

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[UT-040-09-1150-00]; UTU-75173

Realty Action; Utah**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of Realty Action, Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act Classification; Utah.

SUMMARY: The following described public lands in Iron County, Utah have been examined and found suitable for conveyance under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Amendment Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-648). The land to be conveyed and the proposed patentee are as follows:

Patentee: Iron County, Utah.

Location: Salt Lake Meridian, Utah, Township 35 South, Range 12 West, Section 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$; and Section 9, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE, containing 275 acres.

These lands are hereby segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws.

Iron County proposes to use the land for the development of a public shooting range. The land is not needed for Federal purposes. Conveyance is consistent with current BLM land use planning and would be in the public interest.

The patent, when issued, will be subject to the following terms, conditions, and reservations.

1. All minerals, including oil and gas, shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals. The Secretary of Interior reserves the right to determine whether such mining and removal of minerals will interfere with the development, operation, and maintenance of the shooting range.

2. A right-of-way will be reserved for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States (Act of August 30, 1890, 26 Stat. 391; 43 U.S.C. 945).

3. The conveyance will be subject to all valid existing rights.

4. The patentees assume all liability for and shall defend, indemnify, and save harmless the United States and its officers, agents, representatives, and employees (hereinafter referred to as the United States), from all claims, loss, damage, actions, causes of action, expense, and liability resulting from, brought for, or on account of, any personal injury, threat of personal injury, or property damage received or

sustained by any person or persons (including the patentee's employees) or property growing out of, occurring, or attributable directly or indirectly to the disposal of solid waste on, or the release of hazardous substances from the above listed tracts, regardless of whether such claims shall be attributable to: (1) the concurrent, contributory, or partial fault, failure, or negligence of the United States, or (2) the sole fault, failure, or negligence of the United States.

5. Title shall revert to the United States upon a finding, after notice and opportunity for a hearing, that the patentee has not substantially developed the lands in accordance with the approved plan of development on or before the date five years after the date of conveyance. No portion of the land shall under any circumstance revert to the United States if any such portion has been used for solid waste disposal, or for any other purpose which may result in the disposal, placement, or release of any hazardous substance.

6. If, at any time, the patentee transfers to another party ownership of any portion of the land not used for the purpose(s) specified in the application and approved plan of development, the patentee shall pay the Bureau of Land Management the fair market value, as determined by the authorized officer, of the transferred portion as of the date of transfer, including the value of any improvements thereon.

DATES: Interested persons may submit comments regarding the proposed conveyance of the land to the District Manager, Cedar City District Office, 176 D.L. Sargent Drive, Cedar City, Utah 84720. Comments will be accepted until April 5, 1999.

Application Comments

Interested parties may submit comments regarding the specific use proposed in the application and plan of development, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision, or any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the land for the construction of a shooting range.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director who may vacate or modify this realty action and issue a final determination. In the absence of any adverse comments, this notice will become the final determination of the Department of Interior on April 20, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the Cedar City Field Office by contacting Ervin Larsen, 176 East D.L. Sargent Drive, Cedar City, Utah 84720, or telephone (435) 865-3081.

Dated: February 12, 1999.

Paul W. Swapp,*Acting District Manager.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**National Park Service****Environmental Statements; Availability, Etc. Stones River National Battlefield, TN****AGENCY:** National Park Service, Stones River National Battlefield, Tennessee, DOI.**ACTION:** Notice of Availability for Final General Management Plan/Development Concept Plan/Environmental Impact Statement for Stones River National Battlefield.

SUMMARY: This Final General Management Plan/Development Concept Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (FGMP/DCP/EIS) describes three alternatives for cultural and natural resource protection and management, visitor use and interpretation and related facilities development at Stones River National Battlefield. Alternative 1, the National Park Service's (NPS) proposed action, would preserve a larger area of the battlefield that has retained historic landscape integrity. It would also improve interpretation and the ability of the visitor to experience a "sense of place" within the battlefield. This would be accomplished by protection of more resources through boundary expansion and land acquisition, new exhibits in the visitor center, establishment of a new automobile tour route within the expanded boundary, and new interpretive wayside exhibits. Alternative 2 would improve interpretation and the visitor experience within the authorized boundary of the park. This would be accomplished by providing new exhibits in the visitor center, establishing a new automobile tour route within the park, and providing new wayside exhibits. There would be no change in the authorized boundary. Alternative 3 (continuation of existing conditions) would represent no significant change in interpretation and the way the park is being managed, and no change in the authorized park boundary. Under all alternatives, there would be an emphasis on working with local agencies, groups, and landowners to preserve and protect lands that retain historic landscape integrity within the

original battlefield, but outside the park boundary. Environmental impacts that would result from implementation of the alternatives are addressed in the document. Impact topics include cultural and natural resources, interpretation and visitor use, socioeconomic environment, and NPS operations. Measures that would be taken to mitigate impacts are also described in the FEIS.

Availability

The FEIS is being mailed to agencies, organizations, and individuals on the park's mailing list, and is on display at Linebaugh Public Library, 205 West Vine Street, Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37130, and at the following location. A limited number of copies are available from the Superintendent at the Stones River National Battlefield Visitor Center. Superintendent, Stones River National Battlefield, 3501 Old Nashville Highway, Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37129, Telephone (615) 893-9501.

No sooner than 30 days from the appearance of this notice in the Federal Register, a Record of Decision will be signed that will document NPS approval of the General Management Plan for Stones River National Battlefield, and identify the selected action from the alternatives presented in the FEIS.

Dated: February 5, 1999.

Daniel Brown,

Acting Regional Director, Southeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Intent to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the General Management Plan for Fort Frederica National Monument, Georgia

SUMMARY: The National Park Service will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to accompany its General Management Plan (GMP) for Fort Frederica National Monument. The Service invites suggestions for issues to be considered and ideas for resolving the issues. Public scoping meetings will be held in the local area to receive input from interest parties on issues, concerns, and suggestions for resolving these issues and concerns. The comment period for each of these meetings will be announced at the meetings and will be published on the General Management Plan web site for Fort Frederica at <http://www.nps.gov/fofr>.

DATES: Locations, dates, and times of public scoping meetings will be published in local newspapers and may also be obtained by calling the monument. This information will also be published on the General Management Plan web site for Fort Frederica.

ADDRESSES: Scoping suggestions should be submitted to the following address to ensure adequate consideration by the Service. Superintendent, Fort Frederica National Monument, Route 9, Box 286-C, St. Simons Island, Georgia 31522, Telephone: (912) 638-3630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Park Service has announced that an EIS on GMPs will be prepared for all park units. To comply with this policy, a formal scoping period is announced.

Comments are invited on any issue believed to be relevant to monument management and should be submitted to the Superintendent whose address is given above. Public scoping meetings will be held in the local area and the dates and times may be obtained from local newspapers or by calling the monument. We urge that comments be made in writing. Issues may be suggested for the Service to consider during its planning as well as suggestions for resolution. Issues currently being considered include the use of 28 acres of land acquired in 1994, potential acquisition and protection of the Frederica period house site believed to be Oglethorpe's home, coping with tremendous residential development around the park, and how to best fulfill the park's interpretive mission. Central to these issues is the determination of the monument's mission—its purpose and significance. The plan will identify desired conditions for resources and visitor experiences for various management units within the monument. A draft GMP/EIS will be prepared and presented to the public for review and comment followed by preparation and availability of the final GMP/EIS.

Dated: February 5, 1999.

John Tucker,

Regional Director, Southeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Management Plan/Special Resource Study; Environmental Impact Statement: Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District, VA; Notice of Intent

AGENCIES: Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District Commission and National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

In accordance with section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District Commission (Commission) and the National Park Service (NPS) are cooperating to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the impacts of alternative management strategies for a Management Plan and Special Resource Study for the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District (National Historic District), Virginia.

The Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District and Commission Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-333) requires the Commission, with the assistance of the National Park Service, to prepare the Management Plan. The Management Plan/EIS will evaluate a range of alternatives which address cultural and natural resource protection, visitor use, and socioeconomic concerns. The Management Plan/EIS will also incorporate a NPS Special Resource Study to examine the possibility of creating a new unit of the National Park system.

The Commission and the NPS will hold several scoping meetings in late February 1999, and early March 1999, to identify issues to be addressed in the Management Plan/Special Resource Study/EIS. The draft document is expected to be completed for public review by the summer of 2000. After public and interagency review of the draft document, comments will be considered and a final EIS will be prepared for release by the fall of 2000, which will be followed by a record-of-decision. The responsible officials are the chairman of the Commission and the Northeast Regional Director of the NPS.

For further information and meeting times and locations, contact Howard Kittell, Executive Director, Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District Commission, P.O. Box 897, New Market, VA 22844 or Jeff Reinbold, Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Project Coordinator, National Park Service, P.O. Box 897, New Market, VA 22844. The phone number for both contacts is (540) 740-4545.