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## HOW TO USE THIS DOCUMENT

This document is organized in four main parts. The first part, called "Purpose of and Need for the Plan," sets the stage for the general management plan. The "Introduction" chapter provides background information about Keweenaw National Historical Park, including a brief description of the park and the advisory commission, the legislation that established the park, and a discussion of the cooperating sites. The "Planning Considerations and Process" chapter presents the foundations of the general management plan — the purpose and need for the plan; the park's purposes and significance; issues and obstacles to be resolved; the assumptions that have been made in developing the plan; the park's management objectives, interpretive goals, interpretive themes, and desired visitor experience; and an analysis of other related planning efforts.

The second main part, "The Alternatives, including the Proposed Action," presents four alternatives for managing the park for the next 10 to 15 years. Alternative 1 describes a no-action/continuation of existing trends condition so that readers have a basis for comparing alternatives 2, 3, and 4, which provide three different concepts for park management. There is also a chapter that describes actions that would take place under all alternatives and a chapter that describes the future plans and studies that would be needed. Summary comparison tables of the alternatives and of the impacts of implementing these alternatives (tables 1, 3, and 4) are found at the end of the description of the alternatives.

Another very important chapter in this second part describes the partnership concept, another foundation for the plan. The partnership describes a viable way — and perhaps the only way — to make Keweenaw National Historical Park a

dynamic and worthwhile part of the national park system, the community, and the peninsula without a major investment of federal dollars for capital expenditures or continuing long-term operations and maintenance costs. Regardless of which management alternative is chosen, the vision of the park will be fulfilled only as local partnerships mature and function and as federal and state support materialize.

The third major part, the "Affected Environment," describes the park's cultural and natural resources, some history of the mining operations, and a description of visitor use at the park and in the region. This part also describes the socioeconomic conditions in the park and surrounding areas outside NPS boundaries. The information in the "Affected Environment" provides a context for analyzing the impacts of implementing the alternatives.

The fourth major part, the "Environmental Consequences," describes in detail the effects that implementing each alternative would have on the resources described in the "Affected Environment" section.

The public review of the general management plan and environmental impact statement allows individuals, organizations, and agencies who are interested in and concerned about the future of this park to consider the benefits and drawbacks of these alternatives and provides an opportunity for comment. All comments and opinions will be considered before concluding the planning process.