

automobile supplies. The operation is year-round with the peak season during the summer months. The annual gross receipts are about \$440,000. The recent removal of the Yosemite Valley gasoline station should increase the sales of this station. The new contract will be for approximately eight (8) years expiring December 31, 2006. The new operator will be required to install new gasoline storage tank(s) prior to operation and in accordance with the applicable law. There is an existing concessioner which may submit an offer but has no right of preference in renewal. The current building is the personal property of the existing concessioner and may be available for purchase. The new operator will be responsible for removal of old gasoline storage tanks and piping and, if necessary, contamination cleanup. This opportunity has been advertised previously. No satisfactory offers were received including from the existing concessioner. Offers will be accepted for 30 days following the release of the Prospectus which is expected in the week of September 21, 1998.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The cost for purchasing a Prospectus is \$30.00. Parties interested in obtaining a copy should send a check (NO CASH) made payable to "National Park Service" to the following address: National Park Service, Pacific Great Basin Support Office, Office of Concession Program Management, 600 Harrison Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, California 94107-1372. Tax Identification Numbers (TIN) OR your Social Security Number (SSN) MUST be provided on your checks. The front of the envelope should be marked "Attention: Office of Concession Program Management—Mail Room Do Not Open". Please include in your request a mailing address indicating where to send the Prospectus. Inquiries may be directed to Ms. Teresa Jackson, Office of Concession Program Management at (415) 427-1369.

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Acting Regional Director, Pacific West Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Environmental Statements; Availability, etc.: Southern Terminus (Section 3X), Natchez Trace Parkway, Mississippi

AGENCY: U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement, Southern Terminus (Section 3X), Natchez Trace Parkway, Natchez, Mississippi.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Southern Terminus (Section 3X), of the Natchez Trace Parkway.

DATES: A 30-day no-action period will follow the Environmental Protection Agency's publication of the Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Public reading copies of the Natchez Trace Parkway Southern Terminus (Section 3X) Final Environmental Impact Statement will be available for public review at the following locations:

1. Natchez Trace Parkway Headquarters, 2680 Natchez Trace Parkway, Tupelo, Mississippi 38801, (601) 680-4005
2. Natchez National Historical Park, Post Office Box 1208, Natchez, Mississippi 39121, (601) 442-7047
3. Judge George W. Armstrong Library, 220 South Commerce Street, Natchez, Mississippi 39120, (601) 445-8862
4. Jackson/Hinds Library System, Eudora Wetly Library, 300 North State Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, (601) 968-5809 (This is the Headquarters or main library in Jackson).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Southern Terminus (Section 3X) of the Natchez Trace Parkway is presented in abbreviated form. The abbreviated FEIS includes responses to public comments, errata, and a Statement of Findings, for Wetlands. The abbreviated FEIS, when combined with the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Natchez Trace Parkway, Section 3X, Southern Terminus (May 8, 1998), comprises the complete Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). Only minor revisions to the DEIS were necessary.

The FEIS presents a proposal and two alternative locations for the Southern Terminus of the Natchez Trace Parkway. Alternative 1, the no action alternative, would construct an interchange at U.S. 84/98 and make that point the southern terminus of the parkway. The proposal, alternative 2, would extend the parkway another 4.2 miles from U.S. 84/98 toward Natchez to terminate at Liberty Road, where an interchange would be constructed. Alternative 3 would extend the parkway about 4.3 miles from U.S. 84/98 to terminate with an interchange

at Sargent Prentiss Drive. Alternative 3 is the only alternative which would not require the acquisition of some additional property. In every alternative, parkway users would enter or exist the parkway utilizing existing city streets to reach the city center or other locations.

The FEIS evaluates the environmental consequences associated with the proposed action and the other alternatives on local traffic and transportation routes, cultural resources, wetland, visual quality, visitor experience, economics and land use, and nearby residents and businesses, amount other topics.

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Daniel W. Brown,

Acting Regional Director, Southeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

General Management Plan: Whiskeytown Unit; Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub. L. 91-190 as amended), the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement assessing the potential impacts of the proposed General Management Plan for Whiskeytown Unit, Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area, Shasta County, California. Once approved, the plan will guide the management of the unit over the next 15 years.

The Draft General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement presents a proposal and three alternatives for the management, use, and development of Whiskeytown Unit. The proposed plan, Alternative C: Diversified Recreation & Interpretation, includes provisions for preserving significant natural and cultural resources and for restoring the backcountry to more natural conditions through watershed restoration activities. The proposed plan provides for increasing the range and depth of interpretive services, expands opportunities for backcountry use, and manages recreation at Whiskeytown Lake to provide opportunities for tranquil recreation experiences. To facilitate more tranquil experience, the use of personal watercraft at the reservoir is discontinued.

Alternative A

No Action, would continue the current situation at Whiskeytown. Management focus would remain on the lake and natural and cultural resource values would continue to decline because of the lack of human and financial resources for their management and protection.

Alternative B

Minimum Requirements, would be similar to Alternative C in terms of provisions for resource management and protection, but would provide fewer visitor services. The visitor service emphasis would continue to be focused on the lake and on safety and visitor protection, with only limited commitments to interpretation. The existing range of recreation uses, including the use of personal watercraft, would continue.

Alternative D

Expanded Recreation, retains the current management focus on active water-based recreation, and increases the capacity of the lake to accommodate use by adding a major new developed area near the mouth of Boulder Creek. Major new utility infrastructure would be required to support this development, and South Shore Drive would be widened, realigned, and paved to provide access. The existing spectrum of recreation uses on the lake, including use of personal watercraft, would be retained. However, a zoning plan would separate the reservoir into a low-speed zone, where personal watercraft use would be discouraged, and an unrestricted zone where all types of activities would be accommodated.

The environmental consequences of the alternatives are fully documented. No significant adverse impacts are anticipated from the action alternatives, because the plans include provisions to avoid or mitigate potentially significant impacts. The No Action Plan, Alternative A, would result in significant long-term impacts to natural and cultural resources due to insufficient management and protection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Written comments on the Draft General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement should be directed to the Superintendent, Whiskeytown Unit, P.O. Box 188, Whiskeytown, California 96095. Comments on the draft plan must be received by November 30, 1998.

Public meetings on the draft plan will be held in the vicinity of the park. Times and locations will be publicized in the local media.

Inquiries on and requests for copies of the draft plan should be directed to Whiskeytown Unit, address as above, or by telephone at (530) 241-6584.

Dated: September 1, 1998.

Patricia L. Neubacher,

Acting Regional Director, Pacific West Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**National Park Service****Notice of Publication of Final Procedures and Guidance for the Permitting of Filming and Photography in Units of the National Park Service**

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Public notice.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) announces finalization and publication of the guidance and procedures document dealing specifically with Filming and Photography in units of the NPS. This information was developed to provide guidance and procedures to all units of the National Park System who deal with requests for the making of motion pictures, video taping, sound recording, or still photography. This document will appear as and may be found in Appendix 20 of NPS-53, the NPS Guideline on Special Park Uses which master document is already approved, finalized and published.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the guidance document will be made available upon request by writing to National Park Service, Ranger Activities Division, 1849 C St. NW, Suite 7408, Washington, DC 20240, or by calling 202-208-4874. The guidance document is also available on the Internet at the following web site: <http://www.nps.gov.refdesk> then selecting Director's Orders and Procedures.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dick Young at 757-898-7846, or 757-898-3400, ext. 51.

On Tuesday, February 3, 1998, the NPS published a notice in the **Federal Register** requesting public comments on the proposed guidance and procedures document for filming and photography in all units of the NPS. The NPS received 15 responses to that notice. Those comments of significance, and the responses to those comments are as follows.

Comment: Approval time line needs to be clearer and needs to be shorter.

Response: The NPS has intentionally generalized this issue to ensure that Superintendents have the flexibility to

apply these guidelines, as they are appropriate in his or her park unit. The alternative, establishing a set time line and applying it Servicewide, would potentially lock many less complicated projects into a lengthy permit process.

Comment: Several responders commented on the proposed time restrictions for visitor use in filming locations.

Response: The types and quantity of acceptable disruptions to normal visitor use vary from area to area and situation to situation. Time restrictions may be adjusted by the individual park as needed.

Comment: Some respondents commented on a certain lack of detail when it came to determining which applicants are required to pay fees and how much those fees would be.

Response: The NPS points out that the proposed filming guideline is part of a larger document (NPS-53) that speaks to all aspects of cost and fee recovery which are, therefore, not repeated in this Appendix. In addition, because of the unique resource concerns of each area, costs to the permittee will vary according to the amount of resource and visitor protection needed.

Comment: Responders expressed concern about access to closed areas.

Response: The Superintendent has the authority to provide access to a closed area under the conditions established in a permit if such access does not violate statute or regulations, and the request does not adversely impact the resource or visitor experience.

Comment: Some responders expressed concern about limiting filming activities during times of peak visitation.

Response: The introduction of a commercial film project, or any other special park use, at times of peak visitation, would potentially burden the park resources and compromise the visitor experience beyond reasonable and manageable levels in some park units. As visitation continues to increase in our National Parks, placing limitations on special uses, especially during periods of peak visitation, may become increasingly necessary.

Comment: Some respondents were concerned about the guideline treatment of aircraft used for filming.

Response: Although aircraft use over many NPS areas is generally considered undesirable, the ultimate decision to permit rests with the Superintendent.

Comment: Several responders commented that the NPS should allow last minute changes and give on-site managers discretion to deal with them.

Response: In many parks the level of visitation and sensitivity of the