

and 1580.22), the National Park Service will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and General Management Plan (EIS/GMP) for Point Reyes National Seashore. This notice supersedes previous Notices published on October 14, 1997 (V62; N198; P53336) and May 24, 1999 (V64; N99; P28008), and hereby extends the scoping process and comment period through March 14, 2000.

Background

The purpose of the EIS/GMP will be to state the management philosophy for Point Reyes National Seashore and provide strategies for addressing major issues. Two types of strategies will be identified and analyzed: (1) Those required to manage and preserve cultural and natural resources; and (2) those required to provide for safe, accessible and appropriate use of those resources by visitors. Based on these strategies, the EIS/GMP will identify the programs, actions, support facilities, and appropriate mitigation measures needed for their implementation. The EIS/GMP will guide management of park lands over the subsequent 10–15 years.

It has been determined that lands in the northern district of Golden Gate National Recreation Area (but administered by Point Reyes National Seashore) will be addressed in this EIS/GMP. This includes approximately 15,000 acres of land in the Olema Valley, north of the Bolinas-Fairfax Road and east of Highway 1 as well as Tomales Bay lands. Scoping comments received to date regarding other issues will also continue to be addressed, and need not be resubmitted.

Comments

Persons wishing to express any new concerns about management issues and future land management direction are encouraged to address these to the Superintendent, Point Reyes National Seashore, Point Reyes, California 94956. Comments can also be emailed to “ann_nelson@nps.gov”. All comments must be postmarked or transmitted no later than March 14, 2000. A public workshop to hear comments and suggestions will be conducted at park headquarters on Tuesday, February 29, 2000 from 5:00–7:00 p.m. Questions regarding the plan or scoping sessions should be addressed to the Superintendent either by mail to the above address, or by telephone at (415) 663–8522.

If individuals submitting comments request that their name or/and address be withheld from public disclosure, it will be honored to the extent allowable

by law. Such requests must be stated prominently in the beginning of the comments. There also may be circumstances wherein the NPS withhold a respondent's identity as allowable by law. As always: NPS will make available to public inspection all submissions from organizations or businesses and from persons identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations and businesses; and, anonymous comments may not be considered.

Decision

The official responsible for the final decision is John J. Reynolds, Regional Director, Pacific West Region; the official responsible for implementation is Don Neubacher, Superintendent, Point Reyes National Seashore. At this time it is anticipated that the draft EIS/GMP will be available for public review in the summer of 2001, and the final EIS/GMP completed in the spring of 2002. Distribution of both documents will be duly noted in the **Federal Register** and announced via local and regional press. A Record of Decision would be prepared not sooner than 30 days following release of the final EIS/GMP.

Dated: January 21, 2000.

John J. Reynolds,
Regional Director, Pacific West Region.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Scoping for Fire Management Plan, Point Reyes National Seashore, Marin County, CA

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et. seq.*) that public scoping has been initiated for a conservation planning and impact analysis process for updating the fire management plan for Point Reyes National Seashore, including Golden Gate National Recreation Area lands administered by Point Reyes National Seashore. The purpose of the scoping process is to elicit early public comment regarding issues and concerns, a suitable range of alternatives and appropriate mitigating measures, and the nature and extent of potential environmental impacts which should be addressed.

Background

Point Reyes National Seashore is a unit of the National Park System.

Research has shown that fire is a significant natural process across a large portion of the 85,000 acres administered by the park. A fire management program was begun in 1976 and has continued to the present time. Three forms of wildland fire management—aggressive suppression of unwanted wildfires, prescribed burning, and mechanical fuel reduction—have been used to achieve natural and cultural resource management, hazard fuel reduction, and fire prevention goals.

The last revision of the fire management plan culminated in a **Finding Of No Significant Impact**, dated August 2, 1993. Since that time, a range of new issues, improved information, and unforeseeable constraints have emerged which have the potential to affect the future direction of the fire management program within the parks. Some of these issues include but are not limited to: A continued decline in ecosystem health due to fire suppression, increased hazards and costs associated with fire suppression, and more stringent air quality regulations.

Comments

As noted, the National Park Service will undertake an environmental analysis effort to address issues and alternatives for fire management on lands administered by Point Reyes National Seashore. At this time, it has not been determined whether an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared, however, this scoping process will aid in the preparation of either document. As the first step in this undertaking, a variety of public scoping and information activities will be conducted. An initial public meeting will be held under the auspices of the Point Reyes Citizen Advisory Commission, January 29, 2000, 10 a.m., at the Dance Palace in Point Reyes Station. A second public meeting will be held at park headquarters on March 9, 2000, 7 p.m.

For those unable to attend meetings, a scoping document will be available through the park. Main topics addressed in the scoping document and meetings are: Background information on the fire management program; review of relevant policy and law affecting fire management programs; assessment of current fire management needs; and identification of issues and options for fire management in the parks.

Interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are encouraged to provide comments or suggestions. Written comments regarding the fire management program must be

postmarked (or transmitted) no later than March 28, 2000. For the most up-to-date information on the scoping meetings, or to request a copy of the scoping background material and provide comments, please contact: Superintendent, Point Reyes National Seashore; Attn: Fire Management Plan; Point Reyes Station, California 94965; telephone (415) 663-8522 ext. 265 (or email ann_nelson@nps.gov.).

If individuals submitting comments request that their name or/and address be withheld from public disclosure, it will be honored to the extent allowable by law. Such requests must be stated prominently in the beginning of the comments. There also may be circumstances wherein the NPS will withhold a respondent's identity as allowable by law. As always: NPS will make available to public inspection all submissions from organizations or businesses and from persons identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations and businesses; and, anonymous comments may not be considered.

Decision

The official responsible for approval is the Regional Director, Pacific West Region, National Park Service; the official responsible for implementation will be the Superintendent, Point Reyes National Seashore. The draft fire management plan and environmental document are expected to be available for public review in the summer of 2000. At this time it is anticipated that the final plan and environmental document are to be completed in Fall/Winter 2000/2001.

Dated: January 21, 2000.

John J. Reynolds,

Regional Director, Pacific West Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Denali National Park Subsistence Resource Commission; Meeting

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Announcement of Subsistence Resource Commission meeting.

SUMMARY: The Superintendent of Denali National Park and Preserve and the Chairperson of the Denali Subsistence Resource Commission announce a forthcoming meeting of the Subsistence Resource Commission for Denali National Park and Preserve. The

following agenda items will be discussed:

- (1) Call to order.
- (2) Roll call—Confirm Quorum.
- (3) Welcome and introductions.
- (4) Approval of last meeting minutes.
- (5) Additions and corrections to agenda.

(6) Business:

- (a) Proposed Federal Subsistence Wildlife Regulations for 2000-2001.
- (b) Proposed Federal Subsistence Fisheries Projects for 2000.
- (c) SRC Chairs Workshop Report.
- (7) Public and other agency comments.

(8) Set time and place of next SRC meeting.

(9) Adjournment.

DATES: The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. on Monday, February 14th, 2000 and conclude around 5 p.m.

LOCATION: The meeting will be held at the North Star Inn, Healy, Alaska.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Hollis Twitchell, Subsistence and Cultural Branch, P.O. Box 9, Denali Park, Alaska 99755, Phone (907) 683-9544 or (907) 456-0595.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Subsistence Resource Commissions are authorized under title VIII, section 808, of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, Pub. L. 96-487, and operates in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committees Act. Note that under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), transcripts of any person giving public comments may be made available under a FOIA request.

Paul Anderson,

Deputy Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Rescheduled Second Public Scoping Meeting for Environmental Planning for Use of Kenilworth Park, Washington, DC

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Rescheduled second public scoping meeting by the National Park Service (NPS) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and NPS Policy related to planning for the use of Kenilworth Park.

SUMMARY: The meeting originally scheduled for January 22, 2000, had to be postponed for reasons out of the control of NPS. On February 5, 2000,

NPS is holding the rescheduled second public scoping meeting in furtherance of its NEPA responsibilities and NPS Policy, in order to elicit additional public input concerning the future use of Kenilworth Park in light of the NPS-directed clean-up and stabilization activities in the park.

Following a November 30, 1999 public scoping meeting, NPS has been preparing a Development Plan/Environmental Assessment (EA) for future uses of this park. At the February 5, 2000 meeting, NPS will discuss alternative conceptual schemes, along with any additional ideas for the future uses of the park. NPS will also inform the public of the current NPS activities at the park. When this EA is completed, it will be available for public review prior to the NPS decision on this EA pursuant to NEPA.

DATE: The meeting will take place on Saturday, February 5, 2000 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Zion Baptist Church of Eastland Gardens, located at 1234 Kenilworth Avenue, NE, Washington, DC.

For more information, contact the National Capital Parks-East public information officer at (202) 690-5185.

Dated: January 28, 2000.

Karen Taylor Goodrich,

Superintendent, National Capital Parks-East. [FR Doc. 00-2305 Filed 2-2-00; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Wrangell-St. Elias National Park Subsistence Resource Commission; Meeting

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Announcement of Subsistence Resource Commission meeting.

SUMMARY: The Superintendent of Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and the Chairperson of the Subsistence Resource Commission announce a forthcoming meeting of the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park Subsistence Resource Commission. The following agenda items will be discussed:

- (1) Call to order.
- (2) Roll call—Confirm Quorum.
- (3) Introduction of Commission members, staff, and guests.
- (4) Review Agenda.
- (5) Review and approval of minutes from April 20-21, 1999 meeting.
- (6) Superintendent's welcome and review of the Commission purpose.
- (7) Commission membership status.