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Qualla Boundary Public Library, 810 Ocquoni Road, Room 151, Cherokee, NC 28719

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed action involves the exchange of land known as the Ravensford site that is located on the North Carolina side of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and Blue Ridge Parkway for land of equal or greater monetary value that would be consolidated within a unit of the National Park Service in North Carolina as allowed under the Land and Water Conservation Act. Congress authorized the NPS to consider the feasibility of a land between the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and Blue Ridge Parkway and the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians. The tribal purpose for securing this land is for new schools construction. The exchange would also reestablish the territorial jurisdiction along Big Cove Road to the Qualla Boundary (also known as the EBCI Reservation).

Under the proposed action, land that is currently part of an area between the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and Blue Ridge Parkway known as the Ravensford site would be exchanged for a 218-acre site adjacent to the Blue Ridge Parkway known as the Waterrock Knob site. In addition to the no-action alternative, two exchange alternatives were developed and are analyzed in the DEIS. Environmental impacts were analyzed in this DEIS for the following resources areas: Land use, infrastructure, air quality and noise, visual resources, geology and soils, water resources, ecological resources, cultural resources, socioeconomic, waste management, and environmental justice. Direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts along with associated mitigation measures to reduce the

potential for impacts were evaluated and are described for each resource area.

Our practice is to make the public comments we receive in response to planning documents, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. If you wish for us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. Anonymous comments will be included in the public record. However, the National Park Service is not legally required to consider or respond to anonymous comments. 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.

The responsible official for this environmental impact statement is William W. Schenk, Regional Director, National Park Service, Southeast Region, 100 Alabama Street SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Dated: May 6, 2003.

William W. Schenk,

Regional Director, Southeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Availability of the Final General Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement for Wilson's Creek National Battlefield, MO

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, the National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of the final general management plan and environmental impact (GMP/EIS) for Wilson's Creek National Battlefield, Missouri (WICR). This notice is being furnished as required by NEPA Regulations 40 CFR 1501.7.

DATES: The required no-action period on this final GMP/EIS will expire 30 days after the Environmental Protection Agency has published a notice of availability of the final GMP/EIS in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Final GMP/EIS are available from the Acting Superintendent, Wilson's Creek National Battlefield, 6424 West Farm Road 182, Republic, Missouri 65738-9514. The phone number is 417-732-

2662 and the fax number is 417-732-1167.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the general management plan is to set forth the basic management philosophy for WICR and to provide the strategies for addressing issues and achieving identified management objectives. The final GMP/EIS describes and analyzes the environmental impacts of two action alternatives. A no action alternative is also evaluated. The draft GMP/EIS for WICR was released to the public on June 21, 2002. The public comment period ended August 20, 2002.

Although 84 reviewers submitted written comments on the draft GMP/EIS, no substantive comments were received. Of those responding, 43, or slightly over 50 percent, expressed a preference for a particular alternative. Of that number, 36 reviewers, or nearly 90 percent, expressed their support for alternative B, Wilson's Creek Battlefield Commemoration, the preferred alternative. Many of the remaining reviewers expressed support for enhancement of the battlefield landscape, and the expanded commemoration and interpretation of the Battle of Wilson's Creek. However, many also expressed concern that future park management would eliminate or severely limit recreational opportunities. Recreational use will continue to be allowed but will be managed so as not to conflict with the core mission of the park or the primary visitor experience.

The responsible official is Mr. Ernest Quintana, Acting Midwest Regional Director, NPS.

Dated: April 18, 2003.

Ernest Quintana,

Acting Regional Director, Midwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Citizen Advisory Commission Meeting

AGENCY: National Park Service; Interior.
ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Citizen Advisory Commission. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463).

Meeting Date and Time: Saturday, September 6, 2003, at 9 a.m.