

identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses; and, anonymous comments may not be considered.

Decision Process: Availability of the Draft CMP/EIS for review and comment will be officially announced by notice of availability in the **Federal Register**, as well as through local and regional news media, area libraries, and direct mailing. At this time, distribution of the document is anticipated during fall 2004. After due consideration of all comments and information received, a Final CMP/EIS would be prepared which at this time is anticipated could be completed during summer 2005. As a delegated EIS, the official responsible for the final decision is the Regional Director, Pacific West Region; subsequently the official responsible for implementation is the Superintendent, Ala Kahakai National Historic Park.

Dated: February 13, 2003.

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Deputy Regional Director, Pacific West Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area, Management Plan Update

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area Management Plan Update.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service is preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Management Plan Update for Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area. The Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area Act of 2000 requires the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority (LHVA), with guidance from the National Park Service, to prepare an update of their 1991 Plan for the Lackawanna Heritage Valley. The Management Plan Update is expected to include: (A) An inventory of the resources contained in the Heritage Area, including a list of any property in the Heritage Area that is related to the purposes of the Heritage Area and that

should be preserved, restored, managed, developed, or maintained because of its historical, cultural, natural, recreational, or scenic significance. (B) A recommendation of policies for resource management that considers and details application of appropriate land and water management techniques, including the development of intergovernmental cooperative agreements to protect the historical, cultural, natural, and recreational resources of the Heritage Area in a manner that is consistent with the support of appropriate and compatible economic viability. (C) A program for implementation of the management plan by the management entity, including (i) plans for restoration and construction; and (ii) specific commitments of the partners for the first 5 years of operation. (D) An analysis of ways in which local, State, and Federal programs may best be coordinated to promote the purposes of this Act. (E) An interpretation plan for the Heritage Area.

The study area, designated as the Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area, shall be comprised of all or parts of Lackawanna County, Luzerne County, Wayne County, and Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania in northeastern Pennsylvania as associated with the Lackawanna Valley River corridor.

The National Park Service (NPS) maintains one park site within the region: Steamtown National Historical Park. Otherwise the majority of land is non-Federal and the NPS assumes a management role only within the park unit. Instead, conservation, interpretation and other activities are managed by partnerships among Federal, State, and local governments and private nonprofit organizations. The Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority (LHVA) manages the national heritage area. The National Park Service has been authorized by Congress to provide technical and financial assistance for a limited period (up to 10 years from the time of the designation in 2000).

The EIS will address a range of alternatives—they include a no-action alternative and other action alternatives. The impacts of the alternatives will be assessed through the EIS process.

A scoping meeting will be scheduled and notice will be made of the meeting through a broad public mailing and publication in the local newspapers.

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Dated: January 28, 2003.

Pat Phelan,

Associate Regional Director, Administration, Northeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee: Meeting

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

Notice is here given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix (1988), of a meeting of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee.

General Information: The Review Committee was established by the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. 3001 et seq. Review Committee members are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior. The Review Committee is responsible for monitoring the NAGPRA inventory and identification process; reviewing and making findings related to the identity or cultural affiliation of cultural items, or the return of such items; facilitating the resolution of disputes; compiling an inventory of culturally unidentifiable human remains and developing a process for disposition of such remains; consulting with Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations and museums on matters