

Composition: The Council, not to exceed 35 members, shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior as follows:

(1) The head of each Federal department or independent agency administering lands through which the trail passes, or a designee;

(2) A member appointed to represent each State through which the trail passes, and such appointments shall be made from recommendations of the Governors of such States;

(3) One or more members appointed to represent private organizations, including corporate and individual landowners and land users, which in the opinion of the Secretary have an established and recognized interest in the trail, and such appointments shall be made from recommendations of the heads of such organizations.

The Secretary of the Interior may also appoint a non-voting representative of each bureau of the Department of the Interior that administers land through which the trail passes, provided that such bureau is not otherwise represented by a voting member of the Council.

Copies of the Council's charter will be filed with the appropriate committees of the Congress and with the Library of Congress in accordance with section 9(c) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. appx.

Records of Meetings: In accordance with requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appx. 1994, the NPS will keep a record of all Council meetings.

Administrative Support: To the extent authorized by law, the NPS will fund the costs of the Council and provide administrative support and technical assistance for the activities of the Council.

Certification: I hereby certify that the administrative establishment of the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail Advisory Council is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department of the Interior by the Act of October 2, 1968, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1241 *et seq.*

Dated: July 15, 1998.

Bruce Babbitt,

Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision, Final Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan, Cape Cod National Seashore, Wellfleet, MA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

INTRODUCTION: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, (P.L. 91-190 as amended), and specifically to regulations promulgated by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR 1505.2), the Department of the Interior, National Park Service has prepared this Record of Decision following the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan for Cape Cod National Seashore, Barnstable County, Massachusetts. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the environmental impact statement was prepared to assess the impacts of implementing the general management plan. The purpose of the General Management Plan is to guide the overall management, development, resource conservation and public use Cape Cod National Seashore. Presented are alternatives for the preservation, public use and management of the National Seashore and the impacts of implementing each alternative.

SUMMARY: The Record of Decision concludes compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act for decision making to approve a General Management Plan for Cape Cod National Seashore. This compliance was initiated upon a Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement published in the **Federal Register** on April 24, 1992. A second **Federal Register** notice announcing the schedule for public scoping meetings in the six Outer Cape towns and Barnstable, Massachusetts was issued on June 11, 1992. Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and announcement of two public forums was made in the **Federal Register** on August 5, 1996. The comment period of about 75 days was scheduled to end October 31, 1996. This period was extended twice to December 31, 1996 by subsequent **Federal Register** notices on October 7, 1996 and November 20, 1996. The October 7, 1996 **Federal Register** notice also announced two additional public meetings. The Notice of Availability for the Final Environmental Impact Statement was published in the **Federal Register** on March 2, 1998.

The Record of Decision is a concise statement of the decisions made, other alternatives considered, the basis for the decision, the environmentally preferable alternative, the mitigating measures, and the public involvement in the decision making process.

The Final Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan describes alternatives for management actions at Cape Cod National Seashore, the environment that would be affected by those actions, and the environmental consequences of implementing alternative actions. Three alternatives were presented, including the proposed general management plan, the selected action described in the Record of Decision.

Alternative 1 is a continuation of current management, often referred to as the "no-action" alternative. Under this alternative the Park Service would continue to manage the National Seashore to protect natural and cultural resources, while allowing for appropriate public use related to those resources. Essentially no new development for public use would be undertaken.

Alternative 2, the selected action, would guide the overall management of Cape Cod National Seashore for the next 10 to 15 years. The emphasis of the plan is on the management of natural and cultural resources; public use and interpretation; coordination with nonfederal landowners within the National Seashore; administrative, maintenance, and operational concerns; and working with local residents, town and county officials and interested agencies and persons to resolve problems of mutual concern. The plan is programmatic in that it gives guidance and criteria for day-to-day decision making and for producing more specific future action and development plans. It would seek to maintain an appropriate balance between resource protection and public use. More opportunities would be provided for the public to experience the resources of the National Seashore. Existing public use facilities and attractions would be improved. No major new development, however, is proposed, and the built environment or impacts from development would be reduced where possible. Under *Alternative 2* there would be more emphasis on preserving the "timeless" character of Cape Cod in terms of natural and dynamic landscapes, historic architecture and cultural landscapes, and customary activities. The National Park Service would work in partnership with local communities and officials to more effectively further

educational and interpretive opportunities and resource stewardship on the Outer Cape and to more successfully address mutual problems and concerns, such as water supply, coastal processes, and traffic congestion—concerns that transcend political boundaries.

Alternative 3 builds on the approach of *Alternative 2*, proposing that National Seashore managers play a more formal role in directing efforts to protect and manage resources on the Cape through more structured partnerships. Included are other reasonable actions that could be implemented but that are significantly different from those presented in either *Alternative 1* or *2*, and they are often more costly. The Park Service would initiate and enter into more formal agreements with state and local agencies to improve collaboration and consistency in day-to-day resource management. These actions are specific to selected management topics only, not to each subject area.

The National Park Service will now commence to implement action features of the selected alternative from the Final Environmental Impact Statement as described in the Record of Decision and set forth in the General Management Plan.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Copies of the Record of Decision are available upon request from: Superintendent, Cape Cod National Seashore, 99 Marconi Site Rd., Wellfleet MA 02667. Telephone: (508) 349-3785.

Dated: July 10, 1998.

Marie Rust,

Regional Director, Northeast Field Area (215) 597-7013.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Draft Environmental Assessment (EA)

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of release of draft environmental assessment.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the release of a draft environmental assessment (EA) on a proposal for the construction of a new dining facility for the Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC).

EA Comment Period: Comments on or before September 28, 1998.

Copies available at: Website:

www.nps.gov/dewa

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Bushkill, PA 18324

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This draft environmental assessment, prepared by the National Park Service, deals with the environmental consequences of the construction of a new dining hall and associated waste water system. The project is located within the campus of the Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: PEEC operates under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the National Park Service. The center has been in

operation for over 25 years and services over 20,000 people every year. The existing dining hall is inadequate and in poor structural condition. Dining is an essential function at the center and there are no dining establishments within a reasonable distance.

The EA is available for public comment. Any member of the public may file a written comment. Comments should be addressed to the Superintendent, Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, River Road, Bushkill, PA 18324.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent, Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, Bushkill, PA 18324, 717-588-2418.

Dated: July 23, 1998.

William G. Laitner,

Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

National Park Service

Keweenaw National Historical Park Advisory Commission Meeting

SUMMARY: This notice announces an upcoming meeting of the Keweenaw National Historical Park Advisory Commission. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463).

DATES: August 25, 1998; 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESS: Keweenaw National Historical Park Headquarters, 100 Red Jacket Road (2nd floor), Calumet, Michigan 49913-0471.

The Chairman's welcome; minutes of the previous meeting; update on the general management plan; update on park activities; old business; new business; next meeting date; adjournment. This meeting is open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent, Keweenaw National Historical Park, Frank C. Fiala, P.O. Box 471, Calumet, Michigan 49913-0471, 906-337-3168.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Keweenaw National Historical Park was established by Public Law 102-543 on October 27, 1992.

Dated: July 16, 1998.

William W. Schenk,

Regional Director, Midwest Region.

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