

GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN / EIS
Briefing Report
Flight 93 Advisory Commission
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PROJECT UPDATE – As part of the planning and design process for the Flight 93 National Memorial, recommendations for the design and long-term management of the national memorial were developed concurrently. It was our original intent to open the exhibition of the final designs and release the draft GMP/EIS to the public concurrently. However, preparation of the GMP/EIS lagged several months behind the public availability of the final designs. Much of the analysis in the GMP/EIS could not occur until the final designs were submitted and extensive partner reviews were required as part of the planning process.

In June 2005, we decided to move forward with the public exhibition of the final design submittals and pursue a related but separate track for the GMP/EIS. At its June 25, 2005 meeting, the Commission voted to announce and release the draft GMP/EIS to the public at its September, 7, 2005 meeting. Upon further review, we believe that a slightly modified approach will produce better informed decisions and a more useful level of detail.

The most fundamental change is to evaluate only two alternatives – a No Action alternative and the Selected Design – instead of all five final design submittals. This approach allows us to analyze the design in greater detail and to open a dialogue with the design team to clarify and address any issues with the selected design submittal. This approach also allows us to present to the public and decision-makers the positive and negative impacts of implementing the selected design from the design competition. The approach includes mandatory steps and continues the inclusive and transparent approach that was pursued through the design competition and the initial stages of the GMP/EIS process.

II. REVISED PLANNING SCHEDULE

Prepare Draft GMP/EIS for Internal Review	September 2005
Review Draft GMP/EIS (Partners and NPS)	October 2005
Incorporate Partner Comments and Print Draft GMP/EIS for Public Review	November 2005
45-day Public Review of Draft GMP/EIS	December 2005 – January 2006
Respond to Public Comments. Print Final GMP/EIS and Summary Document and Release to Public	February 2006
30-day Public Appeal Period	March 2006
Recommend Plan to Secretary (Commission) Sign Record-of-Decision ending the planning process (NPS Regional Director)	April 2006

III. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Motion 05-18

The Commission rescinds motion 05-16 regarding the distribution of the General Management Plan and adopts the revised planning schedule.

GMP COORDINATING COMMITTEE – Commissioners Larry Catuzzi, Donna Glessner, Ken Nacke, Gary Singel, Jerry Spangler (co-chair), Greg Walker; and Task Force members Barbara Black, Esther Heymann (co-chair), Terry Shaffer, Chuck Wagner, and Patrick White.