

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 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 Environmental Impact Statement for the Cape Hatteras National Seashore (Seashore) Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan (Plan/EIS). The Plan/EIS evaluates the impacts of several alternatives for regulations and procedures that would manage off-road vehicle (ORV) use/access in the Seashore to protect and preserve natural and cultural resources and natural processes, to provide a variety of visitor use experiences while minimizing conflicts among various users, and to promote the safety of all visitors. Executive Order 11644 of 1972, amended by Executive Order 11989 of 1977, requires certain Federal agencies permitting ORV use on agency lands to publish regulations designating specific trails and areas for this use. Title 36, section 4.10 of the Code of Federal Regulations implements the executive orders by providing that routes and areas designated for off-road vehicle use shall be promulgated as special regulations.

DATES: The NPS will accept comments on the Plan/EIS for 60 days following publication by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of the Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. After the EPA Notice of Availability is published, the NPS will schedule hearing-style public meetings during the comment period. Dates, times, and locations of these meetings will be announced in press releases, e-mail announcements and on the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) Web site for the project at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/caha>.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Plan/EIS will be available for public review at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/caha>. A limited number of hard copies are available at the Seashore headquarters, 1401 National Park Drive, Manteo, North Carolina 27954, or a copy may be requested, as long as supplies last, from Mike Murray, Superintendent, Cape Hatteras National Seashore, 1401 National Park Drive, Manteo, North Carolina 27954. Copies will be provided to local libraries in Manteo, Kill Devil Hills, Hatteras Village and Ocracoke, North Carolina.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This plan/EIS evaluates the impacts of two no-action (alternatives A and B) and four action alternatives (alternatives C, D, E and F). Alternative A would manage ORV use and access at the Seashore

based on the 2007 Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Interim Protected Species Management Strategy/EA and the Superintendent's Compendium 2007, as well as elements from the 1978 draft interim ORV management plan that were incorporated in Superintendent's Order #7. Alternative B would manage ORV use in the same manner as alternative A, except as modified by the consent decree, as amended, which has been in effect at the Seashore since 2008. Alternative C would provide visitors to the Seashore with a degree of predictability regarding areas available for ORV use, as well as vehicle-free areas, based largely on the seasonal resource and visitor use characteristics of various areas in the Seashore. Under alternative D, visitors to the Seashore would have the maximum amount of predictability regarding areas available for ORV use and vehicle-free areas for pedestrian use with most areas having year-round, rather than seasonal designations. Restrictions would be applied to larger areas over longer periods of time to minimize changes in designated ORV and non-ORV areas over the course of the year. Alternative D is the environmentally preferable alternative. Alternative E would provide for additional flexibility in access for both ORV and pedestrian users, including allowing some level of overnight vehicle use at selected points and spits. Where greater access is permitted, often additional controls or restrictions are in place to limit impacts on sensitive resources. The level of access provided under alternative F is similar to alternative E, but with different limitations on allowable times and dates of ORV access. Alternative F is the NPS Preferred Alternative.

If you wish to comment electronically, you may submit your comments online in the PEPC Web site by visiting <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/caha>, clicking on *open for comment, clicking on the Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan/EIS, and then clicking on Comment on Document. NPS encourages commenting electronically through PEPC. If you wish to submit your written comments in hard copy (e.g. in a letter), you may send them by U.S. Postal Service or other mail delivery service or hand-deliver them to: Mike Murray, Superintendent, Cape Hatteras National Seashore, 1401 National Park Drive, Manteo, North Carolina 27954. Oral statements and written comments will also be accepted during the hearing-style public meetings. Comments will

not be accepted by fax, e-mail, or in any other way than those specified above. Bulk comments in any format (hard copy or electronic) submitted on behalf of others will not be accepted. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, 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 comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Murray, Superintendent, Cape Hatteras National Seashore, 1401 National Park Road, Manteo, North Carolina 27954, 252-473-2111, extension 148.

Dated: February 3, 2010.

Gordon Wissinger,

Acting Regional Director, Southeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Fire Management Plan, Final Environmental Impact Statement, Record of Decision, Grand Canyon National Park, AZ

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of a Record of Decision on the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Fire Management Plan, Grand Canyon National Park.

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 the Record of Decision for the Fire Management Plan, Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona. On January 12, 2010, the Regional Director, Intermountain Region, approved the Record of Decision for the project. As soon as practicable, the National Park Service will begin to implement the Preferred Alternative contained in the FEIS issued on August 7, 2009.

The document describes and analyzes the environmental impacts of several action alternatives, including the preferred alternative for management of fire in Grand Canyon National Park. The preferred alternative analyzes the use of prescribed fire, wildland fire use, suppression fire, and manual and

mechanical thinning. A no-action alternative was also evaluated. Alternative 2 (Mixed Fire Treatment) was selected as the preferred alternative. The Record of Decision includes a statement of the decision made, synopses of other alternatives considered, the basis for the decision, a description of the environmentally preferable alternative, a finding of no impairment of park resources and values, a listing of measures to minimize environmental harm, and an overview of public involvement in the decision-making process.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chris Marks, Project Lead, Fire Management Plan, P.O. Box 129, Grand Canyon, Arizona 86023, christopher_marks@nps.gov or at 928-638-7417.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Copies of the Record of Decision may be obtained from the contact listed above or online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/grca>.

Dated: January 15, 2010.

Michael D. Snyder,
Regional Director, Intermountain Region,
National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U.S. Geological Survey

Announcement of National Geospatial Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC) will meet on March 24–25, 2010 at the One Washington Circle Hotel, 1 Washington Circle, NW., Washington, DC 20037. The meeting will be held in the Meridian Room. The NGAC, which is composed of representatives from governmental, private sector, non-profit, and academic organizations, was established to advise the Chair of the Federal Geographic Data Committee on management of Federal geospatial programs, the development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure, and the implementation of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-16. Topics to be addressed at the meeting include:

- Welcome to New Committee Members
- NGAC Overview/History of Federal Geospatial Coordination
- Leadership Dialogue
- Place-Based Policies
- Subcommittee Reports

- Current FGDC Activities
- Review of FGDC Guidance/NGAC Action Plan

The meeting will include an opportunity for public comment on March 25. Comments may also be submitted to the NGAC in writing. Members of the public who wish to attend the meeting must register in advance. Please register by contacting Arista Maher at the U.S. Geological Survey (703-648-6283, amaher@usgs.gov). Registrations are due by March 19, 2010. While the meeting will be open to the public, seating may be limited due to room capacity.

DATES: The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on March 24 and from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on March 25.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Mahoney, U.S. Geological Survey (206-220-4621).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Meetings of the National Geospatial Advisory Committee are open to the public. Additional information about the NGAC and the meeting is available at <http://www.fgdc.gov/ngac>.

Dated: March 1, 2010.

Ken Shaffer,
Deputy Executive Director, Federal
Geographic Data Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Wisconsin Statewide Habitat Conservation Plan for Karner Blue Butterfly

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability: draft environmental assessment and updated habitat conservation plan in support of an application to renew/amend incidental take permit number TE010064-5.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), have received an application from the State of Wisconsin, Department of Natural Resources (Applicant), for renewal of an incidental take permit (ITP) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act). If approved, the permit would be for a 10-year period and would authorize incidental take of the endangered Karner blue butterfly (*Lycaeides melissa samuelis*) throughout the State of Wisconsin. We request public comment

on the application and associated documents.

DATES: To ensure consideration, please send your written comments on or before May 4, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments via U.S. mail to the Regional Director, *Attn:* Lisa Mandell, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, MN 55111-4056, or by electronic mail to permitsR3ES@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Mandell, (612) 713-5164.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4371 *et seq.*), we announce that we have gathered the information necessary to: (1) Determine the impacts and formulate alternatives for an environmental assessment related to renewal of an incidental take permit for the Applicant; and (2) approve the habitat conservation plan (HCP), which provides measures to minimize and mitigate the effects of the proposed incidental take of the Federally listed Karner blue butterfly to the maximum extent practicable, under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

If we renew the permit, we would authorize take for 10 years in conjunction with implementation of the updated HCP which the applicant has prepared. The applicant has been operating under Fish and Wildlife Permit TE010064 for a period of 10 years (1999–2009), and the incidental take would continue throughout the State of Wisconsin, if we renew the permit. Incidental take occurs as a result of impacts of otherwise lawful land use and land management actions. These activities have been altered under the HCP to minimize and mitigate the effects of incidental take of Karner blue butterflies and the habitats upon which they depend. We have issued an environmental assessment to evaluate the impacts of the alternatives for renewal of the incidental take permit, including the no action alternative.

In the 1990s, the State of Wisconsin initiated a unique partnership with a variety of land managers in Wisconsin to develop a statewide HCP for the Karner blue butterfly. For a period of approximately 5 years, partners gathered regularly and worked with the Service on an innovative plan to incorporate considerations for the Karner blue butterfly into land-use activities. Partners include the forest industry, utility companies, road management authorities, The Nature