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United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK

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Dear Interested Party:

The National Park Service (NPS) proposes to conduct site improvements to the Moose Headquarters area in Grand Teton National Park. The site improvements are needed to address conflicting vehicle and pedestrian flow caused by non-segregated use and damage to natural resources due to inadequate way-finding, user-created trails, and deficient stormwater management. The purpose of the proposal is to upgrade and improve site conditions in a way that enhances visitor experience while providing a safe, healthy, functional, and efficient working/living environment for park employees and their families.

The Moose Headquarters Rehabilitation Site Work Environmental Assessment (EA) evaluates a no action alternative and one action alternative:

Alternative A - No Action Alternative, and

Alternative B - Moose Headquarters Site Work (NPS Preferred Alternative).

The No Action Alternative describes the current condition if no site work were conducted. The NPS Preferred Alternative involves the complete reconfiguration of vehicle and pedestrian traffic within the administrative and Moose landing areas, removal of several temporary buildings, and site restoration work targeted to improve stormwater management. The proposed improvements were designed to enhance visitor safety and experience, improve working conditions for employees, improve parking and traffic flow, and reduce the built environment and improve water quality while preserving the character of the area and protecting natural and cultural resources.

Resources that are evaluated in detail in the EA include: soils, vegetation, water resources, wildlife, visitor use and experience, and park operations. All other resources are dismissed because the project effects to those resources would be negligible or minor. No major adverse impacts are anticipated as a result of this project. Public scoping was conducted in June 2008 to assist with the development of this proposal and no major issues were raised related to the proposal.

The EA has been prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and other associated laws and regulations to provide the decision-making framework that 1) analyzes a reasonable range of alternatives to meet objectives of the proposal, 2) evaluates potential issues and impacts to Grand Teton National Park resources and values, and 3) identifies mitigation measures to lessen the degree or extent of these impacts.

Additional copies of the EA are available at the Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center in the park and at the Reference Desk in the Teton County Library. The document is online at www.nps.gov/grte/plans/planning.htm and <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>.

If you wish to comment on the EA, you may mail comments to the name and address below or post comments online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>. Choose "Grand Teton National Park" or "Plan/Documents Open for Comment," and then click "Comment on Document."

This EA will be available for public review for 30 days, from January 11 to February 9, 2010. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Please address written comments to:

Superintendent
Attn: Moose Headquarters Rehabilitation Site Work EA
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Scott", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mary Gibson Scott
Superintendent

Enclosure