

park operations from improved work conditions and facilities. Impacts of alternative 3 include adverse impacts to Rainbow Forest cultural landscape from parking and walkway realignment; beneficial impacts on archeological sites and petrified wood from reducing trails and controlling backcountry use; adverse impacts to operations from new visitor programs; beneficial impacts on park operations from improved work conditions and facilities. Impacts of alternative 4 include adverse impacts to Rainbow Forest cultural landscape from parking and walkway realignment; adverse impacts to archeological sites and petrified wood from new trails and turnouts; beneficial impacts on visitor experience and appreciation from new facilities, turnouts, trails, and expanded services; beneficial impacts to park operations from new facilities and removal of deteriorating structures.

Dated: January 24, 2003.

Karen P. Wade,

Director, Intermountain Region, National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Notice of Availability of a General Management Plan

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of a General Management Plan, Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Rock Creek Park, Washington, DC

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service announces the availability of a draft Environmental Impact Statement and General Management Plan (DEIS/GMP) for Rock Creek Park, Washington, D.C. The DEIS/GMP evaluates four alternatives for the park. The document describes and analyzes the environmental impacts of three action alternatives and a no-action alternative. When approved, the plan will guide management actions during the next 15-20 years.

Alternatives: Alternative A would improve visitor safety, better control traffic volumes and speeds through the park, enhance interpretation and educational opportunities, and improve the use of park resources, especially cultural resources. It generally would retain the current scope of visitor uses. In Alternative B, the no action alternative, Rock Creek Park and the Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway would be maintained as they have

evolved thus far. There would not be any major changes in resources management, visitor programs, or facilities beyond regular maintenance. The current park road system would be retained and existing traffic management would continue. Developed in response to comments by members of the public who want to promote non-motorized recreation, Alternative C would eliminate traffic in much of the northern part of the park by closing three sections of Beach Drive to automobiles at all times. These would be the same three segments that currently are closed on weekends. It also would implement traffic-reducing and traffic-calming measures on roads in the southern portion of the park and on the Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway. Under Alternative C management of resources other than traffic would be the same as those listed above for Alternative A. Alternative D was developed in response to a letter sent to the National Park Service by the Mayor of Washington, DC. Alternative D, the National Park Service's preferred alternative, would close three segments of Beach Drive in the northern portion of the park to motorized vehicles for a 6-hour period, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on weekdays. These would be the same segments that currently are closed on weekends. For the other 18 hours of each weekday, including both rush-hour periods, traffic management would be similar to Alternative B, although traffic-calming measures like those in Alternative A would be used to reduce speeds. Under Alternative D management of resources other than traffic would be in the same manner as presented above for Alternative A.

Public Review: A 90-day public review period for comment on the draft document will begin after publication of this notice. In order to facilitate the review process, public reading copies of the DEIS/GMP will be available for review at the following locations: Rock Creek Park, 3545 Williamsburg Lane, Washington, DC 20008. National Capital Region, National Park Service, Lobby, 1100 Ohio Drive, NW., Washington, DC 20242.

In addition, the document will be posted on the National Park Service Planning site under: <http://www.nps.gov/rocr/>. Comments on the draft DEIS/GMP should be received (or transmitted by e-mail) no later than 60 days after publication of this **Federal Register** notice. Written comments may be submitted to: Craig Cellar, National Park Service, P.O. Box 25287, Denver, CO 80225-0287 or e-mailed to: rocr_gmp@nps.gov.

All comments received will be available for public review at Rock Creek Park headquarters. If individuals submitting comments request that their name and/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 National Park Service will withhold a respondent's identity as allowable by law. As always, the National Park Service will make available for public inspection all submissions from organizations or businesses and from persons identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations and businesses. Anonymous comments may not be considered.

There will also be a public meeting with a date and location to be determined. The meeting will take place no later than two weeks prior to the closing of the public comment period. The date, time and location of the meeting will be identified in local newspapers as well as on the Internet at <http://www.nps.gov/rocr>.

Decision Process: Notice of the availability of the final document will be published in the **Federal Register**. Subsequently, notice of an approved Record of Decision will be published in the **Federal Register** not sooner than 30 days after the final document is distributed. The official responsible for the decision is the Regional Director, National Capital Region, National Park Service; the official responsible for implementation is the Superintendent of Rock Creek Park.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent Adrienne Applewhaite-Coleman, Rock Creek Park, 3545 Williamsburg Lane, Washington, DC 20008, phone 202-895-6000, fax 202-895-6015, e-mail: rocr_superintendent@nps.gov.

Terry R. Carlstrom,

Regional Director, National Capital Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

General Management Plan, Final Environmental Impact Statement, Tonto National Monument, AR.

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement

for the General Management Plan, Tonto National Monument.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(c), the National Park Service announces the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for a General Management Plan for Tonto National Monument, Arizona.

DATES: The National Park Service will execute a Record of Decision (ROD) no sooner than 30 days following publication by the Environmental Protection Agency of the notice of availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

ADDRESSES: Information will be available for the public at the following locations: (1) Tonto National Monument, HC02, Box 4602, Roosevelt, AZ 85545. (2) On the NPS Planning Web site at: <http://planning.nps.gov/plans.cfm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent, Tonto National Monument, HC02, Box 4602, Roosevelt, AZ 85545 928-467-2241(P).

Dated: January 15, 2003.

Karen P. Wade,

Director, Intermountain Region, National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Cape Cod National Seashore, South Wellfleet, Massachusetts; Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission, Two Hundred Forty-First Meeting; 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 April 4, 2003.

The Commission was reestablished pursuant to Public Law 87-126 as amended by Public Law 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.

The Commission members will meet at 1 p.m. at Headquarters, Marconi Station, Wellfleet, Massachusetts for the regular business meeting to discuss the following:

1. Adoption of Agenda
2. Approval of minutes of previous meeting (January 24, 2003)
3. Reports of Officers
4. Reports of Subcommittees, Nickerson Fellowship Subcommittee
5. Superintendent's Report, Renewable Energy Initiatives, Salt Pond Visitor Center Update, Prescribed Burns Program, UMass/Olmsted Center work on "Character", News from Washington
6. Old Business, Invasive Species, Dune Shack Subcommittee Report
7. New Business
8. Date and agenda for next meeting
9. Public comment and
10. Adjournment

The meeting is open to the public. It is expected that 15 persons will be able to attend the meeting in addition to Commission members.

Interested persons may make oral/written presentations to the Commission during the business meeting or file written statements. Such requests should be made to the park superintendent at least seven days prior to the meeting. Further information concerning the meeting may be obtained from the Superintendent, Cape Cod National Seashore, 99 Marconi Site Road, Wellfleet, MA 02667.

Dated: February 12, 2003.

Ted C. Nicholson,

Acting Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Chalmette Battlefield Task Force Committee Act

AGENCY: National Park Service, Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve.

ACTION: Notice of Task Force meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App.1, Section 10(a)(2), that a meeting of the Chalmette Battlefield Task Force Committee will be held at 4:00 p.m. at the following location and date:

DATES: Wednesday, March 26, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The Council Chambers Meeting Room at the St. Bernard Parish Government Complex, 8245 W. Judge Perez Drive in Chalmette, LA 70042.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Geraldine Smith, Superintendent, Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, 419 Decatur Street, New

Orleans, LA 70130, (504) 589-3882, extension 137 or 108.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Chalmette Battlefield Task Force Committee is to advise the Secretary of the Interior on suggested improvements at the Chalmette Battlefield site within Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve. The members of the Task Force are as follows: Ms. Elizabeth McDougall, chairperson, Ms. Faith Moran, Mr. Anthony A. Fernandez, Jr., Mr. Drew Heaphy, Mr. Alvin W. Guillot, Mrs. George W. Davis, Mr. Eric Cager, Mr. Paul V. Perez, Captain Bonnie Pepper Cook, vice-chairperson, Mr. Michael L. Fraering, Colonel John F. Pugh, Jr., and Geraldine Smith.

The matters to be discussed at this meeting include the purpose of the committee, background and history of the area, current citizens concerns and issues, and scheduling of future meetings. This meeting will be open to the public. However, facilities and space for accommodating members of the public are limited. Any member of the public may file with the committee a written statement concerning the matters to be discussed. Written statements may also be submitted to the superintendent at the address above. Minutes of the meeting will be available at park headquarters for public inspection at 419 Decatur Street, New Orleans, Louisiana for public inspection approximately 4 weeks after the meeting and on the park Web site at <http://www.nps.gov/jela.htm>.

Dated: February 7, 2003.

William W. Schenk,

Regional Director, Southeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Announcement of Gates of the Arctic National Park Subsistence Resource Commission Meeting

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Announcement of Gates of the Arctic National Park Subsistence Resource Commission (SRC) meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act that a meeting of the Gates of the Arctic National Park Subsistence Resource Commissions will be held at Shungnak, Alaska. The purpose of the meeting will be to continue work on currently authorized and proposed National Park Service