

# Environmental Assessment for the Property Management Plan

## Missouri National Recreational River

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Dear Park Friend,

Thank you for your continued interest in the Property Management Plan/Environmental Assessment (PMP/EA) for Green Island, Bow Creek Recreation Area, and Mulberry Bend located within Missouri National Recreational River. Following review of the public comments received during the internal scoping period in December 2014, the National Park Service (NPS) developed a range of alternatives for the development of each site. The draft PMP/EA identifies actions for recreational site development, resource management, and interpretation/education, and establishes management policy on certain issues, such as site access, hunting, hiking, and camping. The draft PMP/EA has been prepared and is being released for a 30-day public comment period, beginning October 20 2015.

Releasing the draft PMP/EA at this time gives you the opportunity to provide comments on the preferred alternative and the PMP/EA provides details on the range of alternatives for each site. Your input on the draft PMP/EA is an important step in developing the best solution for the management of the three sites that both allows a variety of visitor experiences and protects resources in this unit of the NPS. We look forward to your thoughtful review and comments.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Clark  
Superintendent  
Missouri National Recreational River

**Bow Creek Recreation Area**



**Kayakers near Green Island**



### What Is Included in the Property Management Plan/Environmental Assessment?

The draft PMP/EA includes a range of alternatives for each of the NPS-owned properties: Green Island, Bow Creek Recreation Area, and Mulberry Bend. These alternatives included the No Action Alternative, Low Management/Development Alternative, Moderate Management/Development Alternative, and the High Management/Development Alternative. The Moderate Management/Development Alternative was selected as the Preferred Alternative and is briefly described below. Project impacts to hydrology, water quality, floodplains, wetlands, and archaeological resources were analyzed for each alternative at each site.

#### PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE - MODERATE MANAGEMENT/DEVELOPMENT

- Additional interpretive signage, restrooms, trash/recycle receptacles, and picnic tables at each of the sites
- Campgrounds at Bow Creek Recreation Area and Green Island
- Primitive amphitheater at Mulberry Bend
- Trail systems developed or enhanced
- Mulberry Bend vistas expanded
- Canoe and kayak landing sites at Green Island and Bow Creek Recreation Area
- Increased cultural resources protection
- Cottonwood restoration at Bow Creek Recreation Area

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### Public Scoping for Property Management Plan Environmental Assessment Open for Public Comment

The National Park Service announces a 30-day public scoping period for the draft Property Management Plan/Environmental Assessment (PMP/EA). Public comments will be accepted through November 18, 2015. You may provide comments in any of the following ways:

- Attend any of the public meetings and fill out a comment sheet.
- Comment online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/mnrrpropertyplan>.
- Mail comments to:  
Superintendent,  
Missouri National Recreational River, 508 East 2nd Street,  
Yankton, SD 57078.

The public meetings will begin with a presentation that gives an overview of the draft PMP/EA. After the presentation, you can visit poster stations with more information on the alternatives and NPS staff will be available to respond to questions. The open house format will allow participants to show up and share feedback at any time during the meetings.

Comments will not be accepted by fax, email, or in any other way than specified above. Your comment, including your address, email, or other personal identifying information, may be made publically available in the PMP/EA or online, even if requested to be private.

#### Public Meetings

##### Tuesday, October 27

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Presentation 5:30 p.m.  
Sacred Heart Church Hall  
807 Emerson Avenue  
Wynot, Nebraska

##### Wednesday, October 28

3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Presentation 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.  
Yankton Fire Department  
201 West 23rd Street  
Yankton, South Dakota

##### Thursday, October 29

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Presentation 5:30 p.m.  
W.H. Over Museum  
1110 University Street  
Vermillion, South Dakota