

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****National Park Service**

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**Notice of Termination of the Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan for Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park, New Jersey**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.  
**ACTION:** Notice of Termination.

**SUMMARY:** The National Park Service (NPS) is preparing a general management plan (GMP) for Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park. A Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the GMP was published in the *Federal Register* on November 14, 2011. The NPS has decided to terminate the EIS and instead, has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the GMP (GMP/EA).

**DATES:** The GMP/EA is expected to be distributed for public review and comment during the fall of 2015. The NPS will provide information on when the GMP/EA will be released for public review, the dates of the public comment period, and the dates that public meetings will be held on the park's planning Web site at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/pagr> and through local and regional media.

**ADDRESSES:** Refer to the park's planning Web site at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/pagrforadditionalinformationonwhereandhowtoobtainacopyoftheGMP/EA>, how to comment on the GMP/EA, and locations of upcoming public meetings.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Darren Boch, Superintendent; Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park; 72 McBride Avenue; Paterson, NJ 07501.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park's first general management plan and will provide the framework for guiding resource management, visitor experiences, facilities and partnerships. The issues addressed by the GMP include: Sustaining the park's fundamental resources; providing for safe, sustainable public access and recreational activities; building new and reinforcing existing partnerships to protect the park's natural and cultural resources; and improving facilities and infrastructure that meets the needs of both visitors and the community. GMP planning and alternatives development incorporated input from park partners; participants in local community

meetings; consultation with local, regional, and national government agencies; and comments gathered during the Paterson Great Falls Advisory Commission meetings. The public was informed about the process and invited to participate through the park's Web site, newsletters, emails, letters, and local media.

The GMP was originally scoped as an EIS; however, internal discussions and input received during public and agency scoping did not raise any potentially significant environmental issues nor has the impact analysis identified any potentially significant adverse impacts. It is also noted that many of the actions proposed in the GMP/EA will have benefits to the park's resources, operational needs, and visitor experiences. For these reasons the NPS determined that an EA is the appropriate level of environmental review for the GMP.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Ocean Energy Management**

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**Revised Environmental Assessment for Commercial Wind Lease Issuance and Site Assessment Activities on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf Offshore North Carolina**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** BOEM is announcing the availability of a revised Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for commercial wind lease issuance, site characterization activities (geophysical, geotechnical, archaeological, and biological surveys), and site assessment activities (including the installation and operation of a meteorological tower and/or buoys) on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf offshore North Carolina. The revised EA provides a discussion of potential impacts of the proposed action and an analysis of reasonable alternatives to the proposed action. In accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) regulations implementing NEPA

(40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508), BOEM issued a FONSI supported by the analysis in the revised EA. The FONSI concluded that the reasonably foreseeable environmental impacts associated with the proposed action and alternatives, as set forth in the EA, would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment; therefore, the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. These documents and associated information are available on BOEM's Web site at <http://www.boem.gov/North-Carolina/>.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In January 2015, BOEM published an EA to consider the reasonably foreseeable environmental consequences associated with commercial wind lease issuance, site characterization activities, and site assessment activities in three wind energy areas (WEAs) offshore North Carolina. The 2015 EA considered all three North Carolina WEAs for leasing and approval of site assessment plans as the proposed action under NEPA. A Notice of Availability was published on January 23, 2015 to announce the availability of the EA and initiate a 30-day public comment period (80 FR 3621). The EA was subsequently revised based on comments received during the comment period and public information meetings. The revised EA provides updated environmental data, additional details on how the WEAs were delineated, and analysis of potential effects to the proposed critical habitat expansion for North Atlantic right whales, which was published during the public comment period for the 2015 EA. A summary of comments received on the 2015 EA and BOEM's responses to those comments is also provided in the revised EA.

In addition to the proposed action, the revised EA considers the following alternatives: Exclusion of the Wilmington West WEA from leasing; seasonal restrictions on certain site characterization activities; and no action. BOEM's analysis of the proposed action and alternatives takes into account standard operating conditions (SOCs) designed to avoid or minimize potential impacts to marine mammals and sea turtles. The SOCs can be found in Appendix B of the revised EA.

BOEM will use the revised EA to inform decisions to issue leases in the North Carolina WEAs, and to