DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

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Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332 (2) (C), the National Park Service (NPS) announces the

Background

The National Wildlife Refuge System Volunteer and Community Partnership Establishment Act of 1998 (16 U.S.C. 742f) amended the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to promote volunteer programs and community partnerships for the benefit of national wildlife refuges. The Act states that we will “encourage the use of volunteers in the management of refuges and facilitate partnerships between the Refuge System and non-Federal entities to promote public awareness of the resources of the Refuge System and public participation in the conservation of those resources.” The National Fish Hatchery System Volunteer Act of 2006 (16 U.S.C. 760aa) provides for the expansion of volunteer projects and community partnerships of the National Fish Hatchery System. The Act states that we will “enhance an existing volunteer program of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and promote community partnerships for the benefit of national fish hatcheries and fisheries program offices.” Both Acts direct us to work with volunteers and partners to promote public awareness and participation in our conservation programs. This draft policy for Friends organizations was based on these statutory requirements.

The National Friends Program was established in 1996 to encourage and organize community involvement in Service activities. The program works to expand the number and effectiveness of community-based Friends organizations which assist us in delivering our mission. During the last decade, the Friends program has grown substantially in size and complexity. There are more than 230 Friends organizations, with an estimated total of 40–60,000 members. These organizations significantly strengthen the work of refuges, waterfowl production areas, and fish hatcheries and program offices across the country.

Draft Policy

We recognize that Friends provide many vital services to our sites and programs. This draft policy provides guidance on roles and responsibilities for both the Service and Friends organizations. The purpose of this draft policy is to provide Service employees with guidance when working with Friends organizations.

Chapter 1 of this draft policy identifies the authorities for working with Friends organizations; describes the relationship between the Service and Friends organizations; and describes the responsibilities of Service employees and Friends organizations.

Chapter 2 describes the information we need when we consider the financial and administrative activities under Friends agreements, including the practices and activities that the Service may allow on Government property.

Chapter 3 describes the major components of, and process for developing and modifying, the legal Friends Partnership Agreement between Friends organizations and the Service.

Chapter 4 describes how we work with Friends organizations to manage revenue-generating operations on Service property.

Request for Public Comments

We seek public comments on the draft Friends policy, and will consider comments and any additional information we receive during the comment period (see DATES). You may submit comments to any of the places cited in ADDRESSES. Please submit Internet comments as an ASCII file, avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.


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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kevin Kilcullen, at address or fax above, or telephone: 703–358–2382.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The draft guidance document which is the subject of this notice is available at: http://www.fws.gov/refuges/friends.
availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan (Draft GMP/EIS) for Hampton National Historic Site, Maryland. The purpose of the Draft GMP/EIS is to provide a clear definition of the park’s purpose, significance, fundamental resources and values, and the direction that will guide and coordinate all subsequent planning and management.

DATES: The National Park Service will accept comments on the Draft GMP/EIS from the public for 60 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes their Notice of Availability in the Federal Register. Public meetings will be held during the 60-day review period to solicit comments on the Draft GMP/EIS. Dates, times, and locations will be announced on the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) Web site (http://parkplanning.nps.gov/hamp), the park website (http://www.nps.gov/hamp), in local papers, and can also be obtained by contacting the park at (410) 823–1309.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Draft GMP/EIS will be available for public review and comment online at the NPS PEPC Web site (http://parkplanning.nps.gov/hamp), and at the park’s Web site (http://www.nps.gov/hamp). Printed copies (in limited quantity) and CDs can be requested by calling the park at (410) 823–1309. Printed hardcopies can be viewed at the following locations: Hampton National Historic Site, 535 Hampton Lane, Towson, Maryland 21286; Fort McHenry National and Historic Shrine, End of East Fort Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21230; Towson Branch Library/Baltimore County Library, 320 York Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204; Baltimore County Tourism Office and Towson Chamber of Commerce, 44 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gay Vietzke, Superintendent, Hampton National Historic Site, 535 Hampton Road, Towson, Maryland, 21286–1397, (410) 823–1309.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Consistent with National Park Service laws, regulations, and policies, and the purpose of the National Historic Site, the Draft GMP/EIS describes and analyzes three alternatives (1–3) to guide the management of the National Historic Site over the next 15 to 20 years. The alternatives incorporate various management prescriptions to ensure protection, access and enjoyment of the park’s resources. Alternative 1, the no action alternative, proposes to maintain the current interpretive focus, visitor experience and management direction. Construction of a new collections storage building, that has begun, would be completed. Alternative 2: Experiencing the Past proposes to remove post-1948 development and consolidate administrative functions to recreate the feeling of the Hampton Estate near the end of its period of greatest significance. Historic structures and cultural landscapes would be rehabilitated, to the greatest extent possible, to facilitate this visitor experience. Alternative 3: Broadening the Hampton Experience, the NPS preferred alternative, proposes to expand the visitor experience to include the entire story of the park from the 18th century through today, to rehabilitate select historic structures and cultural landscapes for interpretation and to rehabilitate the remaining park historic and modern buildings for visitor services and park operations.

The Draft GMP/EIS evaluates potential environmental consequences of implementing the three alternatives. It describes the affected natural, cultural, scenic, and socioeconomic environments within and near the park and analyzes potential impacts on park resources and values. Resource impact topics analyzed include: cultural landscapes, historic structures, archeological resources, ethnography, wetlands, water quality, vegetation, wildlife, land use, visitor experience, and operations and maintenance.

If you wish to comment on the Draft GMP/EIS, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. The preferred method to comment is to submit comments electronically through the NPS PEPC Web site at (http://parkplanning.nps.gov/hamp). You may also send written comments to Superintendent Gay Vietzke, Hampton National Historic Site, 535 Hampton Road, Towson, Maryland, 21286.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management

Idaho: Filing of Plats of Survey

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Filing of Plats of Surveys.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has officially filed the plats of survey of the lands described below in the BLM Idaho State Office, Boise, Idaho, effective 9 a.m., on the dates specified.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These surveys were executed at the request of the Bureau of Land Management to meet their administrative needs. The lands surveyed are:

The plat, in two sheets, representing the entire survey record of the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, and the subdivision of sections 12 and 13, T. 7 S., R. 34 E., of the Boise Meridian, Idaho, Group Number 1148, was accepted July 15, 2010.

The plat constituting the entire survey record of the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines and the subdivision of sections 8, 9, and 17, T. 6 S., R. 35 E., of the Boise Meridian, Idaho, Group Number 1283, was accepted August 24, 2010.

The supplemental plat in section 19, T. 2 N., R. 10 E., of the Boise Meridian, Idaho, Group Number 1337, was prepared to show amended lots, was accepted September 30, 2010.

These surveys were executed at the request of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to meet their administrative needs. The lands surveyed are:

The field notes representing the remonumentation of the ¼ section corner of sections 31 and 32, T. 36 N., R. 1 E., Boise Meridian, Idaho, Group Number 1000, was accepted July 2, 2010.

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