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Gates of the Arctic National Park & Preserve News Release

Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve Open Houses Scheduled for General Management Plan Amendment/Wilderness Study Environmental Impact Statement

The National Park Service (NPS) is amending the 1986 *General Management Plan* (GMP) and is inviting comments, ideas and concerns for managing the park through the public scoping process. Open houses have been scheduled in Anchorage and Fairbanks in March at the following times and locations:

Monday, March 1, 2010
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Sheraton Anchorage Hotel
Yukon Room
401 East 6th Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Thursday, March 4, 2010
3:30 pm- 6:30 pm
Morris Thompson Cultural
and Visitors Center
101 Dunkel Street
Fairbanks, Alaska

Visits to other communities, including Anaktuvuk Pass, Bettles/Evansville, Wiseman, Alatna/Allakaket, Nuiqsut, Kobuk, and Shungnak, will be scheduled.

The GMP amendment will be a broad-based plan that articulates a vision and charts a course for park management for the next 15-20 years. Public input during Gates of the Arctic's GMP planning process will inform decision-makers about the concerns, issues, expectations, and values of visitors, neighbors, interest groups, scientists, scholars, other governmental agencies, and people with traditional cultural ties to the park. Through newsletters, public meetings, media releases and other means, the National Park Service will share information about the planning process and work with the local public, visitors, and others to foster consensus for implementing the approved plan amendment.

Conditions within and outside the park have changed since 1986. Some of these changes include opening the Dalton Highway along the park's eastern boundary to public use, the land exchange at Anaktuvuk Pass, shifting recreational use patterns, and climate change — all of which are affecting both park resources and visitor experiences.

In addition to the open houses, you can e-mail your views to Gaar_Planning@nps.gov or through the NPS planning website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/gaar>. Comments are requested before March 29, 2010, so the NPS can consider input before continuing with the planning for this general management plan amendment/wilderness study.

For further information contact Greg Dudgeon, superintendent, at 907-457-5752.

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