary to offer to enter into an agreement with each individual who, as of November 12, 1996, holds rights for cattle grazing within the boundaries of the Preserve.

In addition, a financial analysis will be prepared that indicates how the management of the Preserve may be fully supported through fees, private donations, and other forms of non-Federal funding.

The environmental review of the GMP for the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve will be conducted in accordance with requirements of the NEPA (42 U.S.C. § 4371 et seq.), NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508), other appropriate Federal regulations, and NPS procedures and policies for compliance with those regulations.

The NPS estimates the draft GMP and draft EIS will be available to the public by May 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**National Park Service****National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations**

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before June 7, 1997. Pursuant to section 60.13 of 36 CFR Part 60 written comments concerning the significance of these properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation may be forwarded to the National Register, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127. Written comments should be submitted by July 2, 1997.

Carol D. Shull,*Keeper of the National Register.***Alabama**

- Autauga County, Lassiter House,
Autauga County 15. 0.5 mi. N of jct.
of AL 14 and Co. Rd. 15., Autaugaville
vicinity, 97000651
- Baldwin County, Johnson, Axil, House,
751 Edwards St., Fairhope, 97000649
- Jefferson County, South East Lake
Historic District, Roughly Bounded by
78th, and 8th Sts., and Division, First,