

determine the nature and extent of hazardous materials contamination, if any.

- Short- and long-term soil disturbance and vegetation loss from construction activities, including parking areas, pulloffs, walkways, utility lines, public facilities, and landscape restoration, will be minimized through appropriate erosion control and revegetation and placement of facilities on previously disturbed areas wherever possible.

Public Involvement

Public scoping meetings for the general management plan were held in the Keweenaw area in 1994 and 1995, including meetings with the Commission and park partners. A scoping newsletter with comment form was distributed in May 1995. Park issues, vision statements, purpose and significance statements, and interpretive themes were drafted as part of this process.

In September 1995, a briefing booklet on conceptual planning alternatives was distributed for review and comment, and public meetings were held in Houghton, Calumet, Marquette, and Lansing during the week of September 12, 1995. In February 1996, meetings and briefings were held with members of the advisory commission and park partners on the preliminary draft plan. Substantial revisions were made per those meetings and a revised preliminary draft plan and environmental document was distributed for review during the fall of 1996. On December 10 and 11, 1996, further meetings were held with the advisory commission and other park partners, local agencies, and cooperating sites. Substantive comments focused on concern that the seriousness of the hazardous materials issue had been overstated and presented too negatively; the need to formalize the current informal arrangements between the NPS and cooperating sites; and that formal recognition and establishment of a workable partnership arrangement was needed that did not weaken the authority of the park's advisory commission and treated other groups as partners, not as "friends" of the park.

Reflecting many revisions in response to comments on the preliminary draft, the Draft General Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement was printed and made available to the public on September 1, 1997. The official review period closed on October 31, 1997. Copies were placed on review in local libraries and government offices and were mailed primarily to the park's mailing list of agencies and organizations. A summary newsletter was distributed to others announcing

public meetings and the availability of the draft document. The first meeting was held at Calumet Elementary on September 22, 1997 and approximately 35 attended. A second public meeting was held on September 23, 1997 at Suomi College in Hancock, with about 15 attending. During the 60-day public comment period, seven letters were received. These letters were reproduced in the final document along with agency responses.

The Final General Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement was made available for a 30-day no-action period on June 19, 1998. Approximately 250 copies of the FGMP/EIS were distributed primarily to key agencies and organizations. Copies were made available in local libraries and government agencies and upon request. The FGMP/EIS contains a full summary of the public involvement process and substantive comments received.

Approved: August 13, 1998.

David Given,

Acting Regional Director, Midwest Region, National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Death Valley National Park Advisory Commission; Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Commission Act that a meeting of the Death Valley National Park Advisory Commission will be held September 16 and 17, 1998; assemble at 8:00 AM at the Quality Inn, 1520 East Main Street, Barstow, California.

The main agenda will include:

- Overview of the General Management Plan (GMP)
- Discussion of GMP alternatives
- Items for Discussion at Upcoming Meetings

The Advisory Commission was established by Pub. L. 3-433 to provide for the advice on development and implementation of the General Management Plan.

Members of the Commission are Janice Allen, Kathy Davis, Michael Dorame, Mark Ellis, Pauline Esteves, Stanley Haye, Sue Hickman, Cal Jepson, Joan Lolmaugh, Gary O'Connor, Alan Peckham, Michael Prather, Robert Revert, Wayne Schulz, and Gilbert Zimmerman.

This meeting is open to the public.

Richard H. Martin,

Superintendent, Death Valley National Park.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Delaware and Lehigh Navigation Canal National Heritage Corridor Commission Meeting

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an upcoming meeting of the Delaware and Lehigh Navigation Canal National Heritage Corridor Commission. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463).

Meeting Date and Time: Friday, September 11, 1998; 1:30-4:00 p.m.

Address: Residence of Ben and Carole Walbert, 87 Broadway, Jim Thorpe, PA 18229.

The agenda for the meeting will focus on implementation of the Management Action Plan for the Delaware and Lehigh Canal National Heritage Corridor and State Heritage Park. The Commission was established to assist the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and its political subdivisions in planning and implementing an integrated strategy for protecting and promoting cultural, historic and natural resources. The Commission reports to the Secretary of the Interior and to Congress.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Delaware and Lehigh Navigation Canal National Heritage Corridor Commission was established by Pub. L. 100-692, November 18, 1988.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Denise G. Holub, Chief Financial Officer/Grants Administrator, Delaware and Lehigh Navigation Canal, National Heritage Corridor Commission, 10 E. Church Street, Room A-208, Bethlehem, PA 18018, (610) 861-9345.

Dated: August 20, 1998.

Denise G. Holub,

Chief Financial Officer/Grants Administrator, Delaware and Lehigh Navigation Canal NHC Commission.

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