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## Cuyahoga Valley National Park News Release

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### **National Park Service Releases Final White-tailed Deer Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for Cuyahoga Valley National Park**

**Brecksville, Ohio** – The National Park Service (NPS) made available today the Final White-tailed Deer Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (final plan/EIS) for Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP). The purpose of the final plan/EIS is to develop a white-tailed deer management plan that supports long-term protection, preservation, and restoration of native vegetation and other natural and cultural resources in the park. The final plan/EIS evaluates four alternatives for the future management of white-tailed deer at the park.

The NPS has identified Alternative D as the preferred alternative. This alternative includes a combination of lethal and nonlethal actions. Sharpshooting and limited capture/euthanasia would be used initially to quickly reduce deer herd numbers. Then, population maintenance could be conducted either via nonsurgical reproductive control methods, if certain criteria are met, or by sharpshooting. Both of these population maintenance methods are retained as options in order to maintain maximum flexibility for future management.

Following a 30-day waiting period beginning on the date the EPA publishes a Notice of Availability in the Federal Register, the alternative or actions constituting the approved plan will be documented in a record of decision that will be signed by the Regional Director of the Midwest Region.

The final plan/EIS is available on the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) website at: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/CUVAdeerplan>. A limited number of hard copies are available at the park upon request. Please contact Lisa Petit, PhD, Chief, Resource Management at 440-546-5970 or [lisa\\_petit@nps.gov](mailto:lisa_petit@nps.gov) with any questions.

CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information visit [www.nps.gov/cuva](http://www.nps.gov/cuva) or call 330-657-2752.

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