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Big Bend National Park Seeks Comment on Proposal to Replace Chisos Basin Wastewater Treatment Plant

Big Bend National Park proposes to replace the existing wastewater treatment plant that serves the Chisos Basin development. The project is to ensure sewage treatment that meets public health and environmental protection standards and requirements.

The Environmental Assessment (EA) for the *Chisos Basin Wastewater Treatment Plant Replacement* is available for public review online online at: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/>

This Environmental Assessment evaluates two alternatives: a No Action Alternative and an action alternative. The No Action Alternative discusses conditions if the treatment plant were not replaced, while the action alternative addresses demolition of the existing treatment units and replacement of the facility. The current treatment plant is perched on a hillside at the northwest corner of the campground. The replacement facility would be located further down slope of the campground, at the site of existing effluent ponds.

We welcome your input on the project and our efforts to avoid adverse effects on park resources. The public comment period closes on June 22. If you wish to comment on the environmental assessment, you may mail or hand-deliver comments to: Superintendent, *Chisos Basin Wastewater Treatment Plant Replacement*, Big Bend National Park, P.O. Box 129, Big Bend National Park, Texas 79834-0129. You may also submit comments on the Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/>.

It is the practice of the NPS to make comments, including names, home addresses, home phone numbers, and email addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their names and/or home addresses, etc., but if you wish us to consider withholding this information you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. In addition, you must present a rationale for withholding this information. This rationale must demonstrate that disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy. Unsupported assertions will not meet this burden. In the absence of exceptional, documentable circumstances, this information will be released. We will always make submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

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