

necessary, restoring significant park resources. It includes significant staffing and funding increases for the park's resource management functions, restores key elements of the park's infrastructure, provides for restoration of several specific sites having natural system conflicts, establishes a standards-based management zoning system, and proposes designation of approximately 25,000 additional acres as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System. The plan also includes program increases and visitor facility improvements to provide for quality basic visitor service.

Alternative C: Resource Protection and Enhanced Visitor Experience. This alternative is the proposed General Management Plan for Lassen Volcanic National Park. It includes all the features of Alternative B, and provides enhancement to visitor experience by making more facilities available during winter months, and increasing interpretive services, facilities, and information.

Alternative D: Resource Protection and Expanded Visitor Opportunities, includes all of the features of Alternative C and, in addition, provides for expansion of family and group campgrounds at several locations. It also expands winter access at the north entrance by plowing the park road an additional 9 miles to the Devastated Area, and keeping one loop of the campground open for winter camping.

Significant adverse environmental impacts would be expected to result from Alternative A as a number of environmental resources are undergoing deterioration under current conditions. All of the action alternatives include programs to arrest the deterioration of resources and mitigation features to avoid or reduce impacts from implementation of project features.

Comments: Persons wishing to provide information or express any concerns about management issues and future land management direction are encouraged to comment. All responses must be postmarked not later than October 31, 2000, and these letters should be addressed to the Superintendent, Lassen Volcanic National Park, P.O. Box 100, Mineral, California 96063-0100. Questions regarding the proposed plan or public meetings should be directed to the Superintendent either by mail in care of the above address, or else by telephone at (530) 595-4444.

If individuals submitting comments request that their name or/and 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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Seven public meetings will be held in communities in the vicinity of the park. Dates and locations are shown below. All meetings with one exception will be held from 7-8:30 pm (a morning meeting will be held 10-12 am on September 9).

August 29—Redding Community Center, 777 Cypress Avenue, Redding.

August 30—Red Bluff Community/Senior Center, 1500 South Jackson St., Red Bluff.

August 31—City Council Chamber, 421 Main Street, Chico.

September 5—Chester Memorial Hall, 225 Gay Street, Chester.

September 6—Veteran's Memorial Building, 1205 Main Street, Susanville.

September 7—Shingletown Fire Hall, 1 mile east of Shingletown on Highway 44.

September 9—Mineral School, 38355 Scenic Avenue, Mineral.

Decision: The official responsible for the final decision is Regional Director, Pacific West Region; subsequently the official who will be responsible for implementation will be the Superintendent, Lassen Volcanic National Park.

Dated: August 11, 2000.

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Deputy Regional Director, Pacific West.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Final Environmental Impact Statement, Interagency Bison Management Plan for the State of Montana and Yellowstone National Park

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Availability of final environmental impact statement plan.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service announces the availability of a final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming.

DATES: The DEIS was on public review from June 12, 1998 through November 3, 1998. Responses to public comment are addressed in the FEIS. There will be a 30-day public review on the FEIS. Comments must be post-marked by October 2, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the FEIS are available from the Superintendent, Yellowstone NP, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming 82190. Public reading copies of the FEIS will be available for review at the following locations:

Office of the Superintendent,
Yellowstone NP, Yellowstone
National Park, WY 82190, Telephone:
(307) 344-2010.

Planning and Environmental Quality,
Intermountain Support Office—
Denver, National Park Service, P.O.
Box 25287, Denver, CO 80225-0287,
Telephone: (303) 969-2851.

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

Comments on the FEIS should be sent to: Bison Management Plan EIS Team, Yellowstone National Park, Attn: Sarah Bransom, YCR, PO Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FEIS presents 8 alternatives with a full range of management techniques for maintaining a wild, free ranging bison population while minimizing the risk of transmitting the disease Brucellosis from bison to domestic cattle on public and private lands in Montana adjacent to Yellowstone National Park. Management techniques used in various combinations to meet the plan's objectives include capturing and testing bison for Brucellosis, quarantining, slaughtering, hunting, and vaccination.

The FEIS in particular evaluates the environmental consequences of the proposed action and the other alternatives on the following topics: bison population, recreation, livestock operations, socioeconomic, threatened, endangered and sensitive species, other wildlife species, human health, cultural resources, and visual resources.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent, Yellowstone National Park, at the above address and telephone number.

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National Park Service.*

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