

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Jo A. Pendry, Concession Program Manager, National Park Service, 1849 C Street, NW., (2410), Washington, DC 20240; e-mail: jo_pendry@nps.gov; Phone: 202/513-7144; Fax: 202/371-2090.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Proposed Sale of Concession Operations.

OMB Control Number: 1024-0126.

Expiration Date of Approval: February 28, 2006.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Description of Need: The National Park Service (NPS) authorizes private businesses known as concessioners to provide necessary and appropriate visitor facilities and services in areas of the National Park System. Concession authorizations may be assigned, sold, transferred or encumbered by the concessioner subject to prior written approval of the NPS. The NPS requires that certain information be submitted for review prior to the consummation of any sale, transfer, assignment, or encumbrance.

16 U.S.C. 3 provides that no contract, lease, permit or privilege granted for the purpose of providing accommodations for visitors to the national parks shall be assigned or transferred by such grantees, permittees, or licenses without the approval of the NPS, first obtained in writing. It further provides that the NPS may authorize concessioners to execute mortgages and issue bonds, shares of stock, and other evidences or interest in or indebtedness upon their rights, properties and franchises, for the purpose of installing, enlarging or improving plants and equipment and extending facilities for the accommodation of the public within national parks and monuments. 16 U.S.C. 20(3) also provides that the possessory interest of a concessioner may be assigned, transferred, encumbered, or relinquished. Regulations at 36 CFR, Part 51, require that certain information be submitted for review by the NPS prior to the consummation of any sale, transfer, assignment or encumbrance.

The information requested is used to determine whether or not the proposed transaction will result in deceased services to the public, the lack of a reasonable opportunity for profit over the remaining term of the authorization, or rates in excess of existing approved rates to the public. In addition, pursuant to the regulations at 36 CFR Part 51, the value of rights for intangible assets such as the concession contract, right of preference in renewal, user days, or low

fees belong to the Government. If any portion of the purchase price is attributable either directly or indirectly to such assets, the transaction may not be approved. The amount and type of information to be submitted varies with the type and complexity of the proposed transaction. Without such information, the NPS would be unable to determine whether approval of the proposed transaction would be adequate.

Send comments on: (1) The need for the collection of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; (2) the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; (4) and ways to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, such as use of automated means of collection of the information.

Estimate of Burden: Approximately 8 hours per response.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Approximately 20.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: One.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1600 hours.

A list of information required to be submitted with a request for sale, assignment, transfer or encumbrance of a concession authorization is set forth at 36 CFR Part 51.7.

Send comments regarding the accuracy of the burden estimated, ways to minimize the burden, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, or any other aspect of this collection to Jo A. Pendry, Concession Program Manager, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW. (2410), Washington, DC 20240.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval.

All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: September 28, 2005.

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National Park Service, Washington
Administrative Program Center.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan, Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, IN

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C), the National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of the final environmental impact statement/general management plan (EIS/GMP), Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, Indiana.

DATES: The draft EIS/GMP was on public review for 60 days beginning on June 17. Responses to substantive public comments are addressed in the final EIS/GMP. The NPS will execute a record of decision (ROD) no sooner than 30 days following publication of the Environmental Protection Agency's notice of availability of the final EIS/GMP in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Final GMP/EIS are available by request by writing to the Superintendent at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, P.O. Box 1816, Lincoln City, Indiana 47552-1816; by telephoning the park office at (812) 937-4541; or by e-mail at randy_wester@nps.gov. The document is also available to be picked up in person at the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial (Memorial). In addition, the document can be found at the Memorial Web site (<http://www.nps.gov/libo/pphtml/documents.html>), and at the Planning, Environment, and Public Comment Web site (<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/>).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Superintendent, Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, P.O. Box 1816, Lincoln City, Indiana 47552-1816.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the preferred alternative, the NPS would emphasize a greater array of interpretive opportunities, with the focus on the history of the Lincoln family in southern Indiana, and on the natural and sociopolitical environment of the times. The Lincoln Living Historical Farm would retain its current character; however, the interpretive program would provide visitors with interpretive opportunities and demonstrations directly related to the Lincoln story and the way in which the family likely lived in Indiana. The Memorial building and court would remain largely unchanged, but new administrative offices would be added to the rear of the structure. Where

possible, some elements of the cloister could be returned to their original design. The new addition or structure would harmonize in size, scale, proportion, and materials with the extant structure, and would not intrude on the historic scene.

Among the alternatives the NPS considered, the preferred alternative best protects the Memorial's natural and cultural resources, while also providing a range of quality recreational and educational experiences. It also meets NPS goals for managing the Memorial, and meets national environmental policy goals. The preferred alternative will not result in the impairment of resources and values. The full range of foreseeable environmental consequences was assessed.

During the public review period for the draft EIS/GMP, a total of 12 comments were received from other agencies and private individuals. None of the comments initiated a change in the results of the analysis of impacts on important resources. However, several recommendations were made concerning the management of native tree species and were incorporated into the final EIS. Other concerns were expressed considering the need for visitors to cross the existing county road and the existing railroad track. The NPS will provide proper signage for these crossings and will work with the county government to install traffic calming devices on the county road. Other concerns included the current and future route of the U.S. Highway 231.

Dated: October 28, 2005.

Ernest Quintana,

Regional Director, Midwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact for the General Management Plan, Rock Creek Park, and the Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the 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, Rock Creek Park and the Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway (FEIS/GMP), a unit of

the National Park System within the District of Columbia.

DATES: The FEIS/GMP will be made available to the public for review and comment until February 13, 2006. During the 60 day period the National Park Service will take no action and will accept further public comment on the final plan. A 90-day public review period took place on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan, Rock Creek Park and Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway (DEIS/GMP) from April 15 to July 15, 2003 (68 FR 12368). Responses to public comment are addressed in the FEIS/GMP.

ADDRESSES: The document will be available for public review at:

- Office of the Superintendent, Rock Creek Park, 3545 Williamsburg Lane, NW., Washington, DC 20008-1207;
- Office of the Chief of Planning, National Capital Region, National Park Service, 1100 Ohio Drive, SW., Washington, DC 20242, (202) 619-7277;
- Office of Public Affairs, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, 18th and C Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20240, (202) 208-6843;
- <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>
- <http://www.nps.gov/rocr/pphtml/documents.html>

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FEIS/GMP analyzes four alternatives for managing Rock Creek Park and the Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway. The plan is intended to provide a foundation to help park managers guide park programs and set priorities for the management of Rock Creek Park and the Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway for the next 15 to 20 years. The FEIS/GMP evaluates the environmental consequences of the preferred alternative and the other alternatives on natural and cultural resources, traditional park character and visitor experience, public health and safety, regional and local transportation and community character.

Alternative A, "Improved Management of Established Uses," is the National Park Service's Preferred Alternative. Alternative A would improve visitor safety, better control traffic speeds through the park, enhance interpretation and education opportunities and improve the use of park resources, especially cultural resources. It generally retains the current scope of visitor uses. Traffic management within the park and parkway would be improved through the use of traffic calming devices, such as speed tables, and speed enforcement measures. The existing park roadway system would be retained and

nonrecreational through-traffic would be accommodated. However, to improve visitor safety and the quality of the visitor's experience, traffic speeds would be reduced as compared to the No Action Alternative.

The "No Action" Alternative (Alternative B) is a continuation of the present management course of visitor use and resource protection.

Alternative C, "Non-motorized Recreation Emphasis," would eliminate automobile traffic along much of the northern portion of Beach Drive and implement automobile traffic along much of the northern portion of Beach Drive and implement traffic-calming measures on the roads in the southern portion of the park and on the parkway. Management of resources other than traffic would be the same as in Alternative A.

Alternative D, "Mid-weekly Recreation Enhancement," would eliminate automobile traffic along much of the northern part of Beach Drive from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on weekdays. Management of resources other than traffic would be the same as in Alternative A. Alternative D is the environmentally preferred alternative. In the DEIS/GMP, Alternative D was the National Park Service's preferred alternative. Following issuance of the DEIS/GMP, the National Park Service considered a proposal to create a variation called D-1, which would close Beach Drive from Broad Branch Road to Joyce Road during the same time as in Alternative D, but concluded this new variation was not needed since it was essentially contained in the existing Alternative D. As a result of the comments received from the public and government agencies as well as analysis of the scientific and regulatory components and review of the conclusions of the DEIS/GMP, the National Park Service's preferred alternative is now Alternative A.

You may submit your comments on the FEIS/GMP by any of several methods. Comments may be: Mailed to the Superintendent, Rock Creek Park, 3545 Williamsburg Lane NW., Washington, DC 20008-1207; e-mailed to rocr_superintendent@nps.gov; or submitted via an electronic link at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>. Click on the link "Plans/Documents Open for Comment," and follow that link to "Rock Creek Park GMP/EIS."

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