

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**National Park Service****General Management Plan, Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve, CO**

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan and Wilderness Study, Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C), the National Park Service announces the availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan and Wilderness Study for Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve, Colorado.

DATES: The National Park Service will accept comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement from the public through June 26, 2006. Public meetings will be scheduled during the comment period, including hearings on the wilderness study, and dates and times will be posted in a newsletter, on the planning Web site, and by contacting the park.

ADDRESSES: Information will be available for public review and comment online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>, in the office of the Superintendent, Steve Chaney, Great Sand Dunes National Monument and Preserve, 11500 Hwy. 150, Mosca, CO 81146-9798; Tel: (719) 378-6300; and at the following locations: Southern Peaks Public Library, 423 4th Street, Alamosa, Colorado; West Custer County Library, 209 Main Street, Westcliffe, Colorado; Crestone/Baca Library, Crestone, Colorado; Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve Visitor Center.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent Steve Chaney, Great Sand Dunes National Monument and Preserve, 11500 Hwy. 150, Mosca, CO 81146-9798; Tel: (719) 378-6300; FAX: (719) 378-6311; e-mail: steve_chaney@nps.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to Suzy Stutzman, National Park Service, Intermountain Region, P.O. Box 25287, Denver, CO 80225. You may also comment via the Internet at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your Internet

message, contact us directly at Suzy Stutzman, (303) 987-6671. Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to National Park Service, Intermountain Region, Room 186, Lakewood, CO. It is the practice of the NPS to make all comments, including names and addresses of respondents who provide that information, available for public review following the conclusion of the [NEPA] process. Individuals may request that the NPS withhold their name and/or address from public disclosure. If you wish to do this, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment.

Commentators using the Web site can make such a request by checking the box "keep my contact information private." NPS will honor such requests to the extent allowable by law, but you should be aware that NPS may still be required to disclose your name and address pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act.

Dated: March 15, 2006.

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Acting Director, Intermountain Region, National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**National Park Service****Notice of Intent to Expand the Scope of the General Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement for the Addition at Big Cypress National Preserve, FL**

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) is expanding the scope of the General Management Plan (GMP)/ Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) being prepared for the Addition lands. As part of this planning effort, the NPS will include a wilderness study to determine if any portions of the Addition Lands of Big Cypress National Preserve (Preserve) should be recommended for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System as defined in the Wilderness Act of 1964. The NPS also will prepare an Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan that will address in more detail the management of off-road vehicles in the Addition Lands. These new elements will be included as part of the GMP/EIS currently in preparation. A Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS with that GMP was published in the **Federal Register** of June 12, 2001. That EIS now will be expanded to include an evaluation of the impacts associated with possible designation of wilderness and off-road

vehicle management within the Addition Lands of the Preserve. This notice is being furnished as required by National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulation 40 CFR 1501.7.

To facilitate sound planning and analysis of environmental impact, the NPS is gathering information necessary for the preparation of the GMP, the Wilderness Study, Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan and the associated EIS and is obtaining suggestions and information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues to be addressed. Comments and participation in this scoping process are invited.

DATES: Open house meeting places and times will be announced by press release to the *Naples Daily News* and the *Miami Herald* and on the park Web site at: www.nps.gov/bicy.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to comment may do so by any one of several methods. They may attend open houses noted above. They may mail comments to Big Cypress Planning Team, National Park Service, Denver Service Center, P.O. Box 25287, Denver, Colorado 80225. They also may comment via the internet at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov> or e-mail to BICY_GMP_Planning@nps.gov. Finally, they may hand-deliver comments to the Big Cypress National Preserve headquarters in Ochopee, Florida.

It is the practice of the NPS to make all comments, including names and addresses of respondents who provide that information, available for public review following the conclusion of the [NEPA] process. Individuals may request that the NPS withhold their name and/or address from public disclosure. If you wish to do this, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. Commentators using the website can make such a request by checking the box "keep my contact information private." NPS will honor such requests to the extent allowable by law, but you should be aware that NPS may still be required to disclose your name and address pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent, Big Cypress National Preserve, 33100 Tamiami Trail East, Ochopee, Florida, 34141-1000, telephone: 239-695-1103.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Persons who previously submitted comments on the scope of the EIS as it relates to the GMP need not resubmit those comments. The NPS already is considering that input as planning continues. However, persons who have not previously submitted comments on