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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**National Park Service**

**Final Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan, Great Falls, Park, VA.**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan, Great Falls Park, Virginia.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(c), the National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan, Great Falls Park, Virginia (FEIS/GMP), administered by the George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP), a unit of the National Park System.

**DATES:** The NPS will execute a Record of Decision no sooner than 30 days following publication by the Environmental Protection Agency of the notice of availability of the FEIS/GMP. A 60-day public review period took place on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan (DEIS/GMP), Great Falls Park, Virginia, from October 15, to December 15, 2005 (70 FR 47853). Responses to public comment are addressed in the FEIS/GMP.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. David Vela, Superintendent, George Washington Memorial Parkway, Turkey Run Park, McLean, Virginia 22101, (703) 289-2500; or Mr. Walter McDowney, Site Manager, Great Falls Park, Virginia, 9300 Old Dominion Drive, McLean, Virginia 22101, (703) 285-2965.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FEIS/GMP analyzes two alternatives for managing Great Falls Park, Virginia. The plan is intended to provide a foundation to help park managers guide park programs and set priorities for the management of Great Falls, Park, Virginia, for the next 20 years. The FEIS/GMP evaluates the environmental consequences of the preferred alternative and the status quo alternative on natural and cultural resources, recreational opportunities, traditional park character and visitor experience, and public health and safety.

Alternative A, “Continuation of Current Conditions,” maintains the status quo in the park, and describes resource conditions where existing practices continue to guide park practices. This alternative does not address resource protection planning needs including a Climbing Management Plan and a Trail Management Plan.

Alternative B (Preferred Alternative [Modified]) is based on an overall goal for the park of balancing opportunities for recreation while protecting sensitive natural and cultural resources. The preferred alternative described in the DEIS/GMP has been modified based on public and agency comments that were received, as well as additional review by the internal planning team.

All interested individuals, agencies, and organizations are urged to provide comments on the FEIS/GMP. The NPS, in making a final decision regarding this matter, will consider all comments received by the closing date.

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made


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public at any time. While one can request in their comments to withhold from public review personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. 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.


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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
National Park Service

Elk and Vegetation Management Plan, Final Environmental Impact Statement, Rocky Mountain National Park, CO

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.


SUMMARY: Pursuant to National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C), the National Park Service announces the availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Elk and Vegetation Management Plan, Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado. This Final Plan analyzes five alternatives, including a no action alternative, to manage elk and vegetation within the Park. Alternative 3, the preferred alternative, would use a variety of conservation tools including fencing, redistribution of elk, vegetation restoration and lethal reduction of elk (culling). The number of elk removed would vary each year based on annual population surveys and hunter success outside the park.

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: Information will be available for public inspection (1) online at http://parkplanning.nps.gov, (2) in the office of the Superintendent, Vaught Baker, 1000 West Hwy. 36, Rocky Mountain National Park, Estes Park, Colorado, 80517, 970–586–1206, (3) at all Rocky Mountain National Park Visitor Centers, (4) at the Estes Park Public Library, 335 East Elkhorn Ave., Estes Park, Colorado 80517, 970–586–8116, (5) at the Juniper Library at Grand Lake, P.O. Box 506, 316 Garfield Street, Grand Lake, CO 80447–0506, Phone: 970–627–8353, and (6) at the municipal libraries in Boulder, Loveland, Longmont, Fort Collins, and Granby, Colorado.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Therese Johnson, 1000 West Hwy. 36, Rocky Mountain National Park, Estes Park, Colorado 80517, 970–586–1262, therese.johnson@nps.gov.


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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
National Park Service

Notice of Intent To Prepare a General Management Plan, Environmental Impact Statement, for the Martin Van Buren National Historic Site, in Kinderhook, NY in the County of Columbia, and To Conduct Public Scoping Meetings

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.


SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C), as amended, the National Park Service (NPS) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the General Management Plan (GMP) for the Martin Van Buren National Historic Site (NHS) in Kinderhook, New York. This effort will result in a comprehensive general management plan that encompasses preservation of natural and cultural resources, visitor use and interpretation, park carrying capacity and any necessary facilities. The planning area includes Martin Van Buren’s home from 1839–62, Lindenwald, various out buildings and roads and the 39 acres that comprise the entire National Historic Site established by Congress in 1974. Attention will also be given to resources outside the boundaries that may affect the integrity of the site. The GMP/EIS will be prepared by planners in the NPS Northeast Region and park staff with assistance from advisors and consultants, and will propose a long-term approach to managing the Martin Van Buren NHS. Consistent with the site’s mission, NPS policy, and other laws and regulations, alternatives will be developed to guide the management of the Martin Van Buren NHS over the next 15 to 20 years. The GMP/EIS will address a range of management alternatives for natural and cultural resource protection, visitor use and interpretation, park carrying capacity, facilities development and operations. A ‘no-action’ alternative will also be considered and an agency preferred management alternative selected. The EIS will assess the impacts of the alternatives presented in the GMP.

Meeting Notices: Public scoping meetings will be scheduled and consist of a discussion of the GMP/EIS process including ways that the public can be involved in providing and receiving information, and reviewing and commenting upon the draft GMP/EIS. The purpose of the meetings will be to solicit public input prior to formally undertaking the GMP/EIS. The place and time of public scoping meetings will be announced by the National Park Service (NPS) and noticed in local newspapers serving the area. Scoping and other periodic public meeting notices and information regarding the GMP/EIS will also be placed on the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) Web site at http://parkplanning.gov for continuing public review and comment.

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