

alternatives. Impact topics include cultural and natural resources, visitor experience, park operations, and the socioeconomic environment.

Alternative C is the National Park Service's preferred alternative. This notice also announces that a public meeting will be held to solicit comments on the Draft GMPA/EIS during the public review period identified below.

DATES: The Draft GMPA/EIS will be available for public review for 60 days from September 17, 2004 through November 16, 2004. The National Park Service will hold a public meeting to solicit comments during the public review period. The public meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 20, 2004, at the Sumner Memorial High School cafeteria on U.S. Route 1 in Sullivan, Maine, from 7 to 9 p.m. Comments on the Draft GMPA/EIS must be received at one of the addresses below no later than November 16, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the Draft GMPA/EIS should be mailed to: Superintendent, Acadia National Park, P.O. Box 177, Bar Harbor, Maine 04609, or sent by e-mail to:

john_t_kelly@nps.gov. Comments may also be submitted on the Internet at: planning.nps.gov/plans.cfm.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the Draft GMPA/EIS are available on request by writing to: John T. Kelly, Acadia National Park, P.O. Box 177, Bar Harbor, Maine 04609; e-mailing: john_t_kelly@nps.gov, or calling: 207-288-8703. The Draft GMPA/EIS is available for pick-up in person at the Acadia National Park Headquarters on Route 233/Eagle Lake Road in Bar Harbor, Maine, during regular business hours. It is also available on the Internet at: <http://www.nps.gov/acad/schoodic/home.htm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Acadia National Park includes 2,366 acres on Schoodic Peninsula, most of which was acquired in 1929 as a donation from the Hancock County Trustees of Public Reservations. The Schoodic District offers exceptional views of the surf, rocky coast, and surrounding islands in an uncrowded environment, and receives approximately 250,000 visits a year.

In 1935, the U.S. Navy established a radio communications base within the park at Schoodic Point. The U.S. Navy closed the base after 67 years of service and returned 100 acres to the NPS on July 1, 2002. The former navy base contains 36 major buildings totaling approximately 206,000 square feet, including a dormitory, apartment complex, cafeteria, medical clinic, fire

station, commissary, gymnasium, day care center, maintenance facility, recreational facilities, and related utility systems. The original apartment building (Rockefeller Building) and generator house are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

The Schoodic District is zoned "Natural Area" in Acadia's 1992 General Management Plan. The National Park Service manages visitor use at Schoodic to retain current use levels and opportunities for low-density recreation. The Schoodic District contains two "Rare Natural Communities" (Jack Pine Woodland and Maritime Shrubland), several rare plant species, and significant habitat for seabirds, shorebirds, waterfowl, and bald eagles, as identified by the Maine Natural Areas Program. Most of the Schoodic District is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places because of its historically significant cultural landscape.

In response to the transfer of the Navy base, the National Park Service has prepared a draft amendment to the park's General Management Plan that describes three alternatives for the management and development of the Schoodic District over the next 15 to 20 years. The Environmental Impact Statement assesses the potential environmental impacts of implementing the alternatives. To support the plan, the National Park Service has prepared a cultural landscape inventory, transportation feasibility study, collections management plan, visitor use study, and fire protection study for Schoodic, and conducted public scoping of the alternatives, including consultations with Indian tribes in Maine. The reuse of the former navy base will be consistent with the laws and management policies that govern the use of national parks.

All alternatives include establishing the Schoodic Education and Research Center (SERC), which is a National Park Service approved research learning center that began operation in 2002. The purpose of SERC is to promote and facilitate education and research that is consistent with the mission of the National Park Service. SERC would offer classrooms, laboratories, offices, and lodging to educators, researchers, and students of all ages. SERC's programs and activities would not degrade the purposes and values for which Acadia National Park was established. In addition to Alternative A, which is the "no action" alternative required by the National Environmental Policy Act, the NPS is proposing the two action alternatives described below.

Alternative B emphasizes the park's use of the former navy base for managing the Schoodic District, providing interpretive services to visitors, facilitating park research, offering resident environmental education programs, and housing staff. Under Alternative B, SERC would expand and improve the park's ongoing educational and research activities. Alternative C is the National Park Service's preferred alternative and emphasizes the use of the former navy base as an education and research center by multiple partners managed by a nonprofit organization. Under Alternative C, SERC would provide opportunities for collaboration among a variety of partners and complement the growing momentum in science and research that is underway in the region.

After public review of the Draft GMPA/EIS, the National Park Service will consider comments, and a Final GMPA/EIS, followed by a Record of Decision, will be prepared. The Final GMPA/EIS is scheduled for completion in 2004.

Dated: July 6, 2004.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Chesapeake Bay Special Resource Study, Final Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of a Chesapeake Bay Special Resource Study, Final Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service announces the availability of a Chesapeake Bay Special Resource Study/Final Environmental Impact Statement (SRS/FEIS).

The Fiscal Year 1999 appropriations bill for the Department of Interior and related agencies included direction to the National Park Service to conduct a Special Resource Study to: (a) Examine whether having additional Chesapeake Bay resources within the National Park System would make sense and would advance partnership efforts to conserve and celebrate the Chesapeake Bay; (b) define whether there are concepts or

ways that areas of the Bay might fit appropriately within the diverse National Park System; and (c) make recommendations to Congress regarding these findings. This SRS/FEIS outlines alternatives and a preferred approach for how the Chesapeake Bay might be represented within/by the National Park System.

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: Copies of the SRS/FEIS are available upon request by writing to NPS Chesapeake Bay Program Office, 410 Severn Avenue, Suite 109, Annapolis MD 21403, by phone at 800 YOUR BAY (968-7229), or by e-mail to cmueller@chesapeakebay.net. A downloadable on-line version of the document is available at: <http://www.chesapeakestudy.org>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Director, NPS Chesapeake Bay Program Office, 410 Severn Avenue, Suite 109, Annapolis MD 21403, or 800 YOUR BAY (968-7229).

Dated: June 23, 2004.

Marie Rust,

Regional Director, Northeast Region, National Park Service.

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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 August 14, 2004. 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 of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1849 C St. NW., 2280, Washington, DC 20240; by all other carriers, National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1201 Eye St. NW., 8th floor, Washington DC 20005; or by fax, 202-371-6447. Written or faxed

comments should be submitted by September 23, 2004.

Beth M. Boland,

Acting Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places.

Arkansas

Baxter County

Fort Smith to Jackson Road—Talbert's Ferry Segments, (Cherokee Trail of Tears MPS) Address Restricted, Cotter, 04001030

Chicot County

Davis, M.E., House, (Ethnic and Racial Minority Settlement of the Arkansas Delta MPS) 200 N. Knox St., Dermott, 04001034

Hempstead County

Dooley's Ferry Fortifications Historic District, Address Restricted, Spring Hill, 04001031

Independence County

Big Botton Slough Bridge, (Historic Bridges of Arkansas MPS) Cty Rd. 58 (Padgett Island Rd.), Magness, 04001042

Izard County

Missouri Pacific Railroad Depot, (Historic Railroad Depots of Arkansas MPS) Old AR 9, Sylamore, 04001036

Logan County

Short Mountain Creek Bridge, (Historic Bridges of Arkansas MPS) Cty. Rd. 64, Paris, 04001039

Lonoke County

First Presbyterian Church, 304 S. Center St., Lonoke, 04001037
Trimble—McCrary House, 516 Jefferson, Lonoke, 04001038
US 70, Union Valley Segment, (Arkansas Highway History and Architecture MPS) N and S of U.S. 70 from the S28/S29 boundary line R9W W to S26/S27 boundary line R10W, Union Valley, 04001040

Madison County

Cannon Creek Bridge, Madison Cty. Rd. 5340, Cannon Creek, 04001033

Miller County

Buhrman—Pharr Hardware Company Historic District, 610 and 620 E 3rd St., Texarkana, 04001045
Confederate Section—Old Rondo Cemetery, (Civil War Commemorative Sculpture MPS) 1612 Smith Rd., Rondo, 04001029

Perry County

South Fourche LaFave River Bridge, (Historic Bridges of Arkansas MPS) AR 7, Hollis, 04001044

Pima County

Pascua Cultural Plaza, 785 W. Sahuaro St., Tucson, 04001032

Randolph County

Looney—French House, 1325 Deer Run Trail, Dalton, 04001035
US 67, Old, Biggers to Datto, (Arkansas Highway History and Architecture MPS) Biggers-Reyno Rd., First St. and Clay Cty Rd. 111, Biggers, 04001046

Washington County

County Road 6 Bridge, (Historic Bridges of Arkansas MPS) Cty Rd. 6, Cincinnati, 04001043
US 71, Greenland Segment, Old, (Arkansas Highway History and Architecture MPS), Washington Cty. Rd. 1194 (S. Main Ave.), Greenland, 04001041

California

Monterey County

Monterey County Jail, 142 W. Alisal St., Salinas, 04001028

Maine

Hancock County

Moore-Mayo House, Lighthouse Rd., Bass Harbor, 04001050
Parker House, 185 South St., Blue Hill, 04001047
Rural Hall, Surry Rd., 1 mi. E of Contention Cove, Surry, 04001049

Sagadahoc County

Randall-Hildreth House, 806 Foreside Rd., Topsham, 04001048

York County

Leavitt, James, House, 6 Old Alfred Rd., Waterboro Center, 04001051

New York

Cayuga County

Mentz Church, Mentz Church Rd. at McDonald Rd., Montezuma, 04001064

Chenango County

Guildford Center Presbyterian Church, Cty Rd. 36, Guilford Center, 04001059

Fulton County

St. John's Episcopal Church, 1 North Market St., Johnstown, 04001054

Genesee County

Saint James' Episcopal Church, 405 E. Main St., Batavia, 04001062

Lewis County

Forest Presbyterian Church, 4109 Center St., Lyon Falls, 04001060

Saratoga County

Clifton Park Center Baptist Church and Cemetery, 713 Clifton Park Center Rd., Clifton Park Center, 04001055

Schenectady County

Vale Cemetery and Vale Park, 907 State St., Nott Terrace, Schenectady, 04001053

Schoharie County

Hilton, Peter A., House, 6605 NY 10, Beekman Corners, 04001063

Seneca County

United Methodist Church, 21 E. Williams St., Waterloo, 04001057

St. Lawrence County

Hepburn Library, 1 Hepburn St., Norfolk, 04001056

Steuben County

Hallock, George W., House, (Bath Village MRA) 16 W. William St., Bath, 04001052