

personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Superintendent Shawn Bengé, Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, P.O. Box 2128, Fort Oglethorpe, GA 30742; phone: (423) 752-5213. The responsible official for this EIS is the Regional Director, Southeast Region, National Park Service, 100 Alabama Street, SW., 1924 Building, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Authority: The authority for publishing this notice is contained in 40 CFR 1506.6.

Dated: November 3, 2008.

David Vela,

Regional Director, Southeast Region, National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Availability of Final General Management Plan/Wilderness Study/Environmental Impact Statement for Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, MI

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Final General Management Plan/Wilderness Study/Environmental Impact Statement for Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, MI.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C), the National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of the Final General Management Plan/Wilderness Study/Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/WS/EIS) for Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore (Lakeshore), Michigan.

DATES: The final GMP/WS/EIS will remain available for public review for 30 days following the publishing of the notice of availability in the **Federal Register** by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the Final GMP/WS/EIS should be sent to the Superintendent, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, 9922 Front Street, Empire, Michigan 49630-9797. You may also view the document via the Internet through the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment Web site (<http://parkplanning.nps.gov>); simply click on the link to the Lakeshore.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NPS prepared a draft GMP/WS/EIS for the Lakeshore, pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, combining the plan, wilderness study, and an environmental analysis of both. The GMP provides a framework for making decisions about and managing the national lakeshore's resources and visitor use for the next 15-20 years. The WS produces a wilderness proposal that will be submitted to the NPS Director for approval and subsequently considered by the Department of the Interior, President, and Congress.

The draft was made available for public review for 69 days, from April 7, 2008 to June 15, 2008. During that time, the NPS distributed over 700 copies of the draft. Sixteen presentations on the contents of the draft were made upon request to various groups during the comment period, with a total of 363 persons in attendance. The draft was also made available at the park offices, on the Internet, and at area libraries. Public hearings were held on June 3, 4, and 5, 2008, attended by a total of 196 persons. Comments were received from 292 persons on the document during the public review period. Comments from individuals, groups, and public agencies on the alternatives, the preferred alternative, and the environmentally preferred alternative were considered.

The preferred alternative will provide for the preservation of natural resources, while offering opportunities for visitor enjoyment of natural, cultural, and recreational resources in a scenic outdoor setting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact Superintendent Shultz, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, at the address or telephone number above.

Dated: September 26, 2008.

Ernest Quintana,

Director, Midwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Final Environmental Impact Statement for the White-tailed Deer Management Plan, Catoctin Mountain Park, MD

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, National Park Service.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the White-tailed Deer Management

Plan, Catoctin Mountain Park, Maryland.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C), the National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the White-tailed Deer Management Plan (FEIS) for Catoctin Mountain Park in Thurmont, Maryland. The plan will support forest regeneration and provide for long-term protection, conservation, and restoration of native species and cultural landscapes at Catoctin Mountain Park. The document describes four management alternatives which include a no action alternative (continue existing management) and three action alternatives, one of which was identified as the preferred alternative.

DATES: The Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the White-tailed Deer Management Plan was on public review from December 1, 2006, through February 2, 2007. Responses to public comments received during that review are addressed in the FEIS. A 30-day no-action period will follow the Environmental Protection Agency's Notice of Availability of the FEIS. After the 30-day no-action period, a Record of Decision will be signed that will document NPS approval of the FEIS and identify the selected alternative for implementation.

ADDRESSES: The FEIS will be available for public review online at the National Park Service Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) Web site at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/cato> by selecting "Deer Management Plan for Catoctin Mountain Park." Bound copies of the FEIS will also be available at the Catoctin Mountain Park Visitor Center which is located at the intersection of Maryland Route 77 and Park Central Road, and at Catoctin Mountain Park Headquarters which is located approximately two miles west of Thurmont on Maryland Route 77. Copies will also be available at the C. Burr Artz Public Library, 110 East Patrick Street, Frederick, Maryland 21701; the Thurmont Regional Library, 76 East Moser Road, Thurmont, Maryland 21788; the Washington County Free Library, 100 South Potomac Street, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740; and the Smithsburg Library, 66 West Water Street, Smithsburg, Maryland 21783.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Becky Loncosky, Park Biologist, at Catoctin Mountain Park, 6602 Foxville Road, Thurmont, Maryland 21788, by

telephone at (301) 416-0536, or by e-mail at Becky_Loncosky@nps.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FEIS evaluates four alternatives for managing white-tailed deer in the park. The document describes and analyzes the environmental impacts of the no-action alternative and three action alternatives. When approved, the plan will guide deer management actions in Catoctin Mountain Park over the next 15 years.

Alternative A (no action) would continue the existing deer management plan of limited fencing, use of repellents in landscaped areas, monitoring, data management, and research; no new deer management actions would be implemented. Alternative B would combine several non-lethal actions including large-scale exclosures (fencing), additional use of repellents in limited areas, and reproductive control of does to gradually reduce deer population in the park. Under Alternative C qualified federal employees or contractors would directly reduce the deer population in the park through sharpshooting. Capture and euthanasia of individual deer would be used in circumstances where sharpshooting would not be appropriate. Alternative C is the NPS preferred alternative. Alternative D would combine actions of Alternatives B and C which would include sharpshooting, capture and euthanasia, and reproductive control of does to maintain population levels. The preferred alternative would fully meet the plan objectives and has more certainty of success than the other alternatives analyzed. The relatively rapid reduction in deer density and browsing pressure on native plant communities and species of special concern would provide beneficial impacts to the natural and cultural resources of the park.

Dated: August 13, 2008.

Lisa A. Mendelson-Ielmini,
Acting Regional Director, National Capital Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Notice of Proposed Information Collection for 1029-0035 and 1029-0038

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

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 seek continued approval for two collections of information which we are consolidating into one collection activity: 30 CFR Parts 779 and 783—Surface and Underground Mining Permit Applications—Minimum Requirements for Information on Environmental Resources.

DATES: Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by February 13, 2009, 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 202-SIB, Washington, DC 20240. Comments may also be submitted electronically to jtrelease@osmre.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To receive a copy of the information collection request, contact John Trelease, at (202) 208-2783 or by e-mail at the location listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement 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 an information collection activity that OSM will be submitting to OMB for extension. This collection is contained in 30 CFR Parts 779 and 783—Surface and Underground Mining Permit Applications Minimum Requirements for Information on Environmental Resources. OSM is combining the two collections and will request that the collections be consolidated under OMB control number 1029-0035, eliminating 1029-0038.

OSM has revised burden estimates, where appropriate, to reflect current reporting levels or adjustments based on reestimates of burden or respondents.

OSM will request a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity.

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.

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.

This notice provides the public with 60 days in which to comment on the following information collection activity:

Title: 30 CFR Parts 779 and 783—Surface and Underground Mining Permit Applications—Minimum Requirements for Information on Environmental Resources.

OMB Control Number: 1029-0035.

Summary: Applicants for surface and underground coal mining permits are required to provide adequate descriptions of the environmental resources that may be affected by proposed underground coal mining activities.

Bureau Form Number: None.

Frequency of Collection: Once, at time of application submission.

Description of Respondents: 314 Surface and underground coal mining applicants and 24 State regulatory authorities.

Total Annual Responses: 314 Coal mining applicants and 309 State responses.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 52,101 hours.

Dated: December 4, 2008.

John R. Craynon,

Chief, Division of Regulatory Support.

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