

EIS) for Carlsbad Caverns National Park. This notice also announces a public meeting for the purpose of receiving public comments on the Draft GMP/EIS.

The purpose of the general management plan is to set forth the basic management philosophy and to provide the strategies for addressing issues and achieving management objectives over the next 10 to 15 years. This Draft GMP/EIS describes and evaluates three alternatives for the management of Carlsbad Caverns National Park.

Alternative 1

Alternative 1 describes the continuation of existing management direction at the park as described in current plans (the no-action alternative). The park would provide for visitor use and respond to resource management issues and concerns as funding allowed, but no major change in management direction would be initiated.

Alternative 2

Alternative 2 is the proposed action and National Park Service's preferred alternative. It would base resource management and visitor use decisions on expanded scientific research, inventory, and monitoring. Information would be gathered about how human activities and facilities are affecting park resources, especially cavern resources. A development concept plan would be undertaken once these studies had been completed to determine how to reduce or eliminate threats to subsurface resources, with measures possibly ranging from infrastructure improvements to the removal of certain facilities. Opportunities for visitors to enjoy and learn about significant park resources would be increased, special off-trail tours would be continued, the feasibility of opening Ogle Cave to tours would be studied, and additional surface trails would be provided. The visitor center would be remodeled to be more efficient, and a ranger residence would be provided near Slaughter Canyon.

Alternative 3

Alternative 3 proposes the removal of many surface functions and facilities above the cavern within five years to ensure the protection of subsurface resources. To replace these functions, a new visitor orientation/transit center and a park operations center would be developed at the base of the Guadalupe escarpment. Visitors would use a shuttle system for access to the existing visitor center, which would be modified to focus on interpretation and essential services. Visitor use of the cavern would

be monitored and restricted to minimize further damage to cavern resources, and no special off-trail tours would be provided.

The environmental impact analysis indicates that alternatives 2 and 3 would better protect the park's significant resources than would alternative 1. Some potential threats to subsurface resources would remain under alternative 2, pending the completion of studies. Alternative 2 would increase visitor opportunities and provide more in-depth interpretation, while alternative 3 would limit the range of opportunities but improve interpretation. Alternative 2 and 3 would both have beneficial long-term socioeconomic impacts. The risk of an accident that could close the cave to public entry, thus affecting the local tourism industry, would continue over the long term under alternative 1 and over the short term under alternative 2; this risk would be reduced within the foreseeable future under alternative 3.

DATES: Comments on the Draft GMP/EIS should be received no later than January 16, 1996. The date and time for the public meeting regarding the draft GMP/EIS can be obtained by contacting the park at (505) 785-2232, extension 321.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the Draft GMP/EIS should be submitted to: Planning Team Leader, Carlsbad Caverns General Management Plan, National Park Service/Denver Service Center, Post Office Box 25287, Denver, Colorado 80225-0287.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public review copies of the Draft GMP/EIS will be available at the following locations: Office of Public Affairs, National Park Service, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C.; Department of Interior Natural Resource Library, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C.; National Park Service, Southwest Systems Support Office, 1100 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico; Carlsbad Caverns National Park, 3225 National Parks Highway, Carlsbad, New Mexico; and local public libraries.

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National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing in the National Register were received

by the National Park Service before November 4, 1995. Pursuant to section 60.13 of 36 CFR Part 60 written comments concerning the significance of these properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation may be forwarded to the National Register, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, D.C. 20013-7127. Written comments should be submitted by November 30, 1995.

Antoinette J. Lee,

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ARKANSAS

Cleveland County

Wesley Chapel, AR 15, Woodlawn, 95001412

Phillips County

New Light Missionary Baptist Church (Ethnic and Racial Minority Settlement of the Arkansas Delta MPS), 522 Arkansas St., Helena, 95001410

Washington County

Walnut Grove Presbyterian Church, AR 170, Farmington vicinity, 95001411

COLORADO

Denver County

Bryant—Webster Elementary School, 3635 Quivas St., Denver, 95001421

Pride of the Rockies Flour Mill, 2100 20th St., Denver, 95001420

FLORIDA

Brevard County

La Grange Church and Cemetery, 1575 Old Dixie Hwy., Titusville, 95001413

IDAHO

Bonner County

Priest River High School, 1020 W. Albeni Hwy., Priest River, 95001402

Canyon County

Caldwell Oregon Short Line Railroad Depot, 701 S. 7th St., Caldwell, 95001403

MICHIGAN

Ingham County

Goetsch—Winckler House, 2410 Hulett Rd., Meridian Township, Okemos, 95001423

Saginaw County

Bliss Park, SW of jct. of Houghton St. and N. Michigan Ave., Saginaw, 95001424

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Hillsborough County

Goffstown Public Library, 2 High St., Goffstown, 95001426

NEW YORK

St. Lawrence County

Clarkson—Knowles Cottage, 37 Main St., Potsdam, 95001405

Ulster County