

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**National Park Service****Notice of Availability for the Record of Decision on the Final Environmental Impact Statement and General Management Plan, Pea Ridge National Military Park, AR**

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) on the final General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/EIS), Pea Ridge National Military Park, Arkansas (Park). The NPS will implement the preferred alternative, Alternative 4, as described in the final GMP/EIS issued in August. The GMP sets forth a management philosophy for the Park and ensures the Park has a clearly defined direction for resource preservation and visitor use.

Under the selected action, visitors will have the opportunity to choose from the widest range of experiences available at the Park. Visitors will have opportunities to immerse themselves in Park resources associated with key battle areas and gain an understanding of the history of the Pea Ridge battle. Visitors will have many choices in the type, intensity, and duration of their experiences, guided by a variety of interpretive programs and media.

The preferred alternative (Alternative 4) best accomplishes protection of Park resources and maintenance of a wide range of quality visitor experiences. The preferred alternative will have positive impacts on the Park's natural resources related to the rehabilitation of the landscape to its 1862 appearance. The new management zones help ensure that visitors will have numerous and varied opportunities for understanding and appreciating the significance of the history of the Battle of Pea Ridge.

Four areas will be added to the Park under the selected action. The added lands will be feasible to administer by the NPS. There are no viable alternatives for adequate management and resource protection. The NPS will first consider alternate methods such as easements, right of way, or cooperative approaches that do not involve Federal acquisition of any interest in real property.

The ROD includes a statement of the decision made, synopses of other alternatives considered, the basis for the decision, the rationale for why the selected action is the environmentally

preferred alternative, a finding of no impairment of site resources and values, and an overview of public involvement in the decisionmaking process.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent at Pea Ridge National Military Park, 15930 Highway 62, Garfield, Arkansas 72732. The document can be found on the World Wide Web at: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/>.

Dated: September 5, 2006.

Ernest Quintana,

Regional Director, Midwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**National Park Service****Plan of Operations, Categorical Exclusion, Big Thicket National Preserve, TX**

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of a Plan of Operations and Categorical Exclusion for a 30-day public review at Big Thicket National Preserve.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given in accordance with § 9.52(b) of Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, part 9, subpart B, that the National Park Service (NPS) has received from Cimarex Energy Co., a Plan of Operations to conduct the Sour Lake 3-D "Cable-Only" Seismic Survey within the Lance Rosier and Little Pine Island-Pine Island Bayou Corridor Units of Big Thicket National Preserve, in Hardin County, Texas. The NPS has prepared a Categorical Exclusion on this proposal.

DATES: The above documents are available for public review and comment through November 9, 2006.

ADDRESSES: The Plan of Operations and Categorical Exclusion are available for public review and comment at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/>, and in the Office of the Superintendent, Todd Brindle, Big Thicket National Preserve, 6044 FM 420, Kountze, Texas 77625. Copies of the Plan of Operations and Categorical Exclusion are available upon request from the contact listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Haigler "Dusty" Pate, Oil and Gas Program Manager, Big Thicket National Preserve, 6044 FM 420, Kountze, Texas 77625, Telephone: 409 951-6822, e-mail at Haigler_Pate@nps.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: If you wish to comment on the Plan of Operations and Categorical Exclusion,

you may mail comments to the name and address above or post comments online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/>. The documents will be on public review for 30 days. Our practice is to make comments, including names, home addresses, home phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their names and/or home addresses, etc., but if you wish us to consider withholding this information you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. In addition, you must present a rationale for withholding this information. This rationale must demonstrate that disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy. Unsupported assertions will not meet this burden. In the absence of exceptional, documentable circumstances, this information will be released. We will always make submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: August 1, 2006.

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Director, Intermountain Region, National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Reclamation****Third Public Meeting for Reclamation's Managing for Excellence Project**

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting and announcement of subsequent meetings to be held.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Reclamation is holding a meeting to inform the public about the Managing for Excellence project. This meeting is the third of three previously noticed meetings to be held in 2006 to inform the public about the action items, progress, and results of the Managing for Excellence project and to seek broad feedback. Subsequent meetings will be held in 2007.

DATES: November 13, 2006, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., and November 14, 2006, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Doubletree Hotel Sacramento, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, California 95815, Garden and Terrace Rooms.