

draft CCP/draft EIS to the public, announcing and requesting comments in a notice of availability in the **Federal Register** on May 8, 2008 (73 FR 26140). We announced the availability of the final CCP/EIS in the **Federal Register** on August 27, 2009 (74 FR 43718).

In accordance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (40 CFR 1506.6(b)) requirements, this notice announces the availability of the ROD for the final EIS and CCP for Kenai NWR. We completed a thorough analysis of the environmental, social, and economic considerations, which we included in the final CCP/EIS. The ROD documents our selection of Alternative E, the Preferred Alternative, in the CCP, with modifications. The CCP will guide us in managing and administering Kenai Refuge for the next 15 years. Alternative E, as we described in the final EIS/ROD, is the foundation for the CCP, with modifications.

The Kenai Refuge Comprehensive Conservation Plan provides management guidance that conserves Refuge resources and facilitates compatible fish and wildlife-dependent public use activities during the next 15 years. The following is a summary of the ROD for the Refuge's Final CCP/EIS.

We have selected Alternative E, the Preferred Alternative, with modifications, as the Comprehensive Conservation Plan for Kenai Refuge. Alternative E addresses key issues and concerns identified during the planning process and will best achieve the purposes of the Refuge as well as the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System. This decision adopts the management goals and objectives (Chapter 2) and the stipulations and mitigation measures identified in Alternative E. Implementation of Alternative E, as modified, will occur over the next 15 years, depending on future staffing levels and funding.

Modifications to Alternative E

With consideration to comments from the State of Alaska, the management direction provided by Alternative E will be modified as follows:

- We will alter the opening date of seasonally closed lakes from September 30 to September 10, to coincide with that of the Alaska Board of Game's Kenai Controlled Use Area in Game Management Unit 15A, when Refuge regulations are updated. These lakes will then remain open for public use until May 1 (approximately when the ice melts) each spring.
- Under current regulations, the operation of aircraft between May 1 and September 30 on any lake where nesting trumpeter swans and/or their broods are

present is prohibited. Over the next several years, we will examine swan brood survey data and other information to determine if swan abundance has increased to the point this restriction has created a de facto closure of so many lakes as to significantly impact access to the refuge back-country. We will evaluate our current closure regulations in light of these findings.

Factors We Considered in Decisionmaking

We based our decision on a thorough analysis of the environmental, social, and economic considerations we presented in the Final CCP/EIS. We reviewed and considered the impacts identified in Chapter 4 of the Draft and Final CCP/EIS; relevant issues, concerns, and opportunities; input we received throughout the planning process, including the results of various studies and surveys, advice from technical experts, and public comments on the Draft and Final CCP/EIS; and other factors, including refuge purposes and relevant laws, regulations, and policies. The Final EIS/CCP addresses a variety of needs, including protection of fish and wildlife populations and their habitats and providing opportunities for fish and wildlife-dependent recreation, subsistence, and other public uses. The combination of these components in Alternative E contributes significantly to achieving refuge purposes and goals. Alternative E also strengthens the monitoring of fish, wildlife, habitat, and public uses on the Refuge to provide means to better respond to changing conditions in the surrounding landscape.

The adoption of Alternative E, as modified, is effective immediately.

Dated: January 4, 2010.

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Regional Director, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Anchorage, Alaska.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Record of Decision for the General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement for the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, Missouri.

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 Record of Decision

(ROD) for the General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/EIS) for the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial (Memorial), Missouri. On November 23, the NPS Midwest Region regional director approved the ROD for the final GMP/EIS. As soon as practicable, the NPS will begin to implement the preferred alternative.

The NPS will implement the preferred alternative as described in the final GMP/EIS issued on October 23, 2009, with one alteration to the proposed boundary in East St. Louis, Illinois. Alternative 3 (Program Expansion), the preferred alternative, will revitalize the Memorial by expanded programming, facilities, and partnerships. The NPS will capitalize on multiple opportunities to expand visitor experience throughout the Memorial.

In order to gain the widest breadth of ideas for expanding interpretation, education opportunities, and visitor amenities at the Memorial, a design competition, akin to the 1947 competition, will be initiated by the NPS in close coordination with partners. Project funding will not come all at once but rather will most likely be provided by partners, donations, and other non-Federal and Federal sources. Private funding will be required in order to fully implement the winning entry of the design competition.

The NPS will use the design competition to seek opportunities to enhance existing entrances to the Memorial on the north and south, as well as to capitalize on the primary axis between the Old Courthouse and the Gateway Arch with new entrances on the west and east and by establishing a new east portal linking East St. Louis to the Gateway Arch grounds by water taxi. A new external and internal visitor transportation system will be designed as part of the competition. The ultimate configuration and use of the south end of the Memorial will be determined by the results of the design competition. Similarly, the design competition will vet ideas for the configuration and use of that portion of the Memorial in East St. Louis. While the entrants will be asked to respect the recent developments at Malcolm Martin Memorial Park, the NPS and the Metro East Park and Recreation District will entertain designs that integrate the established functions into a cohesive vision for the Memorial.

While the design solutions might include the development of above-ground structures within a portion of the designated Design Competition Overlay, the NPS will not allow the implementation of a project that would

cause impairment to the Memorial, and all enhancements will be required to be located in such a manner as to preserve the integrity of the National Historic Landmark and National Register Historic District.

In addition to considering the "winning" ideas from the competition, the NPS will continue the educational and interpretive programs currently offered at the Memorial and expand opportunities for visitors to participate in more interactive experiences across the Memorial grounds. The grounds surrounding the Gateway Arch will be managed in such a way as to accommodate and promote more visitor activities and special events than are currently provided.

The NPS will actively coordinate with the city and State to enhance the pedestrian environment around the Memorial by developing a unifying streetscape along the Gateway Mall and the other streets adjacent to the Memorial, including Leonor K. Sullivan Boulevard and the riverfront levee.

The ROD includes a statement of the decision made, synopses of other alternatives considered, the basis for the decision, a description of the environmentally preferable alternative, a finding on impairment of park resources and values, a listing of measures to minimize environmental harm, and an overview of public involvement in the decision-making process.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the ROD can be obtained by contacting Superintendent Thomas Bradley, Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, 11 North 4th Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63102. 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 Memorial.

Dated: November 23, 2009.

Ernest Quintana,

Regional Director, Midwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

National Mall and Memorial Parks, Washington, DC; Notice of Availability of an Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, National Park Service.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(c), the National Park Service announces the availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the National Mall Plan, within the National Mall and Memorial Parks in Washington, DC. The National Mall Plan is a long-range management plan that focuses on the use and preservation of the National Mall. The study area is approximately 650 acres in size and contains some of the earliest designated public land in our nation, dating from 1790. The study area contains a significant concentration of our Nation's memorials, cultural resources, and museums and includes the great public open spaces of the Nation's Capital.

DATES: The NPS will undertake a 90-day public review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the National Mall Plan following publication by the Environmental Protection Agency of the Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The NPS plans to reach out to a nationwide audience and to schedule public meetings after the publication of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement so that the public has adequate time to read the draft document. Dates, times and locations of meetings and other outreach opportunities will be announced in press releases, e-mail announcements and on the National Mall Plan Web site, <http://www.nps.gov/nationalmallplan>.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and National Mall Plan will be available for public review and comment at <http://www.nps.gov/nationalmallplan>, at the National Mall and Memorial Parks Headquarters at 900 Ohio Drive, SW., Washington, DC 20024, and at local libraries around Washington, DC.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments online by visiting <http://www.nps.gov/nationalmallplan>. A link will be provided to the public comment site where instructions will be provided on how to submit your comments. You may also mail or hand-deliver comments to: National Mall Plan, National Mall & Memorial Parks, 900 Ohio Drive, SW., Washington, DC 20024, Attention: Susan Spain, Project Executive.

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. The NPS will respond to substantive comments and make appropriate changes to the National Mall Plan, after which a Final Environmental Impact Statement will be published. An official Record of Decision will be announced in the **Federal Register** 30 days after publication of the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Susan Spain, Project Executive, National Mall Plan at (202) 245-4692.

Dated: December 2, 2009.

Margaret O'Dell,

Regional Director, National Capital Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Idaho: Filing of Plats of Survey

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of filing of plats of surveys.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has officially filed the plats of survey of the lands described below in the BLM Idaho State Office, Boise, Idaho, effective 9 a.m., on the dates specified.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Land Management, 1387 South Vinnell Way, Boise, Idaho 83709-1657.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These surveys were executed at the request of the Bureau of Land Management to meet their administrative needs. The lands surveyed are:

The plat constituting the entire survey record of the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, Township 8 South, Range 14 East, of the Boise Meridian, Idaho, Group Number 1269, was accepted October 14, 2009.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of portions of the subdivisional lines and Mineral Survey Number 3149, Township 11 North, Range 17 East, of the Boise Meridian, Idaho, Group Number 1273, was accepted November 4, 2009.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of portions of the south boundary, west boundary, and subdivisional lines, and the subdivision