

The Draft General Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement presents a Proposal and a Management Alternative, then assesses the potential environmental and socioeconomic effects of the actions presented on site resources, visitor experience, and the surrounding area. The Proposal and the Alternative differ in their approaches to management. The Proposal calls for a strong partnership between the Woodstock Foundation, Inc. (which operates Billings Farm & Museum, located on private property within the park boundary), and the National Park Service to manage the park. The Alternative describes how the park could operate if these two organizations worked independently.

**DATES:** The formal public review period is to start on or about May 8, 1998, for 60 days (watch for Environmental Protection Agency **Federal Register** Notice on May 8). Two public forums will be held during the month of May. The dates, times, and location of the two public forums will be advertised in local media outlets.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Copies of the document will be available for review at the following locations:

Marsh-Billings National Historical Park,  
54 Elm Street, Woodstock, VT 05091  
Woodstock Town Hall, Woodstock,  
Vermont  
Norman Williams Public Library,  
Woodstock, Vermont

To request copies of the document, please call (802) 457-3368 ext. 14, fax (802) 457-3405, or write to the Superintendent, Marsh-Billings National Historical Park, PO Box 178, Woodstock, VT 05091.

Comments on the Draft General Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement should be submitted to Rolf Diamant, Superintendent, Marsh-Billings National Historical Park, PO Box 178, Woodstock, VT 05091. You can also fax your comments to the Superintendent at (802) 457-3405.

Dated: April 23, 1998.

**Rolf Diamant,**

*Superintendent, Marsh-Billings National Historical Park.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**National Park Service**

**Environmental Impact Statements; Availability, Etc: Natchez Trace Parkway, MS Southern Terminus**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Southern Terminus of the Natchez Trace Parkway, Mississippi.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Southern Terminus (Section 3X) of the Natchez Trace Parkway. This notice also announces the intention to hold public meetings for the purpose of receiving comments about the draft EIS.

**DATES:** Comments on the draft EIS should be received no later than July 7, 1998. Public meetings will be held in Natchez, MS, and Jackson, MS. The dates and times of the public meetings will be announced in local media in those cities, but they will be held no sooner than 30 days following the publication of this announcement in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the draft EIS shall be submitted to: Superintendent Wendell A. Simpson, Natchez Trace Parkway, 2680 Natchez Trace Parkway, Tupelo, MS 38801, (601) 680-4004.

The locations of the public meetings will be announced in the local media in the cities where they will be held.

Public reading copies of the EIS will be available for review at the following locations:

1. Natchez Trace Parkway Headquarters, 2680 Natchez Trace Parkway, Tupelo, Mississippi 38801, (601) 680-4005
2. Natchez National Historical Park, 504 S. Canal Street, Natchez, Mississippi 39120, (601) 442-7047
3. Judge George W. Armstrong Library, 220 South Commerce Street, Natchez, Mississippi 39120, (601) 445-8862
4. Jackson/Hinds Library System, Eudora Wetly Library, 300 North State Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, (601) 968-5809. (This is the Headquarters or main library in Jackson.)

A limited number of copies of the draft EIS are also available from the office of the Superintendent, Natchez Trace Parkway.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Southern Terminus (Section 3X) of the Natchez Trace Parkway presents a proposal and two alternative locations for the Southern Terminus of the Natchez Trace Parkway. The parkway in this region currently ends at U.S. Highway 61, about 7.5 miles east of the city of Natchez. An unopened section of the parkway has been partially constructed from U.S. Highway 61 to U.S. Highway 84/98, about 3.6 miles east of the Natchez city limits.

Alternative 1, the no action alternative, would construct an

interchange at U.S. 84/98 and make that point the southern terminus of the parkway. The proposal, alternative 2, would extend the parkway another 4.2 miles from U.S. 84/98 toward Natchez to terminate at Liberty Road, where an interchange would be constructed. Alternative 3 would expend the parkway about 4.3 miles from U.S. 84/98 to terminate with an interchange at Seargent Prentiss Drive. Alternative 3 is the only alternative which would not require the acquisition of some additional property. In every alternative, parkway users would exit the parkway and utilizing existing city streets to reach the city center or other locations in Natchez. The EIS evaluates the potential environmental impacts associated with the three terminus locations and their associated parkway routing alternatives.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**National Park Service**

**Joshua Tree National Park Advisory Commission; Notice of Meeting**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act that a meeting of the Joshua Tree National Park Advisory Commission (Commission) will be held from 9:00 a.m. (PDT) until 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 13, 1998, at the Helen Gray Center, on Whitefeather Drive in the village of Joshua Tree, California. The Commission will hear presentations on issues related to the Backcountry and Wilderness Management Plan, which serves as an amendment to the General Management Plan for Joshua Tree National Park, and will develop Commission by-laws.

The Advisory Commission was established by Pub. L. 103-433, section 107 to advise the Secretary concerning the development and implementation of a new or revised comprehensive management plan for Joshua Tree National Park.

Members of the Commission include:

Mr. Chuck Bell—Planner  
Ms. Diane Benson—Town of Yucca Valley  
Ms. Cyndie Bransford—Recreational Climbing  
Mr. Gary Daigneault—Property Owner  
Hon. Kathy Davis—County of San Bernardino  
Mr. Brian Huse—Conservation