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Director, NPS Chesapeake Bay Program Office, 410 Severn Avenue, Suite 109, Annapolis MD, 21403, or 800 YOUR BAY (968-7229).

It is National Park Service practice to make comments, including names and addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their address from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: April 9, 2003.

Dale Ditmanson,

Acting Director, Northeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement General Management Plan Amendment for a Visitor Learning Center Great Basin National Park White Pine County, Nevada; Notice of Approval of Record of Decision

Summary: Pursuant to "102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub. L. 91-190, as amended) and the regulations promulgated by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR 1505.2), the Department of the Interior, National Park Service has prepared and approved a Record of Decision for the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) and General Management Plan Amendment for Great Basin National Park. The no-action period was initiated April 4, 2003, with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Federal Register notification of the filing of the Final SEIS.

Decision: As soon as practical the National Park Service will begin to implement the amended General Management Plan described as the *Proposed Action (Alternative 2)* contained in the Final SEIS. This alternative was deemed to be the "environmentally preferred" alternative. This course of action and two alternatives were identified and analyzed in the Final and Draft SEIS

(the latter was distributed in March-April, 2002). The full range of foreseeable environmental consequences was assessed, and appropriate mitigation measures identified.

Alternatives and Review Comments:

The selected action (described as *Alternative 2* in the SEIS) modifies the 1993 General Management Plan and allows for constructing a park Visitor Learning Center on a previously disturbed 80 acre site located at the outskirts of the town of Baker, Nevada (rather than on an undisturbed site located within the park approximately 6 miles outside the town of Baker). In addition to a no-action alternative developed to provide a comparative baseline for assessing environmental consequences, a third alternative of not constructing a new Visitor Learning Center and relying on the Lehman Caves Visitor Center as the only orientation facility was also evaluated.

From the initial scoping period in December 1999 through the opportunity to review and comment on the Draft SEIS (ending in June 2002), a total of nine public comment letters were received. Only minor points were raised, and no respondents objected to the proposed amendment. The Final SEIS was released in April 2003; no responses were received during the no-action period. Consultations with interested Tribes, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the state of Nevada resulted in no substantive changes to the proposal.

Copies: Interested parties desiring to review the Record of Decision may obtain a copy by contacting the Superintendent, Great Basin National Park, Baker, Nevada, 89311; or via telephone request at (775) 234-7331.

Dated: May 29, 2003.

Patricia L. Neubacher,

Acting Regional Director, Pacific West Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Statue of Liberty NM and Ellis Island, New York and New Jersey; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement

In accordance with the National Environment Policy Act of 1969 (Pub. L. 91-109 section 102(c)), the National Park Service (NPS) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Ellis Island located in upper New York Harbor, within the States of New

Jersey and New York. The purpose of the DEIS is to assess the environmental consequences of alternative management strategies for the rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of 30 abandoned and deteriorating buildings on Ellis Island and limited service and emergency access that is described in a Development Concept Plan (DCP) that forms the basis for the DEIS.

Copies of the DCP/DEIS are available in hard copy or Compact Disk and may be obtained by contacting the Superintendent, Statue of Liberty NM and Ellis Island, Ellis Island Receiving Office, Jersey City, NJ 07305. The DCP/DEIS may also be accessed via the park's Web site at www.nps.gov/elis.

The NPS will also hold informational meetings in New Jersey and Manhattan to present the management strategies and to provide the public with an opportunity to comment.

Meeting times and locations will be posted in area newspapers and on the park's Web site noted above.

Written comments may be sent to the Superintendent until August 8, 2003. After public and interagency review of the draft document comments will be considered, and a Final EIS and Record of Decision shall be prepared.

Dated: May 16, 2003.

Robert W. McIntosh, Jr.,

Associate Regional Director, Planning and Partnerships, Northeast Region, National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before June 7, 2003. Pursuant to section 60.13 of 36 CFR part 60 written comments concerning the significance of these properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation may be forwarded by United States Postal Service, to the National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1849 C St. NW., 2280, Washington, DC 20240; by all other carriers, National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1201 Eye St. NW., 8th floor, Washington, DC 20005; or by fax, 202-