

will be made available to all known interested parties and appropriate agencies. Full public participation by Federal, State, and local agencies as well as other concerned organizations and private citizens is invited throughout the preparation process of this document.

The responsible official for this Environmental Impact Statement is Patricia A. Hooks, Regional Director, Southeast Region, National Park Service, 100 Alabama Street, SW., 1924 Building, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Availability for a Final Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan, Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, Kentucky and Tennessee

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and National Park Service policy in Director's Order Number 2 (Park Planning) and Director's Order Number 12 (Conservation Planning, Environmental Impact Analysis, and Decision-making) the National Park Service announces the availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement and General Management Plan (FEIS/GMP) for Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area (NRRRA), Kentucky and Tennessee.

The FEIS/GMP analyzes three action alternatives and one no-action alternative for guiding management of the park over the next 15 to 20 years. The three action alternatives incorporate various management prescriptions to ensure resource protection and quality visitor experiences. The agency preferred alternative proposes a system of seven management zones and a formal, designated roads and trails system. The FEIS analyzes the potential environmental impacts of the alternatives.

ADDRESSES: Limited numbers of copies of the FEIS/GMP are available from the Superintendent, Big South Fork NRRRA, 4564 Leatherwood Ford Road, Oneida, TN 37841, or by calling (423) 569-9778. An electronic copy of the FEIS/GMP is available on the Internet at <http://www.nps.gov/biso>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Park Service held a series of community and focus group meetings to gather stakeholder input during the preparation of the Supplemental Draft EIS/GMP. The meetings assisted the National Park Service in developing alternatives for managing the natural, cultural, and recreational resources of Big South Fork NRRRA.

The four alternatives were incorporated into the Supplemental Draft EIS/GMP and presented at community forums in March 2003. Responses from the meetings, plus 170 written comments from the public and other agencies helped refine the alternatives.

The FEIS/GMP differs from the Supplemental Draft by providing some additional recreational opportunities and proposing trail standards that are more protective of the backcountry environment. For example, the final plan allows bicycles on 13 miles of low-use, existing trails; provides a new access point for equestrians; proposes an additional horse trail on an existing alignment; and strengthens trail standards regarding slope and water management. The foregoing changes will not result in environmental impacts different from those analyzed in the Supplemental Draft EIS/GMP.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher J. Stubbs, Community Planner, Big South Fork NRRRA, 4564 Leatherwood Ford Road, Oneida, TN 37841. Telephone: (423) 569-9778.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Plan of Operations, Environmental Assessment, Lake Meredith National Recreation Area, & Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument, TX

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of Plan of Operations and Environmental Assessment for a 30-day public review at Lake Meredith National Recreation

Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 9.52(b) of Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 9, Subpart B, the National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of a Plan of Operations, prepared by Luxor Oil and Gas, Inc., to re-enter an existing natural gas well and directionally drill a lateral sidetrack leg, at Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument. The NPS has prepared an Environmental Assessment on this proposal.

DATES: The above documents are available for public review and comment for 30 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: The documents are available for review in the Office of the Superintendent, Karren Brown, Lake Meredith National Recreation Area, 419 E. Broadway, Fritch, Texas. Copies of the Plan of Operations are available, for a duplication fee; and copies of the Environmental Assessment are available upon request, and at no cost, from the Superintendent, Karren Brown, Lake Meredith National Recreation Area, P.O. Box 1460, Fritch, Texas 79306-1460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Eubank, Acting Chief, Resource Management, Lake Meredith National Recreation Area, telephone: 806-857-0309.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: If you wish to submit comments on these documents within the 30 days, mail comments to the post office address provided above, or you may hand-deliver comments to the park at the street address provided above. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of responders, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the decision-making record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the decision-making record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. 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.