

review. Pursuant to Section 101(d) of the National Historic Preservation Act, federally recognized Indian Tribes, after agreement with the National Park Service (NPS), may assume responsibilities specified in Section 101(b)(3) and therefore use related information collections.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Number of Records per Record Keeper: 350.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 4,078 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Record Keepers: 17,430 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 21,508 hours.

You may obtain copies of this information collection from Mr. John W. Renaud, Project Coordinator.

NPS is soliciting comments regarding:

(1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NPS, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of the burden estimate including the validity of the method and assumptions used;

(3) The quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(4) Ways to minimize the burden, including through the use of automated collection or other forms of information technology; or

(5) Any other aspect of this collection of information.

All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: September 27, 2001.

Betsy Chittenden,

*Information Collection Clearance Officer,
National Park Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Automobile National Heritage Area

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the draft general management plan environmental assessment for the Automobile National Heritage Area, Michigan.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Automobile National Heritage Area Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-355) and the National Environmental Policy Act (Pub. L. 91-190) the Automobile National Heritage Area Partnership, Incorporated (hereafter, "the Partnership") and the National Park Service (NPS) announce

the expected availability of a draft general management plan/draft environmental assessment (DGMP/DEA) for the Automobile National Heritage Area (ANHA), located in southeastern and central Michigan. The document describes alternative means by which the region's unique heritage can be utilized to accomplish historic preservation, to provide educational and recreational opportunities, to attract visitors, and to build community pride.

DATES: The DGMP/DEA is expected to be available for public distribution on September 11, 2001. There will be a 30-day public review period for comments on this document. Comments on the DGMP/DEA must be received no later than October 12, 2001. A public meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 11, 2001 to introduce the DGMP/DEA to the public. A location and specific time for the meeting is still pending. Persons interested in attending the meeting should contact the ANHA at the address below for further information.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the DGMP/DEA should be submitted to Constance Bodurow, Executive Director, Automobile National Heritage Area, 300 River Place, Suite 1600, Detroit, Michigan 48207. Copies of the DGMP/DEA may be inspected at the ANHA office. An electronic version of the document can be found at <http://www.autoheritage.org>. Copies also are available by request by writing the same address, by phoning 313-259-3425, or by e-mail at cbodurow@autoheritage.org

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Constance Bodurow, Executive Director, ANHA, at the aforementioned address and telephone number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Automobile National Heritage Area Act (Act) of 1998 established the ANHA in southeastern and central Michigan. The Act also designated the Automobile National Heritage Area Partnership, Inc. (the Partnership) as the managing entity for the ANHA. The Partnership is a nonprofit corporation established under laws of the State of Michigan. Founding members of the partnership include DaimlerChrysler Corporation, Ford Motor Company, General Motors Corporation, the United Auto Workers, and NPS. National Heritage Areas are considered affiliated units of the National Park System, where residents, businesses, institutions and local government join together to conserve and celebrate heritage and unique landscapes. The NPS role in ANHA is currently limited to providing technical and financial assistance to encourage local entities to work in partnership to

preserve and interpret the region's rich resources.

Dated: July 31, 2001.

David N. Given,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Dry Tortugas National Park, FL

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Record of Decision for the Final General Management Plan Amendment/Environmental Impact Statement, Dry Tortugas National Park, Florida.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Interior's National Park Service has signed a Record of Decision (July 27, 2001) for the Final General Management Plan Amendment for Dry Tortugas National Park. The plan is designed to afford a high level of protection to park resources and provide for appropriate types and levels of high quality visitor experiences. This will be accomplished through management zoning, establishing visitor carrying capacity, using commercial services to direct and structure visitor use, and instituting a permit system for private boaters. A wide range of recreational and educational opportunities will be available to visitors. Visitor experiences will be enhanced due to expanded access throughout the park and higher quality resources to enjoy.

Management zones will provide guidance for managing specific areas for desired resource condition and visitor experiences. The Historic/Adaptive Use zone (where Ft. Jefferson is located) will be the focus of the greatest visitor activities including guided tours, historical interpretation, bird watching, photography, picnicking, boating, snorkeling, scuba diving and recreational fishing. The Natural/Cultural zone will be managed to improve natural resource quality and allow visitors to experience remoteness and solitude with opportunities for swimming, scuba diving, recreational fishing and viewing wildlife. Visitors could enjoy natural resources with almost no facilities or services and experience the "vast expanse of sea and sky" characteristic of this remote National Park. The Research Natural Area zone will allow for protection of outstanding marine and terrestrial habitats, spawning fish species and pristine coral reefs. The use of anchors

will not be permitted and scientific research and other educational activities consistent with the management of this zone would require advance permits from the National Park Service. No fishing will be allowed in the Research Natural Area in order to protect and build up important fish nursery and spawning areas that will produce greater abundance and diversity of fish in other important recreational and commercial fisheries. This will also meet the park's legislative mandate to protect a pristine sub-tropical marine ecosystem and unique and outstanding cultural resources. Wildlife viewing, snorkeling, diving, boating and sightseeing would primarily be done using commercial tour guides. Special Protection zones will be established in areas requiring protection from human impact, such as sea turtle and bird nesting areas, shallow or sensitive corals and significant submerged cultural resources. Boundaries of the Special Protection zones could be adjusted to protect areas at certain critical periods of the year.

Commercial transportation operators will continue to transport visitors to the park by self-contained ferry and seaplane operations. One concession contract will be issued for a single seaplane operator who will be authorized to carry up to 60 people per day. A second concession contract will be for a ferry operator who will be authorized to carry up to 150 people per day. The role of the ferry operator will be expanded to provide water-based transportation from Garden Key to other park locations, thereby increasing the range of opportunities for visitors throughout the park. Other appropriate commercial services in the park, such as guided fishing, sailing and diving trips will be authorized by Commercial Use Authorizations.

An initial visitor carrying capacity for Garden Key (Ft. Jefferson) will allow for a maximum total of 330 people per day. Twenty-four people per day will be permitted to visit Loggerhead Key. Monitoring will determine if these numbers are achieving desired visitor experience and resource conditions; if not the numbers may be adjusted. A park entrance fee will be instituted and private boaters will be required to obtain a permit to navigate park waters. Fifty-four percent of the park will remain open for recreational fishing. Commercial fishing activities, spear fishing and the harvest of lobster and conch are banned in park waters.

Implementation of this plan will be coordinated with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Tortugas Ecological Reserve in the

Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary adjoining the park. The combined action will result in comprehensive protection for nationally significant coral reef habitats and communities extending from shallow park waters into the sanctuary's deep waters.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Superintendent, Dry Tortugas National Park, (305) 242-7800.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A copy of the Record of Decision on the Final General Management Plan Amendment for Dry Tortugas National Park can be obtained via the Internet by visiting the National Park Service web site at <http://www.nps.gov/planning> or by calling (305) 242-7700.

Dated: August 16, 2001.

Val Knight,

Acting Regional Director, Southeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Fort Frederica National Monument, St. Simons Island, GA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability for public review of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the General Management Plan (GMP) for Fort Frederica National Monument, Saint Simons Island, Georgia.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) has prepared a draft Environmental Impact Statement on the General Management Plan for Fort Frederica National Monument. The statement evaluates potential environmental impacts associated with various types and levels of visitor use and resources management within the National Monument. This GMP and EIS have been prepared in response to the requirements of the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978, Public Law 95-625, and in accord with Director's Order Number 2, the planning guidance for National Park Service units that became effective May 27, 1998. The NPS has conducted public scoping meetings in the local area to receive input from interested parties on issues, concerns, and suggestions pertinent to the management of Fort Frederica. The comment period for the Draft GMP/EIS will be 60 days and will end on November 30, 2001.

DATES: All written comments on the draft GMP/EIS should be received by NPS on or before November 30, 2001.

Additionally, the NPS will hold public meetings on the draft EIS for the GMP. These public meetings will be conducted during the week of November 12-16, 2001 on Saint Simons Island, Georgia and Brunswick, Georgia at times and locations to be published in local newspapers.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the EIS should be submitted to the following address to ensure adequate consideration by the Service: Superintendent, Fort Frederica National Monument, Route 9, Box 286C, St. Simons Island, Georgia 31522.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Superintendent, Fort Frederica National Monument, St. Simons Island, Georgia, telephone 912-638-3639.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Draft and Final General Management Plan Amendment and Environmental Impact Statement will be made available to all known interested parties and appropriate agencies. Full public participation by federal, state, and local agencies as well as other concerned organizations and private citizens is invited throughout the preparation process of this document.

Please note that due to public disclosure requirements, the National Park Service, if requested, is required to make the names and addresses of those who submit written comments public. Anonymous comments will not be considered. However, individual respondents may request that we withhold their names and addresses from the public record. If you wish to withhold your name and/or address, you must state that request prominently at the beginning of your comment. 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.

The responsible official for this Environmental Impact Statement is Jerry Belson, Regional Director, Southeast Region, National Park Service, 100 Alabama Street SW, 1924 Building, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Dated: August 9, 2001.

W. Thomas Brown,

Acting Regional Director, Southeast Region.

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