

weapons firing, and other consistent defense-related purposes as specified in the Act. The withdrawal extension is necessary to continue protection and use of the lands for military readiness purposes.

DATES: *Effective Date:* September 23, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John D. Beck, Branch of Lands and Realty, Bureau of Land Management Colorado State Office, (303) 239-3882. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to reach the Bureau of Land Management contact during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with Sec. 2908(b) of Public Law 104-201, Subtitle A, the Department of the Army has notified the Department of the Interior that it has a continuing military need for the withdrawn lands. The purpose for which the withdrawal was first made requires this extension in order for the lands to continue to be used for military readiness purposes. The withdrawal extended by this order will expire on September 22, 2026, unless as a result of a review conducted before the expiration date pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 104-201 and Section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f), the Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be further extended.

Order

By virtue of the authority of the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714, and Section 2908 of Public Law 104-201, Subtitle A, it is ordered as follows:

The withdrawal created by Subtitle A of Public Law 104-201 (110 Stat 2807 (1996)), which withdrew 3,133 acres of public lands and 11,415 acres of Federally owned minerals at the Fort Carson Military Reservation, and 2,517 acres of public lands and approximately 130,139 acres of Federally owned minerals at the Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, mineral and geothermal leasing laws, and mineral materials disposal laws, and reserved the lands for use by the Army for military maneuvering, training and

weapons firing, and other consistent defense-related purposes as specified in Subtitle A of the Act, is hereby extended for an additional 15-year term until September 22, 2026.

Dated: September 19, 2011.

Rhea S. Suh,

Assistant Secretary—Policy, Management and Budget.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Availability of Draft General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement for Effigy Mounds National Monument, Iowa

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

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 General Management Plan (GMP)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Effigy Mounds National Monument in Harpers Ferry, Iowa.

DATES: The draft GMP/EIS will remain available for public review for 60 days following the publishing of the notice of availability in the **Federal Register** by the Environmental Protection Agency. Public meetings will be held during the 60-day review period on the GMP/EIS in the Harpers Ferry, Iowa area, in summer 2011. Meeting times and locations will be announced in the local press, sent out to the mailing list for this project and uploaded to the plan Web site at <http://www.parkplanning.nps.gov/efmo>.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the draft GMP/EIS are available from the Superintendent, Effigy Mounds National Monument at 151 Highway 76, Harpers Ferry, Iowa 52146. The document is also available to be picked up in person at the address shown above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document is a revised Draft GMP/EIS for Effigy Mounds National Monument, which replaces the Draft GMP/EIS released in May of 2009. Shortly after that public release, the NPS took a close look at past construction activities and practices in the park, particularly those with the potential to harm the archeological resources the park was created to protect, and decided to substantially revise the draft.

This GMP/EIS will guide the management of the Effigy Mounds National Monument for the next 25 years. The draft GMP/EIS considers

three draft conceptual alternatives—a no-action and two action alternatives, including the NPS preferred alternative. The draft GMP/EIS assesses impacts to cultural resources (archeological, landscapes, ethnographic resources, and museum collections), to natural resources (soils, wild and scenic rivers, vegetation, fish and wildlife, special status species, and visual resources/viewsheds), to visitor use and experience, to the socioeconomic environment, and to monument operations and facilities. The preferred alternative focuses on providing an enhanced visitor experience with increased understanding of the monument while protecting and preserving natural and cultural resources. The desired visitor experience would be to make personal connections to the monument's tangible resources through understanding of the significance of the (pre-European contact) American Indian moundbuilding story and its relationship to the heritage of the region. The landscape and visitor facilities would support a contemplative atmosphere with opportunities for the public to spend time reflecting on the lives and legacy of the moundbuilders and the sacred nature of the site today. The natural setting created by preserving or restoring landscapes would provide a connection between the moundbuilding cultures and the environment that shaped their lives and beliefs.

The biggest change proposed in the revised Draft GMP/EIS is the elimination of the Multipurpose Research Center as a physical structure in the monument. While the NPS continues to believe there is tremendous value in promoting and coordinating additional non-invasive research aimed at the mounds and their long-term preservation, we now believe this would best be accomplished by establishing either a virtual research center (via enhanced partnerships and better coordination and cooperation with existing entities), or by establishing a physical presence for the research center outside the monument in a nearby community. Therefore, new construction of facilities and trails at Effigy Mounds National Monument would be minimal under the preferred alternative. Using the direction provided in this plan, specific locations of trails in the Heritage Addition would be identified in a subsequent trail development plan. This plan envisions a small visitor contact station at the Sny Magill unit of the park within an expanded boundary area. Once this land

is acquired, subsequent site development planning would determine location and design of the station as well as of redesigned trails for Sny Magill.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Superintendent, Effigy Mounds National Monument, at the address or telephone number above.

You may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may comment via the Internet through the Web site noted above. You may also send comments to the Superintendent, Effigy Mounds National Monument at the address above. You may contact the Superintendent by phone at 563-873-3491. Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to the Effigy Mounds National Monument headquarters at the address above. 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. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials, of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: April 27, 2011.

Martin A. Sterkel,

Acting Regional Director, Midwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Record of Decision; Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, WI

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, National Park Service.

ACTION: Notice of availability for the Record of Decision on the Final General Management Plan/Wilderness Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement, Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, Wisconsin.

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 Record of Decision (ROD) for the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the General Management Plan

(GMP)/Wilderness Management Plan for Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, Wisconsin. On June 24, 2011, the Regional Director for the NPS Midwest Region approved the ROD for the Final GMP/EIS. As soon as practicable, the NPS will begin to implement the selected alternative.

ADDRESSES: The ROD will be available for public inspection via the Internet through the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment Web site at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/apis>, or by writing to Ms. Julie Van Stappen, Chief of Planning and Resource Management, Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, 415 Washington Avenue, Bayfield, Wisconsin 54814; telephone: 715-779-3398, extension 211. Copies also can be picked-up in person at the park's headquarters at 415 Washington Avenue, Bayfield, Wisconsin.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the selected alternative the park's current management direction will continue with some minor changes to increase the opportunities for more people to have an island experience. Preservation of natural and cultural resources will remain a top priority. The current mix of recreational activities will stay the same and the visitor experience in most of the park will stay largely as it is. Management of the wilderness area will continue largely the way it is now. The Raspberry Island light station will continue to be the focal point for cultural resource interpretation and its cultural landscape will be rehabilitated consistent with plans developed but never implemented prior to the light station restoration. Wilderness management will remain consistent with current direction, with no net change in campsite numbers or trail miles, with the exception of the Oak Island group campsite which will be relocated outside of wilderness, and the original site restored. The NPS will continue to have visitor centers at Bayfield, Little Sand Bay, Stockton Island, and the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center. The NPS will continue to be a leader in sustainable practices at Apostle Islands National Lakeshore.

Key Changes in the Selected Action Include

- Two or more light stations will be restored or rehabilitated, similar to the Raspberry Island light station, and the rest will continue to be preserved at current levels.
- If feasible, part of the Long Island light station will be rehabilitated for park staff housing to better protect and interpret the resources of Long Island.

- If life estates on Sand or Rocky Island naturally expire within the life of this plan, historically significant structures will be preserved and interpreted.

- If feasible, additional transportation opportunities will be sought to encourage visitors to come to some of the inner islands, such as Basswood or Sand islands; some additional visitor facilities will be developed on these islands, including day use areas, new trails, and campsites.

- Most of the Stockton Island campground will be relocated to Presque Isle; however, a few campsites will be maintained on the north end of the current campground.

- There will be no change in the number of public docks in the park, but some docks will be relocated, improved, or expanded.

- The Bayfield visitor center will be relocated to a new location closer to the water to improve contact with visitors and to be co-located, if possible, with the park's primary maintenance and an operations center; the park headquarters will remain in the old Bayfield County Courthouse.

- The Little Sand Bay Visitor Center, currently in poor condition and not cost-effective to renovate, will be replaced with a smaller, more sustainable structure that offers the same level of visitor services as today and honors the site's rich history. The restored fishing boat "Twilite" will be a featured exhibit.

- A new ranger station and accessible beach ramp will be developed at Meyers Beach.

The ROD includes a statement of the decision made, synopses of other alternatives considered, the basis for the decision, the rationale for why the selected action is the environmentally preferable alternative, a finding of no impairment of park resources and values, and an overview of public involvement in the decision-making process.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Julie Van Stappen, Chief of Planning and Resource Management, Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, 415 Washington Avenue, Bayfield, Wisconsin 54814, or by calling 715-779-3198, extension 211.

Dated: June 27, 2011.

Michael T. Reynolds,

Regional Director, Midwest Region.

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