Supplementary Information: Requests for copies of the FONSI, or for any additional information, should be directed to Superintendent Kate Miller, Effigy Mounds National Monument, 151 Highway 76, Harpers Ferry, Iowa 52146, Telephone: 319–873–3491. Comments on the FONSI may be sent to Superintendent Miller at this address or at e-mail: efmo_superintendent@nps.gov

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Effigy Mounds National Monument

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.


SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality regulations and National Park Service (NPS) policy, the NPS prepared and made available for a 30-day public review a general management plan amendment/ boundaries study and an environmental assessment (EA) for Effigy Mounds National Monument, Iowa. During the review period, the NPS held public meetings to discuss the document.

After the end of the 30-day public availability period, the NPS selected the preferred alternative as described in the document, and determined that implementation of the preferred alternative will not cause a significant environmental impact. In making that selection and determination, the NPS considered the information and analysis contained in the EA and the comments received during the public review period. The NPS has prepared a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the project.

Because the GMP amendment/ boundaries study is closely similar to projects for which the NPS would normally require an environmental impact statement, the NPS will make the FONSI available for a 30-day public review before implementation of the amendment/boundaries study begins.

DATES: The public review period for comment on the FONSI will end October 13, 1999.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Final Environmental Impact Statement for General Management Plan; Whiskeytown Unit, Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area; Notice of Availability

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub.L. 91–190 as amended), the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, has prepared a final environmental impact statement assessing the potential impacts of the proposed General Management Plan for Whiskeytown Unit, Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area, Shasta County, California. Once approved, the plan will guide the management of the unit over the next 15 years.

PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES: The final General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement presents a proposal and three alternatives for the management, use, and development of Whiskeytown Unit. The proposed general management plan includes provisions for preserving significant natural and cultural resources and for restoring the backcountry to more natural conditions through watershed restoration activities. The plan provides for increasing the range and depth of interpretive services, expands opportunities for backcountry use, and manages recreation at Whiskeytown Lake to provide opportunities for tranquil recreation experiences. To facilitate more tranquil experience, the use of personal watercraft at the reservoir is discontinued and enforcement of existing noise standards is increased.

Alternative A: No Action, would continue the current situation at Whiskeytown. Management focus would remain on the lake and natural...