Supervisor by phone at 402–441–5610 or by facsimile at 608–441–5606. Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to the Ice Age National Scenic Trail headquarters at the address above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent, Ice Age National Scenic Trail, 702 Rayovac Drive, Suite 100, Madison, Wisconsin 53711. Telephone 402–441–5610.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This GMP/EIS is a joint state and federal effort addressing lands within the Cross Plains Unit of the Ice Age National Scientific Reserve as well as the Interpretive Site for the Ice Age National Scenic Trail; these lands are referred to as the “Ice Age Complex at Cross Plains” for the purpose of this planning effort. This plan will guide the management of the Ice Age Complex at Cross Plains for the next 25 years.

The draft GMP/EIS considers five draft conceptual alternatives—a no-action and four action alternatives, including the NPS-preferred alternative. The draft GMP/EIS assesses impacts of the alternatives on soil resources, water quality, soundscapes, vegetation and wildlife, socioeconomics, and visitor use and experience. The preferred alternative focuses on providing visitors with interpretation of the evolution of the complex from the last glacial retreat to the present and opportunities to enjoy appropriate low-impact outdoor recreation. Ecological resources would largely be managed to reveal the glacial landscape. The most sensitive ecological areas would be carefully protected, and visitor access would be highly controlled in these areas. Visitors would experience a wide variety of indoor and outdoor interpretive programming. Under this alternative, the Ice Age Complex would serve as the headquarters for the Ice Age National Scenic Trail.

Before including your address, telephone number, electronic mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, 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 comments 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 or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: February 17, 2012.

Michael T. Reynolds,
Regional Director, Midwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service


Environmental Impact Statement for Proposed General Management Plan, Pinnacles National Monument, San Benito and Monterey Counties, CA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Termination of Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service is terminating the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the General Management Plan, Pinnacles National Monument, California. A Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS for the General Management Plan (GMP) was published in the Federal Register on April 6, 2007. Based in part on the minimal nature of public response to the Notice of Intent, the National Park Service has since determined that an Environmental Assessment (EA) rather than an EIS will suffice as the documentation for the environmental analysis for this general management planning effort.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This new GMP will update the overall direction for the national monument, setting broad goals for managing the area over the next 15 to 20 years. As noted above, the GMP was originally scoped as an EIS. However, few substantive comments were received during the public scoping process, and no issues having potential for significant or controversial impacts were identified. The current Master Plan was approved in 1975.

In the general management planning process to date, the NPS planning team developed four preliminary alternatives for the management of the monument, none of which would result in substantial changes in the operation and management of the area. The three “action” alternatives define desired future conditions for new lands recently acquired, and address parkwide cultural and natural resource protection, wilderness stewardship, administration and operations, and opportunities for expanding interpretation and visitor opportunities where appropriate. Preliminary analysis of the alternatives has revealed no potential for major (nor significant) effects on the quality of the human environment, nor any potential for impairment of monument resources and values. Most of the impacts which could result from the alternatives are expected to be negligible to minor in magnitude, with the remainder being of a minor to moderate level.

For these reasons the NPS has determined that the requisite conservation planning and environmental impact analysis necessary for developing the GMP may be completed through preparation of an EA. For further information about this determination or other aspects of the GMP process, please contact: Karen Belpher-Dorn, Superintendent, Pinnacles National Monument, 5000 Highway 146, Paicines, CA 95043 (telephone: (831) 389–4486 ext. 222; email: PINN_Superintendent@nps.gov).

Decision Process: The draft general management plan/EA is expected to be distributed for public comment in the spring of 2012. The NPS will notify the public about release of the draft general management plan/EA by mail, local and regional media, Web site postings, and other means. All announcements will include information on where and how to obtain a copy of the EA, how to comment on the EA, and the inclusive dates of the public comment period. Following due consideration of public comments and agency consultations, at this time a decision is expected be made in the fall of 2012. The official responsible for the final decision on the GMP is the Regional Director; subsequently the responsible official for implementing the approved GMP is the Superintendent, Pinnacles National Monument.


Christine S. Lehnerzt,
Acting Regional Director, Pacific West Region.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 332–503]

Earned Import Allowance Program: Evaluation of the Effectiveness of the Program for Certain Apparel from the Dominican Republic, Third Annual Review


ACTION: Notice of opportunity to provide written comments in connection with the Commission’s third annual review.
SUMMARY: The U.S. International Trade Commission (Commission) has announced its schedule, including deadlines for filing written submissions, in connection with the preparation of its third annual review in investigation No. 332–503, Earned Import Allowance Program: Evaluation of the Effectiveness of the Program for Certain Apparel from the Dominican Republic, Third Annual Review.

DATES: April 12, 2012: Deadline for filing written submissions.

July 26, 2012: Transmittal of third report to House Committee on Ways and Means and Senate Committee on Finance.

ADDRESSES: All Commission offices, including the Commission’s hearing rooms, are located in the United States International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC. All written submissions, including requests to appear at the hearing, statements, and briefs, should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS) at http://edis.usitc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Project Leader Laura Rodriguez (202–205–3091 or laura.rodriguez@usitc.gov) for information specific to this investigation. For information on the legal aspects of this investigation, contact William Gearhart of the Commission’s Office of the General Counsel (202–205–3091 or william.gearhart@usitc.gov). The media should contact Margaret O’Laughlin, Office of External Relations (202–205–1819 or margaret.olaughlin@usitc.gov).

Persons with mobility impairments who may also need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202–205–2000.

BACKGROUND: Section 404 of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (DR–CAFTA Act) (19 U.S.C. 4112) required the Secretary of Commerce to establish an Earned Import Allowance Program (EIAP) and directed the Commission to conduct annual reviews of the program for the purpose of evaluating its effectiveness and making recommendations for improvements. Section 404 of the DR–CAFTA Act authorizes certain apparel articles wholly assembled in an eligible country to enter the United States free of duty if accompanied by a certificate that shows evidence of the purchase of certain U.S. fabric. The term “eligible country” is defined to mean the Dominican Republic. More specifically, the program allows producers (in the Dominican Republic) that purchase a certain quantity of qualifying U.S. fabric for use in the production of certain bottom and cotton in the Dominican Republic to receive a credit that can be used to ship a certain quantity of eligible apparel using third country fabrics from the Dominican Republic to the United States free of duty.

Section 404(d) directs the Commission to conduct an annual review of the program for the purpose of evaluating the effectiveness of the program and making recommendations for improvements. The Commission is required to submit its reports containing the results of its reviews to the Commission on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance. The Commission submitted its report on its first annual review (USITC Publication 4175) on July 28, 2010, its report on its second annual review (USITC Publication 4246) on July 22, 2011, and it expects to submit its report on its third annual review by July 26, 2011.

The Commission instituted this investigation pursuant to section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 to facilitate docketing of submissions and also to facilitate public access to Commission records through the Commission’s EDIS electronic records system.

Submissions: Interested parties are invited to file written submissions concerning this third annual review. All written submissions should be addressed to the Secretary and must conform to the provisions of section 201.8 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.8). Section 201.8 requires that a signed original (or a copy so designated) and fourteen (14) copies of each document be filed. If confidential treatment of a document is requested, at least four (4) additional copies must be filed, in which the confidential information must be deleted (see the following paragraph for further information regarding confidential business information). The Commission’s rules authorize filing submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means only to the extent permitted by section 201.8 of the rules (see Handbook for Electronic Procedures, http://www.usitc.gov/secretary/fed_reg_notices/rules/documents/handbook_on電子lic_electronic_filing.pdf). Persons with questions regarding electronic filing should contact the Secretary (202–205–2000).

Any submissions that contain confidential business information must also conform to the requirements of section 201.6 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.6). Section 201.6 of the rules requires that the cover of the document and the individual pages be clearly marked as to whether they are the “confidential” or “non-confidential” version, and that the confidential business information is clearly identified by means of brackets. All written submissions, except for confidential business information, will be made available for inspection by interested parties.

The Commission intends to publish only a public report in this review. Consequently, the report that the Commission sends to the committees will not contain any confidential business information. Any confidential business information received by the Commission in this investigation and used in preparing its report will not be published in a manner that would reveal the operations of the firm supplying the information.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: March 7, 2012.

James R. Holbein,
Secretary to the Commission.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (12–021)]

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive License.

SUMMARY: This notice is issued in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(e) and 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i). NASA hereby gives notice of its intent to grant an exclusive license in the United States to practice the invention described and claimed in Patent No. US 6,706,549, Multi-Functional Micro Electromechanical Devices and Method of Bulk Manufacturing Same, LEW 17,170–1; and Patent No. US 6,845,664, MEMS Direct Chip Attach Packaging Methodologies and Apparatuses for Harsh Environments, LEW 17,256–1, to Spectre Corporation, having its