

Intent was published in the **Federal Register** on March 20, 2001; public scoping comments were accepted until April 30, 2001. One planning meeting was held in Yosemite Valley. During this scoping period, the NPS held discussions and briefings with: Local communities; local residents and home owners associations (Forest, Wawona, Yosemite West, and El Portal); local, regional and state fire organizations; air quality regulators; other agency representatives; park staff, elected officials; public service organizations; and other interested members of the public. The major issues raised during this period are summarized in *Chapter 1, Purpose of and Need for the Action*.

The distribution of draft EIS and YFMP began during May, 2002. A notice of availability of the draft document was published in the **Federal Register** on June 18, 2002; it was available for public review and comment through August 27, 2002. In order to facilitate public review and understanding of the proposed plan, public open houses were held during July, 2002 in Oakhurst, Mariposa, Sonora, and Mammoth Lakes, and on three occasions (in June, July and August) in Yosemite Valley. The NPS received approximately 143 written responses. All of these comments were duly considered in preparing the YFMP/FEIS. All comments obtained are preserved in the administrative record.

The main issues and concerns expressed by the respondents included: the thinning of trees up to 31.5" in diameter should not occur; mechanical thinning of trees to reduce wildland fire hazard and to restore more natural stand densities should only occur near wildland urban interface communities; no roads be constructed to remove mechanically thinned trees; that mechanical removal of trees should not occur in Wilderness; and that the park should not try to recreate forest stand compositions or densities to match a specific point in the past.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the YFMP/FEIS may be obtained from the Superintendent, Yosemite National Park, P.O. Box 577, Yosemite, CA 95389, Attn: Fire Management Plan, or by email request to: [Yose\\_Planning@nps.gov](mailto:Yose_Planning@nps.gov) (in the subject line, type: Fire Management Plan). The YFMP/FEIS will be sent directly to those who have requested it. In addition, the document is to be posted on the Internet at the park's Web page (<http://www.nps.gov/yose/planning>), and it will also be available at local and regional libraries.

**Decision:** As a delegated EIS, the official responsible for the final decision

is the Regional Director, Pacific West Region; a Record of Decision may be approved by the Regional Director not sooner than 30 days after EPA's publication of the notice of filing of the Final FMP/EIS in the **Federal Register**. Notice of the final decision will be also posted in the **Federal Register**. Following approval of the Fire Management Plan, the official responsible for implementation will be the Superintendent, Yosemite National Park.

Dated: March 26, 2004.

**Jonathan B. Jarvis,**

*Regional Director, Pacific West Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Environmental Impact Statement; Notice of Availability

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare a General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/EIS).

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(c)), the National Park Service (NPS) is preparing a General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/EIS) for the Sagamore Hill National Historic Site (NHS), located in the town of Oyster Bay, Nassau County, New York. The park is composed of lands purchased by Theodore Roosevelt in Oyster Bay, New York in 1880. Theodore Roosevelt lived in the 28-room Queen Anne style home and maintained a working farm on the property from 1885 to his death in January 1919. Throughout Theodore Roosevelt's Presidency from 1902 to 1908, Sagamore Hill served as the Summer White House. Prepared by planners in the NPS Northeast Region, with assistance from advisors and consultants, the GMP/EIS will propose a long-term approach to managing Sagamore Hill NHS. Consistent with the site's mission, NPS policy, and other laws and regulations, alternatives will be developed to guide the management of the site over the next 15 to 20 years. A range of alternatives will be formulated for natural and cultural resource protection, visitor use and interpretation, facilities development, and operations. The EIS will assess the impacts of alternative management strategies that will be described in the

GMP for Sagamore Hill NHS. The public will be invited to express concerns about the management of the site early in the process through public meetings and other media; and will have an opportunity to review and comment on the draft GMP/EIS. Following public review processes outlined under NEPA, the final plan will become official, authorizing implementation of the preferred alternative. The target date for the Record of Decision is June 2006.

Dated: March 22, 2004.

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*Superintendent, Sagamore Hill National Historic Site.*

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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, Pub. L. 92-463, that a meeting of the Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail Advisory Council will be held Wednesday, June 9, 2004, at 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., at White Hall Town Hall in White Hall, Alabama.

The Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail Advisory Council was established pursuant to Pub. L. 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) Review of last meeting Minutes; (B) review of Subcommittees structure; (C) update of 40th Anniversary Planning.

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.