

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****National Park Service****Notice of Submission of Study Package to Office of Management and Budget; Opportunity for Public Comment**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Interior; National Park Service; and Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**ABSTRACT:** The National Park Service is conducting a study to assess the positive and negative social consequences of various potential deer management alternatives in Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area (CVNRA). This information will be used to help the staff at CVNRA develop a deer management strategy that considers public desires and concerns relating to management of the CVNRA. The following specific study objectives have been identified:

1. Determine the acceptability, tolerance, and preferences among the local public for: Deer management activities, the perceived positive and negative consequences of deer management activities, and deer population levels;
2. Identify and determine the intensity of the psychological and emotional impacts among the local public served by CVNRA due to various deer management actions;
3. Determine the effect of deer management activities on local public attitudes toward the park, its services, and park staff;
4. Determine the degree to which deer management activities may affect park visitation patterns among the local public.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and 5 CFR Part 1320, Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, the NPS invites public comment on the proposed information collection request (ICR). Comments are invited on: (1) The need for the information including whether the information has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the reporting burden estimate; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. The purpose of the proposed ICR is to assess the positive and negative social consequences of various potential deer

management alternatives in Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area. This information will be used to help the staff at CVNRA develop a deer management strategy that considers public desires and concerns relating to management of the CVNRA.

There were no public comments received as a result of publishing in the **Federal Register** a 60 day notice of intention to request clearance of information collection for this survey.

**DATES:** Public comments will be accepted on or before thirty days from date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

**SEND COMMENTS TO:** Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention Desk Officer for the Interior Department, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20530. Please also send comments to David C. Fulton, Ph.D., Assistant Unit Leader, Minnesota Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, University of Minnesota, 200 Hodson Hall 1980 Folwell Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108.

Public comments, including names and addresses of respondents, may be made available for public review. Individual respondents may request that their address be withheld from the public comment record. This will be honored to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which a respondent's identity would be withheld from the public comment record, as allowable by law. If you wish to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. Anonymous comments will not be considered. Comments from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses may be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Copies of the proposed ICR requirement can be obtained from David C. Fulton, Ph.D., Assistant Unit Leader, Minnesota Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, University of Minnesota, 200 Hodson Hall 1980 Folwell Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108.

The OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, to ensure maximum consideration, OMB should receive public comments on or before thirty days from date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE STUDY PACKAGE SUBMITTED FOR OMB**

**REVIEW, CONTACT:** David Fulton, phone: 612-625-5256.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** Assessing Public Reactions To Potential Deer Management Program in Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area.

**Form Number:** Not applicable.

**OMB Number:** To be assigned.

**Expiration Date:** To be assigned.

**Type of Request:** Request for new clearance.

**Description of Need:** The National Park Service needs information concerning public opinion about deer management strategies at Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area for planning and management purposes.

The propose information to be collected regarding the local public served by this park is not available from existing records, sources, or observations. Automated Data Collection: At the present time, there is no automated way to gather this information, since it includes asking visitors to evaluate potential deer management activities and the effect of these activities on their views toward CVNRA and its staff.

**Description of Respondents:** A sample of residents within 9 counties in northeast Ohio near the Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area.

**Estimated Average Number of Respondents:** 600.

**Estimated Average Number of Responses:** Each respondent will respond only one time, so the number of responses will be the same as the number of respondents.

**Estimated Average Burden Hours Per Response:** 20 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** One time per respondent.

**Estimated Annual Reporting Burden:** 200 hours.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****National Park Service****Notice of Availability of the Finding of No Significant Impact for the Proposed Land Exchange, George Washington Memorial Parkway, City of Alexandria and Arlington County, Virginia**

**AGENCY:** Notice of availability of the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed land exchange, George Washington Memorial

Parkway, City of Alexandria and Arlington County, Virginia.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Council of Environmental Quality regulations and National Park Service (NPS) policy, NPS prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed land exchange, George Washington Memorial Parkway, City of Alexandria and Arlington County, Virginia. The availability of the EA for a 30-day public comment period was announced in the **Federal Register** on June 8, 1999, 64 FR 30537. After the end of the 30-day public comment period, NPS selected the preferred alternative which is the proposed action, followed by a determination that the proposed land exchange will not cause significant environmental impact. The National Park Service is desirous of acquiring the access rights to the George Washington Memorial Parkway belonging to Commonwealth Atlantic Properties, Inc. (Commonwealth) in the City of Alexandria, Virginia, as well as set-back and height restrictions over 29.1 acres of land in Arlington County, Virginia, currently owned by Commonwealth, and in return is willing to relinquish the United States' interests in restricting the use of that 29.1 acres.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Requests for copies of the FONSI, or for any additional information, should be directed to: Mr. John G. Parsons, Associate Regional Director for Lands, Resources, and Planning, National Capital Region, National Park Service, 1100 Ohio Drive, SW, Room 220, Washington, D.C., 20242, Telephone: (202) 619-7025.

Dated: August 19, 1999.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### **Draft General Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement, Whitman Mission National Historic Site, Washington**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the General Management Plan, Whitman Mission National Historic Site. This notice also announces public meetings for the

purpose of information exchange and receiving public comments on the DEIS. All comments received will become part of the public record and copies of comments, including names, addresses and telephone numbers provided by respondents, may be released for public inspection.

**DATES:** Comments on the DEIS should be received no later than November 12, 1999. Public meetings, for the purpose of receiving comments and information exchange, will be held in Walla Walla, WA, on September 29, 1999, 7-9 p.m. at the Walla Walla Community College Administrative Building Dining Room, and in Mission, OR, on September 30, 1999, 6-8 p.m. at the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation Yellowhawk Conference Room.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on the DEIS should be submitted to Superintendent, Whitman Mission National Historic Site, Route 2, Box 247, Walla Walla, WA 99362-9699, (509) 522-6360.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This DEIS for the General Management Plan presents a proposed action and three alternative strategies for guiding future management of the national historic site. Alternative A is a continuation of current management practices, often referred to as a "no action" alternative. Alternative B provides a minimum level of improvements regarding visitor facilities and interpretation in order to make the visitor experience more rewarding and informative.

Alternative C is the "preferred alternative" and proposed action by the National Park Service. This alternative includes provisions for a three-dimensional delineation of the original structures, substitution of native grasses for the existing lawn at the Mission Grounds, a recreational trail along the riparian area of the Walla Walla River, construction of additional exhibit and administrative space in the visitor center, and possible acquisition by a non-profit land trust of conservation easements on visually sensitive properties adjacent to the national historic site. In addition, Alternative C contains a development concept plan to include reconfiguration of the main parking lot, addition of a group shelter to the picnic area, improvements to the visitor center entry, construction of additional administrative space on the administrative wing, and reconfiguration of pedestrian access to the Oregon Trail and the Mission Grounds.

Alternative D goes beyond the preferred alternative, building on the

initiatives of Alternative C. It would include establishing historic fence alignments and enlarging the orchard, conducting archeological research regarding the Whitman sawmill site, permitting cattle grazing in the pasture and river oxbow, replicating a Cayuse village on the Walla Walla River floodplain, constructing a new administrative building, and recommending an approximate 450-acre boundary adjustment to protect the foreground viewshed. The DEIS evaluates the potential environmental impacts associated with the strategies comprising the four alternatives.

Copies of the Draft General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement can be obtained from Whitman Mission National Historic Site, Route 2, Box 247, Walla Walla, WA 99362-9699. They are also available at public libraries in the Walla Walla area and on the internet at [www.NPS.gov](http://www.NPS.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### **Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission; Notice of Meeting**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770, 5 U.S.C. App 1, section 10), that a meeting of the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission will be held on Friday, October 1, 1999.

The Commission was reestablished pursuant to Pub. L. 87-126 as amended by Pub. L. 105-280. The purpose of the Commission is to consult with the Secretary of the Interior, or his designee, with respect to matters relating to the development of Cape Cod National Seashore, and with respect to carrying out the provisions of sections 4 and 5 of the Act establishing the Seashore.

1. Adoption of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting—June 18, 1999
3. Reports of Officers
4. Subcommittee Reports
  - Off-Road Vehicle Subcommittee
  - Personal Watercraft Subcommittee
  - Nickerson Fellowship Committee
5. Superintendent's Report:
  - Introduce Nancy Finley
  - Visitor's Guide
  - Land-transfer ceremony
  - Highlands Center
  - Hatches Harbor
  - Americorps
  - Water EIS