

process and will include, at a minimum, no-action and the preferred alternative.

Major issues include protection and interpretation of natural and cultural resources, adaptive re-use of historic structures, quality of visitor experience, land acquisition, and potential partnerships with other agencies, organizations, and local interests.

DATES: The National Park Service will conduct public scoping for 60 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Open meetings regarding the general management plan will be held during the public scoping period. Specific dates, times, and locations will be made available in the local media, on the Harpers Ferry National Historical Park Web site (<http://www.nps.gov/hafe>), or by contacting the Superintendent.

ADDRESSES: Throughout the scoping and planning process, information will be available for public review and comment in the office of the superintendent (Donald Campbell, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, PO Box 65, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent Donald Campbell, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, PO Box 65, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425; Tel: (304) 535-6224; FAX: (304) 535-4022.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: If you wish to comment on the general management planning process for Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, or on any issues associated with the plan, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to Superintendent Donald Campbell, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, PO Box 65, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425. You may also e-mail comments to the Superintendent's Office at Judy.Coleman@nps.gov. Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to the Harpers Ferry Visitor Center (off U.S. Highway 340). 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 address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will make all submissions from organizations, businesses, or individuals identifying themselves as representatives or

officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: June 13, 2003.

Terry Carlstrom,

Regional Director, National Capital Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Environmental Statements: Notice of Intent

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102 (2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service announces its intent to prepare a General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/EIS) for the Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site, Elverson, Pennsylvania. The park comprises 848 acres, including the finest surviving example of a cold-blast charcoal fired furnace, and related structures, including 50 listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Prepared by planners in the NPS Northeast Region, with assistance from advisors and consultants, the GMP/EIS will propose a long-term approach to managing the Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site. Consistent with the site's mission, NPS policy, and other laws and regulations, alternatives will be developed to guide the management of the site over the next 15 to 20 years. The alternatives will incorporate various zoning and management prescriptions to ensure resource preservation and public enjoyment of the site. The environmental consequences that could result from implementing the various alternatives will be evaluated in the plan. Impact topics will include cultural and natural resources, visitor experience, park operations, the socioeconomic environment, impairment, and sustainability. The public will be invited to express concerns about the management of the site early in the process through public meetings and other media; and will have an opportunity to review and comment on a draft GMP/EIS. Following public review processes outlined under NEPA, the final plan will become official, authorizing implementation of a preferred alternative. The target date for

the Record of Decision is October 28, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent, Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site, (610) 582-8773.

Dated: July 10, 2003.

William A. Sanders,

Superintendent, Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

General Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement, Hovenweep National Monument, Colorado and Utah

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for a general management plan for Hovenweep National Monument.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Park Service is preparing an environmental impact statement for a general management plan for Hovenweep National Monument. This effort will result in a comprehensive general management plan that provides a framework for making management decisions regarding the preservation of natural and cultural resources, visitor use and interpretation, and development of appropriate park facilities. In cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management, the United States Forest Service, the Colorado and Utah State Historic Preservation Offices, and Utah State Parks, attention will also be given to resources outside the boundaries that affect the integrity of Hovenweep National Monument. Alternatives to be considered include no-action, the proposed action and other reasonable alternatives.

Major opportunities and concerns at Hovenweep National Monument include:

1. Hovenweep NM does not have a general management plan to provide a comprehensive vision for the monument and forum for public input on the management of the monument. The creation of a new national monument, the Canyon of the Ancients increases the need for interagency cooperation and consultation on issues relating to resource protection, visitor education and enjoyment of these resources.

2. Oil and gas development and pressure to explore and develop other reserves on lands adjacent to the monument poses the potential for impacts on the monument's natural and cultural resources.