

GMP) for Capitol Reef National Park, Utah.

DATES: A 30-day no-action period will follow the Environmental Protection Agency's notice of availability of the FEIS/GMP/DCP.

ADDRESSES: Public reading copies of the FEIS/GMP will be available for review at the following locations:

Office of the Superintendent, Capitol Reef National Park, Telephone: (435) 425-3791 x101.

Planning and Environmental Quality, Intermountain Support Office—Denver, National Park Service, 12795 W. Alameda Parkway, Lakewood, CO 80228, Telephone: (303) 969-2851.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FEIS/GMP analyzes four alternatives to future direction of park resources management, to adaptive use of the Sleeping Rainbow Ranch, to interpretation of the Fruita Rural Historic District, and to amount of visitor services. Alternative A (preferred) is designed to protect and preserve exceptional resources, the quality of visitor experience, and the wilderness characteristics of certain portions of the park. Alternative B focuses on removing many existing developments to restore and enhance natural and historic resources and the wilderness qualities of the park. Alternative C continues actions identified in the 1982 General Management Plan which emphasizes visitor services and facilities, including development in some backcountry areas. Alternative D, the No Action Plan, would maintain visitor services and resource protection at current limited levels throughout the life of the plan.

The FEIS/GMP in particular evaluates the environmental consequences of the proposed action and the other alternatives on vegetation and wildlife, endangered species, scenic values, archeological and historic resources, visitor services, and economy of adjacent communities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent, Capitol Reef National Park, at the above address and telephone number.

Dated: October 27, 1998.

John A. King,

Director, Intermountain Region, National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Draft Environmental Assessment (EA)

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of release of draft environmental assessment.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the release of a draft environmental assessment (EA) on a proposal to repair a Portland Borough Authority waterline at Slateford Farm within the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. *EA Comment Period:* Comments on or before December 11, 1998.

Copies available at: Website: www.nps.gov/dewa

Park Headquarters, River Road, Bushkill, PA 18324

Warren County Library, Belvidere, NJ 07823
Kemp Library, East Stroudsburg University, E Stroudsburg PA 18301

State Library of PA, PO Box 1601, Harrisburg, PA 17105

Easton Area Public Library, 6th and Church Street, Easton, PA 18042

Sussex County Library, 125 Morris Turnpike, Newton, NJ 07860

New Jersey State Library, 185 West State Street CN 520, Trenton, NJ 08625

Eastern Monroe Public Library, 1002 North Ninth Street, Stroudsburg, PA 18360

Pike County Library, 201 Broad Street, Milford, PA 18337

This draft environmental assessment, prepared by the National Park Service, deals with the environmental consequences of allowing Portland Borough Authority (PBA) to repair a section of underground waterline which has become exposed by a storm water discharge stream. PBA is requesting permission to access the site, stabilize the eroded channel and re-cover the waterline. Once the line is covered, the channel must be stabilized upstream to where bedrock is exposed; otherwise, downcutting will continue and ultimately expose the line again.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: PBA operates and maintains a water system that passes through DEWA properties at the southern end of the park in the area of Slateford Farm. The water system services the Borough of Portland. There is the potential for significant damage to this exposed waterline that may result from exposure to the weather, impact damage from flood debris or crushing.

The EA is available for public comment. Any member of the public may file a written comment. Comments should be addressed to the Superintendent, Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, River Road, Bushkill, PA 18324.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent, Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, Bushkill, PA 18324, 717-588-2418.

Dated: November 3, 1998.

William G. Laitner,
Superintendent.

Congressional Listing for Delaware Water Gap NRA

Honorable Frank Lautenberg, U.S. Senate, SH-506 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-3002

Honorable Robert G. Torricelli, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510-3001

Honorable Richard Santorum, U.S. Senate, SR 120 Senate Russell Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20510

Honorable Arlen Specter, U.S. Senate, SH-530 Hart Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20510-3802

Honorable Paul McHale, U.S. House of Representatives, 511 Cannon House Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20515-3815

Honorable Joseph McDade, U.S. House of Representatives, 2370 Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20515-3810

Honorable Margaret Roukema, U.S. House of Representatives, 2244 Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20515-3005

Honorable Tom Ridge, State Capitol, Harrisburg, PA 17120

Honorable Christine Whitman, State House, Trenton, NJ 08625

Honorable Joe Battisto, State Representative, 206 South Capitol Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120-0028

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Oil and Gas Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement, Big Thicket National Preserve, Texas

AGENCY: National Park Service, United States Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare and Oil and Gas Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement for Big Thicket National Preserve.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service is preparing an Oil and Gas Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement for Big Thicket National Preserve in Hardin, Jefferson, Liberty, Orange, Tyler, Jasper, and Polk Counties, Texas, and is initiating the scoping process for this document. This statement will be approved by John E. Cook, Intermountain Regional Director, National Park Service.

The Oil and Gas Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement is needed to