

conditions, the plan will outline the kinds of resource management activities, visitor activities, and developments that would be appropriate in the park. Among the topics that will be addressed are protection of natural and cultural resources, protection of riparian resources, appropriate range of visitor uses, impacts of visitor uses, adequacy of park infrastructure, visitor access to the park, education and interpretive efforts, wilderness suitability, park partnerships, and external pressures on the park. In cooperation with local, State, tribal, and other Federal agencies, attention will also be given to cooperative efforts to address issues that affect the integrity of Saguaro National Park, such as the management of the urban/park interface, traffic congestion in and around the park, fires, threatened and endangered species and their habitat, and biological corridors that lead into and out of the park.

A range of reasonable alternatives for managing the park, including a no-action and preferred alternative, will be developed through the planning process and included in the EIS. The EIS will evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the alternatives.

As the first phase of the planning and EIS process, the National Park Service is beginning to scope the issues to be addressed in the GMP/EIS. All interested persons, organizations, and agencies are encouraged to submit comments and suggestions regarding the issues or concerns the GMP/EIS should address, including the suitable range of alternatives and appropriate mitigating measures, and the nature and extent of potential environmental impacts.

**DATES:** Written comments on the scope of the general management plan/environmental impact statement will be accepted for 60 days beyond the publication of this notice of intent. In addition, public scoping sessions will be held in Tucson and surrounding communities in the winter of 2003. Locations, dates, and times of these meetings will be provided in local and regional newspapers, and on the Internet at <http://www.nps.gov/sagu>.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments or requests to be added to the project mailing list should be directed to: Sarah Craighead, Superintendent, Saguaro National Park, 3693 S. Old Spanish Trail, Tucson, AZ 85730 telephone (520) 733-5101; e-mail: [sagu\\_information@nps.gov](mailto:sagu_information@nps.gov).

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85730 telephone (520) 733-5101. General information about Saguaro National Park is available on the Internet at <http://www.nps.gov/sagu> and <http://friendsofsaguaro.org>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Please submit Internet comments as a text file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Be sure to include your name and return street address in your Internet message.

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that their home addresses be withheld from the public record, which will be honored to the extent allowable by law. Requests to withhold names and/or addresses must be stated prominently at the beginning of the comments. However, submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage, Management Plan Update

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Department of Interior.

**ACTION:** Availability of draft environmental impact statement for the Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area Management Plan Update.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service announces the availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area Management Plan Update. The Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area Act of 2000 requires the Schuylkill River Greenway Association, with guidance from the National Park Service, to prepare an update of their 1995 Schuylkill Heritage Corridor Management Action Plan. The Management Plan Update is expected to include: (A) Actions to be undertaken by units of government and private

organizations to protect the resources of the Heritage Area; (B) an inventory of the resources contained in the Heritage Area, including a list of any property in the Heritage Area that is related to the themes of the Heritage Area and that should be preserved, restored, managed, developed, or maintained because of its natural, cultural, historical, recreational, or scenic significance; (C) a recommendation of policies for resource management that considers and details application of appropriate land and water management techniques, including the development of intergovernmental cooperative agreements to protect the historical, cultural, recreational, and natural resources of the Heritage Area in a manner consistent with supporting appropriate and compatible economic viability; (D) a program for implementation of the management plan by the management entity; (E) an analysis of ways in which local, State, and Federal programs may best be coordinated to promote the purposes of this title; and (F) an interpretation plan for the Heritage Area.

The study area, designated as the Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage, includes parts of the counties of: Schuylkill, Berks, Chester, Montgomery and Philadelphia in southeastern Pennsylvania as associated with the Schuylkill River corridor.

The National Park Service (NPS) maintains two park sites within the region: Valley Forge National Historical Park and the Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site. Otherwise the majority of land is non-federal and the NPS assumes a management role only within their park units. Instead, conservation, interpretation and other activities are managed by partnerships among federal, state, and local governments and private nonprofit organizations. The Schuylkill River Greenway Association manages the national heritage area. The National Park Service has been authorized by Congress to provide technical and financial assistance for a limited period (up to 10 years from the time of the designation in 2000).

**DATES:** The DEIS will remain on Public Review for sixty days from the publication of the notice in the **Federal Register** by the Environmental Protection Agency.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Peter Samuel, Project Leader, Philadelphia Support Office, National Park Service, U.S. Custom House, 200 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106, [peter\\_samuel@nps.gov](mailto:peter_samuel@nps.gov), 215-597-1848.