

preservation of cultural landscape quality, improvement of accessibility, and preservation of the Monument structure and the Monument Lodge.

The existing concrete jersey barriers and the interim visitor security facility obstruct important vistas to and from the Monument and Grounds, intrude on the setting of this important national icon, and disrupt pedestrian circulation patterns. In addition, the current system requires heavy personnel staffing by the U.S. Park Police.

This EA addresses the environmental consequences of two build alternatives, as well as the impacts associated with maintaining the status quo. Alternative A (Below-Grade Alternative); Alternative B (Above Grade Alternative), and Alternative C (No Action Alternative). The two build alternatives are intended to fulfill the security goals and objectives for the Monument through three types of physical improvements: (1) Visitor screening facility, (2) vehicle barrier system, and (3) Grounds improvements.

Alternative A includes an underground screening facility and passageway to the Monument and a landscaped vehicle barrier system of walled terraces, a screening berm and pathways. The Monument Lodge would be rehabilitated as the portal to the new underground facility. A graded system of walled terraces would replace the concrete jersey vehicle barriers. Alternative B includes a visitor screening facility located above-ground near the Sylvan Theater, away from the primary views and vistas. Visitors would travel from the Theater in an above-ground, double-fenced security pathway to the Monument. Security bollards would be placed at the 1-1/4-mile perimeter of the Grounds to provide a barrier system that would stop moving vehicles, replacing the existing concrete jersey vehicle barriers. The parking lot at 16th Street would be removed in both Alternatives A and B, which would allow the German-American Friendship Garden to be completed. Alternative C would retain the existing structures and elements of the Washington Monument Grounds in their existing use and condition. There would be no new development or reconfiguration of facilities, and the parking lot on the northern portion of the Grounds at 16th Street would remain.

This EA seeks to determine the potential impacts and recommended mitigation measures related to the proposed action or to no action. The EA addresses short-term construction-related impacts and long-term operational effects, as well as the

cumulative impacts that would result from this and other projects within the study area. The National Park Service has prepared this EA in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Council on Environmental Quality regulations implementing that Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, and the National Park Service Director's Order-12. This EPA was prepared in cooperation with the National Capital Planning Commission.

Dated: April 24, 2002.

**Terry R. Carlstrom,**

*Regional Director, National Capital Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### National Park System Advisory Board; Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix, that the National Park System Advisory Board will conduct a public meeting by teleconference on May 29, 2002, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, inclusive. Members of the public may attend the meeting in person at two locations: (1) In Washington, DC, at the Jury's Hotel, Burlington Ballroom, 1500 New Hampshire Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20036; and in Homestead, Florida, at Biscayne National Park, the Headquarters Building, 9700 SW 328th Street, Homestead, Florida 33090. The meeting is open to the public. During this teleconference, the National Park System Advisory Board will receive and discuss the final report of its Stiltsville Committee concerning the proposed disposition of seven structures known collectively as "Stiltsville" and located within the waters of Biscayne National Park. Information about Stiltsville can be found on Biscayne National Park's website at [www.nps.gov/bisc](http://www.nps.gov/bisc). For copies of the committee report, please contact Shirley Sears Smith, Office of Policy, National Park Service, at 202-208-7456.

Opportunities for oral comment will be limited to no more than 3 minutes per speaker and no more than 15 minutes total. The Board's chairman will determine how time for oral comments will be allocated. Anyone who wishes further information concerning the meeting, or who wishes to submit a written statement, may

contact Mr. Loran Fraser (202-208-7456), Office of Policy, National Park Service, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240.

Draft minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection about 12 weeks after the meeting, in room 2414, Main Interior Building, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Dated: May 10, 2002.

**P. Daniel Smith,**

*Special Assistant to the Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before April 27, 2002. Pursuant to section 60.13 of 36 CFR part 60 written comments concerning the significance of these properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation may be forwarded by United States Postal Service, to the National Register Historic Places, National Park Service, 1849 C St. NW., NC400, Washington, DC 20240; by all other carriers, National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 800 N. Capitol St., NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20002; or by fax, 202-343-1836. Written or faxed comments should be submitted by May 31, 2002.

**Beth M. Boland,**

*Acting Keeper of the National Register.*

#### Arkansas

##### Conway County

Menifee High School Gymnasium (Public Schools in the Ozarks MPS), Jct. of N. Park St. and E. Mustang St., Menifee, 02000601

Wood, W.L., House, 709 N. Morrill St., Morrilton, 02000604

##### Scott County

Parks School, AR 28, Parks, 02000602

##### St. Francis County

Bond, Scott, Family Plot (Ethnic and Racial Minority Settlement of the Arkansas Delta MPS), 0.3 W of 5th St. on AR 70W, Madison, 02000603

#### Florida

##### Indian River County

Hallstrom House,