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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Concession Contracts and Permits; Extension of Expiring Contracts for Up to One Year

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

Concessioner Id No.	Concessioner name	Park
SAHI001	Friends of Sagamore Hill	Sagamore Hill National Historical Site.
STEA001	Steamtown Volunteer Association	Steamtown National Historic Site.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 2, 2002.

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Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Marin Headlands and Fort Baker Transportation Infrastructure and Management Plan, San Francisco and Marin Counties, CA; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement

SUMMARY: In accordance with § 102 (2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 et. seq.), the National Park Service (NPS) is undertaking a conservation planning and environmental impact analysis process to identify and assess potential impacts of alternative transportation management concepts and transportation infrastructure improvements for the Marin Headlands and Fort Baker area of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Transportation Infrastructure and Management Plan (Plan) will assess alternative modes of travel to and within these areas with the goal of minimizing the intrusion of automobiles and encouraging alternative modes of

ACTION: Public Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 36 CFR 51.23, public notice is hereby given that the National Park Service proposes to extend the following expiring concession contracts for a period of up to one year, or until such time as a new contract is awarded, whichever occurs sooner.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The listed concession authorizations will expire by their terms on or before December 31, 2001. The National Park Service has determined that the proposed short-term extensions are necessary in order to

avoid interruption of visitor services and has taken all reasonable and appropriate steps to consider alternatives to avoid such interruption. These extensions will allow the National Park Service to complete and issue prospectuses leading to the competitive selection of concessioners for new long-term concession contracts covering these operations.

transportation. Notice is hereby given that a public scoping process has been initiated, with the purpose of eliciting public comment regarding the full spectrum of issues and concerns, including a suitable range of alternatives, the nature and extent of potential environmental impacts, and appropriate mitigation strategies which should be addressed in the EIS process.

Background

The study focus for this Plan and EIS covers transportation issues related to the Marin Headlands and Fort Baker subregion of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) just north of the Golden Gate Bridge in Marin County. The area includes Ft. Baker and the Rodeo Valley area and the Point Bonita coastline of the southern Marin Headlands, including West Ft. Baker, Ft. Cronkhite and Ft. Barry. The Tennessee Valley area is excluded from this effort.

In June 2000, the NPS began a public planning process to evaluate current and future transportation conditions in the Marin Headlands and Fort Baker subregion of the GGNRA. A transportation planning team was retained to collect data, assess current and future conditions, identify problem areas, and assist in conceptualizing alternative solutions to transportation challenges. Two documents have been completed at this time: Transportation Management Plan for the Marin Headlands and Fort Baker—Existing Conditions Report (available on the GGNRA website) and Transportation Management Plan for the Marin Headlands and Fort Baker—Conceptual Alternatives. Two other planning efforts are underway, the Marin Headlands and Fort Baker Transportation Demand Management Program

Recommendations, and the Marin Headlands and Fort Baker Transportation Management Plan Report. The implementation of the Fort Baker Plan consistent with the requirements of the FEIS and approved Record of Decision are an important foundation for developing alternatives for the study area. All documents relevant to this planning effort are available for review at the GGNRA Marin Headlands Visitor Center, Building 948, Fort Barry, Sausalito, CA and at the City of Sausalito Public Library, 420 Litho Street, Sausalito, CA (or may be accessible at the GGNRA website (<http://www.nps.gov/goga/admin/transportation>).

Public Process to Date

The Existing Conditions Report details existing transportation related characteristics of the study area and forms the foundation of the first stage of an 18-month planning process to develop short, medium, and long term strategies for transportation improvements. The Existing Conditions Report presents data collected and evaluations about the physical characteristics (roadway network, parking distribution, transit service, pedestrian network, bicycle use, and signage); operational characteristics (daily vehicle trips, intersection volumes and geometry, individual roadway analysis, parking utilization, and destination volumes); visitor intercept surveys; and park partner surveys. The Existing Conditions Report can be downloaded from the GGNRA website or consulted at the GGNRA Marin Headlands Visitor Center and City of Sausalito Public Library.

GGNRA developed a draft set of goals and objectives drawn from NPS