

36083; telephone: 334-727-6390. An electronic copy of the DEIS/GMP is available on the Internet at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: If you wish to comment on the DEIS/GMP, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to the Superintendent at the address shown above. You may also submit a comment via the Internet at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>. Finally, you may present your comments in person at the public meetings to be held during the public review period in Tuskegee, Alabama.

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 publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority: The authority for publishing this notice is 40 C.F.R. 1506.6.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact the Superintendent, Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site, at the address and telephone number shown above; or Amy Wirsching, Southeast Regional Office, at 404-562-3124, extension 607.

The responsible official for this DEIS is the Regional Director, Southeast Region, NPS, 100 Alabama Street, SW., 1924 Building, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Dated: March 10, 2009.

Art Frederick,

Acting Regional Director, Southeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Long Walk National Historic Trail Feasibility Study, Draft Environmental Impact Statement, National Trails System—Intermountain Region, NM

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Long Walk National Historic Trail Feasibility Study

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C), the National Park Service announces the availability of a

Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Long Walk National Historic Trail Feasibility Study, National Trails System—Intermountain Region, New Mexico.

Four alternatives and their respective environmental consequences are presented in this study. Under alternative A, the no-action alternative, current practices and policies would continue. A national historic trail would not be designated, and interpretation and protection of Long Walk-related events and resources would not be coordinated. Under alternative B Congress would designate two national historic trails (dual designations) to emphasize the unique removal experiences of each Tribe within the contextual history. An auto tour route would be established. Interpretation and education would emphasize the distinctive Tribal and individual removal histories. The Secretary of the Interior would administer the trails through partnerships, primarily with the Nescalero Apache Tribe and the Navajo Nation. Under alternative C one national historic trail would be designated, emphasizing the removal experiences common to both Tribes. An auto tour route would be established.

Interpretation and education would emphasize overviews of the Long Walk events. The Secretary of the Interior would administer the trail through partnerships, primarily with the Nescalero Apache Tribe and Navajo Nation. Under alternative C Congress would provide a grant program to the Tribes focusing on interpretation and education projects and resource protection on Tribal lands. All decisions about strategy, level of protection, etc., would be made by the Tribes. A national historic trail would not be designated. No other alternatives were considered. This study does not identify a preferred alternative.

DATES: The National Park Service will accept comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement from the public for 60 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the Notice of Availability. No public meetings are scheduled at this time.

ADDRESSES: Information will be available for public review and comment online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov> in the office of the Superintendent, Aaron Mahr, National Trails System—Intermountain Region, National Park Service, P.O. Box 728, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-0728; (505) 988-6888.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon A. Brown, National Trails

System—Intermountain Region, National Park Service, P.O. Box 728, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-0728; (505) 988-6717.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to Sharon A. Brown, National Trails System—Intermountain Region, National Park Service, P.O. Box 728, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-0728. You may also comment via the Internet at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your Internet message, contact us directly at (505) 988-6717. Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to 1100 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: March 16, 2009.

Michael O. Snyder,

Regional Director, Intermountain Region, National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Availability for the Record of Decision on the Final General Management Plan/Wilderness Study/ Environmental Impact Statement, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, MI

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability for the Record of Decision on the Final General Management Plan/Wilderness Study/ Environmental Impact Statement, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, Michigan.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332(C)), the National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Final General Management Plan (GMP)/Wilderness Study (WS)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), Sleeping Bear Dunes

National Lakeshore (Lakeshore), Michigan. On January 6, 2009, the Midwest Regional Director approved the ROD for the project. As soon as practicable, the NPS will begin to implement the preferred alternative contained in the final EIS.

The preferred alternative will provide for the preservation of natural resources, while offering opportunities for visitor enjoyment of natural, cultural, and recreational resources in a scenic outdoor setting. This alternative includes approximately 32,100 acres (45 percent of the Lakeshore) proposed for wilderness. No developed county roads are included in proposed wilderness areas. Visitor services and facilities remain much as they are now, with improvements at key locations on the mainland and on South Manitou Island. Acquisition of lands within the Benzie Corridor will continue.

The ROD includes a statement of the decision made, synopses of other alternatives considered, the basis for the decision, a description of the environmentally preferable alternative, a finding on impairment of park resources and values, a listing of measures to minimize environmental harm, and an overview of public involvement in the decision-making process.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent Dusty Shultz, 9922 Front Street, Empire, Michigan 49630-9797, or by calling (231) 326-5134, extension 101. Copies of the ROD are available upon request from the above address or may be viewed online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/slbe>.

Dated: March 11, 2009.

Alan M. Hutchings,

Acting Regional Director, Midwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Quarterly Status Report of Water Service, Repayment, and Other Water-Related Contract Negotiations

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of contractual actions that have been proposed to the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and were pending through December 31, 2008, and contract actions that have been completed or discontinued since the last publication of this notice on November

20, 2008. From the date of this publication, future quarterly notices during this calendar year will be limited to new, modified, discontinued, or completed contract actions. This annual notice should be used as a point of reference to identify changes in future notices. This notice is one of a variety of means used to inform the public about proposed contractual actions for capital recovery and management of project resources and facilities consistent with section 9(f) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939. Additional announcements of individual contract actions may be published in the **Federal Register** and in newspapers of general circulation in the areas determined by Reclamation to be affected by the proposed action.

ADDRESSES: The identity of the approving officer and other information pertaining to a specific contract proposal may be obtained by calling or writing the appropriate regional office at the address and telephone number given for each region in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michelle Kelly, Water and Environmental Services Office, Bureau of Reclamation, PO Box 25007, Denver, Colorado 80225-0007; telephone 303-445-2888.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Consistent with section 9(f) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 and the rules and regulations published in 52 FR 11954, April 13, 1987 (43 CFR 426.22), Reclamation will publish notice of proposed or amendatory contract actions for any contract for the delivery of project water for authorized uses in newspapers of general circulation in the affected area at least 60 days prior to contract execution. Announcements may be in the form of news releases, legal notices, official letters, memorandums, or other forms of written material. Meetings, workshops, and/or hearings may also be used, as appropriate, to provide local publicity. The public participation procedures do not apply to proposed contracts for the sale of surplus or interim irrigation water for a term of 1 year or less. Either of the contracting parties may invite the public to observe contract proceedings. All public participation procedures will be coordinated with those involved in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act. Pursuant to the "Final Revised Public Participation Procedures" for water resource-related contract negotiations, published in 47 FR 7763, February 22, 1982, a tabulation is provided of all proposed contractual actions in each of the five Reclamation

regions. When contract negotiations are completed, and prior to execution, each proposed contract form must be approved by the Secretary of the Interior, or pursuant to delegated or redelegated authority, the Commissioner of Reclamation or one of the regional directors. In some instances, congressional review and approval of a report, water rate, or other terms and conditions of the contract may be involved.

Public participation in and receipt of comments on contract proposals will be facilitated by adherence to the following procedures:

1. Only persons authorized to act on behalf of the contracting entities may negotiate the terms and conditions of a specific contract proposal.

2. Advance notice of meetings or hearings will be furnished to those parties that have made a timely written request for such notice to the appropriate regional or project office of Reclamation.

3. Written correspondence regarding proposed contracts may be made available to the general public pursuant to the terms and procedures of the Freedom of Information Act, as amended.

4. Written comments on a proposed contract or contract action must be submitted to the appropriate regional officials at the locations and within the time limits set forth in the advance public notices.

5. All written comments received and testimony presented at any public hearings will be reviewed and summarized by the appropriate regional office for use by the contract approving authority.

6. Copies of specific proposed contracts may be obtained from the appropriate regional director or his designated public contact as they become available for review and comment.

7. In the event modifications are made in the form of a proposed contract, the appropriate regional director shall determine whether republication of the notice and/or extension of the comment period is necessary.

Factors considered in making such a determination shall include, but are not limited to (i) the significance of the modification, and (ii) the degree of public interest which has been expressed over the course of the negotiations. At a minimum, the regional director shall furnish revised contracts to all parties who requested the contract in response to the initial public notice.