

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

**ADDRESSES:** Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Department of the Interior Desk Officer, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503. Also, please send a copy of your comments to Wendelin M. Mann, Concession Program, National Park Service, 1849 C Street, NW, Room 7313, Washington, DC 20240, or electronically to [wendy\\_mann@nps.gov](mailto:wendy_mann@nps.gov).

Dated: May 23, 2000.

**Betsy Chittenden,**

*Deputy Manager, Washington Administrative Program Center.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### **Draft General Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area, Massachusetts**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of Draft General Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Council on Environmental Quality regulations and National Park Service policy, this notice announces the availability for public review of a Draft General Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area, Suffolk, Norfolk, and Plymouth Counties, Massachusetts. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act 102(2)(C) of 1969, the environmental impact statement was prepared to assess the impacts of implementing the general management plan.

The Draft General Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement presents, in a policy level document, four management alternatives, including a preferred alternative and a no-action alternative, then assesses the potential environmental and socioeconomic effects of the actions presented on park resources, visitor experience, and the surrounding area. The alternatives differ in their approaches to management. The preferred alternative calls for a strong emphasis on resource preservation, encouraging most visitors to visit a few islands while allowing preservation of many other islands in their "natural" condition. Other alternatives would emphasize either preserving resources

or accommodating visitors throughout the island system. The no-action alternative would continue current management by a variety of local, state, federal, and private entities with no new funding from the National Park Service.

**DATES:** The formal public review period is to start on or about June 3, 2000, for 60 days. Eight public forums will be held during the month of June. The dates, times, and location of the public forums will be advertised in local media.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Copies of the document will be available for review at the following locations:

- Boston Harbor Islands National Park Area, 408 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 228, Boston, Massachusetts 02110
  - Public Libraries in Greater Boston
- The full document will also be posted on the internet at [www.nps.gov/BOHA/admin](http://www.nps.gov/BOHA/admin).

To request copies of the document, please write or fax the Project Manager, Boston Harbor Islands National Park Area, 408 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 228, Boston MA 02110, fax (617) 223-8671.

Comments on the Draft General Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement should be submitted to George Price, Project Manager, Boston Harbor Islands National Park Area, 408 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 228, Boston MA 02110. Comments may also be faxed to (617) 223-8671.

Dated: May 24, 2000.

**George Price,**

*Project Manager, Boston Harbor Islands National Park Area.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### **Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site, Dutchess, New York; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment and Master Plan Amendment**

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Park Service (NPS) has prepared a Draft Master Plan Amendment/Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt NHS, located in Dutchess County, New York. The purpose of the EA is to describe plans to build a visitor and education/conference center jointly with the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to serve the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt NHS and

the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library. Appended to the EA is a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), in draft, guiding historic preservation in the development of the project. The EA describes the alternatives for the proposed center. The EA will serve to update the 1977 Master Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt NHS with respect to visitor orientation and parking. Further, the EA provides an analysis of the environmental consequences of the alternatives. The alternatives are compared and contrasted in terms of their impacts on the cultural, historic, and natural environment.

Copies of the document are available for review at the following locations:

- Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt NHS, 4097 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park, NY
- Franklin D. Roosevelt Library, 4079 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park, NY
- The Hyde Park Public Library

Copies of the EA may be requested from either: Superintendent, Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt NHS, 4097 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park, New York, 12538-1997, (914) 229-9115, or Director, Franklin D. Roosevelt Library, 4079 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park, New York, 12538-1997, (914) 229-8114.

Written comments will be accepted at either of the above addresses through June 23, 2000. The NPS and NARA will jointly hold a public meeting on June 8, 2000, at 7 p.m. to explain the alternatives. The meeting will be held at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library, 4079 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park, New York, and will include opportunities for public comment on the project. After analyzing the comments from the meeting and those submitted in writing during the comment period, the agencies will make a decision on the course of action.

**Sarah Olson,**

*Superintendent.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### **Lower East Side Tenement National Historic Site, New York, New York; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment and Notice of Public Meetings**

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub. L. 91-109 section 102(c)), the National Park Service (NPS) is preparing an

Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Lower East Side Tenement National Historic Site (NHS), located in the city of Borough of Manhattan, New York, New York. The purpose of the EA is to assess the environmental consequences of alternative management strategies that will be described in the general management plan for Lower East Side Tenement NHS. A number of alternatives will be formulated for cultural resource protection, visitor use and interpretation, facilities development, and operations.

The NPS will hold a public meeting June 14, 2000 that will provide an opportunity for public input into the scoping for the GMP/EA. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM, at the Lower East Side Tenement Museum, 97 Orchard Street, New York, New York.

The purpose of this meeting is to obtain both written and verbal comments concerning the future direction and development of Lower East Side NHS. Those persons who wish to comment verbally or in writing or who require further information should contact Ruth Abram, President, Lower East Side Tenement Museum, 66 Allen Street, New York, New York 10002, (212) 431-0233 Ext. 212.

The draft GMP/EA is expected to be completed and available for public review in fall 2000. After public and interagency review of the draft document comments will be considered, and a final EA followed by a Record of Decision will be prepared.

Dated: May 15, 2000.

**Thomas Dyer,**

*Chief of Planning, Northeast Region Development Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### **Going-to-the-Sun Road Rehabilitation Environmental Impact Statement, Glacier National Park, Montana**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Going-to-the-Sun Road Rehabilitation, Glacier National Park.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Park Service is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement for the Going-to-the-Sun Road Rehabilitation for Glacier National Park. This Environmental Impact Statement will be

approved by the Intermountain Regional Director.

The Going-to-the-Sun Road, a National Historic Landmark, is in need of rehabilitation. Since its opening in 1932 it has had limited repairs and reconstruction resulting in a deteriorating condition resulting in visitor use, maintenance, and safety concerns. Rehabilitation of the road is extremely difficult because of the very narrow width and the limited room available for staging construction and performing repairs. The narrow road corridor, the short construction season, and extreme and unpredictable weather conditions affect both the integrity of the road and the rehabilitation effort. Avalanches, rock falls, and repeated freezing and thawing continually deteriorate the road and jeopardize both the public and construction workers safety.

In the final General Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement for Glacier National Park, the preferred alternative reflects a desired condition for the road to be repaired and for its continued use, but not the method to achieve it. The road will continue to be protected as a national historic landmark. The road's historic character and significance will be preserved, and the needed repairs will be completed before the road fails. The National Park Service will minimize the impacts on natural resources, visitors and the economy, and minimize the rehabilitation costs.

The Going-to-the-Sun Road rehabilitation project/EIS includes a number of technical studies including engineering studies, a socio-economic study and marketing plan, a cultural landscape report, and a transportation/visitor use plan. A public advisory committee has also been established by authority of the Secretary of the Interior under Section 3 of Public Law 91-383 (16 U.S.C 1a-2(c)) to advise the National Park Service during development of the Rehabilitation Study.

The various technical studies will result in a series of findings and recommendations that will be combined into a range of alternatives to rehabilitate the road. These alternatives will be evaluated through the EIS process. A variety of factors will be considered in developing these alternatives including, but not limited to, socio-economic implications, natural resources, visitor use, and construction costs. These alternatives have not yet been developed. A no action alternative will also be considered as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The effort will result in a selected course of action for the

rehabilitation of the Going-to-the-Sun Road.

Major issues include the limited season available for rehabilitation activities on the critical sections of the road, concerns about impacts to the local and regional economy (past studies have considered closing the road for limited periods of time), and potential short-term and long-term impacts to natural resources in Glacier National Park. The current poor condition of the road resulting in potential safety concerns to visitors and the travelling public underscores the purpose and need for the project.

If you wish to provide comments for consideration, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to Superintendent, Attn: Going-to-the Sun Road Study Glacier National Park, West Glacier, Montana 59936. You may also comment via email at [glac\\_public\\_comments@nps.gov](mailto:glac_public_comments@nps.gov), attention: GTTSR-Rehabilitation Project. Please include your name and return address in your email message. If you do not receive confirmation from the system that we received your email message, contact us directly at 406/888-7972. Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to Glacier National Park headquarters, West Glacier, Montana. 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. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the record a respondents 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. 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.

When a scoping document is prepared and public meetings/open houses are scheduled, an announcement will be made in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Superintendent Glacier National Park, (406) 888-7972.