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United States Department of the Interior

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Northeast Region
United States Custom House
200 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Memorandum

TO: Director

THROUGH: *for* Regional Director

FROM: Superintendent, Flight 93 National Memorial *Jacqueline Hanley*

SUBJECT: Resolution of the Flight 93 Advisory Commission Requesting Secretarial Approval of an Interim Flight 93 National Memorial Boundary

2/12/04

Pursuant to Section (4)(i)(2) of P.L. 107-226, the Flight 93 National Memorial Act, the Flight 93 Advisory Commission is tasked with advising the Secretary of the Interior on the establishment of boundaries for the National Memorial. Section 5(8) of the Act authorizes the Secretary to acquire lands or interests in land for the memorial site from willing sellers by donation or purchase with donated or appropriated funds, or by exchange.

At its meeting of November 14, 2003, the Flight 93 Advisory Commission adopted the attached Resolution advising the Secretary that it has determined that certain core lands comprising the Flight 93 impact site, properties in the viewshed of the impact site, and those associated with the entry to the site from Route 30 will be included in any future final boundary submitted for the Secretary's consideration. The Commission desires that the Secretary exercise the authority contained in Section 5(8) of the Act to enable the National Park Service to begin the process of acquiring and protecting these lands.

The Commission believes that these lands are essential to the current and future interpretation of the Flight 93 National Memorial and that they require immediate protection. It views this advice to be initial and will provide the Secretary with further advice on the ultimate boundary of the memorial as required by the Act. The area described in the Commission's Resolution is approximately 1500 acres.

Somerset County currently holds approximately \$550,000 in donated funds to be used by the National Park Service for the acquisition of land inside the fenced area. This fenced area is +/-100 acres encompassing the crash site, debris field and the extent of human remains. In addition the Administration's FY'05 request includes \$2.214 million for land acquisition at the Flight 93 Memorial.

At our January 27, 2004 briefing with you and other NPS staff, it was agreed that the Secretary be asked to approve the immediate acquisition of the impact site (\pm 100 acres) at this time, concur with the concept of the remaining area recommended by the Commission, and request that the Commission consider additional lands immediately south, southeast and southwest of the present proposal.

I am enclosing as attachments, the Resolution of the Advisory Commission, a draft memorandum from you to the Secretary and a draft response to the Commission's Resolution for the Secretary's consideration. Please contact me at 814.443.4557 if you desire further information on the Commission's action or this memorandum.

Attachments

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