

impact statement will discuss all of these effects on the human environment.

Implementing decision.

"Implementing decision" means the authorization by the Responsible Official to implement one or more stewardship actions.

Monitored outcome. "Monitored outcome" means the short-, mid-, or long-term outcome selected for systematic evaluation.

Objective. "Objective" means the desired outcome that can be meaningfully evaluated by location and timing within the Preserve.

Outcome. "Outcome" means the result or consequence of a stewardship action that can be meaningfully evaluated by location and time of occurrence. For purposes of these procedures, this term has the same meaning as impact or effect. For convenience in communication, "outcomes" may be beneficial or detrimental, and are grouped from their date of origin considering their anticipated duration as: Short-term, anticipated to occur over 0 to 3 years; mid-term, anticipated to occur over 3 to 10 years; and long-term, anticipated to occur for 10 years or longer.

Performance requirement.

"Performance requirement" means the limitation placed on the implementation of a stewardship action necessary for compliance with applicable laws, regulations, standards, mitigating measures, or generally accepted practices.

Purpose and need. "Purpose and need" means a concise explanation why a stewardship action is being proposed and the goal(s) sought.

Responsible Official. "Responsible Official" means the Executive Director of the Trust and, consistent with delegated authority, the Preserve Manager and other Preserve staff, or the Chair of the Board of Trustees if specifically designated by the Board of Trustees.

State of the Preserve. "State of the Preserve" means a concise account of the systematic review of monitored outcomes and interpretive information from, but not limited to, observations, studies, public comment, research investigations, natural resources data or information summaries, and other sources to provide the technical and scientific basis for considering the cumulative effects of the past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions of the Trust.

Stewardship action. "Stewardship action" means an activity or group of activities consisting of at least one goal, objective, and performance requirement

proposed or implemented by the Responsible Official that may:

(1) Guide or prescribe alternative uses of the Preserve upon which future implementing decisions will be based; or

(2) Utilize or manage the resources of the Preserve.

Stewardship register. "Stewardship register" means a concise document, including applicable environmental documents, available to the public and readily amended over time depicting the location, development, implementation, and monitoring of a stewardship action.

Strategic guidance. "Strategic guidance" means adoption by the Board of Trustees of one or more of the following elements:

(a) One or more goals for all or a portion of the Preserve; or

(b) Direction to the Responsible Official to consider one or more stewardship actions or an administrative matter related to the operation of the Preserve.

101.3 Overall Procedures

(a) The Trust achieves comprehensive management of the Preserve by adopting strategic guidance and selecting and implementing appropriate stewardship actions. It is the intent of the Trust to maintain open and collaborative working relationships among all interested and affected citizens, Tribal governments, federal and state agencies, and others during the consideration, implementation, and monitoring of all stewardship actions. Information regarding stewardship actions is recorded within stewardship registers that are available to the public in accordance with applicable law.

(b) The Responsible Official may propose a stewardship action only if it is consistent with strategic guidance and is accompanied by a clear statement of its purpose and need.

(c) Based on the known or suspected outcomes of a stewardship action, or for other reasons, the Responsible Official may prepare an environmental document to improve understanding and to assist in making an implementing decision. The outcomes of implemented stewardship actions are monitored to aid future choices, consistent with the adaptive management.

(d) The Trust must prepare the State of the Preserve at least once every five years after August 2, 2002. The State of the Preserve provides a technical and scientific basis for the comprehensive management of the Preserve and aids the consideration of goals within strategic guidance that may be adopted by the Board of Trustees

(e) The on-going review of monitored outcomes, public dialog, and the interpretation of evolving natural and social environments aids the Trust and others in the consideration of the purpose and need for necessary and appropriate stewardship actions within the Preserve. The overall procedures are intended to efficiently and effectively achieve the goals of the Trust and NEPA and eliminate unnecessary or redundant paperwork.

101.4 Proposing a Stewardship Action and Following its Progress

(a) When a stewardship action is proposed and its purpose and need is described by the Responsible Official and authorized for continued consideration by the Board of Trustees, the stewardship register (Exhibit I) will be made available to the public through appropriate media as soon as practicable and throughout the process, leading either to termination of the proposal or to an implementing decision. The stewardship register will also, as relevant, contain information regarding completion of the stewardship action and monitoring of one or more outcomes.

(b) The public and government officials are provided many opportunities to review the activities of the Trust. The Responsible Official will request public review and comment on a proposed stewardship action, its purpose and need, alternatives, and/or anticipated outcomes as described in 101.7. If comments are requested and received within the dates specified, the Responsible Official must consider the comments before making an implementing decision.

(c) As information in the stewardship register is amended, the date and nature of the change to the stewardship register and name of the person transcribing the amended information must be recorded to provide an accurate record. The Trust may prepare and use documents or appropriate electronic media depicting administrative operations to aid the planning, execution, and record keeping of stewardship actions or for other purposes.

(d) To further the purposes of the Trust and NEPA, the Executive Director of the Trust is responsible for overall review of agency NEPA compliance and preparation of any necessary environmental documents.

101.5 Environmental Evaluation and Documentation

(a) An environmental document must be prepared and considered before the Responsible Official can make an implementing decision unless a