

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK  
SALINE VALLEY WARM SPRINGS FINAL MANAGEMENT PLAN AND  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**Lead Agency:** National Park Service, US Department of the Interior

**Cooperating Agencies:** Timbisha Shoshone Tribe, Inyo County Board of Supervisors, Bureau of Land Management Ridgecrest Field Office

This Saline Valley Warm Springs Final Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (plan/EIS) assesses strategies for managing the future use of the Saline Valley Warm Springs Area. When completed, this plan will provide an administrative and management framework for the Saline Valley Warm Springs Area that promotes partnership with the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe and stakeholders.

This final plan/EIS evaluates five alternatives. Alternative 1 (No-Action Alternative) would continue current management with no changes. Alternative 2 (Regulatory Compliance Alternative) would retain much of the existing use of the Saline Valley Warm Springs Area but would bring the actions and conditions into compliance with applicable regulations. Alternative 3 (Community Engagement Alternative), would involve user groups in the management of the Saline Valley Warm Springs Area to protect park resources, ensure compliance with applicable regulations, and provide visitors with the types of experiences they currently value. Alternative 4 (Restoration Alternative) would restore the Saline Valley Warm Springs Area, as closely as possible, to natural conditions with minimal or no development. Alternative 5 (Preferred Alternative) would allow for continued recreational visitor use while protecting park resources, incorporating Tribal knowledge into decisions made for the Saline Valley Warm Springs Area, and allowing the user groups to participate in the management of the Saline Valley Warm Springs Area. The final plan/EIS analyzes the potential consequences of these five alternatives on the following resources: soils, vegetation, wetlands, wildlife, archeological resources, historical resources, ethnographic resources, wilderness character, visitor use and experience, and human health and safety.

The final plan/EIS is available on the National Park Service Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/SalineValleyWarmSprings>. A 30-day “no-action” period will begin on the date the US Environmental Protection Agency publishes a Notice of Availability of the final plan/EIS in the Federal Register. Following the 30-day period, the alternative or actions constituting the approved plan will be documented in a Record of Decision that will be signed by the Pacific West Regional Director. For further information regarding this document, please visit <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/SalineValleyWarmSprings> or contact the Superintendent at the address below.

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