

original battlefield, but outside the park boundary. Environmental impacts that would result from implementation of the alternatives are addressed in the document. Impact topics include cultural and natural resources, interpretation and visitor use, socioeconomic environment, and NPS operations. Measures that would be taken to mitigate impacts are also described in the FEIS.

#### Availability

The FEIS is being mailed to agencies, organizations, and individuals on the park's mailing list, and is on display at Linebaugh Public Library, 205 West Vine Street, Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37130, and at the following location. A limited number of copies are available from the Superintendent at the Stones River National Battlefield Visitor Center. Superintendent, Stones River National Battlefield, 3501 Old Nashville Highway, Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37129, Telephone (615) 893-9501.

No sooner than 30 days from the appearance of this notice in the Federal Register, a Record of Decision will be signed that will document NPS approval of the General Management Plan for Stones River National Battlefield, and identify the selected action from the alternatives presented in the FEIS.

Dated: February 5, 1999.

**Daniel Brown,**

*Acting Regional Director, Southeast Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Notice of Intent to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the General Management Plan for Fort Frederica National Monument, Georgia

**SUMMARY:** The National Park Service will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to accompany its General Management Plan (GMP) for Fort Frederica National Monument. The Service invites suggestions for issues to be considered and ideas for resolving the issues. Public scoping meetings will be held in the local area to receive input from interest parties on issues, concerns, and suggestions for resolving these issues and concerns. The comment period for each of these meetings will be announced at the meetings and will be published on the General Management Plan web site for Fort Frederica at <http://www.nps.gov/fofr>.

**DATES:** Locations, dates, and times of public scoping meetings will be published in local newspapers and may also be obtained by calling the monument. This information will also be published on the General Management Plan web site for Fort Frederica.

**ADDRESSES:** Scoping suggestions should be submitted to the following address to ensure adequate consideration by the Service. Superintendent, Fort Frederica National Monument, Route 9, Box 286-C, St. Simons Island, Georgia 31522, Telephone: (912) 638-3630.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Park Service has announced that an EIS on GMPs will be prepared for all park units. To comply with this policy, a formal scoping period is announced.

Comments are invited on any issue believed to be relevant to monument management and should be submitted to the Superintendent whose address is given above. Public scoping meetings will be held in the local area and the dates and times may be obtained from local newspapers or by calling the monument. We urge that comments be made in writing. Issues may be suggested for the Service to consider during its planning as well as suggestions for resolution. Issues currently being considered include the use of 28 acres of land acquired in 1994, potential acquisition and protection of the Frederica period house site believed to be Oglethorpe's home, coping with tremendous residential development around the park, and how to best fulfill the park's interpretive mission. Central to these issues is the determination of the monument's mission—its purpose and significance. The plan will identify desired conditions for resources and visitor experiences for various management units within the monument. A draft GMP/EIS will be prepared and presented to the public for review and comment followed by preparation and availability of the final GMP/EIS.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Management Plan/Special Resource Study; Environmental Impact Statement: Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District, VA; Notice of Intent

**AGENCIES:** Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District Commission and National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

In accordance with section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District Commission (Commission) and the National Park Service (NPS) are cooperating to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the impacts of alternative management strategies for a Management Plan and Special Resource Study for the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District (National Historic District), Virginia.

The Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District and Commission Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-333) requires the Commission, with the assistance of the National Park Service, to prepare the Management Plan. The Management Plan/EIS will evaluate a range of alternatives which address cultural and natural resource protection, visitor use, and socioeconomic concerns. The Management Plan/EIS will also incorporate a NPS Special Resource Study to examine the possibility of creating a new unit of the National Park system.

The Commission and the NPS will hold several scoping meetings in late February 1999, and early March 1999, to identify issues to be addressed in the Management Plan/Special Resource Study/EIS. The draft document is expected to be completed for public review by the summer of 2000. After public and interagency review of the draft document, comments will be considered and a final EIS will be prepared for release by the fall of 2000, which will be followed by a record-of-decision. The responsible officials are the chairman of the Commission and the Northeast Regional Director of the NPS.

For further information and meeting times and locations, contact Howard Kittell, Executive Director, Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District Commission, P.O. Box 897, New Market, VA 22844 or Jeff Reinbold, Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Project Coordinator, National Park Service, P.O. Box 897, New Market, VA 22844. The phone number for both contacts is (540) 740-4545.