

Wilson Bridge project. JPP is an approximately 60-acre park owned by the National Park Service (NPS) under the jurisdiction of the George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP) located in the southeastern corner of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Council on Environmental Quality regulations and NPS policy, the NPS announces the availability of an EA for the proposed mitigation to JPP, associated with the Woodrow Wilson Bridge project within the GWMP. The EA examines several alternatives aimed to develop a long-range plan for JPP, identify desired resource conditions and visitor experiences, consider feasible alternatives for future development of JPP and provide educational and recreational opportunities for visitors while protecting park resources. The need of the proposed action is based on the lack of a current comprehensive management plan for JPP and the need for mitigation and protection of park resources and recreational opportunities for visitors in conjunction with the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project. The NPS is soliciting comments on this EA. These comments will be considered in evaluating it and making decisions pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act.

**DATES:** The EA will remain available for public comment 30 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**. Written comments should be received no later than this date.

**ADDRESSES:** If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to: Ms. Audrey F. Calhoun, Superintendent, George Washington Memorial Parkway, Turkey Run Park, McLean, Virginia 22101. You may hand deliver comments to GWMP Headquarters, Turkey Run Park, McLean, Virginia. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home addresses from the rulemaking record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the rulemaking record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. 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 EA will be available for public inspection at several libraries in Alexandria, Fairfax and Arlington, Virginia.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This EA for JPP is tiered, *i.e.*, procedurally connected to the large-scale Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Specifically, this EA addresses the impacts of improvements to JPP, relative to a 1984 Development Concept Plan, as well as a part of the mitigation measures outlined in the 2000 Record of Decision and 1997 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) required for the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project. The 1997 MOA was prepared by the Federal Highway Administration in consultation with the NPS, the Maryland State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), the Virginia SHPO, the District of Columbia SHPO, the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation, and representatives of a number of other concurring parties. JPP contains many recreational amenities such as soccer fields, natural areas, fishing piers, historic resources, pedestrian trails, and bike paths. The park is traversed by the Woodrow Wilson Bridge, which is currently being considered in a larger EIS for safety improvements. The proposed improvements to JPP are divided into several areas including a park entrance area along South Royal Street; a woodland area on the north side of the park; an active recreation area north of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge; a waterfront area along the Potomac River and Hunting Creek; a parking and ancillary active recreation area under the bridge; and a passive/interpretive area south of the bridge. All interested individuals, agencies, and organizations are urged to provide comments on the EA. The NPS, in making a final decision regarding this matter, will consider all comments received by the closing date.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Dan Sealy (703) 289-2531.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument, Fritch, TX

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of a Plan of Operations, an Environmental Assessment, and a Statement of Findings for a 30-day public review at Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument, Potter County, Texas.

**SUMMARY:** The National Park Service (NPS), in accordance with section 9.52(b) of Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations and Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, has received from Luxor Oil and Gas, Inc. a Plan of Operations and an Environmental Assessment for the continued operations of two natural gas wells at Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument and the exploratory drilling of a new natural gas well at Lake Meredith National Recreation Area. Additionally, the NPS has prepared a Statement of Findings for the siting of the new exploratory well above the 100-year flood event and below the 500-year flood event to protect cultural resources.

**DATES:** The Plan of Operations, an Environmental Assessment, and the Statement of Findings are available for public review and comment for a period of 30-days from the publication date of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** The Plan of Operations, an Environmental Assessment, and the Statement of Findings are available for public review and comment in the Office of the Superintendent, Lake Meredith National Recreation Area, 419 E. Broadway, Fritch, Texas. Copies are available, for a duplication fee, from the Superintendent, Lake Meredith National Recreation Area, P.O. Box 1460, Fritch, TX 79306-1460.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul Eubank, Environmental Protection Specialist, Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument, P.O. Box 1460, Fritch, TX 79036, Telephone: 806-865-3874.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by mailing them to the post office address provided above, or you may hand-deliver comments to the park at the street address provided above. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of responders, available for public review during regular business hours.

Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the decision-making record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the decision-making record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. 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.

Dated: November 14, 2001.

**Jim Rancier,**

*Acting Superintendent, Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates, Flint Quarries National Monument.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Supplement to the Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan, Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Availability of final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for re-analysis of cumulative impacts on the Sonoran Pronghorn, Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, Arizona.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102 (2) (c) the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service announces the availability of a SEIS for Cumulative Impacts on the Sonoran Pronghorn, Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, Arizona.

**DATES:** The SEIS will remain available for public review for 30 days from the publication of this notice. If any public meetings are held concerning the SEIS, they will be announced at a later date.

**COMMENTS:** If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to Superintendent, Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, 10 Organ Pipe Drive, Ajo, AZ 85321. Please also include: "Ref: Supplemental EIS, Sonoran Pronghorn".

You may also comment via the Internet to [Laurie.Domler@nps.gov](mailto:Laurie.Domler@nps.gov). Please submit Internet comments as an

ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include "Ref: Supplemental EIS, Sonoran Pronghorn". Please include your name and return address in your Internet message. Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to Organ Pipe Cactus National Park, Headquarters, 10 Organ Pipe Drive, Ajo AZ 85321. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. 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.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the SEIS for re-analysis of Cumulative Impacts on the Sonoran Pronghorn are available from the Superintendent, Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, 10 Organ Pipe Drive, Ajo, AZ 85321. Public reading copies of the SEIS will be available for review at the following locations:

Office of the Superintendent, Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, 10 Organ Pipe Drive, Ajo, AZ 85321, Telephone: (520) 387-7661.

Planning and Environmental Quality, Intermountain Support Office—Denver, National Park Service, 12795 W. Alameda Pkwy., Denver, CO 80225-0287, Telephone: (303) 969-2036.

Office of Public Affairs, National Park Service, Department of Interior, 18th and C Streets NW, Washington DC 20240, Telephone: (202) 208-6843.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument Final General Management Plan/Development Concept Plans/Environmental Impact Statement was approved in 1997. On February 12, 2001, The United States District Court for the District of Columbia (Civil Action No. 99-927) found that the EIS did not fully comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 because the cumulative impacts (re: Sonoran pronghorn) of all agency activities were not fully analyzed.

The major issue to be addressed in the EIS Supplement is the Sonoran Pronghorn. The pronghorn, one of five subspecies of pronghorn, has evolved in a unique desert environment and has distinct adaptations to this environment that distinguish it from other subspecies. In 1967, the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) designated the Sonoran Pronghorn as endangered. The most recent estimates indicate that approximately 100 pronghorn exist in the United States today. The only habitat in which Sonoran pronghorn currently remain in the United States is federally-owned land in Southwest Arizona. The court order declared that the USFWS issued Biological Opinions that failed to address the impacts of the National Park Service and other surrounding federal agencies current and planning activities on the pronghorn in an "environmental baseline". The court order also declared that the National Park Service issued an environmental impact statement that failed to address the cumulative impacts of their activities on the pronghorn, when added to other past, present, and reasonable foreseeable future actions, regardless of what agency undertakes those actions.

Pursuant to the court order, the National Park Service, through a supplement to the GMP/EIS, re-analyzes the cumulative impacts of actions on the Sonoran Pronghorn that were not fully considered at the time of its GMP, regardless of what agency undertakes those actions. Two alternatives that were contained in the Final General Management Plan/Development Concept Plans/Environmental Impact Statement are analyzed; (A) Existing Conditions/No Action; and (B) New Proposed Action. In order to present the current environmental baseline at the park, Alternative (A) Existing Conditions/No Action has been updated with those actions, authorized by the plan, that have either occurred since its approval or are currently underway. Alternative (B) New Proposed Action, appears exactly as it did in the approved plan.

Under Alternative (B) New Proposed Action, the cumulative impacts of all Federal and non-Federal actions are likely to result in a continued, incremental reduction in the ability of Sonoran pronghorn to maintain a viable population in the United States. Although there are many beneficial action include in this cumulative scenario, they are outweighed by adverse impacts.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Contact Superintendent, Organ Pipe Cactus