

changes, the NPS determined that the appropriate National Environmental Policy Act documentation for the update and review of Bandelier's Fire Management Plan is an EA.

Through the EA process, Bandelier will revise and update the Fire Management Plan to include the following goals: (1) Provide the means for staff and the public to preserve, protect, understand, and enjoy the natural and cultural resources of Bandelier National Monument through an integrated program where management activities support naturally functioning ecosystems consistent with cultural resource preservation needs. (2) Educate, inform, consult, collaborate, and maintain cooperative fire planning with other land agencies, landowners, and local communities. (3) Achieve ecologically sustainable vegetative conditions across broad vegetation communities by restoring a natural range of variability and bio-diversity. (4) Identify and mitigate hazards related to the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) through coordination and collaboration with neighboring agencies and landowners over time and across boundaries.

The following fire management objectives support these goals: (1) Protect life, property, and Bandelier's natural and cultural resources from the effects of unwanted fire. (2) Prevent or mitigate impacts due to fire suppression activities. (3) Institute and maintain a comprehensive Fire Information and Education Program. (4) Restore and maintain fire-dependent ecosystems with the appropriate use of fire. (5) Use prescribed fire to meet fire and resource management goals and objectives. (6) Allow natural fires to function in fire dependent ecosystems. The new Fire Management Plan will emphasize the importance of mitigating measures to reduce effects in the Wildland/Urban Interface and maintaining a comprehensive Fire Information and Education Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Final General Management Plan/ Wilderness Study, Final Environmental Impact Statement, Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, MI

AGENCY: National Park Service.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of the Final General Management Plan/Wilderness Study/Final Environmental Impact Statement, Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*, the National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of a final general management plan/wilderness study/environmental impact statement (FEIS) for Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, Michigan.

DATES: The draft general management plan/wilderness study/environmental impact statement was on public review from August 29, 2003 through November 23, 2003. Public hearings were held on the draft wilderness study on August 26 at Munising, Michigan, and on August 27 at Grand Marais, Michigan. Responses to substantive public comments are addressed in the final general management plan/wilderness study/environmental impact statement. The NPS will execute a record of decision (ROD) no sooner than 30 days following publication of the Environmental Protection Agency's notice of availability of the final environmental impact statement in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Copiers of the final general management plan/wilderness study/environmental impact statement are available upon request by writing Karen Gustin, Superintendent, Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, P.O. Box 40, Munising, Michigan 49862-0040, by phone 906-387-2607, or by e-mail message at piro_gmp@nps.gov. The document can be picked up in person at the park's headquarters at N8391 Sand Point Road, Munising, Michigan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Gustin, Superintendent, Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, or by calling 906-387-2607.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The final general management plan/wilderness study/environmental impact statement combines two planning elements and an environmental analysis that covers both the plan and the wilderness study. The general management plan (GMP) provides a framework for making decisions about and managing the national lakeshore's resources and

visitor use for the next 15 years. The wilderness study explores options for wilderness designation in the national lakeshore from no wilderness to 26 percent of the park. The environmental impact statement (EIS) includes information and analysis on the potential effect of the alternatives explored in the final general management plan/wilderness study both within the national lakeshore boundaries as well as regionally. Five alternatives are examined that address wilderness as well as other visitor use and resource issues. The NPS preferred alternative would expand visitor services on the west and east ends of the park, recommend upgrading of county Road H-58, and propose the Beaver Basin (16% of the lakeshore) be designated as wilderness.

Based on the findings of the wilderness study, a formal wilderness proposal will be submitted to the Director of the NPS for approval and subsequent consideration by the Department of the Interior, President, and Congress.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Fire Management Plan, Final Environmental Impact Statement, Whiskeytown National Recreation Area, Shasta County, CA; Notice of Approved Record of Decision

Summary: Pursuant to § 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub. L. 91-190, as amended) and the implementing regulations promulgated by the Council of Environmental Quality (40 CFR part 1505.2), the Department of the Interior, National Park Service has prepared and approved a Record of Decision concerning the revision of the Fire Management Plan for Whiskeytown National Recreation Area. The purpose of the fire management plan is to provide comprehensive direction for park fire management activities over the next 10 years. The selected plan prescribes goals to be achieved and the methods for achieving them during this period. The formal no-action period was officially initiated June 18, 2004, with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's **Federal Register** notification of the filing and availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement.