

related to the management of backcountry use and access in Big Cypress National Preserve. Written comments may be sent to: Superintendent, Big Cypress National Preserve, 33100 Tamiami Trail East Ochopee, Florida 34141-1000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Big Cypress National Preserve Chief of Interpretation Bob DeGross at the address shown above, by phone at (239) 695-1107, or via email at [bob\\_degross@nps.gov](mailto:bob_degross@nps.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the Backcountry Access Plan is to provide a management scheme for off-road vehicle (ORV) secondary trails, non-motorized trails, and camping management approach that protects the Preserve's natural and cultural resources while providing for public enjoyment. The plan will also establish a permanent route for the Florida National Scenic Trail within the Preserve.

Public meetings will be held in the local area, and the dates and times may be obtained from local media outlets or by visiting <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/bicy>. We urge that comments and suggestions be made in writing.

The plan will address a number of key issues related to backcountry access in the Preserve. The draft plan objectives include: (1) Evaluate the suitability of secondary ORV trails and non-motorized trails in the original Preserve; (2) re-route the Florida National Scenic Trail within the Preserve, in collaboration with the U.S. Forest Service; (3) evaluate and establish guidance to manage camping within the Preserve; (4) clarify definitions of key terms from previous planning and management documents to better guide the Preserve management efforts; (5) with respect to trails and camping areas Preserve-wide, evaluate and refine indicators and standards from previous plans to ensure that monitoring activities provides useful information and are financially sustainable; (6) develop a range of alternatives for secondary trails and camping within the original Preserve; and (7) complete NEPA analysis on a range of alternatives for secondary ORV trails, non-motorized trails, and camping.

A Draft Backcountry Access Plan/EIS will be prepared and presented to the public for review and comment, followed by preparation and availability of the Final Backcountry Access Plan/EIS.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in any 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.

The responsible official for this Draft Backcountry Access Plan/EIS is the Regional Director, NPS Southeast Region, 100 Alabama Street SW., 1924 Building, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Dated: February 24, 2014.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

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### Final General Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement, Fort Raleigh National Historic Site, North Carolina

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(c), the National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan (Final EIS/GMP) for Fort Raleigh National Historic Site, North Carolina. Consistent with NPS laws, regulations, and policies and the purpose of the national monument, the Final EIS/GMP will guide the management of the national monument over the next 20+ years.

**DATES:** The NPS will execute a Record of Decision (ROD) no sooner than 30 days following publication by the Environmental Protection Agency of its Notice of Availability of the Final EIS/GMP in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Electronic copies of the Final EIS/GMP will be available online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/FORA>. To request a copy, contact David Libman, National Park Service, 100 Alabama Street, 1924 Building, Atlanta, Georgia 30303; telephone (404) 507-5701. A limited number of compact disks and printed copies of the Final EIS/GMP will be made available at Fort Raleigh National Historic Site Headquarters, 1401 National Park Drive, Manteo, NC 27954.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Libman, National Park Service,

100 Alabama Street, 1924 Building, Atlanta, North Carolina 30303; telephone (404) 507-5701.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Final EIS/GMP responds to, and incorporates agency and public comments received on, the Draft EIS, which was available for public review from April 5, 2013, through June 4, 2013. One public meeting was held on April 30, 2013, and a total of 15 comments were received. The NPS responses to substantive agency and public comments are provided in Chapter 5, Consultation and Coordination section, of the Final EIS/GMP.

The Final EIS/GMP evaluates three alternatives for managing use and development of the national monument:

- Alternative A, the No Action alternative represents the continuation of current management action and direction into the future.
- Alternative B, would significantly expand the scope of its partnerships though greater partner involvement in interpretation of the Roanoke Voyages. NPS staff would interpret other stories connected to the national historic site. The NPS would study and evaluate the feasibility of an expanded Waterside Theatre campus in which a partner funded visitor center/indoor theater could be built for interpretation and theatrical education.
- Alternative C, the NPS preferred alternative, would implement Section 3 of Public Law 101-603, November 16, 1990, by increasing emphasis on research related to parkwide interpretive themes and legislative mandates. Fort Raleigh would continue its partnership with the First Colony Foundation, establish partnerships with organizations that focus on natural and cultural resource topics, and include archeology as a significant aspect of the research program at the national historic site.

When approved, the plan will guide the management of the national monument over the next 20+ years.

The responsible official for this Final EIS/GMP is the Regional Director, NPS Southeast Region, 100 Alabama Street SW., 1924 Building, Atlanta, North Carolina 30303.

Dated: February 24, 2014.

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