

NEPA

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA) REQUIRES ALL FEDERAL AGENCIES TO CONSIDER AND DOCUMENT THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF MANAGEMENT ACTIONS ON THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT. THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE (NPS) APPLIES NEPA IN THE PLANNING PROCESS TO EVALUATE ALTERNATIVE COURSES OF ACTION AND IMPACTS SO DECISIONS ARE MADE IN ACCORD WITH THE CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION MANDATES OF THE NPS ORGANIC ACT OF 1916.

THE NPS UTILIZES DIRECTOR'S ORDER 12, CONSERVATION PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSIS, AND DECISION-MAKING, AND HANDBOOK 12 TO ESTABLISH THESE GUIDELINES. HANDBOOK 12 DEFINES THE STEPS WITHIN THE NEPA PROCESS AND OUTLINES THE NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS AND CONTENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT PREPARATION.

AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) IS A NEPA DOCUMENT THAT IS PREPARED TO ASSIST IN PLANNING AND DECISION-MAKING AND TO DETERMINE IF AN ACTION HAS THE POTENTIAL FOR SIGNIFICANT IMPACT. THE NPS IS COMPLETING AN EA FOR THIS PROJECT SO THAT THE EXISTING CONDITIONS AND THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS TO THE FOLLOWING RESOURCE AREAS CAN BE ASSESSED: PUBLIC SAFETY, VISITOR USE AND EXPERIENCE, PARK MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS, TRANSPORTATION, CULTURAL RESOURCES, AND VEGETATION.



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