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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Special Resource Study for the Battle of Homestead and Carrie Furnaces Sites

AGENCY: National Park Service,
Department of Interior.

ACTION: Availability of draft
environmental impact statement for the
Special Resource Study for the Battle of
Homestead and Carrie Furnaces sites.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C)
of the National Environmental Policy
Act of 1969, the National Park Service
announces the availability of a Draft
Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)
for the Special Resource Study for the
Battle of Homestead and Carrie
Furnaces sites in Homestead,
Pennsylvania. The Department of the
Interior and Related Agencies
Appropriations Bill (House of
Representatives Committee Report 105-
609) directed the National Park System
to undertake a Special Resource Study
for the Battle of Homestead and Carrie
Furnace sites in Pennsylvania. The
purpose of a Special Resource Study is
to determine the degree and kind of
federal actions that may be desirable for
the management and protection of an
area considered to have potential for
addition to the National Park System.
This is a Special Resource Study (SRS)
of the U.S. Steel Homestead Works
including the Battle of Homestead site
and adjacent town of Homestead and
the related Carrie Furnace area. The
study area includes the National
Historic District in the town of
Homestead, the landing site and pump
house, the site of Carrie Furnaces
number 6 and 7, and the Hot Metal
Bridge. The study addresses the
significance of the site in the contexts of
the history of steel making and labor
history in the United States.

The study area, includes portions of
four boroughs within Allegheny County:

Homestead, Munhall, Rankin and
Swissvale.

The land under consideration is
currently part of the Rivers of Steel
National Heritage Area, but it is all in
private ownership and there is not
expected to be any federal ownership
and no NPS management role. Instead,
conservation, interpretation and other
activities will continue to be managed
by partnerships among federal, state,
and local governments and private
nonprofit organizations. The national
heritage area is managed by the Steel
Industry Heritage Corporation (SIHC), a
non-profit 501(c)(3). The National Park
Service has been authorized by Congress
to provide technical and financial
assistance for a limited period to the
SIHC (up to 10 years from the time of
the designation in 1996).

DATES: The DEIS will remain on Public
Review for a period of sixty days after
the Federal Register Announcement by
the U.S. Environmental Protection
Agency. If necessary a public meeting
will be scheduled and notice will be
made of the meeting through a broad
public mailing and publication in the
local newspapers.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Peter Samuel, Project Leader,
Philadelphia Support Office, National
Park Service, U.S. Custom House, 200
Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA
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597-1848.

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Dated: August 7, 2002.

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Heritage Partnerships, NPS Northeast Region.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Draft General Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/EIS), Chickasaw National Recreation Area, Oklahoma

AGENCY: National Park Service,
Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an
environmental impact statement for a
General Management Plan, Chickasaw
National Recreation Area, Oklahoma.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the
National Environmental Policy Act, the
National Park Service is preparing an
environmental impact statement (EIS)
for a general management plan for
Chickasaw National Recreation Area.
The environmental impact statement
will be approved by the Director,
Intermountain Region.

The general management plan (GMP)
will establish the overall direction for
the park, setting broad management
goals for managing the area over the
next 15 to 20 years. The plan will
prescribe desired resource conditions
and visitor experiences that are to be
achieved and maintained throughout
the park. Based on the desired
conditions, the plan will outline the
kinds of resource management
activities, visitor activities, and
developments that would be appropriate
in the park. Among the topics that will
be addressed are protection of natural
and cultural resources, water resources,
management of the cultural landscape,
appropriate range of visitor uses, facility
developments, traffic patterns and
circulation, staff needs, education and
interpretive efforts, park partnerships,
and external pressures on the park. In
cooperation with local, state, tribal, and
other federal agencies, attention will
also be given to cooperative efforts to
address issues that affect the integrity of
Chickasaw National Recreation Area,
such as the management of water
resources.

A range of reasonable alternatives for
managing the park, including a no-
action and preferred alternative, will be
developed through the planning process
and included in the EIS. The EIS will
evaluate the potential environmental
impacts of the alternatives.

As the first phase of the planning and
EIS process, the National Park Service is
beginning to scope the issues to be
addressed in the GMP/EIS. All
interested persons, organizations, and
agencies are encouraged to submit
comments and suggestions regarding the
issues or concerns the GMP/EIS should

address, including the suitable range of alternatives and appropriate mitigating measures, and the nature and extent of potential environmental impacts.

DATES: Written comments on the scope of the general management plan/ environmental impact statement will be accepted for 60 days beyond the publication of this Notice of Intent. In addition, public scoping sessions will be held at Sulphur and surrounding communities in the fall of 2002. Locations, dates, and times of these meetings will be provided in local and regional newspapers, a scoping newsletter to be mailed in September, and on the Internet at www.nps.gov/chic.

ADDRESSES: Written comments or requests to be added to the project mailing list should be directed to: John F. (Rick) Shireman, Superintendent, Chickasaw National Recreation Area, 1008 W. 2nd, Sulphur, OK 73086, telephone (580) 622-3161, extension 1-200; e-mail: chic_superintendent@nps.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Superintendent, John F. (Rick) Shireman, Chickasaw National Recreation Area, 1008 W. 2nd, Sulphur, OK 73086, telephone (580) 622-3161, extension 1-200. General information about Chickasaw National Recreation Area is available on the Internet at <http://www.nps.gov/chic>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Please submit Internet comments as a text file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Be sure to include your name and return street address in your Internet message.

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 their home addresses be withheld from the public record, which will be honored to the extent allowable by law. Requests to withhold names and/or addresses must be stated prominently at the beginning of the comments. However, submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: August 21, 2002.

Michael D. Synder,

Acting Director, Intermountain Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

General Management Plan, Final Environmental Impact Statement, Fort Davis National Historic Site, Texas

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan, Fort Davis National Historic Site.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(c), the National Park Service announces the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan, Fort Davis National Historic Site, Fort Davis, Texas.

DATES: The National Park Service will execute a Record of Decision (ROD) no sooner than 30 days following publication by the Environmental Protection Agency of the notice of availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

ADDRESSES: Information will be available for public review in the office of the Superintendent, and at the following locations: (1) Superintendent, Fort Davis National Historic Site, P.O. Box 1379, Fort Davis, Texas 79734. (2) On the NPS Planning Web site at: <http://planning.den.nps.gov/plans.cfm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent, Fort Davis National Historic Site, P.O. Box 1379, Fort Davis, Texas 79734 915-426-3224, extension 21.

Dated: August 5, 2002.

Michael D. Sunder,

Director, Intermountain Region, National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Final Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan for Fort Frederica National Monument, Saint Simons Island, Georgia.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement

and General Management Plan (FEIS/GMP) for Fort Frederica National Monument, St. Simons Island, Georgia.

DATES: The Draft EIS/GMP was on public review from October 15, 2001 through December 15, 2001. Responses to public comment are addressed in the FEIS/GMP. A 30-day no-action period will follow the Environmental Protection Agency's Notice of Availability of the FEIS/GMP. After the 30-day period, a Record of Decision will be signed that will document NPS approval of the FEIS/GMP and identify the selected alternative for implementation.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the FEIS/GMP are available from the Superintendent, Fort Frederica National Monument, Route 9, Box 286-C, St. Simons Island, Georgia 31522. Public reading copies of the FEIS/GMP will also be available for review at the following locations:

- Division of Planning and Compliance, Southeast Regional Office, National Park Service, Attention: David Libman, 100 Alabama Street, 1924 Building, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, Telephone: 404-562-3124, ext. 685.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent, Fort Frederica National Monument, Route 9, Box 286C, St. Simons Island, Georgia 31522, Telephone: 912-638-3639

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Consistent with the park's purpose, significance, and mission goals, the FEIS/GMP analyzes 4 alternatives for guiding management of the park over the next 15 to 20 years. The alternatives incorporate various management prescriptions to ensure resource protection and quality visitor experience conditions. The environmental consequences anticipated from implementing the various alternatives are addressed in the document. Impact topics include cultural resources, natural resources, visitor use and experience, and the socioeconomic environment. The following management alternatives were evaluated in the FEIS/GMP:

Alternative A would emphasize the use of archeological methods and the tangible discoveries of archeological investigations to tell the story to visitors. Active archeological investigations would occur regularly. There would be opportunities for visitors to interact actively with archeologists on site and in labs, and with other park staff. Under this alternative, the park would provide additional archeological infrastructure including a lab to wash, screen, dry, number, and store artifacts in a controlled (humidity, temperature,