the Appalachian National Scenic Trail exceeds 27 miles in length. Approximately 300 feet of the Appalachian National Scenic and Recreational River is one of the primary recreational ROWs. The purposes and resources of the affected units of the National Park System, as expressed in statutes, regulations, and policies.

The NPS has developed the Final EIS under section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (as amended), and consistent with NPS laws, regulations, and policies, and the purposes of these three parks. The Final EIS describes and analyzes six alternatives (1, 2, 2b, 3, 4, and 5). The applicants have proposed construction of a 500-kV transmission line from the Susquehanna Substation (Berwick, Pennsylvania) to the Roseland Substation (Roseland, New Jersey). The construction and ROW permits would allow the construction through Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, Middle Delaware National Scenic and Recreational River, and Appalachian National Scenic Trail in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The alternatives follow existing ROWs to reduce the impacts from construction and operation of the transmission line.

Under Alternative 1 (no action), the permit to allow construction of the applicant’s proposal would be denied and current conditions would be presumed to continue. Alternative 2 (applicant’s proposed route) would cross approximately 4.3 miles of NPS lands along the existing B–K Line corridor and require the cleared ROW to be expanded to 350 feet wide. Alternative 2b (applicant’s alternate route) would follow the same route as Alternative 2, but would be constructed within the applicant’s existing deeded ROW without expansion. Alternative 3 would cross approximately 5.4 miles of NPS lands along a different existing transmission line corridor and would require a ROW 350 feet in width. Alternative 4 would cross approximately 1.5 miles of NPS lands along another existing transmission line corridor and would require a ROW 350 feet in width. This alternative would not cross the Middle Delaware National Scenic and Recreational River. Alternative 5 would follow the same route as Alternative 4, but would not include a 0.6-mile stretch of NPS land west of the Bushkill substation. Alternative 2 is the NPS preferred alternative and Alternative 1 is the environmentally preferable alternative.

The Final EIS analyzes the impacts of the alternatives in detail for geologic resources (including topography and paleontology), flood plains, wetlands, vegetation, landscape connectivity, wildlife habitat and wildlife, special-status species, rare and unique communities, archeological resources, historic structures, cultural landscapes, socioeconomic, infrastructure, access and circulation, visitor use and experience, visual resources, soundscapes, wild and scenic rivers, parks operations, and health and safety.

The Draft EIS was released in November 2011 and was available for public and agency review and comment beginning with publication of the Notice of Availability in the Federal Register. Comments were accepted during the 60-day public comment period. After this public review, NPS identified the preferred alternative and revised this document in response to public comments.

The Final EIS is now available. Interested persons and organizations may obtain the Final EIS online at http://parkplanning.nps.gov/dewa. A 30-day no-action period will follow this Notice of Availability in the Federal Register. After this period, the alternative or actions constituting the approved plan will be documented in a Record of Decision that will be signed by the Regional Director of the Northeast Region of the NPS. Notice of approval of the EIS would be published similarly.


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Regional Director, Northeast Region, National Park Service.

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Notice of Public Meetings for Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park Advisory Commission

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Meetings.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act that meetings of the Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park Advisory Commission will be held to discuss the implementation of the Park’s general management plan.

Date: September 20, 2012.

Location: Warren County Government Center, 220 North Commerce Avenue, Front Royal, VA 22630.

Date: December 20, 2012.

Location: Strasburg Town Hall Council Chambers, 174 East King Street, Strasburg, VA 22657.

Date: March 21, 2013.

Location: Middletown Council Chambers, 7875 Church Street, Middletown, VA 22645.

Date: June 20, 2013.

Location: Warren County Government Center, 220 North Commerce Avenue, Front Royal, VA 22630.

Agenda

The Commission meetings will consist of the following:

1. General Introductions
2. Review and approval of Commission Meeting Notes
3. Reports and Discussions
4. Old Business
5. New Business
6. Closing Remarks

All meetings are open to the public and begin at 8:30 a.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Diann Jacox, Superintendent, Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park, P.O. Box 700, Middletown, Virginia 22645, telephone (540) 868–9176.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All meetings are open to the public. Topics to be discussed include: visitor services and interpretation—including directional and interpretive signage and visitor facilities, land protection planning, historic preservation, and natural resource protection.

The Park Advisory Commission was designated by Congress to advise on the preparation and implementation of the park’s general management plan. Individuals who are interested in the
Park, the implementation of the plan, or the business of the Commission are encouraged to attend the meetings. Interested persons may make oral comments to the Commission. Scheduling of public comments during the Commission meeting will be determined by the chairperson of the Commission.

Before including your address, phone number, email 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.


Diann Jacox,
Superintendent, Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park.

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Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee: Meeting

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix (1988), of a meeting of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee (Review Committee). This meeting will be open to the public. The agenda may include requests to the Review Committee for a recommendation to the Secretary of the Interior, as required by law, in order to effect the agreed-upon disposition of Native American human remains determined to be culturally unidentifiable; presentations by Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, museums, Federal agencies, and the public; requests to the Review Committee, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3006 (c)(3), for review and findings of fact related to the identity or cultural affiliation of human remains or other cultural items, or the return of such items; and facilitation of the resolution of disputes among parties are convened by the Review Committee pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3006 (c)(4).

DATES: The Review Committee will meet on May 22–23, 2013. Presentation requests must be received by March 22, 2013. Requests for disposition or for findings of fact must be received by March 9, 2013. Requests to convene parties and facilitate resolution of a dispute must be received by February 3, 2013.

ADDRESSES: The Review Committee will meet in the History Colorado Center of the History Colorado Museum, 1200 Broadway, Denver, CO 80203. Electronic submissions are to be sent to: Sherry_Hutt@nps.gov. Mailed submissions are to be sent to: Designated Federal Officer, NAGPRA Review Committee, National Park Service, National NAGPRA Program, 1201 Eye Street NW., 8th Floor (2253), Washington, DC 20005.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix (1988), of a meeting of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee (Review Committee). The Review Committee will meet on May 22–23, 2013, in the History Colorado Center of the History Colorado Museum, 1200 Broadway, Denver, CO 80203. This meeting will be open to the public. The agenda for this meeting will include the appointment of the subcommittee to draft the Review Committee’s Report to the Congress for 2013, and discussion of the scope of the Report; and National NAGPRA Program reports. In addition, the agenda may include requests to the Review Committee for a recommendation to the Secretary of the Interior, as required by law, in order to effect the agreed-upon disposition of Native American human remains determined to be culturally unidentifiable; presentations by Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, museums, Federal agencies, and the public; requests to the Review Committee, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3006 (c)(3), for review and findings of fact related to the identity or cultural affiliation of human remains or other cultural items, or the return of such items; and facilitation of the resolution of disputes among parties are convened by the Review Committee pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3006 (c)(4). The agenda and materials for this meeting will be posted on or before April 22, 2013, at http://www.nps.gov/nagpra.

The Review Committee is soliciting presentations by Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, museums, and Federal agencies on the following two topics: (1) The progress made, and any barriers encountered, in implementing NAGPRA and (2) the outcomes of dispute resolution facilitated by the Review Committee pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3006 (c)(4). The Review Committee also will consider other presentations by Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, museums, Federal agencies, and the public. A presentation request must, at minimum, include an abstract of the presentation and contact information for the presenter(s). Presentation requests must be received by March 22, 2013.

The Review Committee will consider requests for a recommendation to the Secretary of the Interior, as required by law, in order to effect the agreed-upon disposition of Native American human remains determined to be culturally unidentifiable (CUI). A CUI disposition request must include the appropriate, completed form posted on the National NAGPRA Program Web site and, as applicable, the ancillary materials noted on the form. To access and download the appropriate form—either the form for CUI with a “tribal land” or “aboriginal land” provenience or the form for CUI without a “tribal land” or “aboriginal land” provenience—go to http://www.nps.gov/nagpra, and then click on “Request for CUI Disposition Form.” CUI disposition requests must be received by March 9, 2013.

The Review Committee will consider requests, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3006 (c)(3), for review and findings of fact related to the identity or cultural affiliation of human remains or other cultural items, or the return of such items, where consensus among affected parties is unclear or uncertain. A request for findings of fact must be accompanied by a statement of the fact(s) at issue and supporting materials, including those exchanged by the parties to consultation concerning the Native American human remains and or other cultural items. Requests for findings of fact must be received by March 9, 2013.

The Review Committee will consider requests, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3006 (c)(4), to convene parties and facilitate resolution of a dispute, where consensus clearly has not been reached among affected parties regarding the identity or cultural affiliation of human remains or other cultural items, or the return of such items. A request to convene parties and facilitate resolution of a dispute must be accompanied by a statement of the decision of the museum or Federal agency subject to the dispute resolution request, a statement of the issue and supporting materials, including those exchanged by the parties to consultation concerning the Native American human remains and or