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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### **Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Special Resource Study for the Battle of Homestead and Carrie Furnaces Sites**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Department of Interior.

**ACTION:** Availability of draft environmental impact statement for the Special Resource Study for the Battle of Homestead and Carrie Furnaces sites.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service announces the availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Special Resource Study for the Battle of Homestead and Carrie Furnaces sites in Homestead, Pennsylvania. The Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill (House of Representatives Committee Report 105-609) directed the National Park System to undertake a Special Resource Study for the Battle of Homestead and Carrie Furnace sites in Pennsylvania. The purpose of a Special Resource Study is to determine the degree and kind of federal actions that may be desirable for the management and protection of an area considered to have potential for addition to the National Park System. This is a Special Resource Study (SRS) of the U.S. Steel Homestead Works including the Battle of Homestead site and adjacent town of Homestead and the related Carrie Furnace area. The study area includes the National Historic District in the town of Homestead, the landing site and pump house, the site of Carrie Furnaces number 6 and 7, and the Hot Metal Bridge. The study addresses the significance of the site in the contexts of the history of steel making and labor history in the United States.

The study area, includes portions of four boroughs within Allegheny County:

Homestead, Munhall, Rankin and Swissvale.

The land under consideration is currently part of the Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area, but it is all in private ownership and there is not expected to be any federal ownership and no NPS management role. Instead, conservation, interpretation and other activities will continue to be managed by partnerships among federal, state, and local governments and private nonprofit organizations. The national heritage area is managed by the Steel Industry Heritage Corporation (SIHC), a non-profit 501(c)(3). The National Park Service has been authorized by Congress to provide technical and financial assistance for a limited period to the SIHC (up to 10 years from the time of the designation in 1996).

**DATES:** The DEIS will remain on Public Review for a period of sixty days after the Federal Register Announcement by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. If necessary a public meeting will be scheduled and notice will be made of the meeting through a broad public mailing and publication in the local newspapers.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Peter Samuel, Project Leader, Philadelphia Support Office, National Park Service, U.S. Custom House, 200 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106, *peter\_samuel@nps.gov*, 215-597-1848.

If you correspond using the internet, please include your name and return address in your e-mail message. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: August 7, 2002.

**David Hollenberg,**

*Assistant Regional Director, National Heritage Partnerships, NPS Northeast Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### **Draft General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/EIS), Chickasaw National Recreation Area, Oklahoma**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for a General Management Plan, Chickasaw National Recreation Area, Oklahoma.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Park Service is preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) for a general management plan for Chickasaw National Recreation Area. The environmental impact statement will be approved by the Director, Intermountain Region.

The general management plan (GMP) will establish the overall direction for the park, setting broad management goals for managing the area over the next 15 to 20 years. The plan will prescribe desired resource conditions and visitor experiences that are to be achieved and maintained throughout the park. Based on the desired conditions, the plan will outline the kinds of resource management activities, visitor activities, and developments that would be appropriate in the park. Among the topics that will be addressed are protection of natural and cultural resources, water resources, management of the cultural landscape, appropriate range of visitor uses, facility developments, traffic patterns and circulation, staff needs, education and interpretive efforts, park partnerships, and external pressures on the park. In cooperation with local, state, tribal, and other federal agencies, attention will also be given to cooperative efforts to address issues that affect the integrity of Chickasaw National Recreation Area, such as the management of water resources.

A range of reasonable alternatives for managing the park, including a no-action and preferred alternative, will be developed through the planning process and included in the EIS. The EIS will evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the alternatives.

As the first phase of the planning and EIS process, the National Park Service is beginning to scope the issues to be addressed in the GMP/EIS. All interested persons, organizations, and agencies are encouraged to submit comments and suggestions regarding the issues or concerns the GMP/EIS should

address, including the suitable range of alternatives and appropriate mitigating measures, and the nature and extent of potential environmental impacts.

**DATES:** Written comments on the scope of the general management plan/environmental impact statement will be accepted for 60 days beyond the publication of this Notice of Intent. In addition, public scoping sessions will be held at Sulphur and surrounding communities in the fall of 2002. Locations, dates, and times of these meetings will be provided in local and regional newspapers, a scoping newsletter to be mailed in September, and on the Internet at [www.nps.gov/chic](http://www.nps.gov/chic).

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments or requests to be added to the project mailing list should be directed to: John F. (Rick) Shireman, Superintendent, Chickasaw National Recreation Area, 1008 W. 2nd, Sulphur, OK 73086, telephone (580) 622-3161, extension 1-200; e-mail: [chic\\_superintendent@nps.gov](mailto:chic_superintendent@nps.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Contact Superintendent, John F. (Rick) Shireman, Chickasaw National Recreation Area, 1008 W. 2nd, Sulphur, OK 73086, telephone (580) 622-3161, extension 1-200. General information about Chickasaw National Recreation Area is available on the Internet at <http://www.nps.gov/chic>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Please submit Internet comments as a text file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Be sure to include your name and return street address in your Internet message.

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that their home addresses be withheld from the public record, which will be honored to the extent allowable by law. Requests to withhold names and/or addresses must be stated prominently at the beginning of the comments. However, submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: August 21, 2002.

**Michael D. Synder,**  
Acting Director, Intermountain Region.  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### General Management Plan, Final Environmental Impact Statement, Fort Davis National Historic Site, Texas

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan, Fort Davis National Historic Site.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(c), the National Park Service announces the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan, Fort Davis National Historic Site, Fort Davis, Texas.

**DATES:** The National Park Service will execute a Record of Decision (ROD) no sooner than 30 days following publication by the Environmental Protection Agency of the notice of availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

**ADDRESSES:** Information will be available for public review in the office of the Superintendent, and at the following locations: (1) Superintendent, Fort Davis National Historic Site, P.O. Box 1379, Fort Davis, Texas 79734. (2) On the NPS Planning Web site at: <http://planning.den.nps.gov/plans.cfm>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Superintendent, Fort Davis National Historic Site, P.O. Box 1379, Fort Davis, Texas 79734 915-426-3224, extension 21.

Dated: August 5, 2002.

**Michael D. Sunder,**  
Director, Intermountain Region, National Park Service.  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Final Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan for Fort Frederica National Monument, Saint Simons Island, Georgia.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement

and General Management Plan (FEIS/GMP) for Fort Frederica National Monument, St. Simons Island, Georgia.

**DATES:** The Draft EIS/GMP was on public review from October 15, 2001 through December 15, 2001. Responses to public comment are addressed in the FEIS/GMP. A 30-day no-action period will follow the Environmental Protection Agency's Notice of Availability of the FEIS/GMP. After the 30-day period, a Record of Decision will be signed that will document NPS approval of the FEIS/GMP and identify the selected alternative for implementation.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the FEIS/GMP are available from the Superintendent, Fort Frederica National Monument, Route 9, Box 286-C, St. Simons Island, Georgia 31522. Public reading copies of the FEIS/GMP will also be available for review at the following locations:

- Division of Planning and Compliance, Southeast Regional Office, National Park Service, Attention: David Libman, 100 Alabama Street, 1924 Building, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, Telephone: 404-562-3124, ext. 685.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Superintendent, Fort Frederica National Monument, Route 9, Box 286C, St. Simons Island, Georgia 31522, Telephone: 912-638-3639

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Consistent with the park's purpose, significance, and mission goals, the FEIS/GMP analyzes 4 alternatives for guiding management of the park over the next 15 to 20 years. The alternatives incorporate various management prescriptions to ensure resource protection and quality visitor experience conditions. The environmental consequences anticipated from implementing the various alternatives are addressed in the document. Impact topics include cultural resources, natural resources, visitor use and experience, and the socioeconomic environment. The following management alternatives were evaluated in the FEIS/GMP:

*Alternative A* would emphasize the use of archeological methods and the tangible discoveries of archeological investigations to tell the story to visitors. Active archeological investigations would occur regularly. There would be opportunities for visitors to interact actively with archeologists on site and in labs, and with other park staff. Under this alternative, the park would provide additional archeological infrastructure including a lab to wash, screen, dry, number, and store artifacts in a controlled (humidity, temperature,