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National Park Service Announces Availability of Final Grand Teton National Park Transportation Plan/Environmental Impact Statement

The National Park Service announced today that the *Final Grand Teton National Park Transportation Plan/Environmental Impact Statement* (Final Plan/EIS) is available for public review. Public comments from a Draft Transportation Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (Draft Plan/EIS), as well as additional information and analysis collected since the release of the Draft Plan/EIS, were taken into consideration on the selection of a preferred alternative.

The Final Plan/EIS analyzes five alternatives for transportation-related improvements within the park. Alternative 3a, the preferred alternative, combines elements of alternatives 3 and 4 from the Draft Plan/EIS, and provides a wide-range of transportation opportunities for bicyclists and pedestrians. Alternative 3a proposes the following actions:

- 1) Approximately 42 miles of multi-use pathways, which includes 23 miles of multi-use pathways between the park's south boundary and String Lake via the North Jenny Lake Junction and approximately 16 miles of pathways within the road corridor between North Jenny Lake Junction and Colter Bay Village;
- 2) Realignment of the Moose-Wilson Road in two areas, with the existing alignments being restored to natural conditions;
- 3) Approximately three miles of pathway within the road corridor of the Moose-Wilson Road from Granite Canyon Entrance Station to the Laurance S. Rockefeller (LSR) Preserve;
- 4) Studies to provide guidance on adaptively managing certain road segments – such as the Moose-Wilson Road to ensure that the existing character of the road is maintained;
- 5) Development of a transit business plan that will analyze options for implementation of a sustainable transit system within the park;
- 6) Creation of a wildlife research and monitoring program to evaluate the impacts of construction and use of the pathway system;

Four other alternatives are analyzed in the Final Plan/EIS. These range from a no action alternative to road shoulder improvements to an extensive multi-use pathway system.

The complete *Final Grand Teton National Park Transportation Plan/Environmental Impact Statement*, including an executive summary, will be available on the PEPC website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov> and Grand Teton National Park's website at <http://www.nps.gov/archive/grte/plans/planning.htm> as of September 19. Compact discs of the Final Plan/EIS will be available at the Moose Visitor Center in the park, or at the Reference Desk in the Teton County Library beginning on September 25. In addition, a limited number of reference copies of the document will be available for check-out and return from the Teton County Library's reference desk. For further information on the Final Plan/EIS, call 307.739.3410.

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