DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Environmental Impact Statement and General Management Plan, Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park, NJ

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) announces its intent to prepare a General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/EIS) for Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park (NHP), New Jersey.

In the park’s enabling legislation, Congress established the Paterson Great Falls NHP Advisory Commission to advise in the development and implementation of the GMP. The Paterson Great Falls NHP Advisory Commission will be involved early in the planning process and will remain actively involved throughout the development of the plan. 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 Paterson Great Falls NHP.

DATES: The place and time of public scoping meetings will be announced by the NPS and noticed in local newspapers serving the area. Scoping and other periodic public meeting notices and information regarding the GMP/EIS will also be placed on the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) Web site (http://parkplanning.nps.gov/pagr) for continuing public review and comment.

ADDRESSES: Information related to ongoing public involvement opportunities will be provided online at the Paterson Great Falls NHP Web site (http://www.nps.gov/pagr) and on the NPS PEPC Web site (http://parkplanning.nps.gov/pagr). Requests to be added to the project mailing list may be made electronically through the Paterson Great Falls NHP Web site or by directing requests to the contact listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Helen Mahan, Community Planner/Team Leader, National Park Service, Park Planning and Special Studies, 200 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106; Telephone: (215) 597–6438.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Consistent with applicable laws and regulations, the park’s mission, and NPS policy, alternatives will be developed to guide the management of the site over the next 15 to 20 years. The alternatives will incorporate various zoning and management prescriptions to ensure resource protection and public enjoyment of the site. Following the process outlined under NEPA, a Draft GMP/EIS will be issued for public review and comment that evaluates the alternatives and analyzes the environmental consequences that could result from implementing any of the alternatives. Once all comments have been reviewed, a Final GMP/EIS identifying the agency’s preferred alternative will be released for a 30-day no-action period, followed by a Record of Decision signed by the Northeast Regional Director selecting the alternative that will be implemented as the final approved GMP for Paterson Great Falls NHP.

The public is invited to express views and to identify issues and concerns about the long-term management of Paterson Great Falls NHP early in the process through public meetings and other media; and will have an opportunity to review and comment on a draft GMP/EIS. Public scoping meetings will be scheduled and will consist of a discussion of the GMP/EIS process, including ways that the public can be involved in providing and receiving information, and reviewing and commenting upon the draft GMP/EIS.

Before including your address, phone number, email 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.

Dated: November 4, 2011.

Gay Vietzke, Deputy Regional Director for Park Operations, Northeast Region, National Park Service.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be open to the public. Any member of the public may file with the Commission a written statement concerning agenda items. The statement should be addressed to the Gettysburg National Military Park Advisory Commission, 1195 Baltimore Pike, Suite 100, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325.

Dated: November 1, 2011.
Bob Kirby, Superintendent, Gettysburg NMP/Eisenhower NHS.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Hyla Hurst, telephone (303) 231–3485, or email hyla.hurst@onrr.gov. You may also contact Hyla Hurst to obtain copies, at no cost, of (1) the ICR, (2) any associated forms, and (3) the regulations that require the subject collection of information. You may also review the information collection request online at http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PHAMain.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title: 30 CFR part 1218, Collection of Monies Due the Federal Government. OMB Control Number: 1012–0008. Bureau Form Number: Form ONRR–4425.

Abstract: The Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior is responsible for mineral resource development on Federal and Indian lands and the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). The Secretary is required by various laws to manage mineral resource production from Federal and Indian lands and the OCS, collect the royalties and other mineral revenues due, and distribute the funds collected in accordance with applicable laws. The Secretary also has a trust responsibility to manage Indian lands and seek advice and information from Indian beneficiaries. The ONRR performs the minerals revenue management functions for the Secretary and assists the Secretary in carrying out the Department’s trust responsibility for Indian lands. Public laws pertaining to mineral leases on Federal and Indian lands are posted on our Web site at http://www.onrr.gov/Laws_R_D/PublicLawsAMR.htm.

Minerals produced from Federal and Indian leases vary greatly in the nature of occurrence, production, and processing methods. When a company or an individual enters into a lease to explore, develop, produce, and dispose of minerals from Federal or Indian lands, that company or individual agrees to pay the lessor a share in an amount or value of production from the leased lands. The lessee is required to report various kinds of information to the lessor relative to the disposition of the leased minerals. Such information is generally available within the records of the lessee or others involved in developing, transporting, processing, purchasing, or selling such minerals. The information collected includes data necessary to ensure that production is accurately valued and royalties are appropriately paid.

This ICR covers unique reporting circumstances including (1) cross-lease netting in calculation of late-payment interest; (2) designation of a designee; and (3) and tribal permission for recoupment on Indian oil and gas leases.

Cross-Lease Netting in Calculation of Late-Payment Interest

Regulations at 1218.54 require ONRR to assess interest on unpaid or underpaid amounts. The ONRR distributes these interest revenues to states, Indian tribes, and the U.S. Treasury, based on the mineral lease distribution information. Current regulations at 1218.42 provide that an overpayment on a lease or leases may be offset against an underpayment on a different lease or leases to determine the net payment subject to interest, when certain conditions are met. This is called cross-lease netting. However, sections 6(a), (b), and (c) of the Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act (RSFA) require ONRR to pay interest on lessees’ Federal oil and gas overpayments made on or after February 13, 1997 (6 months after the August 13, 1996, enactment of RSFA). The ONRR implemented this RSFA provision in 1997 and began calculating interest on both underpayments and overpayments for Federal oil and gas leases, making the cross-lease netting provisions at 1218.42 no longer applicable for these leases. Lessees must comply with the provisions at 30 CFR 1218.42(b) and (c) for Indian tribal leases or Federal leases other than oil and gas. They must demonstrate that cross-lease netting is correct by submitting production reports, pipeline allocation reports, or other similar documentary evidence. This information is necessary for ONRR to determine the correct amount of interest the lessee owes and to ensure that we collect in full all monies owed the Federal Government.

Designation of Designee

Requirements of RSFA established that owners of, primarily, operating rights or, secondarily, lease record title (both referred to as “lessees”) are responsible for making royalty and related payments on Federal oil and gas leases (see 30 CFR 1218.52). It is