

will result in a comprehensive general management plan that provides a framework for making management decisions regarding the preservation of natural and cultural resources, visitor use and interpretation, and development of appropriate park facilities. In cooperation with the Texas State Historic Preservation Office, the Texas Game and Fish Department, and the Texas Department of Water Quality, attention will also be given to resources outside the boundaries that affect the integrity of Amistad National Recreation Area. Alternatives to be considered include no-action, the proposed action, and other reasonable alternatives.

Major issues at Amistad National Recreation Area include:

1. Declining water levels in the reservoir have exposed numerous significant archeological sites to erosion, vandalism, and damage from livestock;
2. Lower water levels have reduced the number of access points to the reservoir, affecting recreational uses at the park and leading to the creation of a network of social trails;
3. Increasing numbers of domestic livestock and exotic game species are grazing on park land, posing potential impacts on cultural sites and habitat for native species;
4. The need to consider establishing fees for hunting in the park;
5. The need to address the potential acquisition of additional private lands within the legislated boundaries of the park;
6. The need for a new administration facility and visitor center;
7. Trans-boundary issues and the need for increased cooperation between the NPS and its counterparts in the government of Mexico.

A public forum for comment on the full range of appropriate visitor experiences and areas in which these experiences may be in conflict will be provided throughout the course of the GMP process. Public involvement is essential for the development of creative solutions to guide future park management. A briefing statement has been prepared that summarizes the issues identified to date. Copies of that information may be obtained from: Superintendent, Amistad National Recreation Area.

DATES: The Park Service will accept comments from the public for 30 days from the date this notice is published in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Information will be available for public review and comment in the office of the Superintendent, Alan Cox, Amistad National Recreation Area. The director,

Intermountain Region, National Park Service will approve the environmental impact statement.

The National Park Service will conduct public scoping (public meetings and solicitation of comments from state, county and town agencies and organizations; park neighbors; state historic preservation officer; and associated American Indian tribes) for the Amistad General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement from January, 2003 to August, 2005. Public involvement will play a critical role in the preparation of the environmental impact statement that will analyze the impacts of the management alternatives in the draft general management plan.

DATES: The National Park Service will conduct further public scoping for the draft alternatives and environmental impact statement for a period of 30-days beyond publication of this Notice of Intent.

ADDRESSES: You may mail comments to: Superintendent's Office, Amistad National Recreation Area, HCR 3 Box 5J, Hwy 90 West, Del Rio, TX 83012. You may also hand-deliver comments to the Superintendent's Office, Amistad National Recreation Area, Del Rio, TX. (Attn: General Management Plan).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent Alan Cox at 830.775.7491 x201 or Management Assistant M. Mark Morgan at 830.775.7491 x234 e-mail: amis_superintendent@nps.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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 we withhold their home address from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. 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: November 5, 2002.

Michael Snyder,

*Deputy Director, Intermountain Region,
National Park Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Environmental Assessment for Managing Flight Obstructions to Preserve Safety at Andrews Air Force Base

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of environmental assessment.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality regulations, U.S. Air Force (USAF) and National Park Service (NPS) guidance and requirements, the USAF Air Mobility Command and the NPS have prepared an environmental assessment (EA), and other environmental documentation evaluating environmental impacts potentially resulting from implementation of vegetation management plans for managing trees which are flight obstructions affecting the safety of flight operations at Andrews Air Force Base (AFB). USAF is the lead agency for this EA, and the NPS intends to adopt this EA. These trees are primarily located on Andrews Air Force Base and within the Suitland Parkway, a park area administered by the NPS—National Capital Region, National Capital Parks—East. The Parkway is located on the National Register of Historic Places. The proposed action occurs in Prince George's County, Maryland.

Copies of these documents are available for public review at the following locations, and by request to the NPS at (202) 690-5185:

The Prince George's County Public Library, 14741 Governor Oden Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772, (301) 952-3904.

Andrews Air Force Base Library, 1642 Brookley & D Street, Andrews AFB, MD 20762.

There is a 30 day public review period for comment on the EA and associated documents. Comments should be received no later than 30 calendar days from the publication date of this notice. The NPS will consider all comments submitted to the address below. Comments should be sent to: Andrews Air Force Base, EA, HQ AMC/CEV, 507 Symington Dr., Scott AFB, IL 62225-5022, Fax: (818) 229-0257, E-mail: AMC.CEV@scott.af.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The USAF identified a need to manage trees which adversely affect safe flight operations at Andrews AFB in Prince George's County, Maryland. Andrews AFB is home to the 89th Airlift Wing and

provides worldwide airlift and logistical support of the President of the United States, the Vice President, cabinet members, and other high-ranking United States and foreign officials. Many of the trees requiring management are located on the NPS' Suitland Parkway which is listed on the National Register for Historic Places. Other trees requiring management are located on Andrews AFB and on lands within an industrial park immediately north of Suitland Parkway and lands adjoining the southern base perimeter. This EA follows on a 2001 EA which analyzed emergency tree pruning to remove obstructions to the Andrews AFB West Runway.

The EA describes a no-action alternative (Alternative 1), a preferred alternative (Alternative 2) involving vegetation management to manage obstructions without reconfiguring the runways, and a third alternative (Alternative 3) involving reconfiguring the runways to reduce the severity of the required vegetation management. It also contains discussion of those alternatives which were considered but rejected. The USAF and NPS, in consultation with the Maryland Historic Trust, are in the process of complying with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. This EA, the USAF draft Finding of No Significant Impact/Finding of No Practicable Alternative (FONSI/FONPA), and the NPS draft Statement of Findings (SOF) are all available for review.

Edward F. Duffy, Jr.,

Acting Regional Director, National Capital Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

General Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Arkansas Post National Memorial

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the draft general management plan/draft environmental impact statement for the Arkansas Post National Memorial, Arkansas.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of the draft environmental impact statement and general management plan (DEIS/DGMP) for Arkansas Post National Memorial (ARPO).

DATES: The DEIS/DGMP will remain available for public review on or after March 17, 2003. No public meetings are scheduled at this time.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the DGMP/DEIS are available by request by writing to Arkansas Post National Memorial, 1741 Old Post Road, Gillett, Arkansas 72055, by telephoning 870-548-2207, or by e-mail arpo_superintendent@nps.gov.

The document is also available to be picked-up in person at the visitor center, 1741 Old Post Road, Gillett, Arkansas. The document can be found on the Internet in the NPS Planning Web site at: <http://planning.den.nps.gov/plans.cfm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Edward E. Wood, Jr., Superintendent, Arkansas Post National Memorial, 1741 Old Post Road, Gillett, Arkansas 72055, telephone 870-548-2207, or John Paige, Job Captain, Denver Service Center, 12795 West Alameda Parkway, PO Box 25287, Denver, CO 80225-0287, telephone 303-969-2356.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: ARPO consists of two units, the Memorial unit, and Osotouy unit. Together they commemorate the human settlement near the confluence of the Arkansas and Mississippi Rivers and the events associated with the first European settlement in the lower Mississippi River Valley. This is accomplished by interpreting and fostering an appreciation of the interaction of all cultural groups, their histories, and their significance to the region. The purpose of the general management plan is to set forth the basic management philosophy for ARPO and to provide strategies for addressing issues and achieving identified management objectives. The DGMP/DEIS describes and analyzes the environmental impacts of the proposed action and two action alternatives for the future management direction of ARPO. A no action alternative is also evaluated. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request we withhold their home address from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There may also be circumstances where we would withhold from the record a respondent's identify, 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 or

organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: December 10, 2002.

William W. Schenk,

Regional Director, Midwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Fort Davis National Historic Site, Texas

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of a Record of Decision on the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Fort Davis National Historic Site, Texas.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to § 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, Public Law 91-190, 83 Stat. 852, 853, codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C), the National Park Service announces the availability of the Record of Decision for the Final General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement, Fort Davis National Historic Site, Texas. On November 5, 2002, the Director, Intermountain Region approved the Record of Decision for the project. As soon as practicable, the National Park Service will begin to implement the Preferred Alternative contained in the FEIS issued on September 23, 2002. The following course of action will occur under the preferred alternative. The selected alternative provides an overall combination of actions to restore natural processes, preserve cultural resource values, reduce harmful environmental impacts and continue to provide opportunities for high quality visitor experiences based on resource values. With the exceptions described below, the current level of development and interpretation and the pattern of visitor use will be maintained. Alternative C quality will enhance visitor services and provide for the preservation and protection of cultural and natural resources. This alternative provides the balance and flexibility necessary to accomplish both of these objectives in a realistic manner. Change in the fort's outward appearance will be minimal. There will be no further major exterior restoration or modern development. Well-balanced preservation, resource protection, and interpretive programs would complement one another. Existing buildings, ruins, and foundations will undergo stabilization