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Fire Island National Seashore GMP Planning Meetings in August Preliminary Management Alternatives Reviewed 8/20 and 8/21 on Fire Island, Open for Public Review and Comment through September 6, 2010

Patchogue, New York— Fire Island National Seashore Superintendent Chris Soller announced that the National Park Service (NPS) will host public General Management Plan (GMP) meetings this August in two communities on Fire Island.

- Friday, August 20, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Whyte Hall, 577 Coast Guard Walk in Fire Island Pines (Take ferry from Sayville to Fire Island Pines)
- Saturday, August 21, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Ocean Beach Community House, 153 Bay Walk in Ocean Beach (Take ferry from Bay Shore to Ocean Beach)

These meetings will be organized as open houses during which the public will have the opportunity to learn about the proposed preliminary management alternatives. Park planners and managers will be on hand to answer questions and to accept public comments. Refreshments will be served. Summaries of four preliminary alternatives are described in a newsletter that is available online at www.nps.gov/fiis/parkmgmt/generalmanagementplan.htm. Copies of the newsletter will be available in the August 6 edition of the *Fire Island Tide* and at NPS offices and facilities.

Public input is critical at this point to assist the National Park Service in refining the alternatives for presentation in a formal draft General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/EIS), and the identification of the NPS preferred alternative. The public comment period for the preliminary management alternatives opened on April 24; comments will be accepted through September 06, 2010.

Comments about the preliminary management alternatives may be submitted through several avenues.

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