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Cuyahoga Valley National Park

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Brecksville, Ohio 44141-3097

IN REPLY REFER TO:

April 29, 2013

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Dear Friends of Cuyahoga Valley National Park,

We are pleased to announce the release of the Final Trail Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Notice of Availability (NOA) for the FEIS issued May 3, 2013 in the Federal Register, officially begins the 30-day no action period before the Record of Decision can be issued.

The purpose of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park Trail Management Plan is to develop a blueprint that will guide the expansion, restoration, management, operations and use of the trail system, and its associated amenities while keeping with the mission and significance of the Park over the next 15 years.

The FEIS responds to the public comments received on the Draft Trail Management Plan and EIS received during the June 21, 2012 and August 20, 2012 comment period. The FEIS evaluated eight alternatives for trail management within Cuyahoga Valley National Park, with Alternative 5 as the preferred alternative. For information on the wide range of comments received and our responses to those comments, please refer to Appendix D of the Final plan.

The FEIS is available electronically on the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) web site for the project at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/cuyahogatrailplan>. From the project site, click 'document list' to obtain access to the final documents.

A limited number of hard copies or a CD of the FEIS are available. Requests should be made to Trail Management Plan, Cuyahoga Valley National Park, 15610 Vaughn Road, Brecksville OH, 44141. Copies have been provided to local libraries in Peninsula, Brecksville and Northfield, Ohio, and at the Park's Boston Store Visitor Center. For further information, call 330-342-0764, Ext 1.

Following 30-day no-action period, beginning on May 3, 2013, of the Final Trail Management Plan and EIS, a Record of Decision (ROD) will be signed by the NPS regional director, which documents the selection of the Preferred Alternative and when implementation can officially begin. The NPS intends to issue a Record of Decision in summer of 2013. All projects will be contingent on funding availability.

The National Park Service would like to thank all of those who participated in the planning process for this plan and we look forward to your continued expertise and involvement for its implementation in the coming years.

Sincerely,

Stan Austin
Superintendent
Cuyahoga Valley National Park