

controlling a flammable, invasive non-native plant.

Alternative C (Preferred Alternative)—Increased Natural Resource Enhancement and Expanded Hazardous Fuel Reduction. In addition to reduction of hazardous fuels, Alternative C would use fire management actions to markedly increase efforts to enhance natural resources. Project objectives could include increasing the abundance and distribution of T&E species, reducing infestations of invasive, non-native plants and increasing native plant cover. Prescribed burning would be used to protect or enhance cultural resources, such as reducing vegetation in areas identified as important historic viewsheds. Alternative C permits the highest number of acres treated annually for hazardous fuels reduction concentrating on high priority areas (e.g., along road corridors, around structures, and in strategic areas to create fuel breaks). Up to 3,500 acres could be treated per year using prescribed fire and mechanical treatments. Under this alternative, research efforts would be expanded to determine the effects of fire on natural resources of concern (e.g., rare and non-native species) and to determine the effectiveness of various treatments for fuel reduction. Research results would be used adaptively to guide the fire management program in maximizing benefits to natural resources, while protecting lives and property. This overall approach also has been deemed to be the “environmentally preferred” alternative.

Some actions, including the continuation of the Wildland Urban Interface Initiative Program, maintenance of fire roads and trails, vegetation clearing around buildings, suppression of unplanned ignitions, public information and education, the construction of a new fire cache for equipment storage and the continuation of the current fire monitoring program, would be carried out under all three alternatives.

Planning Background: The beginning of public scoping was announced on January 29, 2000, at a public meeting of the Point Reyes National Seashore Citizens Advisory Commission with a presentation on the overall EIS/FMP planning process. On February 3, 2000, a “Scoping Notice” for the Fire Management Plan was published in the **Federal Register** by the NPS. In a series of internal and public scoping meetings input on fire management issues of concern and range of alternatives was solicited from the public, Federal, State and local agencies, and NPS resource specialists. Briefings continued for local

fire management and protection agencies during the FMP preparation. Scoping comments were solicited through March 28, 2000.

Comments: The FMP/DEIS will be sent directly to those who request it in writing received by regular mail or e-mail. Copies and compact discs of the document will be available at park headquarters and at local and regional libraries. The complete document will be posted on the park’s Web site at <http://www.nps.gov/pore/pphtml/documents.html>. Written comments must be postmarked (or transmitted by e-mail) no later than 60 days from the date of EPA’s notice of filing published in the **Federal Register**—as soon as this has been determined, the close of the comment period will be posted on the park’s Web site. All comments should be addressed to the Superintendent and mailed to Point Reyes National Seashore, 1 Bear Valley Road, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956 (Attn: Fire Management Plan); e-mail should be sent to ann_nelson@nps.gov (in the subject line, type: Fire Management Plan).

In order to facilitate public review and comment on the FMP/DEIS, the Superintendent will schedule public meetings in the local area, which at this time are anticipated to occur in winter/spring, 2004. Point Reyes National Seashore staff will provide a presentation on the FMP/DEIS at the meetings and receive oral and written comments. Participants are encouraged to review the document prior to attending a meeting. As with the previous public scoping meeting for the FMP, confirmed details on location and times for these comment opportunities will be widely advertised in the local and regional media, on the park’s Web site, and via direct mailings to agencies, organizations and interested members of the public.

All comments are maintained in the administrative record and will be available for public review at park headquarters. If individuals submitting comments request that their name and/or address be withheld from public disclosure, it will be honored to the extent allowable by law. Such requests must be stated prominently in the beginning of the comments. As always, NPS will make available to public inspection all submissions from organizations or businesses and from persons identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations and businesses; and anonymous comments may not be considered.

Decision Process: It is anticipated that the Final Environmental Impact

Statement and Fire Management Plan would be completed in late 2004. The availability of the Final EIS/FMP will be published in the **Federal Register**, and also announced via local and regional press and Web site postings. Not sooner than 30 days after EPA’s notice of filing of the Final EIS/FMP, a Record of Decision may be approved. As a delegated EIS, the official responsible for approval is the Regional Director of the Pacific West Region of the National Park Service. After approval, the official responsible for implementation of the FMP is the Superintendent, Point Reyes National Seashore.

Dated: January 27, 2004.

Jonathan B. Jarvis,

Regional Director, Pacific West Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Intent To Prepare a General Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site

SUMMARY: The National Park Service will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement on the General Management Plan for Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site. This notice is being published in accordance with 40 CFR 1506.6. The statement will assess potential environmental impacts associated with various types and levels of visitor use and resources management within the National Historic Site. This General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement is being prepared in response to the requirements of the National Historic Site’s enabling legislation, Pub. L. 105–355, the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978, Pub. L. 95–625, and in accord with Director’s Order Number 2, the planning directive for National Park Service units.

The National Park Service will conduct public scoping meetings in the local area to receive input from interested parties on issues, concerns, and suggestions pertinent to the management of Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site. Representatives of the National Park Service will be available to discuss issues, resource concerns, and the planning process at each of the public meetings. Suggestions and ideas for managing the cultural and natural resources and visitor experiences at the park are encouraged. 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.

DATES: Locations, dates, and times of public scoping meetings will be published in local newspapers and may also be obtained by contacting the park Site Manager. This information will also be published on the General Management Plan Web site (<http://www.nps.gov/tuai>) for Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site.

ADDRESSES: Scoping suggestions should be submitted to the following address to ensure adequate consideration by the National Park Service: Site Manager, Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site, 1616 Chief Anderson Drive, P.O. Box 830918, Tuskegee Institute, AL 36088, Telephone: 334-724-0922, e-mail: Tuin_Superintendent@nps.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Site Manager, Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site, 1616 Chief Anderson Drive, P.O. Box 830918, Tuskegee Institute, AL 36088, Telephone: 334-724-0922, e-mail: Tuin_Superintendent@nps.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Before 1940, African Americans were barred from flying for the U.S. military. Civil rights organizations and the black press exerted pressure that resulted in the formation of an all African-American pursuit squadron based in Tuskegee, Alabama in 1941. They became known as the Tuskegee Airmen. The Tuskegee Airmen overcame segregation and prejudice to become one of the most highly respected fighter groups of World War II. They proved conclusively that African Americans could fly and maintain sophisticated combat aircraft. The Tuskegee Airmen's achievements, together with the men and women who supported them, paved the way for full integration of the U.S. military. The Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site at Moton Field in Tuskegee, Alabama, was established on November 6, 1998, with the signing of Public Law 105-355. The park was created to commemorate and interpret the heroic actions of the Tuskegee Airmen during World War II.

A General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement would

provide the park with guidance and direction to manage natural and cultural resources and to provide a quality visitor experience. This will be the National Historic Site's first General Management Plan. The plan will establish management prescriptions, carrying capacities, and appropriate types and levels of development and recreational use for all areas of the park. Resource protection, visitor experiences and community relationships will be improved through completion and implementation of the General Management Plan.

Public documents associated with the planning effort, including all newsletters, will be posted on the Internet through the park's Web site at <http://www.nps.gov/tuai>.

The Draft and Final General Management Plan and 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.

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

Dated: January 6, 2004.

Patricia A. Hooks,

Acting Regional Director, Southeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, that a meeting of the Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail Advisory Council will be held Tuesday, March 30, 2004, at 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., at the Selma Convention Center in Selma, Alabama.

The Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail Advisory Council was established pursuant to Public Law 100-192, establishing the Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail. This Council was established to advise the National Park Service on such issues as preservation of trail routes and features, public use, standards for

posting and maintaining trail markers, and administrative matters.

The matters to be discussed include:
(A) History and background of the historic trail;

(B) Roles and responsibilities of the Advisory Council;

(C) Update of current trail activities;

(D) Review of the Comprehensive Management Plan;

(E) Plans for the 40th anniversary of the Voting Rights March.

The meeting will be open to the public. However, facilities and space for accommodating members of the public are limited and persons will be accommodated on first come, first serve basis. Anyone may file a written statement with Catherine F. Light, Trail Superintendent, concerning the matters to be discussed.

Persons wishing further information concerning this meeting may contact Catherine F. Light, Trail Superintendent, Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail, at 334-727-6390 (phone), 334-727-4597 (fax), or mail 1212 Old Montgomery Road, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama 36088.

Catherine F. Light,

Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail, Superintendent.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 332-459]

Advice Concerning Possible Modifications to the U.S. Generalized System of Preferences, 2003 Review

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of investigation and scheduling of hearing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 19, 2004.

SUMMARY: Following receipt on February 13, 2004 of a request from the United States Trade Representative (USTR) under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332 (g)), the Commission instituted investigation No. 332-459, *Advice Concerning Possible Modifications to the U.S. Generalized System of Preferences, 2003 Review*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Information specific to this investigation may be obtained from Cynthia B. Foreso (202-205-3348 or foreso@usitc.gov) or Eric Land (202-205-3349 or land@usitc.gov), Office of Industries, United States International Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20436.