No Action Alternative; Alternative C—
Transportation Impact Reduction
Alternative; Alternative D—
Conservation Alternative; and
Alternative E—Agency Preferred
Alternative. Major differences between
alternatives focused on the mitigation
measures applied to protect resources.

Public scoping was initiated on
August 26, 2005, with the publication of
the Notice of Intent in the Federal
Register. On February 1, 2008, a Notice
of Availability announcing the
availability of the Draft EIS for a 90-day
public comment period was published in the Federal Register (http://
www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/) and the EPA’s
Federal Register of Environmental
Documents (http://www.epa.gov/
fedregstr/). The public comment period
officially closed on May 1, 2008. During
the Draft EIS public comment period,
the Price Field Office received
approximately 55,000 comment letters
from Federal agencies, state and local
governments, Indian tribes, and
interested groups and publics. The
majority of the concerns that were
raised by the public on the Draft EIS
were focused on impacts to cultural
resources, air quality, lands with
wilderness characteristics, and wildlife.

In December 2008, between the Draft
EIS and Final EIS, and as a result of
concerns regarding impacts to cultural
resources, the BLM recommended
development of a Programmatic
Agreement. Sixteen governmental and
non-governmental agencies and
organizations participated in the
development of, and were signatories to,
the Agreement on January 5, 2010. The
Agreement identifies measures that will
minimize the impacts of project-related
activity on cultural resources.

In addition, the BLM conducted
project specific air quality modeling for
ozone for analysis in the Final EIS. The
BLM has determined that the range of
alternatives considered within the Draft
EIS evaluates sufficient mitigation
measures to address wildlife and
wilderness concerns.

The Agency Preferred Alternative
identified in the Draft EIS and Final EIS
was not carried forward as the Selected
Alternative in ROD. Rather, the decision
is a combination of elements selected from
the alternatives discussed in the
EIS. Regulations allow the agency to
select a combination of alternatives if
the effects of such combined elements of
alternatives are reasonably apparent from
the analysis in the relevant
environmental document (43 CFR
46.420(c)).

During the preparation of the Final EIS,
BBC voluntarily contracted their plan of
development from their original
Proposed Action (Alternative A).
According to BBC, as a result of interim
drilling during the preparation of the EIS,
they increased their knowledge of the
extent of the natural gas deposits, and
refined their operational practices, which
will allow BBC to maximize natural gas recovery while minimizing
surface disturbance.

The Selected Alternative in the ROD
provides for natural gas drilling on
leased Federal lands as proposed within the
contracted plan of development, with
minor modifications. The ROD also
provides for development of leased
lands held by other lessors within the
WTP Project Area. The decision in the
ROD to approve the Selected Alternative
is consistent with the goals, objectives,
and decisions in the Price and Vernal
Field Offices’ RMPs, which were
completed in October 2008.

When compared to the action
alternatives considered in the Final EIS,
the Selected Alternative in the ROD
will substantially reduce the footprint of the
project upon the land by making
extensive use of directional drilling
from a lesser number of well pads.
Under the Selected Alternative, BBC
will not construct new well pads within
the Jack and Desolation Canyon
Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs), and
will minimize the amount of
development on non-WSA lands with
wilderness characteristics. In addition,
the ROD includes a decision to restrict
public motorized access on certain
roads in the WTP Project Area.

Restricted use of these roads is in
conformance with the goals and
objectives of the 2008 Price RMP and
modifies the Travel Management Plan
Map contained in that document.

The ROD is effective 30 days from the
date that the EPA publishes its Notice
of Availability of the Final EIS and ROD
in the Federal Register. During the 30
days between the EPA publication and
the effective date of the ROD, the ROD
may be appealed to the IBLA, Office of
Hearings and Appeals, U.S. Department
of the Interior, 801 North Quincy Street,
Suite 300, Arlington, Virginia 22203, in
accordance with the regulations
contained in 43 CFR part 4. The appeal
must also be filed with the State
Director, BLM, Utah State Office, P.O.
Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84138–
0155.

If you wish to file a petition for stay
of the ROD pursuant to 43 CFR 4.21
during the pendency of your appeal
before the IBLA, the petition for stay
must accompany your notice of appeal.
A petition for stay must show sufficient
justification based on the standards
listed in 43 CFR 4.21(b) which include:

(1) The relative harm to the parties if
the stay is granted or denied;
(2) The likelihood of the appellant’s
success on the merits;
(3) The likelihood of irreparable harm
to the appellant or resource if the stay
is not granted; and
(4) Whether the public interest favors
granting the stay.

If a petition for stay is submitted with
the notice of appeal, a copy of the notice
of appeal and petition for stay must be
served on the IBLA at the same time it
is filed with the State Director.

A copy of the notice of appeal, and
statement of reasons and all pertinent
documents must be served on each
adverse party named in the decision
from which the appeal is taken and on
the Office of the Regional Solicitor, U.S.
Department of the Interior, 6201 Federal
Building, 125 South State Street, Salt
Lake City, Utah 84138–1100, no later
than 15 days after filing documents with
the State Director or IBLA.

Authority: 40 CFR 1506.6, 40 CFR
1506.10.

Jef Rawson,
Associate State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

General Management Plan/Abbreviated
Final Environmental Impact Statement,
Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic
Sites, Hyde Park, NY

AGENCY: National Park Service,
Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of the
Abbreviated Final Environmental
Impact Statement for the General
Management Plan, Roosevelt-Vanderbilt
National Historic Sites, Hyde Park, NY.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to National
Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42
U.S.C. 4332 (2) (C), the National Park
Service (NPS) announces the
availability of the Abbreviated Final
Environmental Impact Statement for the
General Management Plan (GMP/EIS)
for Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National
Historic Sites, Hyde Park, New York.

The Abbreviated Final GMP/EIS
includes an analysis of agency and
public comments received on the Draft
GMP/EIS with NPS responses, errata
sheets detailing editorial corrections to
the Draft GMP/EIS, and copies of agency
and substantive public comments. No
changes have been made to the
alternatives or to the impact analysis
presented in the Draft GMP/EIS.
Therefore, Action Alternative Two remains as the National Park Service Preferred Alternative.

The public release of the Abbreviated Final GMP/EIS will be followed by a 30-day no-action period, after which a Record of Decision will be prepared to document the selected alternative and set forth any stipulations for implementation of the GMP. The Abbreviated Final GMP/EIS and the Draft GMP/EIS constitute the complete addendums to the National Park Plan. The Final GMP/EIS will be prepared to set forth any stipulations for implementation of the GMP. The Record of Decision will be based.

The Draft GMP/EIS in the Federal Register Notice of Availability of the Abbreviated Final GMP/EIS is available online at the NPS parkplanning.nps.gov/rova. Hard-copies of the document are available for inspection at the Hyde Park Free Library, 2 Main Street, Hyde Park, NY. 

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