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The EA describes a no-action alternative (Alternative 1), a preferred alternative (Alternative 2) involving vegetation management to manage obstructions without reconfiguring the runways, and a third alternative (Alternative 3) involving reconfiguring the runways to reduce the severity of the required vegetation management. It also contains discussion of those alternatives which were considered but rejected. The USAF and NPS, in consultation with the Maryland Historic Trust, are in the process of complying with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. This EA, the USAF draft Finding of No Significant Impact/Finding of No Practicable Alternative (FONSI/FONPA), and the NPS draft Statement of Findings (SOF) are all available for review.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### General Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Arkansas Post National Memorial

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of the draft general management plan/draft environmental impact statement for the Arkansas Post National Memorial, Arkansas.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of the draft environmental impact statement and general management plan (DEIS/DGMP) for Arkansas Post National Memorial (ARPO).

**DATES:** The DEIS/DGMP will remain available for public review on or after March 17, 2003. No public meetings are scheduled at this time.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the DGMP/DEIS are available by request by writing to Arkansas Post National Memorial, 1741 Old Post Road, Gillett, Arkansas 72055, by telephoning 870-548-2207, or by e-mail [arpo\\_superintendent@nps.gov](mailto:arpo_superintendent@nps.gov).

The document is also available to be picked-up in person at the visitor center, 1741 Old Post Road, Gillett, Arkansas. The document can be found on the Internet in the NPS Planning Web site at: <http://planning.den.nps.gov/plans.cfm>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Edward E. Wood, Jr., Superintendent, Arkansas Post National Memorial, 1741 Old Post Road, Gillett, Arkansas 72055, telephone 870-548-2207, or John Paige, Job Captain, Denver Service Center, 12795 West Alameda Parkway, PO Box 25287, Denver, CO 80225-0287, telephone 303-969-2356.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** ARPO consists of two units, the Memorial unit, and Osotouy unit. Together they commemorate the human settlement near the confluence of the Arkansas and Mississippi Rivers and the events associated with the first European settlement in the lower Mississippi River Valley. This is accomplished by interpreting and fostering an appreciation of the interaction of all cultural groups, their histories, and their significance to the region. The purpose of the general management plan is to set forth the basic management philosophy for ARPO and to provide strategies for addressing issues and achieving identified management objectives. The DGMP/DEIS describes and analyzes the environmental impacts of the proposed action and two action alternatives for the future management direction of ARPO. A no action alternative is also evaluated. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request we withhold their home address from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There may also be circumstances where we would withhold from the record a respondent's identify, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials or

organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Fort Davis National Historic Site, Texas

**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 Fort Davis National Historic Site, Texas.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to § 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, Public Law 91-190, 83 Stat. 852, 853, codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C), the National Park Service announces the availability of the Record of Decision for the Final General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement, Fort Davis National Historic Site, Texas. On November 5, 2002, the 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 September 23, 2002. The following course of action will occur under the preferred alternative. The selected alternative provides an overall combination of actions to restore natural processes, preserve cultural resource values, reduce harmful environmental impacts and continue to provide opportunities for high quality visitor experiences based on resource values. With the exceptions described below, the current level of development and interpretation and the pattern of visitor use will be maintained. Alternative C quality will enhance visitor services and provide for the preservation and protection of cultural and natural resources. This alternative provides the balance and flexibility necessary to accomplish both of these objectives in a realistic manner. Change in the fort's outward appearance will be minimal. There will be no further major exterior restoration or modern development. Well-balanced preservation, resource protection, and interpretive programs would complement one another. Existing buildings, ruins, and foundations will undergo stabilization