

potential. Understanding of historical and current conditions and physical processes in the watershed is required to meet this objective.

- Consistent with restoring a functional ecosystem, create habitat adequate to support sustainable populations of special status species.
- Reduce flooding on Pacific Way and in the Muir Beach community on a long-term basis, and work with Marin County to ensure that vehicle access is provided to the Muir Beach community.
- Work with Comprehensive

Transportation Management Plan staff to identify transportation alternatives that are consistent with ecosystem restoration.

- Provide for visitor experience, public access, and resource interpretation that are compatible with ecosystem restoration and historic preservation.
- Protect cultural resources and work with the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria to incorporate cultural values and indigenous archaeological sites into the restoration design and site stewardship.

- Provide opportunities for public education and community-based restoration, including engaging local and broader communities in site stewardship and restoration planning.

**Public Process to Date:** The National Park Service drafted a preliminary Environmental Assessment (EA) for restoration measures considered for this area in 1994; however the EA process was not ever completed and no project was implemented. Since that time, the site has changed and new information has been developed. Due to the changed conditions, a new analysis of restoration options, mitigation issues, etc will be undertaken. At this time, public scoping meetings for the Big Lagoon wetlands and Redwood Creek restoration are scheduled as follows: Oct. 22, 2002 at the regular meeting of the GGNRA Citizens' Advisory Commission, Oct. 29, 2002 at the Muir Beach Community Center, and Nov. 2, 2002 at Tamalpais High School in Mill Valley. Site walk-thrus are be conducted on Nov. 9, 2002. Also, early technical scoping reviews were held on-site throughout July and August 2002 with experts of various disciplines (archaeology, biology, wetland and riparian ecology, geomorphology, and visitor access) to assist the project team in building a knowledge base on which study designs and preliminary alternatives will be formulated. To support the public process and foster ready access to information, GGNRA is developing a website for the project that will be hosted on the GGNRA Web site ([http://](http://www.nps.gov/goga/admin/planning)

[/www.nps.gov/goga/admin/planning](http://www.nps.gov/goga/admin/planning)). The Web site will be a key component of the public involvement strategy and will allow the public to view and retrieve planning documents, fact sheets, and meeting notices for the project. Following scoping and with continued input from the public and regulatory and resources agencies, a full range of preliminary project alternatives will be developed and evaluated. GGNRA staff anticipate a minimum of three alternatives, including the *No-Action* Alternative. An "environmentally preferred" alternative will be disclosed in the draft EIS.

**Comments and Public Scoping:** As noted above, three scoping meetings are scheduled during Fall 2002. Confirmed details on all scoping meetings will be announced through direct mailing, the project Web site, and local and regional media. Interested individuals, organizations and agencies are invited to attend these meetings to comment orally and/or provide written comments or suggestions. Interested persons may also refer to the GGNRA Web site for more information on this project. A scoping document (including applicable information from the 1994 EA) and site information will be available at the above Web site, or can be obtained by writing or telephoning the GGNRA staff person listed below. Comments, suggestions, or relevant information (or requests to be added to the project mailing list) should be sent to: Big Lagoon Wetland and Redwood Creek Restoration, Golden Gate National Recreation Area (*Attn:* Jennifer Vick, Project Manager), Building 201, Fort Mason, San Francisco, CA 94123 [Telephone (415) 561-4942]. All written comments for the scoping phase of Big Lagoon Wetland and Redwood Creek Restoration EIS must be postmarked not later than 45 days following the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

All respondents are advised that individual names and addresses of persons commenting on the project EIS may be included as part of the public record. If individuals submitting comments request that their name or/and address be withheld from public disclosure, it will be honored to the extent allowable by law. Such requests must be stated prominently in the beginning of the comments. There also may be circumstances wherein the NPS will withhold a respondent's identity as allowable by law. As always: NPS will make available to public inspection all submissions from organizations or businesses and from persons identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations and

businesses; and, anonymous comments may not be considered.

**Decision Process:** Availability of the draft EIS for review and written comment will be announced in the **Federal Register**, as well as through local and regional news media, the GGNRA Web site, and direct mailing to the project mailing list. At this time, the draft EIS is anticipated to be available for public review in early 2004. To ensure further opportunity to comment on the draft EIS after it is distributed, additional public meetings will be held (dates and locations to be determined). Notice of the availability of the final EIS will similarly be published in the **Federal Register**. As a delegated EIS, the official responsible for the final decision is the Regional Director, Pacific West Region; subsequently, the official responsible for implementation is the Superintendent, Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

Dated: October 9, 2002.

**Jonathan B. Jarvis,**

*Regional Director, Pacific West Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment and Notice of Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Rock Creek Park, Washington, DC.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (Pub. L. 91-109 section 102(c)) and pursuant to a court order, the National Park Service (NPS) is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) regarding two privately owned and operated cellular communications towers located within Rock Creek Park pursuant to an NPS permit.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In 1998, pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Bell Atlantic filed applications for permits to locate two cellular towers along with their associated equipment shelters within Rock Creek Park. In 1999, pursuant to NEPA, NPS prepared an EA that considered the environmental impacts of siting the two towers inside the park. After completing the EA, NPS concluded that the towers would not have a significant impact to the quality of the human environment, and issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). Subsequently NPS issued the permits necessary for Bell Atlantic to construct and operate within Rock Creek Park one 100-foot monopole at the

Tennis Center, and one 130-foot monopole in the Maintenance Yard. Both towers have since been built and are currently in use. In 2000, suit was filed opposing these cellular towers, and on July 2, 2002 the Federal district court for the District of Columbia, in *Audubon Naturalist Society of the Central Atlantic States v. NPS and Bell Atlantic Mobile*, ordered the NPS to prepare this new EA.

#### *Meeting and Public Scoping*

**Information:** To facilitate this process, during December 2002, NPS will hold a public meeting that will provide an opportunity for public input into the scoping for the EA. The date, time, and location of this meeting will be announced through local media and direct mailings to interested parties known to the NPS. The purpose of the meeting will be to obtain both written and verbal comments from the public to assist NPS in preparing the new EA. In addition, NPS is seeking comments on the issues and alternatives to be addressed in the EA.

The EA is expected to be completed and available for public review in early 2003.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Written comments may be directed to the address below: Superintendent, Rock Creek Park, 3545 Williamsburg Lane NW., Washington, DC 20008-1207, or [ROCR@den.nps.gov](mailto:ROCR@den.nps.gov).

**Terry R. Carlstrom,**

*Regional Director, National Capital Region.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **National Park Service**

#### **Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Citizen Advisory Commission Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces public meetings of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Citizen Advisory Commission. Notice of these meetings is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463).

**Meeting Date and Time:** Saturday, January 11, at 9 a.m.

**Address:** Bushkill Visitor Center, Bushkill, PA 18324.

The agenda will include reports from Citizen Advisory Commission members, specifically Commission vacancies and setting up a timetable for annual reports. Superintendent William Laitner will

give a report on various park issues, including an update on the park's historic leasing program. The agenda is set up to invite the public to bring issues of interest before the Commission. These issues typically include treatment of historic buildings within the recreation area, monitoring of waste water facilities outside the recreation area but emptying into the Delaware River, and wildlife management issues.

**Meeting Date and Time:** Thursday, April 3 at 7 p.m.

**Address:** New Jersey District Office, Walpack, New Jersey 07881.

The agenda for this meeting will consist of Commission reports which typically include natural resources, recreation, and historic structures. The Superintendent will provide reports on park issues and items of interest brought forth by the Commission and the public. The agenda is set up to invite the public to bring issues of interest before the Commission.

**Meeting Date and Time:** Thursday, April 3 immediately following previous meeting.

**Address:** New Jersey District Office, Walpack, New Jersey 07881.

#### **Congressional Listing for Delaware Water Gap NRA**

Honorable Jon Corzine, United States

Senate, Washington, DC 20510.

Honorable Robert G. Torricelli, U.S.

Senate, Washington, DC 20510-3001.

Honorable Richard Santorum, U.S.

Senate, SR 120 Senate Russell Office

Bldg., Washington, DC 20510.

Honorable Arlen Specter, U.S. Senate,

SH-530 Hart Senate Office Bldg.,

Washington, DC 20510-3802.

Honorable Pat Toomey, U.S. House of

Representatives, Cannon House Office

Bldg., Washington, DC 20515.

Honorable Don Sherwood, U.S. House

of Representatives, 2370 Rayburn

House Office Bldg., Washington, DC

20515-3810.

Honorable Margaret Roukema, U.S.

House of Representatives, 2244

Rayburn House Office Bldg.,

Washington, DC 20515-3005.

Honorable Paul E. Kanjorski, 2353

Rayburn House Office Building, S.

Capitol Street & Independence

Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20515.

Governor of Pennsylvania, State Capitol,

Harrisburg, PA 17120.

Governor of New Jersey, State House,

Trenton, NJ 08625.

The agenda for this meeting will consist of the annual Commission meeting and election of officers for 2003-2004.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Delaware Water Gap National

Recreation Area Citizen Advisory Commission was established by Public Law 100-573 to advise the Secretary of the Interior and the United States Congress on matters pertaining to the management and operation of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, as well as on other matters affecting the recreation area and its surrounding communities.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Superintendent, Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, Bushkill, PA 18324, 570-588-2418.

Dated: October 9, 2002.

**William G. Laitner,**

*Superintendent.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **National Park Service**

#### **National Museum of African American History and Culture Plan for Action Presidential Commission; Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix, that the National Museum of African American History and Culture Plan for Action Presidential Commission will meet December 3 and 4, 2002, at The Washington Court Hotel, 525 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. On December 3, the Commission will convene at 7:30 a.m., EST, and adjourn at 5:15 p.m., EST. December 4, the Commission will convene at 7:30 a.m., EST and adjourn at 1:30 p.m., EST.

December 3, the Commission will receive and discuss reports from its Executive Committee and Committees on Mission Role and Vision; Site and Building; Public Relations and Legislation; Fundraising, Finance and Budget; and Governance and Organization.

December 4, the Commission will be briefed regarding information gathering town hall meetings held to date, the White House interim report analysis, and the historical retrospective of the 1929 National Memorial Commission.

The Commission meeting is open to the public. Space and facilities to accommodate the public are limited and attendees will be accommodated on a first-come basis.

Due to an unintentional misrouting of this notice during processing within the National Park Service, the notice could not be published at least 15 days prior