

After consideration of substantive public comments on the Revised EIS/GMP (which surfaced no new major issues or information gaps), the NPS decided to prepare an Abbreviated Final Environmental Impact Statement and General Management Plan, dated June 2001. The abbreviated format was used because changes to the revised draft document were minor and confined primarily to factual corrections, which do not modify the analysis. This abbreviated format requires that the material be integrated with the Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement and General Management Plan to comprise the full record of the environmental impact analysis and public comment.

Conclusion: Alternative 1 provides the most comprehensive and proactive strategy among the alternatives considered for meeting the NPS's purposes, goals, and criteria for managing Death Valley National Park in accordance with Congressional direction, federal laws, and NPS management policies. The selection of Alternative 1, as reflected by the analysis contained in the environmental impact statement, would not result in the impairment of park resources and would allow the NPS to conserve park resources and provide for their enjoyment by visitors. To obtain a copy of the Presentation Plan document when it becomes available, or for the complete Record of Decision at this time, requests may be sent to the Superintendent, Death Valley National Park, Death Valley, California, 92328.

Dated: September 27, 2001.

Patricia L. Neubacher,

Acting Regional Director, Pacific West Region, National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Grand Portage National Monument, MN; General Management Plan

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the draft general management plan/draft environmental impact statement for Grand Portage National Monument, Minnesota.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of the draft general management plan/draft environmental impact statement

(DGMP/DEIS) for Grand Portage National Monument (hereafter "the Monument"). This notice also announces public open houses for the purpose of explaining the DGMP/DEIS and receiving public comments on the DGMP/DEIS.

DATES: There will be a 60-day public review period for comments on this DGMP/DEIS. Comments on the DGMP/DEIS must be received 60-days after the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its notice of availability in the **Federal Register** or following an announcement in local papers, whichever is published later. Public open houses for information about, or to make comment on the DGMP/DEIS will be held in Grand Marais and other locations within the State of Minnesota. Information about time and place will be available by contacting the park at the address below. Open house schedules will be published in state and local papers.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the DCMP/DEIS are available by request by writing to Grand Portage National Monument, P.O. Box 668, Grand Marais, MN 55604-0668, by phone 218-387-2788. The document can be picked-up in person at the Monument's Headquarters, 315 S. Broadway, Grand Marais, MN.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent, Grand Portage National Monument, P.O. Box 668, Grand Marais, MN 55604-0668, or at telephone number 218-387-2788.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the general management plan is to set forth the basic management philosophy for the Monument and to provide the strategies for addressing issues and achieving identified management objectives. The DDMP/DEIS describes and analyzes the environmental impacts of a proposed action and three action alternatives for the future management direction of the Monument. A no action alternative is also evaluated. The preferred alternative, Alternative E, is an alternative that was developed to combine actions from the other alternatives to achieve desired results. It would include a year-round heritage center and an Ojibwe Culture Center. Alternative B would attempt to transport visitors back to the 1790's, with maritime transportation along the historic waterfront and additional interpretation of Lake Superior and connecting waterways. Visitors could learn about the maritime aspects of the fur trade, as well as about the Ojibwe culture and heritage. Alternative C would offer a multifaceted visitor experience: several newly reconstructed

structure and interpretive exhibits, a combined heritage center/headquarters open year-round, and an Ojibwe Heritage Cultural Center. Interpretation would encompass prehistoric, historic, and contemporary activities. Alternative D would include a large multifunctional heritage center, which would offer a glimpse into the history of the Grand Portage and its inhabitants. Alternative A is the no-action alternative, which provides a baseline for comparing other action alternatives.

Persons wishing to comment may do so by one of several methods. They may attend the open house noted above. They may mail comments to Superintendent, Grand Portage National Monument, P.O. Box 668, Grand Marais, MN 55604-0668. They also may hand-deliver comments to the Grand Portage National Monument headquarters located at 315 S. Broadway, Grand Marais, MN.

If individuals submitting comments request that their name and/or 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. As always, the 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. Anonymous comments will not be considered.

The responsible official is Mr. William Schenk, Midwest Regional Director, National Park Service.

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David N. Given,

Acting Regional Director, Midwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Environmental Statements; Notice of Intent

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a general management plan and environmental impact statement for Fallen Timbers Battlefield and FortMiami National Historic Site, Ohio.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) will prepare a general management plan (GMP) and an associated environmental impact statement (EIS) for Fallen Timbers Battlefield and Fort Miami National Historic Site in accordance with section

102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). This notice is being furnished as required by NEPA Regulations 40 CFR 1501.7.

To facilitate sound planning and environmental assessment, the NPS intends to gather information necessary for the preparation of the EIS, and to obtain suggestions and information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS. Comments and participation in this scoping process are invited.

Participation in the planning process will be encouraged and facilitated by various means. Notification of all public involvement opportunities will be announced in the local press and in NPS mailings. To begin the public process, the NPS will conduct a scoping meeting to explain the planning effort and to solicit opinion about issues to address in the GMP/EIS.

DATES: Two public scoping meetings will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2002. An afternoon session will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and an evening session will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Both meetings will be held at the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, Maumee Branch, 501 River Road, Maumee, Ohio. More information about the meetings is available from the Site Manager, Metroparks of the Toledo Area, at the address and telephone number below.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and information concerning the scope of the EIS and other matters, or requests to be added to the project mailing list should be directed to: Public Information Officer, Metroparks of the Toledo Area, 5100 West Central Avenue, Toledo Ohio 43615; phone: 419-535-3057 extension 126.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Metroparks of the Toledo Area, Public Information Officer, at the address and telephone number above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public Law 106-164, signed into law on December 9, 1999, provides for the establishment of Fallen Timbers Battlefield and Fort Miamis National Historic Site as an affiliated unit of the National Park System. The purpose of the National Historic Site is to recognize, preserve, interpret and link Fort Miamis and the Fallen Timbers Battlefield. The Battle of Fallen Timbers played an important role in the history of the Nation's early Northwest frontier and was the culminating event which demonstrated the tenacity of the American people in their efforts to expand settlement westward through the struggle for dominance of the Old Northwest Territory.

In accordance with NPS Park Planning policy, the GMP will ensure the Historic Site has a clearly defined direction for resource preservation and visitor use. It will be developed in consultation with servicewide program managers, interested parties, and the general public. It will be based on an adequate analysis of existing and potential resource conditions and visitor experiences, environmental impacts, and costs of alternative courses of action.

The environmental review of the GMP/EIS for the Historic Site will be conducted in accordance with requirements of the NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4371 et seq.), NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508), other appropriate Federal regulations, and National Park Service procedures and policies for compliance with those regulations.

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David N. Given,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Environmental Statement; Notice of Intent

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a general management plan and environmental impact statement for First Ladies National Historic Site, Ohio.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) will prepare a general management plan (GMP) and an associated environmental impact statement (EIS) for First Ladies National Historic Site, Ohio, in accordance with section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). This notice is being furnished as required by NEPA Regulation 40 CFR 1501.7.

To facilitate sound planning and environmental assessment, the NPS intends to gather information necessary for the preparation of the EIS, and to obtain suggestions and information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS. Comments and participation in this scoping process are invited.

Participation in the planning process will be encouraged and facilitated by various means. Notification of all public involvement opportunities will be announced in the local press and in NPS mailings. To begin the public

process, the NPS will conduct a scoping meeting to explain the planning effort and to solicit opinion about issues to address in the GMP/EIS.

DATES: A public scoping meeting will be held on Monday, February 25, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. at the Saxton House, 331 S. Market Avenue, Canton, Ohio. More information about the meetings is available from the Site Manager, First Ladies National Historic Site, at the address and telephone number below.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and information concerning the scope of the EIS and other matters, or requests to be added to the project mailing list should be directed to: Ms. Carol J. Spears, Site Manager, First Ladies National Historic Site, 8095 Mentor Avenue, Mentor, OH 44060. Telephone: 440-974-2993.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Site Manager, First Ladies National Historic Site, at the address and telephone number above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: First Ladies National Historic Site was established to preserve and interpret the role and history of First Ladies for the benefit, inspiration, and education of the people of the United States.

In accordance with NPS Park Planning policy, the GMP will ensure the National Historic Site has a clearly defined direction for resource preservation, visitor use, and facilities development. It will be developed in consultation with servicewide program managers, interested parties, and the general public. It will be based on an adequate analysis of existing and potential resource conditions and visitor experiences, environmental impacts, and costs of alternative courses of action.

The environmental review of the GMP/EIS for the historic site will be conducted in accordance with requirements of the NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4371 et seq.), NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508), other appropriate Federal regulations, and NPS procedures and policies for compliance with those regulations.

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David N. Given,

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