

2009. An update will also be posted on the project Web site.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As noted above, persons who previously submitted comments on the proposed GMP need not resubmit those comments. The NPS already is considering that input as planning continues. However, persons who have not previously submitted comments on the scope of the EIS, or who wish to submit additional comments related to consideration of the Wilderness Study are encouraged to do so.

Previously three public scoping sessions were held at Ventura, Santa Barbara, and Los Angeles during the week of November 12, 2001. Additional public meetings will be held during spring-summer, 2009, in Santa Barbara and Ventura to address the new wilderness study and to provide a GMP project update (a summary of all scoping results will also be available). The confirmed dates, times and locations of these meetings will be posted on the park's web site, announced via local and regional news media, or may be obtained by telephone at (805) 658-5730.

The conservation planning and environmental impact analysis supporting preparation of the GMP/ Wilderness Study will be conducted as noted above in accord with requirements of NEPA, CEQ and other appropriate Federal regulations, and NPS Director's Order 12, Director's Order 41, and other NPS procedures and policies. For further information, please contact the Superintendent, Channel Islands National Park, 1901 Spinnaker Drive, Ventura, CA 93001-4354; telephone (805) 658-5730. General information about Channel Islands National Park is available on the Internet at <http://www.nps.gov/chis>.

Decision Process: Following final completion of the scoping phase and consideration of all public concerns and other agency comments, a Draft EIS and proposed GMP will be prepared and released for public review. The subsequent availability of the Draft EIS/ GMP will be announced by **Federal Register** notice and in local and regional news media. As a delegated EIS, the official responsible for the final decision on the GMP is the Regional Director, Pacific West Region, National Park Service. Following approval of the GMP the official responsible for implementation will be the Superintendent, Channel Islands National Park.

Dated: February 19, 2009.

Jonathan B. Jarvis,

Regional Director, Pacific West Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Monocacy National Battlefield, Maryland

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, National Park Service.

ACTION: Notice of Availability, Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan, Monocacy National Battlefield.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan for Monocacy National Battlefield, Maryland. This document will be available for public review and comment pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321) and National Park Service policy.

DATES: A 60-day public comment period will begin with the Environmental Protection Agency's publication of its notice of availability in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and the General Management Plan are available at Monocacy National Battlefield, 4801 Urbana Pike, Frederick, Maryland 21701. An electronic copy of the DEIS and GMP is also available on the National Park Service Web site at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/mono>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Trail, Superintendent, Monocacy National Battlefield, at 4801 Urbana Pike, Frederick, Maryland 21701, and by telephone at (301) 694-3147. The responsible official for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement is Margaret O'Dell, Regional Director, National Capital Region, National Park Service, 1100 Ohio Drive, SW., Washington, DC 20242.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The document provides a framework for management, use, and development options for Monocacy National Battlefield by the National Park Service for the next 15 to 20 years. The document describes four management alternatives for consideration, including a no-action alternative, and analyzes the environmental impacts of those alternatives for all units of Monocacy National Battlefield.

Alternative 4, the preferred alternative, would move park administration into the Thomas House and maintenance would continue at the Gambrill Mill site. Visitors would transit the battlefield in their automobiles. All historic structures would be preserved with exhibits in the Worthington House and Thomas outbuilding. New trails would be constructed and commemorative memorial locations would be upgraded. A pedestrian-only deck would be constructed over Interstate 270 between the Worthington and Thomas farms.

The public is welcome to comment on the draft plan at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/mono> or by mail at Monocacy National Battlefield, 4801 Urbana Pike, Frederick, Maryland 21701.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: January 14, 2009.

Margaret O'Dell,

Regional Director, National Capital Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Cle Elum Dam Fish Passage Facilities and Fish Re-Introduction Project; Kittitas County, WA

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) proposes to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the Cle Elum Dam Fish Passage Facilities and Fish Re-Introduction Project. The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) will be a joint lead with Reclamation in the preparation of this EIS, which will also be used to comply with requirements of the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA).

Reclamation is evaluating the construction of downstream juvenile

fish passage and upstream adult fish passage alternatives at the dam for the Cle Elum Dam Fish Passage Facilities Project. Cle Elum Dam did not include fish passage facilities when constructed in 1933; consequently, fish passage to upstream habitat for fish species was blocked.

As part of the effort to restore fish above Cle Elum Dam, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), in collaboration with Yakama Nation, is evaluating the implementation of a proposed fish re-introduction project for populations above the dam. The re-introduction project would involve the use of hatchery supplementation techniques to restore fish above the dam.

Early in 2001, Yakima River basin interest groups urged Reclamation to incorporate fish passage facilities as part of the reconstruction of Keechelus Dam under the Safety of Dams (SOD) program. Reclamation determined that fish passage facilities could not be added under existing SOD authority. However, in the January 2002 Record of Decision (ROD) for Keechelus Dam Modification EIS (Reclamation 2002), Reclamation committed to seek funding under existing authorities to conduct a feasibility study for providing fish passage at all Yakima Project storage dams. Additionally, Reclamation agreed to mitigation agreement terms and Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA) conditions with WDFW to investigate fish passage feasibility. In 2003, Reclamation prevailed in a suit filed by the Yakama Nation concerning the NEPA and Endangered Species Act compliance for the Keechelus SOD project. The Yakama Nation then appealed that decision to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. In 2006, Reclamation and the Yakama Nation entered into a settlement agreement to resolve litigation in which the parties agreed to collaborate to prepare technical plans and a planning report for fish passage at Cle Elum and Bumping Lake Dams. This EIS is part of the agreed-upon planning process for Cle Elum Dam only. An EIS for Bumping Lake fish passage will be prepared separately at a future time.

DATES: A scoping meeting will be held on April 30, 2009, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the location indicated under the **ADDRESSES** section. Written comments will be accepted through May 8, 2009, for inclusion in the scoping summary document. Requests for sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired or other special assistance needs should be submitted to David Kaumheimer, Environmental Program Manager, as

indicated under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** section by April 16, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Comments and requests to be added to the mailing list may be submitted to Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Columbia Area Office, Attention: David Kaumheimer, Environmental Program Manager, 1917 Marsh Road, Yakima, Washington 98901.

The scoping meeting will be held at the Hal Holmes Center, 209 N. Ruby Street, Ellensburg, WA 98926. The meeting facility is physically accessible to people with disabilities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact David Kaumheimer, Environmental Program Manager, Telephone (509) 575-5848, ext. 232. TTY users may dial 711 to obtain a toll-free TTY relay. Information on this project can also be found at http://www.usbr.gov/pn/programs/ucao_misc/fishpassage/.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Yakima Project Storage Dams Fish Passage Study is conducted under the authority of the Act of December 28, 1979 (93 Stat. 1241, Pub. L. 96-162, Feasibility Study—Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project). Section 1205 of Title XII of the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project Act of October 31, 1994 (Pub. L. 103-434, as amended, 108 Stat. 4550) authorized fish, wildlife, and recreation as additional purposes of the Yakima Project. Section 1206 of Title XII of this Act authorizes Reclamation to construct juvenile (*i.e.*, downstream) fish passage facilities at Cle Elum Dam under a cost ceiling. Section 109 of the Hoover Power Plant Act of August 17, 1984 (Pub. L. 98-381, 98 Stat. 1340), authorizes Reclamation to design, construct, and operate fish passage facilities within the Yakima River basin that is in accordance with the NPCC's Columbia River Fish and Wildlife Program. A companion law was enacted August 22, 1984, to provide, among other things, for operations and maintenance costs related to fish facilities (Pub. L. 98-396, 98 Stat. 1379).

Alternatives are being developed to construct fish passage facilities for Cle Elum Dam which includes both downstream juvenile passage and upstream adult passage. The downstream passage facilities, as currently envisioned, would include an intake structure located just above the spillway inlet channel and a conduit through the right abutment of the dam. These modifications will provide surface releases in enough volume to attract migrating juvenile fish to an overflow gate in the reservoir that will lead to a conduit that will safely

discharge the fish downstream from the dam.

The proposed upstream fish passage would consist of a trap and haul facility. Fish collected at the facility would be placed into a fish transport truck and hauled upstream for release into the reservoir and upstream tributaries.

The fish re-introduction project proposes to restore populations of sockeye salmon (*Onchorynchus nerka*), coho salmon (*O. kisutch*), spring chinook salmon (*O. tshawytscha*), summer steelhead (*O. mykiss*), and Pacific lamprey (*Lampetra tridentata*) through the use of hatchery supplementation techniques. Existing hatchery facilities would be used for the program and no new facilities would be constructed. The re-introduction project would initially focus on restoring coho salmon above Cle Elum Dam. The additional species would be added to the project incrementally over time. A strategy has been developed for near-term, mid-term and long-term actions.

Public Involvement

Reclamation and Ecology in collaboration with WDFW will conduct a public scoping meeting to solicit comments on the alternatives for the Cle Elum Fish Passage Facilities and Fish Re-Introduction Project, and to identify potential issues and impacts associated with those alternatives. Reclamation and Ecology will summarize comments received during the scoping meeting and from letters of comment received during the scoping period, identified under the **DATES** section, into a scoping summary document that will be made available to those who have provided comments. It will also be available to others upon request. If you wish to comment, you may mail us your comments as indicated under the **ADDRESSES** section.

Public Disclosure

Before including your name, address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Timothy Personius,
Acting Regional Director, Pacific Northwest Region.

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