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**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.

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**David Vela,**

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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,**

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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.

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