

Alabama. Alternative B builds on the story of Alternative A, providing information on the broader efforts to gain voting rights for African Americans, as events unfolded in Dallas, Lowndes, and Montgomery counties. Under this alternative, exhibits and other interpretive materials would explain earlier organizing and protest activities, the voting rights march, and the aftermath of the march. Alternative C adds to the stories of Alternatives A and B by interpreting the progression of citizenship rights in the United States. This alternative tells the story of African American efforts to gain voting rights in the larger context of the Modern Civil Rights Movement. This alternative would emphasize that the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March was an integral part of America's evolving commitment to greater equality and a stronger democracy. The National Park Service has identified Alternative C as the preferred alternative.

It is the practice of the National Park Service to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Anonymous comments will not be considered. 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. However, individual respondents may request that we withhold their names and addresses from the public record, and we will honor such requests to the extent allowed by law. If you wish to withhold your name and/or address, you must state that request prominently at the beginning of your comment.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Catherine Light, (334) 727-6390 or John Barrett, (404) 562-3124, extension 637.

The responsible official for this draft Environmental Impact Statement is Patricia A. Hooks, Regional Director, Southeast Region, National Park Service, 100 Alabama Street SW., 1924 Building, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Environmental Impact Statement, Notice of Intent

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) and stream management plan for Herbert Hoover National Historic Site, West Branch, Iowa.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), and regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR 1506.6), the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service (NPS) will prepare a draft stream management plan/environmental impact statement (EIS). The plan will be used to guide the management and rehabilitation of the stream located in Herbert Hoover National Historic Site (HEHO), West Branch, Iowa. The environmental impact statement will assess potential environmental impacts associated with various types of stream rehabilitation measures and restoration techniques on park resources such as water quality and hydrology, native plant communities, wildlife, cultural and historic resources, and public health and safety.

**DATES:** To determine the scope of issues to be addressed in the plan and EIS and to identify significant issues related to the management and rehabilitation of the stream in the NHS, the NPS will conduct a public scoping meeting in West Branch, Iowa. Representatives of the NPS and Parsons, the consulting firm assisting in the preparation of the EIS, will be available to discuss issues, resource concerns, and the planning process at the public meeting. When the public scoping meeting has been scheduled, its location, date, and time will be published in local newspapers.

**ADDRESSES:** Any comments or requests for information should be addressed to Superintendent, Herbert Hoover National Historic Site, Attn: Stream EIS, P.O. Box 607, West Branch, IA 52358. Comments may also be submitted at the following e-mail address: [HEHO\\_Resource\\_Management@nps.gov](mailto:HEHO_Resource_Management@nps.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Superintendent, Herbert Hoover National Historic Site, Stream EIS, P.O. Box 607, West Branch, IA 52358, E-mail: [HEHO\\_Resource\\_Management@nps.gov](mailto:HEHO_Resource_Management@nps.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Hoover Creek is a small tributary with a base flow of about 3 cubic feet per second (cfs). The creek is subject to flash

flooding. Historic resources of the park lie within the 50-year floodplain and a few, including the Hoover Presidential Library and Museum, lie within the 25-year floodplain. Visitor service and park maintenance facilities and the primary access road into West Branch lie within the 10-year and 5-year floodplain.

Anecdotal flood history indicates that Hoover Creek has exceeded its banks 18 times in 11 years. Precipitation events have resulted in storm surges of 1500 cubic feet per second (1967 flood) and 1650 cubic feet per second (1993 flood). Bank full flow is estimated at 650 cubic feet per second and flow above that level causes flooding of visitor service areas and the historic core. Analysis of 1967 and 1993 data suggests that the 1967 flood was a 20-year flood event and the 1993 flood was a 30-year flood event. The 1993 flood was within inches of floor level in a few historic structures. Staff observations show that the stream is migrating toward the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum building. The bank of the creek is inherently unstable, with channel scouring causing the banks to slump as the toe of the bank erodes. Lateral cutting brings the stream closer to historic resources. The stream continues to entrench and poses a safety hazard to visitors with steep stream banks of 6 to 8 feet. The current instability of the stream threatens critical resources, contributes to sediment loads in the creek, and limits the creek's value as habitat for native plants and animals.

The principle goal of the stream management plan is to re-establish natural processes that are in equilibrium within the creek. This will lead to:

- Improvement of water retention that will reduce flooding.
- Dissipation of stream energy that will reduce erosion.
- Development of root masses that will stabilize banks.
- Development of diverse channel characteristics to provide habitat and support biodiversity.

We welcome all input into our planning process. Our practice is to make the public comments we receive in response to planning documents, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. 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. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their names and addresses from the public record, and we will honor such requests to the extent

allowed by law. If you wish to withhold your name and/or a address, you must state that request prominently at the beginning of your comment. The draft and final stream management plan/environmental impact statement will be made available to all known interested parties and appropriate agencies. Full public participation by Federal, State, and local agencies as well as other concerned organizations and private citizens is invited throughout the preparation process of this document.

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**Ernest Quintana,**

*Regional Director, Midwest Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### **Bison Brucellosis Vaccine, Environmental Impact Statement, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement to evaluate a park-wide program for remote delivery of a brucellosis vaccine to bison in Yellowstone National Park.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 102 (2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the National Park Service (NPS) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a remote delivery brucellosis vaccination program for bison in Yellowstone National Park. Remote delivery in this proposed action is distinguished from hand delivery that occurs in penned situations at or near Yellowstone National Park's boundaries that is authorized under a 2000 Record of Decision (ROD). The purpose of and need for the action is to implement a program to deliver a suitable vaccine to wild and free ranging bison without capturing and handling individual animals. A brucellosis vaccine would be delivered to untested bison within the park to lower the percentage of the Yellowstone bison population infected with brucellosis. This planning effort will result in a decision determining whether or not to implement remote delivery of a vaccine to free-ranging bison inside Yellowstone National Park. The alternatives to be considered include no-action, and an adaptive management strategy to implement a program using currently available technology while pursuing new research

and development of improved techniques. The major issues to resolve include: (1) The effectiveness and safety in wildlife of a remote delivery system, (2) The effectiveness and safety of a vaccine for bison, (3) The human health and safety of park staff and visitors, and (4) The visitor experience.

A scoping brochure has been prepared that details the background and issues identified to date. Copies of that information may be obtained by contacting the Bison Ecology and Management Office, POB 168, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming, 82190-0168 or by viewing the brochure at the Yellowstone National Park Web site <http://www.nps.gov/yell>.

**DATES:** The National Park Service will accept comments from the public for 30 days from the date this notice is published in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Information will be available for public review and comment at the Yellowstone Center for Resources, Yellowstone National Park, P.O. Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming, 82190-0168 (307) 344-2393.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bison Ecology and Management Office, Yellowstone National Park, P.O. Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming, 82190-0168. Telephone: 307-344-2505.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In 2000, the NPS, in collaboration with the State of Montana, the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), and USDA National Forest Service, developed a final Interagency Bison Management Plan (IBMP). The NPS evaluated alternatives for the IBMP in an EIS, which focused on a study area including the park and adjacent areas in Montana. The purpose of the IBMP is to maintain a free-ranging population of bison and address the risk of brucellosis transmission to cattle to protect the economic interests and viability of the livestock industry in Montana. The Record of Decision (ROD) for the IBMP directed the partner agencies to vaccinate bison at capture facilities when a vaccine is shown to be safe according to the criteria defined in the IBMP. The ROD also directed the NPS to develop an in-park remote vaccination program for free ranging bison when a safe and effective vaccine becomes available and when a safe and effective remote delivery system is developed to further reduce the risk of transmission of brucellosis from bison to cattle.

The environmental consequences of a park-wide program for remote delivery of vaccine to free-ranging bison were not

analyzed in the final EIS for the IBMP. Research has shown that a safe and effective vaccine using a safe and effective delivery system now exists. Consequently, the NPS is preparing an EIS to analyze alternatives for a remote delivery program for administering brucellosis vaccine to bison within the entirety of Yellowstone National Park. To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are identified and taken into account, all interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to provide comments through attendance at public scoping meetings, submission of comments through access to the Yellowstone National Park Web site, or submission of written comments mailed directly to the Bison Ecology and Management Office at Yellowstone National Park during the scoping period. In addition, you may hand deliver comments to receptionists at the Superintendent's office, the park planning office, and the Yellowstone Center for Resources, all located in the headquarters area at Mammoth, Wyoming.

The public is advised that individual commentor names and addresses may be included as part of the public record. Names and addresses of individuals submitting comments will be available for public review during regular business hours. Any person, business or organization wishing to have their name and other information withheld from the public record must state this prominently at the beginning of any correspondence or comment. The request will be honored to the extent allowable by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be placed in the public record and will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: June 17, 2004.

**Stephen P. Martin,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### **Final Environmental Impact Statement/General Management Plan, Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, Clark County, Washington; Notice of Approval of Record of Decision**

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy