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National Park Service to Hold Public Meeting to Discuss the National Mall Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement on Thursday, February 18 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Washington, D.C. – The National Park Service (NPS) invites the general public to a meeting to discuss the *National Mall Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (NMP- DEIS)*. The NPS has issued the draft plan in December 2009 for a 90- day public comment period that extends until March 18, 2010.

Time/Date: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Thursday, February 18, 2010.

Location: Old Post Office Tower Building, Room M09. This room may be accessed from the south side of the building along 12th Street, across 12th Street from the Federal Triangle Metro station on the Orange and Blue lines. Proceed through building security and go upstairs to the mezzanine level following meeting signs.

The meeting will begin with a brief presentation of key plan concepts, and then begin a discussion of:

- a schedule to complete the plan,
- offer an opportunity for the general public to obtain answers regarding any questions about any aspect of the NMP- DEIS,
- how the general public may submit a written comment to the NPS regarding the NMP- DEIS. The NMP- DEIS is available on- line at www.nps.gov/nationalmallplan or by requesting a CD of the document now or by picking one up at the public meeting.
- the draft plan is a lengthy document (600 pages) because it analyzes and compares five (5) different alternatives. NPS has prepared some brief fact sheets that are available on- line and at the meeting. The plan begins with a guide and short summary. A companion photo album on the CD and the website as well as many maps in the DEIS can be used as a reminder about locations and existing conditions.

The NPS encourages all Americans to provide substantive written comment and that anyone wishing to provide such written comment(s) is requested to submit them on- line at the website www.nps.gov/nationalmallplan. Substantive public comment will be used to make changes to the document and prepare a final plan. The NPS intends to issue the *Final National Mall Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)* before summer 2010.

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