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Mount Rushmore National Memorial News Release

Mount Rushmore National Memorial Announces Upcoming Public Scoping Meetings

Mount Rushmore National Memorial invites the public to participate in several upcoming scoping meetings about the development of a new General Management Plan. The memorial will be preparing the plan and accompanying Environmental Impact Statement over the next four years. The management team is looking for public input about the meaningful connections visitors have had with the memorial over the years and input on the future plans for the park.

The last General Management Plan for the memorial was completed in 1980. Since then, the memorial has expanded, visitation has increased, security has changed for America's icons, and the memorial staff has expanded the interpretation of the memorial to encompass the rich diversity of the history of the United States. The new plan will help the management team at Mount Rushmore make decisions on the direction of resource management, visitor use and interpretation, and facilities management.

The planning team has scheduled public scoping meetings for December 10 and 11 around the Black Hills. The times and locations are listed below. If you are unable to attend a meeting, you may comment by December 29 on the National Park Service's public comment website, <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>.

To make a comment online, please go to the planning website, search by park name "Mount Rushmore NMem" and click on the project title "MORU/General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement." Comments can be made by clicking on "Open for Public Comment" and then following the prompts. The website is available for public comment until December 29. Please find additional information at the memorial's website, <http://www.nps.gov/moru>.

Public Scoping Meetings:
Wednesday, December 10, 2008
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
Radisson Hotel, Sheridan Room
445 Mount Rushmore Road
Rapid City, SD 57701



Thursday, December 11, 2008

2:00 pm to 3:15 pm

The Mueller Civic Center

801 S. 6th Street

Hot Springs, SD 57747

Thursday, December 11, 2008

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Visitor Center, Theater B

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