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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Final Environmental Impact Statement/ General Management Plan, Mount Rainier National Park, Pierce and Lewis Counties, WA; Notice of Availability

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service announces the availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement and General Management Plan (FEIS/GMP) for Mount Rainier National Park, Washington. Upon approval, the GMP will serve as a "blueprint" to guide park managers in implementing park programs and management activities for Mount Rainier National Park over the next 15-20 years.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FEIS/GMP identifies and analyzes three alternatives for managing resources and visitors in Mount Rainier National Park. The "no-action" alternative is a continuation of the present management course regarding the management of visitor use and facilities. The National Park Service's preferred alternative (Alternative 2) would provide a range of high-quality visitor experiences and improve stewardship of park resources. The primary goals of this alternative are to better manage peak-period visitation so that it does not adversely affect park resources and visitor experiences, and encourage more off-peak use of the park. Alternative 3 would offer a different combination of visitor opportunities than those offered in the preferred alternative, while still protecting resources. None of the alternatives would propose major new developments within the park, and no park resources or values would be impaired.

The FEIS/GMP evaluates the environmental consequences of the preferred alternative and the other alternatives on natural resources (e.g., air and water quality, soils and vegetation, special status species), geologic (volcanic and nonvolcanic) hazards, cultural resources (e.g., archeological resources, ethnographic resources), visitor experiences (e.g., visitor access, the range of visitor activities), Wilderness, and the

socioeconomic environment (e.g., regional context, gateway communities). A range of mitigation measures appropriate to each alternative are identified and evaluated. It was determined that Alternative 2 is the "environmentally preferred" alternative.

Public Comment: A Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on September 27, 1994. During the subsequent scoping phase leading to development of the Draft EIS, the NPS conducted six public meetings. The results of these meetings were published in the first of a series of public newsletters (Newsletter 1 was distributed during winter 1995). Also throughout the conservation planning and environmental impact analysis process, numerous county, state and federal agency meetings and consultations with five Tribes were conducted. A Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS/GMP was published in the **Federal Register** on November 20, 2000; the document was on public review through February 9, 2001. The NPS received 143 written responses and many oral comments during seven public meetings held in various Washington towns and cities; all were duly considered in preparing the FEIS/GMP. All comments obtained are filed in the administrative record.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the FEIS/GMP are available from the Superintendent, Mount Rainier National Park, Tahoma Woods, Star Route, Ashford, Washington 98304-9751; (360) 589-2211. Public reading copies of the FEIS/GMP will also be available for review at the following locations:

Office of the Superintendent, Tahoma Woods, Mount Rainier National Park, Ashford, Washington 98304-9751; Telephone (360) 589-2211.

NPS Library, Columbia Cascades Support Office, 909 First Avenue South, Seattle, WA 98104-1060; Telephone: (206) 220-4114.

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

If individuals responding to this Notice request that their name or address be withheld from public disclosure, it will be honored to the extent allowable by law. Such requests must be stated prominently in the beginning of the comments. There also may be circumstances wherein the NPS will withhold a respondent's identity as allowable by law. As always, NPS will make available to public inspection all submissions from organizations or businesses and from persons identifying

themselves as representatives or officials of organizations and businesses; and, anonymous comments may not be considered.

Decision: A Record of Decision may be approved by the Regional Director, Pacific West Region, no sooner than 30 days after publication by the Environmental Protection Agency of the Notice of filing of this Final EIS in the **Federal Register**. The official responsible for the final decision is the Regional Director; subsequently the official responsible for implementation of the plan is the Superintendent, Mt. Rainier National Park.

Dated: October 25, 2001.

Martha K. Leicester,

Acting Regional Director, Pacific West Region.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Stiltsville, Management Plan, Biscayne National Park, FL

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a draft environmental impact statement for the Stiltsville Management Plan, Biscayne National Park, Florida.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service (NPS) is preparing a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for the Stiltsville Management Plan for Biscayne National Park. This effort will result in a management plan to guide public use and management of 7 stilt structures located in the northern end of Biscayne National Park in Biscayne Bay, Florida. Management options being considered include public use of the structures consistent with NPS policy and best management practices for environmental protection (the preferred alternative), and private lease under NPS management.

Major issues include potential impacts on water quality, biological resources, soundscape, visual resources, cultural resources, and the visitor experience.

To facilitate sound planning and consideration of environmental resources, the NPS intends to gather information necessary for the preparation of the Management Plan/DEIS and to obtain suggestions and information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues to be

addressed in the Management Plan/DEIS. Comments and participation in this scoping process are invited. Participation in the planning process will be encouraged and facilitated by various means, including newsletters and open houses or meetings.

DATES: The NPS will conduct public scoping meetings to explain the planning process and to solicit opinions about issues to be addressed in the Stiltsville Management Plan/DEIS. Locations, dates, and times of public scoping meetings will be announced in the local press, in NPS newsletters and on the park website, <http://www.nps.gov/bisc> and may also be obtained by contacting Biscayne National Park.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and information concerning the scope of the Management Plan/DEIS and other matters should be sent to the following address, Stiltsville Management Plan, Biscayne National Park, 9700 SW 328th St., Homestead, Florida 33033. Requests to be added to the project mailing list should be directed to the same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent, Biscayne National Park, 305-230-1144 ext. 3002

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NPS is developing a management plan for the 7 stilt structures located in the northern part of Biscayne National Park in Biscayne Bay. In 1980, the park's northern boundary expanded and Biscayne National Monument became Biscayne National Park. In 1985, when the State of Florida transferred ownership of the bay bottom within the expansion area to the park, it also transferred the leases for the property, which the structures occupy. The leases expired in July 1999. The park's 1983 General Management Plan, Development Concept Plan, Wilderness Study, and Environmental Assessment recommended removing the structures before the leases expired. Because of numerous expressions of public interest in maintaining the structures, the NPS initiated a multi-stage planning process to identify and recommend future public uses of the structures consistent with NPS policy.

In January 2001, the National Park System Advisory Board established the Stiltsville Committee directing it to identify and recommend future public use of Stiltsville and to develop recommendations to guide the future operations of the structures. The committee made several recommendations based upon an understanding that the structures and the surrounding aquatic environment are critical and important to the citizens

of south Florida and to the visitors to Biscayne National Park. These comments are available on the Biscayne National Park web site: <http://www.nps.gov/bisc>

Our practice is to make comments, including names and addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. If you wish for 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: August 24, 2001.

Paul Winegar,

Acting Regional Director, Southeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Notice of Proposed Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing its intention to request approval for the collections of information under 30 CFR parts 750 and 877 which relate the surface coal mining and reclamation operations on Indian Lands; and use of police power, if necessary, to effect entry upon private lands to conduct reclamation activities or exploratory studies if the landowner refuses consent or is not available, respectively.

DATES: Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by February 19, 2002, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to John A. Trelease, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1951 Constitution Ave, NW., Room 210—SIB, Washington, DC 20240. Comments may also be submitted electronically to jtrelease@smre.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the information collection request, explanatory

information and related forms, contact John A. Trelease, at (202) 208-2783.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR part 1320, which implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities [see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)]. This notice identifies information collections that OSM will be submitting to OMB for approval. These collections are contained in (1) 30 CFR part 750, Requirements for surface coal mining and reclamation operations on Indian Lands; and (2) 30 CFR part 877, Rights of entry. OSM will request a 3-year term of approval for each information collection activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) The need for the collection of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; (2) the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, such as use of automated means of collection of the information. A summary of the public comments will accompany OSM's submission of the information collection request to OMB.

The following information is provided for the information collection: (1) Title of the information collection; (2) OMB control number; (3) summary of the information collection activity; and (4) frequency of collection, description of the respondents, estimated total annual responses, and the total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden for the collection of information.

Title: Requirements for surface coal mining and reclamation operations on Indian Lands—30 CFR part 750.

OMB Control Number: 1029-0091.

Summary: Operators who conduct or propose to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations on Indian lands must comply with the requirements of 30 CFR part 750 pursuant to Section 710 of SMCRA.

Bureau Form Number: None.

Frequency of Collection: Once.

Description of Respondents:

Applicants for coal mining permits.

Total Annual Responses: 75.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,400.

Title: Rights of Entry—30 CFR part 877.

OMB Control Number: 1029-0055.

Summary: This regulation establishes procedures for non-consensual entry upon private lands for the purpose of