DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Termination of the Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan for Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park, New Jersey

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Termination.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) is preparing a general management plan (GMP) for Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park. A Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the GMP was published in the Federal Register on November 14, 2011. The NPS has decided to terminate the EIS and instead, has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the GMP (GMP/EA).

DATES: The GMP/EA is expected to be distributed for public review and comment during the fall of 2015. The NPS will provide information on when the GMP/EA will be released for public review, the dates of the public comment period, and the dates that public meetings will be held on the park’s planning Web site at http://parkplanning.nps.gov/pagr and through local and regional media.

ADDRESSES: Refer to the park’s planning Web site at http://parkplanning.nps.gov/pagrforadditionalinformationonwhereandhowtobtainacopyoftheGMP/EA, how to comment on the GMP/EA, and locations of upcoming public meetings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Darren Boch, Superintendent; Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park; 72 McBride Avenue; Paterson, NJ 07501.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park’s first general management plan and will provide the framework for guiding resource management, visitor experiences, facilities and partnerships. The issues addressed by the GMP include: Sustaining the park’s fundamental resources; providing for safe, sustainable public access and recreational activities; building new and reinforcing existing partnerships to protect the park’s natural and cultural resources; and improving facilities and infrastructure that meets the needs of both visitors and the community. GMP planning and alternatives development incorporated input from park partners; participants in local community meetings; consultation with local, regional, and national government agencies; and comments gathered during the Paterson Great Falls Advisory Commission meetings. The public was informed about the process and invited to participate through the park’s Web site, newsletters, emails, letters, and local media.

The GMP was originally scoped as an EIS; however, internal discussions and input received during public and agency scoping did not raise any potentially significant environmental issues nor has the impact analysis identified any potentially significant adverse impacts. It is also noted that many of the actions proposed in the GMP/EA will have benefits to the park’s resources, operational needs, and visitor experiences. For these reasons the NPS determined that an EA is the appropriate level of environmental review for the GMP.

Dated: July 30, 2015.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

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Revised Environmental Assessment for Commercial Wind Lease Issuance and Site Assessment Activities on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf Offshore North Carolina

AGENCY: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: BOEM is announcing the availability of a revised Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for commercial wind lease issuance, site characterization activities, and site assessment activities in three wind energy areas (WEAs) offshore North Carolina. The 2015 EA considered all three North Carolina WEAs for leasing and approval of site assessment plans as the proposed action under NEPA. A Notice of Availability was published on January 23, 2015 to announce the availability of the EA and initiate a 30-day public comment period (80 FR 36521). The EA was subsequently revised based on comments received during the comment period and public information meetings. The revised EA provides updated environmental data, additional details on how the WEAs were delineated, and analysis of potential effects to the proposed critical habitat expansion for North Atlantic right whales, which was published during the public comment period for the 2015 EA. A summary of comments received on the 2015 EA and BOEM’s responses to those comments is also provided in the revised EA.

In addition to the proposed action, the revised EA considers the following alternatives: Exclusion of the Wilmington West WEA from leasing; seasonal restrictions on certain site characterization activities; and no action. BOEM’s analysis of the proposed action and alternatives takes into account standard operating conditions (SOCs) designed to avoid or minimize potential impacts to marine mammals and sea turtles. The SOCs can be found in Appendix B of the revised EA.

BOEM will use the revised EA to inform decisions to issue leases in the North Carolina WEAs, and to
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Veterans’ Employment and Training Service

Solicitation of Nominations for Appointment to the Advisory Committee on Veterans’ Employment, Training, and Employer Outreach

AGENCY: Veterans’ Employment and Training Service (VETS), Department of Labor (DOL).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 4110 of Title 38, U.S. Code, and the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and its implementing regulations issued by the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), the Secretary of Labor (the Secretary), is seeking nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment as a member of the Advisory Committee on Veterans’ Employment, Training, and Employer Outreach (ACVETEO, or the Committee). The ACVETEO’s responsibilities are to: (a) Assess employment and training needs of veterans and their integration into the workforce; (b) determine the extent to which the programs and activities of the Department are meeting such needs; (c) assist the Assistant Secretary for Veterans’ Employment and Training (ASVET) in conducting outreach to employers with respect to the training and skills of veterans and the advantages afforded employers by hiring veterans; (d) make recommendations to the Secretary of Labor, through the ASVET, with respect to outreach activities and the employment and training needs of veterans; and (e) carry out such other activities deemed necessary to making required reports and recommendations under section 4110(f) of Title 38, U.S. Code. Per section 4110(c)(1) of Title 38, U.S. Code, the Secretary shall appoint at least twelve, but no more than sixteen, individuals to serve as Special Government Employees of the ACVETEO as follows: Seven individuals, one each from the following organizations: (i) The Society for Human Resource Management; (ii) the Business Roundtable; (iii) the National Association of State Workforce Agencies; (iv) the United States Chamber of Commerce; (v) the National Federation of Independent Business; (vi) a nationally recognized labor union or organization; and (vii) the National Governors Association. The Secretary shall appoint not more than five individuals nominated by veterans’ service organizations that have a national employment program and not more than five individuals who are recognized authorities in the fields of business, employment, training, rehabilitation, or labor and who are not employees of DOL. The term of membership for all Committee members is February 1, 2016 through January 31, 2018.

DATES: Nominations for membership on the Committee must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. EST on October 15, 2015. Packages received after this time will not be considered for the current membership cycle. Please allow three weeks for regular mail delivery to the Department of Labor.

ADDRESSES: All nomination packages should be sent to the Assistant Designated Federal Official by email to green.gregory.b@dol.gov subject line “2016 ACVETEO Nomination” or mail to the following address: Department of Labor/VETS, Attn: Gregory Green, Room S–1312, 200 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20210.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOL is soliciting nominations for members to serve on the Committee. As required by statute, the members of the Committee are appointed by the Secretary from the general public. DOL seeks nominees with the following experience:

1. Diversity in professional and personal qualifications;
2. Experience in military service;
3. Current work with Veterans;
4. Veterans disability subject matter expertise;
5. Experience working in large and complex organizations;
6. Experience in transition assistance;
7. Experience in the protection of employment and reemployment rights; and/or
8. Experience in education, skills training, integration into the workforce and outreach.

Requirements for Nomination Submission: Nominations should be typewritten (one nomination per