

Activity/operator	Location	Date
Mariner Energy, Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 08-131 ..	Matagorda Island, Block A-4, Lease OCS-G 06059, located 35 miles from the nearest Texas shoreline.	7/28/2008
Energy Partners, LTD, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 08-137	East Cameron, Block 44, Lease OCS-G 19730, located 15 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	7/29/2008
Beryl Oil and Gas LP, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 08-098	West Delta, Block 57, Lease OCS-G 10878, located 3 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	7/30/2008
Chevron U.S.A., Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 08-135, 08-136.	South Timbalier, Block 51, Lease OCS-G 01240, located 11 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	8/15/2008
EI Paso E&P Company, L.P., Initial Exploration Plan, SEA N-9209.	High Island, Block A-373, Lease OCS-G 25606, located 120 miles from the nearest Texas shoreline.	8/18/2008
GOM Shelf LLC, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 08-013 .....	South Pass, Block 45, Lease OCS-G 04479, located 7 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	8/19/2008
Mariner Energy, Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 08-141 ..	Brazos, Block A104, Lease OCS-G 11297, located 35 miles from the nearest Texas shoreline.	8/22/2008
Apache Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 07-068B	Main Pass, Block 151, Lease OCS-G 02951, located 10 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	8/22/2008
Merit Energy Company, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 08-110.	Matagorda Island, Block 672, Lease OCS-G 10198, located 25 miles from the nearest Texas shoreline.	8/22/2008
Beryl Oil & Gas LP, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 08-128 ....	Chandeleur, Block 38, Lease OCS-G 07836, located 33 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	8/27/2008
Stone Energy Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 08-133.	South Marsh Island, Block 275, Lease OCS-G 05477, located 29 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	8/27/2008
Walter Oil & Gas Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 08-144.	Breton Sound, Block 54, Lease OCS-G 21706, located 10 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	8/28/2008
Merit Energy Company, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 08-114.	Matagorda Island, Block 682, Lease OCS-G 05171, located 20 miles from the nearest Texas shoreline.	9/11/2008
Chevron U.S.A., Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 07-039B	Eugene Island, Block 231, Lease OCS-G 00980, located 39 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	9/19/2008
Prime Offshore, LLC, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 08-145	North Padre Island, Block 998, Lease OCS-G 23123, located 20 miles from the nearest Texas shoreline.	9/19/2008
Eni U.S. Operating Company, Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 08-148.	Ship Shoal (South Addition), Block 246, Lease OCS-G 01027, located 55 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	9/19/2008
Walter Oil & Gas Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 08-143.	Vermilion, Block 28, Lease OCS-G 21588, located 4.8 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	9/19/2008
CGG Veritas, Geological & Geophysical Prospecting for Mineral Resources, SEA L08-71.	Located in the central Gulf of Mexico south of Fourchon, Louisiana.	9/22/2008
Hunt Petroleum (AEC), Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 08-149.	Main Pass, Block 101, Lease OCS-G 22792, located 20 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	9/26/2008
Union Oil Company of California, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 08-107.	Ship Shoal, Block 209, Lease OCS-G 00827, located 34 miles from the nearest Louisiana Shoreline.	9/26/2008

Persons interested in reviewing environmental documents for the proposals listed above or obtaining information about SEAs and FONSI's prepared by the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region are encouraged to contact MMS at the address or telephone listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** section.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Notice of Availability for the Draft Elk Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for Theodore Roosevelt National Park, ND

**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 a draft Elk Management Plan (Plan) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Theodore Roosevelt National Park, North Dakota (Park).

**DATES:** The draft EIS will remain available for public review for 90 days following the publishing of the notice of availability in the **Federal Register** by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Public meetings will be held during the 90-day review period, but the specific dates and locations will be announced in local and regional media sources of record and on the Park's Web site.

You may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may comment via the Internet through the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment Web site (<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/thro>) and simply click on the link to the Plan. You may mail comments to Superintendent Valerie Naylor at the address provided below. You may send comments to the Superintendent by facsimile at 701-623-4840. Finally, you may hand-

deliver comments to the Park headquarters.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the draft EIS are available from the Superintendent, Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Box 7, Medora, North Dakota 58645-0007.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of this EIS is to develop and implement an elk management strategy compatible with the long-term protection and preservation of park resources. This EIS is needed to address the rapid increase of the Park elk population from the 47 reintroduced to the South Unit of the Park in 1985, to the approximately 900 that occur there today. Larger populations of elk could, over the long-term, negatively affect plant communities and other resources as a result of overgrazing. Large elk populations could also negatively affect other herbivores present in the South Unit by competing for forage. Other considerations include land use and users outside the Park, including livestock grazing, hunting, and agriculture; visitors to the Park; and the

ability of the Park to effectively manage resources.

The alternatives under consideration include a required "no-action" alternative plus five action alternatives. An alternative that addresses herd maintenance only is included as one of the action alternatives. These alternatives were developed by an interdisciplinary planning team and through feedback from the public, other Agencies, and the scientific community during the planning process.

- Under alternative A (no action), existing management practices would be followed and no new management actions would be implemented beyond those available when the elk management planning process started. This would be limited to vegetation monitoring in elk use areas of the South Unit, as well as monitoring of the elk population.

- Under alternative B, direct reduction with firearms would be used to reduce and maintain elk numbers consistent with the protection of the lightly-grazed system in the South Unit.

- Under alternative C, the elk herd would be reduced and maintained using roundups and euthanasia at either offsite locations or the Park's handling facility.

- Under alternative D, the NPS would seek to reduce and maintain the elk population using translocation (roundup and relocation of animals to willing recipients outside the Park).

- Under alternative E, the NPS would look to increase hunting opportunities outside the park, coordinated with State actions to reduce and maintain the elk population in the Park.

- Under alternative F (maintenance only), the elk herd would initially be reduced using one of the other action alternatives, and then maintained by treating female elk with chemical fertility control agents to maintain the target elk population size. At this time, there are no fertility control agents that meet NPS criteria for use. However, ongoing research in other NPS units has indicated that use of such an agent at Theodore Roosevelt National Park could be feasible during the life of this plan.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Contact Superintendent Naylor at the address above or by telephone at 701-623-4466.

Before including your address, telephone number, electronic mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, 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 comments to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: December 4, 2008.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**National Park Service**

**Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the General Management Plan (GMP) for Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park in Tennessee and Georgia**

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and Director's Order Number 12 (Conservation Planning, Environmental Impact Analysis, and Decision-Making) the NPS is preparing an EIS for a GMP for Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, located in Tennessee and Georgia.

The GMP will prescribe the desired resource conditions and visitor experience opportunities that are to be achieved and maintained in the park over approximately the next 15 to 20 years. The park's purpose, significance, special mandates, and relevant laws and policies directing park management will be reviewed and assessed to establish the foundation for the GMP. The GMP will build upon these foundation elements to determine the appropriate type, level and location for resource management activities, visitor use, and potential development. In consultation with the park's stakeholders (i.e., government agencies, affiliated tribal representatives, partnership organizations, and other concerned members of the public), issues bearing on the long-term management of the park will be factored into the development of a reasonable range of management alternatives. The resource impacts and other anticipated consequences of implementing the planning alternatives will be assessed in the EIS.

From initial discussions among NPS planners, park staff and partners, issues that are anticipated to be addressed by the GMP will include (but are not limited to) the following: Long-term management of the battlefield landscape to achieve objectives for restoring historic viewsheds and protecting

important cultural and natural resources; articulation of resource stewardship and visitor management prescriptions for the recently acquired Moccasin Bend National Archeological District; determination of a range of appropriate and compatible visitor activities in the park; and, identification of opportunities for collaboration and partnership with community leaders and other entities to ensure park values are understood and considered in local decision making (e.g., viewshed protection and adjacent land-use).

**DATES:** Any comments on the scope of issues to be addressed in the GMP should be submitted no later than 30 days after public meetings. Public scoping meetings regarding the GMP will be held to allow an opportunity for stakeholders and other members of the public to bring issues and other concerns to the attention of the NPS planning team. Government-to-government meetings with tribal representatives will also be held. Specific dates, times, and locations will be made available in the local media, on the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) Web site (<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/chch>), or by contacting the Superintendent of Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park.

**ADDRESSES:** Information on the planning process and copies of newsletters will be available from the office of the Superintendent, Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, P.O. Box 2128, Fort Oglethorpe, GA 30742.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Public and agency involvement will be solicited at several key steps in the planning process including initial scoping, alternatives development, and the draft plan. If you wish to comment on any issues associated with the GMP, you may submit your concerns to the planning team by any of several methods. You may mail comments to Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, P.O. Box 2128, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia 30742. You may comment electronically at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/chch>. You may also hand-deliver comments to park headquarters located at 3370 LaFayette Road, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised 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 from public review your