

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Minerals Management Service****Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for Proposed Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Lease Sale 201 in the Central Gulf of Mexico (2007)**

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Preparation of an environmental assessment.

**SUMMARY:** The Minerals Management Service (MMS) is issuing this notice to advise the public, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq., that MMS intends to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for proposed Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas Lease Sale 201 in the Central Gulf of Mexico (GOM) (Lease Sale 201) scheduled for March 2007. The MMS is issuing this notice to facilitate public involvement. The preparation of this EA is an important step in the decision process for Lease Sale 201. The proposal and alternatives for Lease Sale 201 were identified by the MMS Director in January 2002 following the Call for Information and Nominations/Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and were analyzed in the *Gulf of Mexico OCS Oil and Gas Lease Sales: 2003–2007; Central Planning Area Sales 185, 190, 194, 198, and 201; Western Planning Area Sales 187, 192, 196, and 200—Final Environmental Impact Statement; Volumes I and II* (Multisale EIS, OCS EIS/EA MMS 2002–052). This EA will reexamine the potential environmental effects of the proposed action (the offering of all available unleased acreage in the GOM Central Planning Area (CPA)) and its alternatives (the proposed action excluding the unleased blocks near biologically sensitive topographic features; the proposed action excluding the unleased blocks within 15 miles of the Baldwin County, Alabama, coast; and no action) based on any new information regarding potential impacts and issues that were not available at the time the Multisale EIS was prepared.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Dennis Chew, Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, MS 5410, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123–2394. You may also contact Mr. Chew by telephone at (504) 736–2793.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In November 2002, MMS prepared a Multisale EIS that addressed nine

proposed Federal actions that offer for lease areas on the GOM OCS that may contain economically recoverable oil and gas resources. Federal regulations allow for several related or similar proposals to be analyzed in one EIS (40 CFR 1502.4). Since each proposed lease sale and its projected activities are very similar each year for each planning area, a single EIS was prepared for the nine GOM CPA and Western Planning Area (WPA) lease sales scheduled in the *OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program: 2002–2007* (5-Year Program, OCS EIS/EA MMS 2002–006). Under the 5-Year Program, five annual areawide lease sales are scheduled for the CPA (Lease Sales 185, 190, 194, 198, and 201) and five annual areawide lease sales are scheduled for the WPA (Lease Sales 184, 187, 192, 196, and 200). Lease Sale 184 was not addressed in the Multisale EIS; a separate EA was prepared for that proposal. The Multisale EIS addressed CPA Lease Sales 185, 190, 194, 198, and 201 scheduled for 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007, respectively, and WPA Lease Sales 187, 192, 196, and 200 scheduled for 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006, respectively. Although the Multisale EIS addresses nine proposed lease sales, at the completion of the EIS process, decisions were made only for proposed CPA Lease Sale 185 and proposed WPA Lease Sale 187. In the year prior to each subsequent proposed lease sale, an additional NEPA review (an EA) will be conducted to address any new information relevant to that proposed action. After completion of the EA, MMS will determine whether to prepare a Finding of No New Significant Impact (FONNSI) or a Supplemental EIS. The MMS will then prepare and send Consistency Determinations (CD's) to the affected States to determine whether the lease sale is consistent with their federally-approved State coastal zone management programs. Finally, MMS will solicit comments via the Proposed Notice of Sale (PNOS) from the governors of the affected States on the size, timing, and location of the lease sale. The tentative schedule for the prelease decision process for Lease Sale 201 is as follows: EA/FONNSI or decision to prepare a Supplemental EIS, October 2006; CD's sent to affected States, October 2006; PNOS sent to governors of the affected States, October 2006; Final Notice of Sale published in the **Federal Register**, February 2007; and Lease Sale 201, March 2007.

**Public Comments:** Interested parties are requested to send within 30 days of this Notice's publication comments regarding any new information or issues that should be addressed in the EA.

Comments may be submitted in one of the following three ways:

1. Electronically using MMS's new Public Connect on-line commenting system at <https://occonnect.mms.gov>. This is the preferred method for commenting. From the Public Connect "Welcome" screen, search for "CPA Lease Sale 201 EA" or select it from the "Projects Open for Comment" menu.

2. In written form enclosed in an envelope labeled "Comments on CPA Lease Sale 201 EA" and mailed (or hand carried) to the Regional Supervisor, Leasing and Environment (MS 5410), Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123–2394.

3. Electronically to the MMS e-mail address: [environment@mms.gov](mailto:environment@mms.gov).

To obtain single copies of the Multisale EIS, you may contact the Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Attention: Public Information Office (MS 5034), 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, Room 114, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123–2394 (1–800–200–GULF). You may also view the Multisale EIS or check the list of libraries that have copies of the Multisale EIS on the MMS Web site at <http://www.gomr.mms.gov>.

Dated: April 26, 2006.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****National Park Service****Burr Trail Modifications, Final Environmental Impact Statement, Capitol Reef National Park, Utah**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for Burr Trail Modifications, Capitol Reef National Park.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C), the National Park Service announces the availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for Burr Trail Modifications for Capitol Reef National Park, Utah.

**DATES:** The National Park Service will execute a Record of Decision (ROD) no sooner than 30 days following publication by the Environmental Protection Agency of the Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

**ADDRESSES:** Information will be available for public inspection online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov> and at the following locations.

Office of the Superintendent, Capitol Reef National Park, Park Headquarters, Jct. Hwy 24 & Scenic Drive, Torrey, Utah 84775. Telephone: (435) 425-3791.

Planning and Environmental Quality, Intermountain Support Office—Denver, National Park Service, 12795 W. Alameda Parkway, Lakewood, CO 80228. Telephone: (303) 969-2851.

Office of Public Affairs, National Park Service, Department of Interior, 18th and C Streets NW., Washington, DC 20240. Telephone: (202) 208-6743.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Al Hendricks, Superintendent, Capitol Reef National Park, at the above address and telephone number.

Dated: April 26, 2006.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### **Draft General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement, Flight 93 National Memorial, Pennsylvania**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub. L. 91-190, as amended), the National Park Service announces the availability of the Draft General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (Draft GMP/EIS) for Flight 93 National Memorial, in Somerset County, Pennsylvania. Consistent with National Park Service laws, regulations, and policies, and the mission of Flight 93 National Memorial, the Draft GMP/EIS describes and analyzes two alternatives to guide the management of the national memorial over the next 15 to 20 years. The alternatives incorporate various management prescriptions to ensure protection and enjoyment of the park's resources. Alternative 1 is a no action alternative. Alternative 2 is the National Park Service's preferred alternative. Alternative 2 is based upon the selected design from the Flight 93 National Memorial International Design Competition. The Draft GMP/EIS evaluates potential environmental

consequences of implementing the alternatives. Impact topics include cultural and natural resources, transportation, and the socioeconomic environment. This notice also announces that a public meeting will be held to solicit comments on the Draft GMP/EIS during the public review period.

**DATES:** The Draft GMP/EIS will be available for public review until August 15, 2006. Comments on the Draft GMP/EIS must be received at one of the addresses below during the public review period. The National Park Service will hold a public meeting to solicit comments during the public review period. The public meeting will be held on Thursday, July 20, 2006, at the Shanksville-Stonycreek School in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, from 7 to 9 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the Draft GMP/EIS may be submitted on the Internet at: <http://www.flight93memorialproject.org>. Comments may also be mailed to: Superintendent, Flight 93 National Memorial, 109 W. Main Street, Suite 104, Somerset, PA 15501. It is the practice of the NPS to make all comments, including names and addresses of respondents who provide that information, available for public review following the conclusion of the NEPA process. Individuals may request that the NPS withhold their name and/or address from public disclosure. If you wish to do this, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. NPS will honor such requests to the extent allowable by law, but you should be aware that NPS may still be required to disclose your name and address pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Draft GMP/EIS is available on the Internet at <http://www.flight93memorialproject.org>. Copies are available upon request by writing to: Jeff Reinbold, Flight 93 National Memorial, 109 W. Main Street, Suite 104, Somerset, PA 15501. The Draft GMP/EIS is also at the Flight 93 National Memorial project office at the same address, during regular business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The *Flight 93 National Memorial Act* (Pub. L. 107-226) was enacted on September 24, 2002. The Act authorized "a national memorial to commemorate the passengers and crew of Flight 93 who, on September 11, 2001, courageously gave their lives thereby thwarting a planned attack on our Nation's Capital.

\* \* \* This legislation created the Flight 93 National Memorial and specifically designated the crash site of Flight 93, located in Stonycreek Township, Somerset County, Pennsylvania, as the site to honor the passengers and crew of Flight 93. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized by the Act to administer the Memorial as a unit of the National Park System.

The Act created the Flight 93 Advisory Commission and tasked it with: (1) Advising the Secretary on the boundary of the memorial site, (2) submitting to the Secretary a report containing recommendations for the planning, design, construction, and long-term management of a permanent memorial at the crash site by September 24, 2005; and (3) advising the Secretary in the development of a management plan for the site.

The Commission recommended to the Secretary a boundary for the memorial on July 30, 2004 and the Secretary approved the recommendations on January 14, 2005. The boundary was published in the **Federal Register** in March 2005. The boundary includes 1,355 acres that comprise the crash site, the areas where human remains were found, the debris field, and lands necessary for viewing and accessing the national memorial. Approximately 907 additional acres comprise the perimeter viewshed and would ideally remain in private ownership and be protected through the acquisition of conservation or scenic easements by partners or other governmental agencies.

The Partners agreed that an international competition was the most democratic, inclusive, and transparent way to generate designs for a permanent memorial. The competition began on September 11, 2004 and more than 1,000 design professionals and members of the public submitted design concepts. Five final designs were selected by a jury of professionals, family members and local leaders after extensive public comment and review. The five final designs were refined and after public review and comment, a second jury selected the design that best fulfilled the mission of the national memorial. The selected design was announced to the public on September 7, 2005 and is the basis of the preferred alternative in the Draft GMP/EIS.

Alternative 2, the Preferred Design Alternative, would transform the reclaimed mining site where the plane crashed into a designed memorial landscape. The memorial landscape would enhance the natural topography of the site to focus attention on the crash site as the actual memorial. The agency would also develop a visitor center to