

mitigated somewhat through closures, slot limits, creation of spawning habitat, and changes in water levels."

In addition, the final EIS (see chapter 4, Impacts of Alternative 1—Water Quality) indicates while no data on PAH levels in the park's lakes is available, studies of other lakes have indicated concentrations are directly correlated with the level of motorboat activities. Motorboat use comparable to that in the park has produced concentrations above EPA criteria for the protection of human health for some PAHs. Despite the possibility of larger-scale impacts from the toxic effects of PAHs, water quality generally remains high in the park, and is identified by the state of Minnesota as class A—that is, an outstanding resource exhibiting exceptional recreational and ecological values. The integrity of the water quality resource in the park is therefore intact and no impairment has occurred or is expected to occur in the future at the 1/2% per year increase predicted to occur over the life of the plan. In addition, improvements in engine technology are likely to reduce PAH concentrations over this same time period.

### Public Involvement

More information on the public involvement process is available by reading chapter 5 of volume 1 of the final GMP/EIS (consultation and coordination), and in response to issue 1 of the topic titled "Planning Process" in volume 2 of the final GMP/EIS.

In summary, the NPS initially invited the public to help scope the GMP/EIS in August 1998 through an announcement in the **Federal Register** and through a newsletter distributed by mail and in park visitor centers. Scoping input sessions were also held during August in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Duluth, Orr and International Falls. Comments made during the input sessions and written comments were summarized through a press release in December 1998.

The suggestions made by the public were used with information gathered by the NPS to develop three management approaches. These alternatives were sent out for public comment in May 1999 and public open houses held in June. The comments on these alternatives were used by the planning team to develop a fourth alternative, the draft proposed action.

The impacts of each of the four alternatives were analyzed by specialists and packaged as the draft GMP/EIS. The draft EIS was released in June 2000 and mailed to all that had returned a postcard indicating they wished to receive the document. The team conducted public open houses in

International Falls, Orr, Duluth, and Minneapolis/St. Paul in July, 2000. Although the comment period was scheduled to close in August, it was extended twice and closed October 23, 2000.

The team responded to all comments that questioned facts or information that were substantive. Those that expressed an opinion for or against an alternative or action in an alternative were noted. Duplicate comments were combined. Similar comments were also combined for readability into "issues" under particular topics. The first 130 pages of volume 2 of the final GMP/EIS are two indexes to the team's responses to substantive comments. One is organized by topic and the other by author. These substantive letters are also reprinted in volume 2.

Notification of the availability of the final GMP/EIS was published on October 12, 2001, in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: February 14, 2002.

**William W. Schenk,**

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realignment, resurfacing, and stabilization or drainage modifications along a 1-mile segment of the road. Two additional separate drainage modifications outside this 1-mile segment of Burr Trail will be included in this process. Installation of a National Park Service proposed cattle guard at the park boundary would also be considered. During the evaluation process, alternatives will be developed and evaluated to address resource protection, potential resource impacts, user capacities, and various mitigation practices necessary or desirable to minimize loss of resources. The environmental impact statement process will be conducted in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, as well as the State Historic Preservation Officer, natural resource management agencies and Tribal representatives, and other interested parties. Attention will also be given to resources outside and adjacent to the boundaries that affect the integrity of Capitol Reef National Park. Alternatives to be considered include no-action, the roadway proposal made by Garfield County, and a minimum of one alternative to the proposed road modifications.

Potential project issues that have been identified to date include alterations of geologic features, landforms, and terrain; biological soil crusts; vegetation; wildlife; threatened and endangered species; surface water; historical, archeological, and ethnographic resources; visitor use, safety, and experience; wilderness values; air quality; natural soundscapes; park operations; and soils.

The public scoping process will involve distribution of a scoping brochure for public response and comment. The scoping brochure will describe the proposed project and the issues identified to date. Copies of that information may be obtained from Sharon Gurr, Capitol Reef National Park, HC 70, Box 15, Torrey, Utah 84775; (435) 425-3791.

**DATES:** The scoping period will be 30 days from the date this notice is published in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Information will be available for public review and comment in the Office of the Superintendent, Capitol Reef National Park, HC 70, Box 15, Torrey, Utah 84775; (435) 425-3791.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Al Hendricks, Superintendent, Capitol Reef National Park (435) 425-3791.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** If you wish to comment on the scoping brochure or on any other issues associated with the plan, you may

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Road Modifications for Burr Trail, Environmental Impact Statement, Capitol Reef National Park, UT

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for the Burr Trail, Capitol Reef National Park.

**SUMMARY:** Garfield County, Utah, has proposed road modifications to the Burr Trail (Boulder-to-Bullfrog Road) within Capitol Reef National Park. Under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service is preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) to evaluate the effects of that proposal. Completion of the EIS process would fulfill a May 31, 2001 Memorandum of Agreement, which established a mutually agreeable procedure between the National Park Service, the State of Utah, and Garfield County, Utah, to conduct compliance on this section of the Burr Trail. The State of Utah and Garfield County, Utah, will be cooperating agencies in the preparation of this EIS.

This effort will identify and evaluate alternatives for proposed road modifications, that may include

submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to Capitol Reef National Park HC 70, Box 15, Torrey, Utah 84775. You may also comment via electronic mail (e-mail) to [care\\_planning@nps.gov](mailto:care_planning@nps.gov). Please submit e-mail comments as a text file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include your name, e-mail address, and return mailing address in your e-mail message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your e-mail message, contact Ms. Sharon Gurr, (435) 425-3791. Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to Capitol Reef National Park. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: March 8, 2002.

**R. Euerhart,**  
Acting Director, Intermountain Region,  
National Park Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### General Management Plan, Environmental Impact Statement for Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument, Texas

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the general management plan for Lake Meredith National Recreation Area (NRA) and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument (NM), Texas.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service is preparing an environmental impact

statement for the general management plan (GMP) for both the Lake Meredith NRA and the Alibates Flint Quarries NM. The Director, Intermountain Region will approve this statement. Alibates Flint Quarries NM is located immediately adjacent to Lake Meredith NRA. The national recreation area staff administers the national monument. The planning effort will result in a comprehensive general management plan for both sites that encompasses preservation of natural and cultural resources, visitor use and interpretation, and roads, and facilities. In cooperation with local interests, attention will also be given to resources outside the boundaries that affect the integrity of either site. Alternatives to be considered include no action, the preferred alternative and other alternatives addressing the following major issues:

- How can the important natural and cultural resources of Lake Meredith NRA and Alibates Flint Quarries NM be best protected and preserved, while providing for visitor use for present and future generations?
- What level and type of use is appropriate to be consistent with the purpose, and significance of both sites?
- What facilities are needed to meet the mission goals of both sites regarding natural and cultural resource management, visitor use and interpretation, partnerships, and operations?

The National Park Service held joint public scoping meetings regarding the GMP during the week of May 7, 2001. The purpose of these meetings was to explain the planning process and to obtain comments concerning appropriate resource management, desired visitor use, interpretation, facilities; and other issues that need to be resolved. The public was invited to attend any or all of these meetings. The National Park Service is providing the public with an additional 30 days to provide their ideas, concerns and comments on appropriate resource management, desired visitor use, interpretation, facilities and other issues that need to be resolved.

**Comments:** If you wish to submit issues or provide input to the initial phase of developing the GMP, you may do so mailing your comments to Superintendent, National Park Service, Lake Meredith National Recreation Area, P.O. Box 1460, 419 E. Broadway, Fritch, TX 79036. You may also comment via the Internet to [LAMR\\_Superintendent@nps.gov](mailto:LAMR_Superintendent@nps.gov). Please submit Internet comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include "Attn: GMP Team"

and your name and return address in your Internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your Internet message, contact Superintendent Karren Brown directly at telephone (806) 857-3151. Finally you may hand-deliver your comments to park headquarters, 419 E. Broadway, Fritch, TX 79036. Public scoping comments should be received no later than 30 days from the publication of this Notice of Intent. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home addresses from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact Superintendent, National Park Service, Lake Meredith National Recreation Area, Telephone: 806-857-3151, Fax: 806-857-2319.

Dated: February 8, 2002.

**R. Everhart,**

Director, Intermountain Region, National Park Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Notice of Intent for Low Gullah Culture Special Resource Study

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the Low Country Gullah Culture Special Resource Study.

**SUMMARY:** The National Park Service (NPS) will prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on the Low Country Gullah Culture Special Resource Study (SRS). The NPS will conduct public scoping meetings within the resource study area to receive input on issues, concerns and proposals believed to be relevant to the management of Gullah/Geechee culture. The meetings may also address the inclusion of potential sites associated with Gullah/Geechee culture as units of the National Park System. Of particular interest to the NPS are suggestions and ideas for managing cultural and natural resources associated with Gullah/Geechee culture and developing both new and existing interpretive programs to provide the public with greater