

permit terms and conditions are included to ensure protection of sensitive resources. These areas are located mainly along Beach Drive in the main unit of Rock Creek Park. If applications for WTF right-of-way permits are received for outside the area identified as having a coverage gap, the selected alternative identifies zones or areas of the park where WTF may not be allowed, and identifies zones or areas where they may be considered an appropriate use. In the potential locations, applications to construct and operate WTF would also be subject to permit terms and conditions specific to that area or zone. Consideration of WTF and permit terms and conditions will be based on the General Management Plan or the individual management document for each park unit in Rock Creek Park, as applicable, and will include elements such as the design and location requirements for a proposed facility in a particular location.

The selected alternative also includes elements identified in the Wireless Telecommunications Plan and Environmental Assessment as common to the action alternatives and in some instances to the no-action alternative as well.

These are that:

- All applications are subject to compliance with the applicable laws, regulations, policies, and guidelines outlined in “Chapter 1: Purpose of and Need for Action.”
- Co-location on the two existing monopoles will be handled as in the current permit for WTF in Rock Creek Park.
- Areas that lack in-car coverage are considered to have a coverage gap.
- All associated cables for WTF (electrical, telephone, and fiber optic) cannot be above ground.
- No fencing is permitted around WTF and their associated structures.
- Applications must include an analysis of locations outside the park that could provide similar levels of service, if available.
- Only WTF using the newest technology will be considered, following the intent of all applicable authorities to facilitate the build out of new WTF service, and conforming to the NPS Management Policies 2006 direction to require the “best technology available.”
- WTF will not be considered in certain areas of the park because of desired conditions stated in the park’s General Management Plan and other applicable management documents, which is provided for by the applicable authorities.

- Applicants are required to conform to the physical requirements for WTF facilities, such as height and lighting, directed by applicable authorities.

Finally, as a result of a recent suggestion by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for future study on the effects of WTF radiation on birds, a topic upon which there is no U.S. field data, the National Park Service will seek funding and work with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to develop such a study, the results of which will be considered when available.

Other Alternatives Considered

The Wireless Telecommunications Plan/Environmental Assessment evaluated two other alternatives:

Alternative A—No-Action Alternative: Under the No-Action alternative, right-of-way permit applications for WTF within any unit of Rock Creek Park would continue to be evaluated by the National Park Service in accordance with applicable authorities and RM-53. Requests for WTF siting in all areas of the park would be reviewed in the context of the General Management Plan or the individual management document for each park unit within Rock Creek Park to determine if WTF siting would be acceptable in the requested area of the park. WTF applications would continue to be considered without a more structured process or plan for the evaluation of such requests than is currently in place. This alternative was not selected because it fails to provide a foundation for decision-making regarding the issuance of right-of-way permits, fails to establish criteria or identify areas where WTF would or would not be appropriate and fails to identify conditions under which WTF would be permitted.

Alternative B—Zone Management: Under Alternative B applications would be reviewed and evaluated for WTF following RM-53, as described under the no-action alternative. Alternative B would add additional considerations to the process by identifying zones or areas of the park where WTF may not be allowed or where they would be considered an appropriate use based on the General Management Plan or the management documents for each park unit within Rock Creek Park. These permit terms and conditions are shown in Table 1, and are also included in the selected alternative, Alternative C. In areas where a WTF may be considered appropriate, applications for a right-of-way permit to construct and operate a WTF could be sited and would be subject to certain permit terms and conditions specific to the area or zone proposed for the facility. This

alternative was not selected because it does not best address how in-car coverage gaps will be addressed.

Both of these alternatives would result in a less efficient use of National Park Service time and staff than the selected alternative.

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Margaret O’Dell.

Regional Director, National Capital Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

General Management Plan/ Environmental Assessment, Carter G. Woodson Home National Historic Site, District of Columbia

AGENCY: National Park Service,
Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare an
Environmental Assessment for the
General Management Plan, Carter G.
Woodson Home National Historic Site.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Park Service (NPS) is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the General Management Plan (GMP) for Carter G. Woodson Home National Historic Site. The GMP will prescribe the resource conditions and visitor experiences that are to be achieved and maintained in the national historic site over the next 20 years. Based on determinations of desired conditions, the GMP will outline the kinds of resource management activities, visitor activities, land acquisition and development that would be appropriate in the park in the future. The responsible official for the EA is the Regional Director, National Capital Region. To date, the NPS has conducted two public scoping meetings.

DATES: As part of the initial planning efforts, the NPS initiated public scoping for this project on October 2, 2008, with a public scoping meeting held at the 93rd Annual Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) Convention in Birmingham, Alabama. An additional public scoping meeting was held in the District of Columbia on November 12, 2008. The NPS will continue public scoping for an additional 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: There are two opportunities to formally comment on the project—during this public scoping period and again following release of the draft

GMP/EA. You may submit comments on the NPS's Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) Web site at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/cawo>. Comments on this proposed action may also be mailed or hand-delivered to: Superintendent Gayle Hazelwood, c/o GMP for the Carter G. Woodson Home National Historic Site, National Capital Parks East, 1900 Anacostia Drive, SE., Washington, DC 20020-6722.

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. Although 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. We will make all submissions from organizations, businesses, or individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent Gayle Hazelwood, National Capital Parks East, at 1900 Anacostia Drive, SE., Washington, DC 20020-6722, by telephone at (202) 690-5127, or telefax at (202) 690-1425. Information will also be available online throughout the scoping and planning process at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/cawo>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Carter G. Woodson Home National Historic Site is in Washington, DC. Congress authorized the site on December 19, 2003, and charged NPS with the responsibility to acquire and manage the site in accordance with this Act and with laws generally applicable to units of the National Park System, including the Act of August 25, 1916 (16 U.S.C. 1, 2-4) and the Act of August 21, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 461 *et seq.*). The enabling legislation also states that the Secretary of the Interior may acquire any of the three properties immediately north of the Carter G. Woodson Home, may enter into an agreement with public or private entities to restore and rehabilitate the Woodson Home and other properties within the boundary, and may enter into cooperative agreements with public or private entities to provide public interpretation and education of African-American heritage in the Shaw area of the District of Columbia. Further, the legislation allows the Secretary of the Interior to “* * * enter into an agreement with The Association for the Study of African-American Life and

History that allows the association to use a portion of the historic site for its own administrative purposes.”

Alternatives will be developed through this planning process. Major issues considered during this process will include the protection and interpretation of the Carter G. Woodson Home, adaptive re-use of historic structures, quality of visitor experience, land acquisition, and potential relationships with The Association for the Study of African American Life and History and other potential agencies, organizations, and local interests.

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Margaret O'Dell,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Mona to Oquirrh Transmission Corridor Project and Draft Pony Express Resource Management Plan Amendment, Utah

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Mona to Oquirrh Transmission Corridor Project and Draft Pony Express Resource Management Plan (RMP) Amendment and by this Notice is announcing the opening of the comment period.

DATES: To ensure comments will be considered, the BLM must receive written comments on the Mona to Oquirrh Transmission Corridor Project DEIS within 90 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes a Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. The BLM will announce future meetings or hearings and any other public involvement activities at least 15 days in advance through the Utah BLM Web site (http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/fo/salt_lake/planning/mona_to_oquirrh_transmission.html), public notices, media news releases, and/or mailings.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* UT_M2OTL_EIS@blm.gov.
- *Fax:* (801) 977-4397 or (435) 743-3135.

- *Mail:* Mike Nelson, Realty Specialist, BLM Salt Lake Field Office, 2370 South 2300 West, Salt Lake City, UT 84119, or Clara Stevens, Realty Specialist, BLM Fillmore Field Office, 35 East 500 North, Fillmore, UT 84631.

Copies of the Mona to Oquirrh Transmission Corridor Project DEIS are available in the Salt Lake Field Office and Fillmore Field Office at the above addresses.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

- Mike Nelson at the BLM Salt Lake Field Office, 2370 South 2300 West, Salt Lake City, UT 84119; by phone: (801) 977-4300; or

- Clara Stevens at the BLM Fillmore Field Office, 35 East 500 North, Fillmore, UT 84631; by phone: (435) 743-3100.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Rocky Mountain Power has submitted a right-of-way application for a double-circuit 500/345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line from the existing Mona Substation, located in Juab County, to the existing Oquirrh Substation and Terminal Substation located in Salt Lake County, Utah. The Mona to Oquirrh Transmission Corridor Project also includes the siting of two new future substations and a Salt Lake Field Office (SLFO) Pony Express RMP Amendment for utility corridors. The corridor to be established by this amendment would be wide enough to accommodate potential future utility rights-of-way, including a possible second future double-circuit 500kV line, if and when needed. The estimated length of the proposed transmission line route is approximately 140 miles. A right-of-way of up to 300 feet in width would be required to construct, operate, and maintain the transmission line and structures. The proposed project would take approximately 18 months to construct.

To simplify the analysis of alternatives, the project area has been divided into three major areas: (1) From the future Mona Annex Substation to the future Limber Substation, (2) from the future Limber Substation to the existing Oquirrh Substation, and (3) from the future Limber Substation to the existing Terminal Substation.

Mona Annex to Limber: There are six alternative transmission line routes that connect the future Mona Annex Substation to the future Limber Substation with a double-circuit 500kV transmission line, ranging from 65.3 to