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Jason this might me a good opportunity for you to hear from stakeholders first hand if you have time and TIP-2 has funding..

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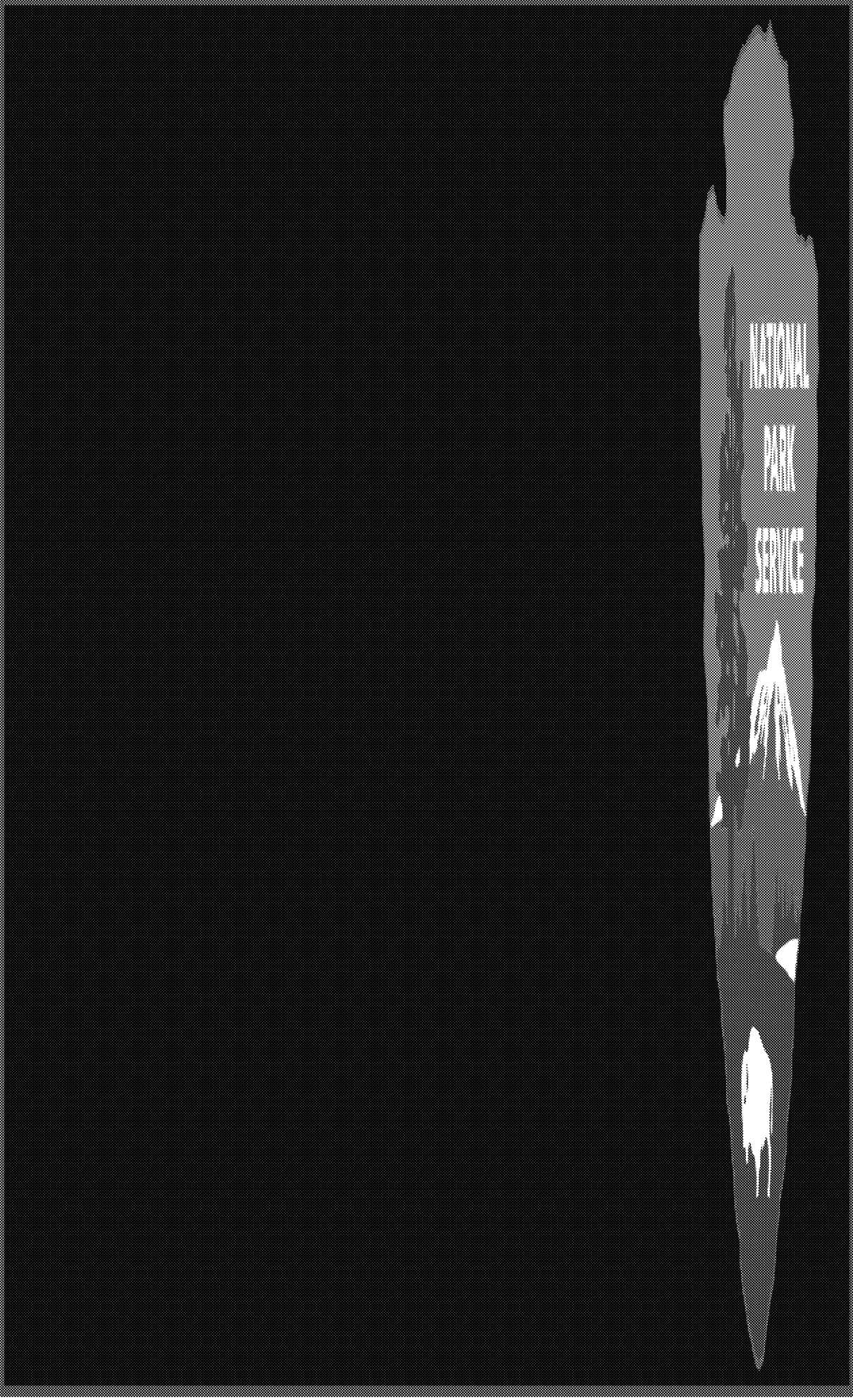
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National Park Service Releases Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Point Reyes National Seashore General Management Plan Amendment

August 8, 2019

Hello James,

The National Park Service (NPS) is seeking public review and comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the General Management Plan Amendment addressing all lands currently under agricultural lease/permit within Point Reyes National Seashore and the north district of Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

The draft EIS is available for a 45-day public review and comment period under the National Environmental Policy Act. This comment period will also satisfy the public involvement requirement under the National Historic Preservation Act. The draft EIS analyzes six alternatives from 20-year agricultural lease/permits with diversification and increased operational flexibility, to reduced ranching, no dairy ranching, and no ranching alternatives. This plan also addresses long term tule elk management in the agricultural lease/permit areas of the park.

The NPS preferred alternative allows existing ranch families to continue beef and dairy operations with 20 year lease/permits. Tule elk in the Drakes Beach area would be managed at a viable population threshold that is also compatible with authorized ranching. The NPS would implement a subzoning framework that

protects park resources, maintains ranching, and allows opportunities for operational flexibility and diversification. The preferred alternative also identifies opportunities to improve the visitor experience and a framework for managing visitor capacity. The preferred alternative supports NPS's ability to maintain historic resources and cultural landscapes that are integral to the Point Reyes Peninsula Dairy Ranches Historic District and Olema Valley Dairy Ranches Historic District.

The 45-day public review and comment period closes on September 23, 2019. During the comment period, the NPS will host two public meetings at the following locations:

Tuesday, August 27, 2019, 5-7 p.m.
West Marin School Gym
Point Reyes Station, CA

Wednesday, August 28, 2019, 5-7 p.m.
Bay Model Visitor Center
Sausalito, CA

Comments may be submitted online at https://parkplanning.nps.gov/poregmpa, or by mailing or hand delivering comments to: GMP Amendment c/o Superintendent, Point Reyes National Seashore, 1 Bear Valley Road, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956 or at one of the public meetings.

Comments will not be accepted by fax, email, or any other way than those specified above. Bulk comments in any format (hard copy or electronic) submitted on behalf of others will not be accepted. 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.

For more information, please see our General Management Plan (GMP) Amendment Frequently Asked Questions, our GMP Amendment website, or Point Reyes National Seashore's website: www.nps.gov/pore.

Direct links to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Press Release are also included below.

Draft EIS: http://go.nps.gov/pore/eisgmpa
To comment on the Draft EIS: https://parkplanning.nps.gov/poregmpa
News Release: http://go.nps.gov/pore/gmpadeispr

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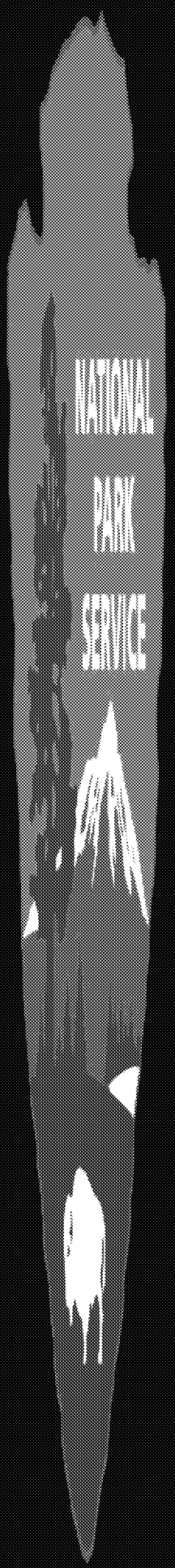

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