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## Death Valley News Release

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### Death Valley National Park Now Accepting Comments for Grapevine Housing Replacement Environmental Assessment

Superintendent JT Reynolds has announced the completion of an [Environmental Assessment \(EA\)](#) on the proposed replacement of trailers used as park housing formerly located at Grapevine near Scotty's Castle. The new housing would be located either wholly within the park at Cow Creek or partially at Cow Creek and partially in Beatty, Nevada. "This project is needed to fill a shortfall in housing left by the loss of residences at Grapevine," Reynolds said.

The EA describes the impacts associated with the proposed construction of replacement employee housing in Death Valley. The No Action (Continue Current Management) Alternative (Alternative 1) describes the existing conditions and maintenance associated with managing existing employee housing in Grapevine. Alternative 2 proposes constructing three dormitories within the existing government housing area located at Cow Creek. Two duplexes and a single-family home would be built outside the park in Beatty, Nevada. These structures would replace three-bedroom trailers at Grapevine as they continue to be condemned due to excessive repair costs. Alternative 3 proposes constructing the dormitories at Salt Pan Vista, in the Cow Creek Administrative Area, with the duplexes and single-family house constructed within the Cow Creek Housing Area.

Copies of the plan and environmental assessment are available by accessing the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) system website at <https://pepc.nps.gov> or by calling the park (760) 786-3200. More information can also be obtained by calling the park or by accessing the park's website located at <http://www.nps.gov/deva>.

Interested individuals and organizations are invited to comment on the Environmental Assessment. The 30-day public comment period extends from November 15, 2006 through December 16, 2006. Written comments will be accepted at the following address or via email on the [PEPC website](#): Superintendent, Death Valley National Park, P.O. Box 579, Death Valley, CA 92328

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or via email to [DEVA\\_Superintendent@nps.gov](mailto:DEVA_Superintendent@nps.gov). All written comments must be postmarked or sent by December 16, 2006.

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