

VALLEY FORGE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

**DEER MANAGEMENT PLAN/
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

PUBLIC COMMENT ANALYSIS REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2007

INTRODUCTION

On November 8 and 9, 2006, two public scoping meetings were held for the Valley Forge National Historical Park (NHP) White-tailed Deer Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (Plan/EIS). These scoping meetings were scheduled to initiate the public involvement process early in the planning stage and to obtain community feedback on the initial concepts for deer management at Valley Forge NHP.

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

The National Park Service (NPS), with the assistance from its consulting team, held its first public scoping meeting for the Valley Forge NHP White-tailed Deer Management Plan/EIS on November 8, 2006 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the park's Education Center in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. On November 9, 2006 a meeting was held from 6:00pm to 9:00 pm at the Tredyffrin Township Building. The public scoping meetings were advertised through a mass mailing of the public scoping brochure to over 4000 individuals. They were also announced on the park's website, posted on park kiosks, announced through press releases and newspapers, as well as postings at public libraries. A total of 153 meeting attendees signed in during the two meetings (see appendix 1). Prior to the meetings, attendees had an opportunity to observe displays illustrating the study area, purpose and need, plan objectives, deer population monitoring, vegetation monitoring and impacts, deer home range and movements, the history of deer management at the park, and the estimated project schedule as it relates to the National Environmental Policy Act process. The meetings were held in an open house format, so guests could come and go as they pleased. Each meeting began with a presentation by park staff on the background of the project. The presentation was followed by break out sessions that allowed the guests to discuss issues with the project team in small groups.

Members of the project team served as moderators and were note takers for each breakout group. Comments made during the break out sessions were recorded on large flip charts. If the commenter did not want to make comments at the break out sessions, comments sheets were available at the sign-in table. Guests could fill out the forms and submit them at the meeting or mail them to the park at any time during the public comment period, which ended December 8, 2006. Those attending the meeting were also directed to the public scoping meeting brochure, which provided additional opportunities for comment on the project, including directing comments to the NPS's Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/vafo>. Public comments received are detailed in the following sections of this report. Each comment received on flip charts at the meeting was counted as a separate comment.

METHODOLOGY

During the comment period, 165 pieces of correspondence were received with 365 comments. Correspondence was received by one of the following methods: email, hard copy letter via mail, or entered into Internet-based PEPC system. Letters received by email or through the postal mail, as well as the flip chart comments from the public meetings, were entered into the PEPC system for analysis. Each of these letters or submissions is referred to as correspondence.

Once all the correspondence was entered into PEPC, each was read, and specific comments within each correspondence were identified. In order to categorize and address comments, each was given a code. A coding structure was developed to identify the general content of a comment.

The structure was comprised of codes that are established in the NPS PEPC system, referred to as national codes, as well as codes that were developed specifically for this project. An example of a code developed for this project includes supporting or opposing the use of professional sharpshooters with firearms for management of deer at Valley Forge NHP.

During coding, comments were also classified as substantive or non-substantive. A substantive comment is defined as one that does one or more of the following (DO-12, Section 4.6A):

- Question, with a reasonable basis, the accuracy of information presented;
- Present suggested changes, modifications, or new elements to the purpose, need, and objectives presented at the scoping meeting;
- Suggest issues or impact topics that should be evaluated during the plan/EIS process; and/or
- Present reasonable alternatives other than those presented at the public scoping meeting.

As further stated in NPS Directors Order 12 (DO-12), substantive comments “raise, debate, or question a point of fact or policy. Comments in favor of or against the proposed action or alternatives, or comments that only agree or disagree with NPS policy, are not considered substantive.” While all comments were read and considered and will be used to help create the Draft Plan/EIS, only those determined to be substantive were analyzed for creation of concern statements, described below.

Under each code, all substantive comments were grouped by similar themes, and those groups were given a concern statement. A concern statement is a statement that captures several comments. For example under the code AL2100 - Alternatives: Alternative Eliminated - Public Hunt, one concern statement identified was, “Commenters suggested that the park be opened up for a public hunt (archery and firearms), noting that it will create revenue for the park, that it can be safe with the appropriate testing qualifications, the deer meat would be consumable for the hunters and may be donated to food banks, and that many hunters would be willing to assist in the effort to manage the deer population.” This one concern statement captured many comments. Representative quotes from commenters then follow this, and all, concern statements.

Approximately 44% of the comments received related to 7 of the 56 codes. These codes were related to the objectives in taking action, public hunting, lethal reduction with firearms by professionals, reproductive control, and new alternatives or elements. The code that received the majority of the comments was AL2010 - Alternatives: Reproductive Control (chemical), which accounted for 8.89% of the total comments made. Comments expressing support for lethal reduction with firearms by professional sharpshooters was the second most common comment, representing 8.38% of the total comments made. Of the 165 correspondences, 103 (62.42%) came from the state of Pennsylvania, while the remaining correspondences came from Alabama, Washington D.C., Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, or unspecified. 11.51% of the commenters associate themselves with a conservation/preservation society, while 80% of the commenters are unaffiliated individuals.

GUIDE TO THIS DOCUMENT

This report is organized as follows:

Content Analysis Report: This is the basic report produced from PEPC that provides information on the numbers and types of comments received, organized by code and by various demographics. The first section is a summary of the number of comments that fall under each code or topic, and what percentage of comments fall under each code. Note that those coded “XX1000 – Duplicate Correspondence” represent comments that were entered into the system twice and are not additional comments on the document.

Data are then presented on the correspondence by type (i.e., amount of faxes, emails, letters, etc.); amount received by state; and amount received by organization type (i.e., organizations, governments, individuals, etc.).

Concerns and Comment Report: This report summarizes the substantive comments received during the scoping process. These comments are organized by codes and further organized into concern statements. Representative quotes are then provided for each concern statement.

Appendix 1 – Meeting Sign-in: All public scoping meeting attendees were asked to sign in. The name, address, and email of the attendees are provided, as well as information on how they would like to be notified of the draft plan/EIS.

Appendix 2 – Correspondence List: This appendix provides a cross-reference list of the number assigned to each piece of correspondence and the corresponding author or commenter.

Appendix 3 – Index by Organization Type Report: This appendix provides a listing of all groups that submitted comments, arranged and grouped by the following organization types as defined by PEPC (and in this order): conservation/preservation groups; county government; town or city government; and unaffiliated individuals. The commenters or authors are listed alphabetically, along with their correspondence number and the codes that their comments fell under, organized under the various organization types. Correspondence identified as N/A represents unaffiliated individuals.

Appendix 4 – Index by Code Report: This appendix lists which commenters or authors (identified by PEPC organization type) commented on which topics, as identified by the codes used in this analysis. The report is listed by code, and under each code is a list of the authors who submitted comments that fell under that code, and their correspondence numbers. Correspondence identified as N/A represents unaffiliated individuals.

Appendix 5 – Non-Substantive Issues Report: This appendix lists all non-substantive comments by code and provides the correspondence number, the comment text, the comment number, and the commenter who submitted the comment.

Content Analysis Report (07/11/2007)

Document ID: 16826

Document Title: Purpose, Need, Objectives, and Preliminary Management Alternatives

Comment Distribution by Code

(Note: Each comment may have multiple codes. As a result, the total number of comments may be different than the actual comment totals)

Code	Description	Number of Comments	% of Comments Received
AE9000	Affected Environment: Vegetation	5	1.27%
AL1000	Alternatives: Elements Common To All Alternatives	2	0.51%
AL2010	Alternatives: Reproductive Control (chemical)	35	8.89%
AL2020	Support Reproductive Control (chemical)	22	5.58%
AL2030	Oppose Reproductive Control (chemical)	12	3.05%
AL2040	Alternatives: Alternatives Eliminated - Predator Reintroduction	2	0.51%
AL2070	Alternatives: Alternative Eliminated - Capture and Relocation	7	1.78%
AL2080	Support Capture and Relocation	3	0.76%
AL2090	Oppose Capture and Relocation	1	0.25%
AL2100	Alternatives: Alternative Eliminated - Public Hunt	27	6.85%
AL2110	Support Public Hunt	4	1.01%
AL2120	Oppose Public Hunt	8	2.03%
AL2130	Alternatives: Capture and Euthanasia	1	0.25%
AL2170	Support Surgical Sterilization	2	0.51%
AL3000	Alternatives: Envir. Preferred Alt./NEPA § .101&102	1	0.25%
AL4000	Alternatives: New Alternatives Or Elements	20	5.08%
AL4010	Alternatives: Lethal Reduction without Firearms by Professionals (Archery)	2	0.51%
AL4020	Support Lethal Reduction without Firearms by Professionals (Archery)	4	1.01%
AL4030	Oppose Lethal Reduction without Firearms by Professionals (Archery)	2	0.51%
AL4040	Alternatives: Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters	12	3.05%
AL4050	Support Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters	33	8.38%
AL4060	Oppose Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters	1	0.25%
AL4070	Alternatives: Fencing of Targeted Vegetation Communities	6	1.52%
AL4080	Support Fencing of Targeted Vegetation Communities	2	0.51%
AL4090	Oppose Fencing of Targeted Vegetation Communities	7	1.78%
AL4100	Alternatives: Non-Lethal Methods	2	0.51%
AL4110	Support Non-Lethal Methods	5	1.27%
AL4125	Alternatives: No Action	3	0.76%

Code	Description	Number of Comments	% of Comments Received
AL4130	Support the No Action Alternative	1	0.25%
AL4140	Oppose the No Action Alternative	2	0.51%
AL4180	Alternatives: Lethal Reduction - General	11	2.80%
AL4190	Support Lethal Reduction	10	2.54%
AL4200	Oppose Lethal Reduction	19	4.82%
AL4210	Alternatives: Alternative Eliminated - Fencing Entire Park	1	0.25%
AL4270	Alternatives: Alternatives Eliminated - Repellents, Plantings, and other Deterrents	1	0.25%
CC1000	Consultation and Coordination: General Comments	4	1.01%
GA1000	Impact Analysis: Impact Analyses	1	0.25%
GA5000	Impact Analysis: Thresholds and Assumptions	8	2.03%
GA6000	Impact Analysis: Scientific Data Used to Determine Impacts	6	1.52%
MT1000	Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments	9	2.28%
ON1000	Other NEPA Issues: General Comments	1	0.25%
PN1000	Purpose And Need: Planning Process And Policy	10	2.54%
PN2000	Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance	2	0.51%
PN8000	Purpose And Need: Objectives In Taking Action	20	5.08%
VE2000	Visitor Experience: Methodology And Assumptions	1	0.25%
VR4000	Vegetation And Riparian Areas: Impact Of Proposal And Alternatives	3	0.76%
VS4000	Visitor Conflicts And Safety: Impact Of Proposal And Alternatives	1	0.25%
VS7000	Visitor Conflicts and Safety: Deer Diseases (Lyme, CWD, etc.)	11	2.80%
VS8000	Visitor Conflicts and Safety: Deer/Vehicle Collisions	7	1.78%
VS8050	Visitor Conflicts and Safety: Deer/Vehicle Collisions (Non-Substantive)	11	2.80%
WH2000	Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat: Methodology And Assumptions	3	0.76%
XX1000	Duplicate Comment	3	0.76%
XX2000	Duplicate Correspondence	1	0.25%
AE11000	Affected Environment: Species Of Special Concern	2	0.51%
AE12000	Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat	8	2.03%
PN11000	Purpose And Need: Other Policies And Mandates	4	1.01%
PN3000	Purpose And Need: Scope Of The Analysis	4	1.01%
TOTAL		394	100%

Correspondence Distribution by Correspondence Type	
Type	Number of Correspondences
Letter	57
Web Form	108
Total	165

Correspondence Signature Count by Organization Type	
Organization Type	Number of Correspondences
Churches, Religious Groups	2
Civic Groups	2
Conservation/Preservation	19
County Government	1
NPS Employee	2
Non-Governmental	1
Recreational Groups	2
State Government	1
Town or City Government	2
Unaffiliated Individual	132
University/Professional Society	1
Total	165

Correspondence Distribution by State		
State	Percentage	Number of Correspondences
AL	0.61%	1
DC	0.61%	1
MD	0.61%	1
MI	0.61%	1
NJ	1.21%	2
PA	62.42%	103
Total	100%	165

Correspondence Distribution by Country		
Country	Percentage	Number of Correspondences
United States of America	66.06%	109
Unspecified	33.94%	56
Total	100%	165

Code, Corresponding Concern ID, and Corresponding Concern Statement	
AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat	
Concern ID: 14051	Commenters noted that wildlife and wildlife habitat have been negatively altered due to the overgrazing of deer. Water quality, small animal and bird populations, and wildlife diversity were among their concerns.
AE9000 - Affected Environment: Vegetation	
Concern ID: 14052	One commenter noted witnessing deer damaging the vegetation at the park, but related it to natural processes.
Concern ID: 14053	Commenters stated that the information available concerning vegetative qualities and quantities at the park are limited and outdated and would not be precise for use in the plan/EIS.
Concern ID: 14054	Commenters expressed concern with the amount of vegetation that has been lost due to the overgrazing of deer within the park, specifically mentioning native vegetation that has been replaced with non-native vegetation.
AL2010 - Alternatives: Reproductive Control (chemical)	
Concern ID: 14056	Commenters suggested that chemical reproductive control be chosen as the management action, referring specifically to the use of PZP, and where it has been implemented, with examples of parks around the country.
Concern ID: 14057	Commenters stated support for the chemical reproduction control method, stating that it is more humane than the other options.
Concern ID: 14058	Commenters stated that chemical reproduction control is most effective only once the deer population has already been thinned by other means, but alone it does not address the issue of overpopulation.
Concern ID: 14059	Commenters noted that the Humane Society of the United States had previously offered to conduct research on the effectiveness of chemical reproductive control within Valley Forge National Historical Park, and feel this study should still be implemented.
Concern ID: 14062	Commenters stated that, in the long-term, chemical reproduction control is more effective than lethal reduction and it should not be dismissed on cost alone.
Concern ID: 14063	Commenters stated that chemical reproduction control would not be effective, would be too expensive to be feasible, and humans would not be able to consume the meat.
Concern ID: 14066	Commenters suggested elements for a reproductive control alternative such as public fundraising, public volunteering, and fencing.
Concern ID: 14071	One commenter suggested that the park use the highest level of science to choose their wildlife management tools, which, according to this commenter, is fertility control.

Code, Corresponding Concern ID, and Corresponding Concern Statement	
AL2040 - Alternatives: Alternatives Eliminated - Predator Reintroduction	
Concern ID: 14074	One commenter suggested reintroducing wolves, mountain lions, or bobcats into the park to eat the deer, as well as the other invasive plants and animals, stating that it would be the least expensive deer management option for the park.
AL2070 - Alternatives: Alternative Eliminated - Capture and Relocation	
Concern ID: 14077	Commenters suggested capturing and relocating the deer to an area where hunters would have the opportunity to hunt them, such as a rural location in Pennsylvania.
Concern ID: 14078	One commenter noted that capturing and relocating the deer may result in a high mortality rate among the relocated deer, adding that since deer populations are high everywhere, there may be nowhere appropriate for relocation.
AL2100 - Alternatives: Alternative Eliminated - Public Hunt	
Concern ID: 14079	Commenters suggested that the park be opened up for a public hunt (archery and firearms), noting that it will create revenue for the park, that it can be safe with the appropriate testing qualifications, the deer meat would be consumable for the hunters and may be donated to food banks, and that many hunters would be willing to assist in the effort to manage the deer population.
Concern ID: 14080	Commenters stated that hunting is not only illegal in National Parks, but also that hunting is not within the purpose of National Parks, and thus it should not be allowed. Public safety and setting precedents for other National Parks were noted as primary concerns.
Concern ID: 14083	Commenters suggested that the deer management plan should include "special" hunts, which would include allowing having senior citizens, handicapped individuals, and youth groups participate in managed hunts. Educational hunts which teach inexperienced individuals all about the hunting and harvesting process was also suggested.
Concern ID: 14084	One commenter suggested that archery hunting by permit only should be considered as a safe, quiet, economically viable and humane option for deer population management.
AL2130 - Alternatives: Capture and Euthanasia	
Concern ID: 14091	One commenter noted that the capture and euthanasia alternative would be too labor intensive, expensive, and not a viable option for a long-term deer management plan.
AL4000 - Alternatives: New Alternatives Or Elements	
Concern ID: 14092	Comments suggested elements that could be implemented as part of an alternative at the park, including how to fund the action, more public outreach, withholding salaries of park personnel, what to do with the deer meat, and what population of deer to focus on.
Concern ID: 14093	Commenters suggested using a combination of the preliminary alternatives from scoping, such as using firearms and archery, as well as a special hunt combined with sterilization techniques.

Code, Corresponding Concern ID, and Corresponding Concern Statement	
AL4010 - Alternatives: Lethal Reduction without Firearms by Professionals (Archery)	
Concern ID: 14098	Commenters suggested using trained professionals without firearms to prevent excessive noise and visitor interactions.
AL4040 - Alternatives: Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters	
Concern ID: 14099	Commenters stated that using professional sharpshooters with firearms is more humane than the other options because it is endorsed by the American Veterinary Association, and the sharpshooters are less likely to "wound" the deer.
Concern ID: 14100	Commenters noted safety concerns regarding the use of professional sharpshooters at Valley Forge, as it is an urban setting.
Concern ID: 14103	One commenter noted that other parks have proceeded with lethal reduction using professional sharpshooters, and that this plan should be incorporated in the General Management Plan process.
Concern ID: 14104	One commenter suggested that the park should provide more information concerning the use of professional sharpshooters.
AL4070 - Alternatives: Fencing of Targeted Vegetation Communities	
Concern ID: 14106	Commenters noted that using exclosures does not solve the problem of deer overpopulation, and it should not be used as a standalone option. Some commenters noted that fences could be used for protecting vegetative growth and for long-term population control.
AL4100 - Alternatives: Non-Lethal Methods	
Concern ID: 14109	One commenter noted that using lethal methods to control the deer population is inhumane, illogical, and unnecessary, and should not be used at Valley Forge.
AL4125 - Alternatives: No Action	
Concern ID: 14110	Commenters stated that the no action alternative does not address the deer overpopulation problem, and that other actions must be taken.
AL4180 - Alternatives: Lethal Reduction - General	
Concern ID: 14111	Commenters stated that using lethal reduction techniques is not an effective option for the long-term, is not science-based, may cause an increase in the population, and it may have negative mental impacts on humans.
Concern ID: 14114	One commenter suggested deputizing citizens to perform the culling of the deer herd as a replacement for hiring professionals.
AL4210 - Alternatives: Alternative Eliminated - Fencing Entire Park	
Concern ID: 14116	One commenter noted that fencing the entire park would not be cost effective considering the perceived results, and that it would also take away from the enjoyment of the park.
CC1000 - Consultation and Coordination: General Comments	

Code, Corresponding Concern ID, and Corresponding Concern Statement	
Concern ID: 14117	One commenter stated that the outcome of deer management plans is almost always dead deer, and they questioned the role of public involvement in the process.
Concern ID: 14118	One commenter suggested that the park review past correspondences when developing the deer management plan.
GA1000 - Impact Analysis: Impact Analyses	
Concern ID: 14119	One commenter questioned who is the authority in charge of the deer management plan, and what their ability to do the job is.
GA5000 - Impact Analysis: Thresholds and Assumptions	
Concern ID: 14120	Commenters stated that in order for the deer management plan to be a success, the park needs to have a specific deer density goal.
Concern ID: 14121	Commenters noted that there is not significant data concerning deer populations or vegetative qualities within the park prior to 1983, making it difficult to gauge how present day deer populations compare to those found under pre-colonization conditions, questioning how the baseline condition was established.
Concern ID: 14123	One commenter suggested that deer may not be the sole cause in the alteration of the plant community within the park, and this should be considered in the impact analysis.
GA6000 - Impact Analysis: Scientific Data Used to Determine Impacts	
Concern ID: 14125	Commenters questioned the validity of the scientific reports available, and suggested data sources that should be considered. Commenters also questioned why specific sources were not considered in the past.
PN1000 - Purpose And Need: Planning Process And Policy	
Concern ID: 14126	Commenters stated apprehension with the timeline for the deer management plan, noting that action must be taken soon in order to achieve the objectives.
PN11000 - Purpose And Need: Other Policies And Mandates	
Concern ID: 14127	One commenter stated that more details should be provided regarding what other parks and local municipalities are doing for deer management during the deer management process at Valley Forge.
Concern ID: 14128	Commenters suggested how the deer management plan could relate to other policies, presenting correlations and overlapping objectives, which they felt should be considered in this process.
Concern ID: 14129	One commenter stated that passing legislation to allow hunting within a national park would set a dangerous precedent.
PN2000 - Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance	
Concern ID: 14130	Commenters stated that allowing deer and certain vegetation in the park was contrary to the park's mission.

Code, Corresponding Concern ID, and Corresponding Concern Statement	
Concern ID: 14131	One commenter stated that hunting is not consistent with the purpose of the park, and should therefore not be allowed.
PN3000 - Purpose And Need: Scope Of The Analysis	
Concern ID: 14132	Commenters suggested that the scope of the plan should include the considerations of park neighbors.
Concern ID: 14133	One commenter stated that the park has assigned an artificially high value on deer, which is biased.
PN8000 - Purpose And Need: Objectives In Taking Action	
Concern ID: 14134	Commenters expressed urgency concerning the objectives in taking action, citing ecosystem health, deer herd health, public safety, disease prevention, public education, and protecting the cultural and natural history of the park.
Concern ID: 14135	Commenters stated that the public scoping brochure was incorrect in stating that the overpopulation of deer is due to the lack of natural predators within the park, suggesting available source of food is the problem.
Concern ID: 14136	Commenters stated that the goal of the plan should be to restore the landscape to the condition present when George Washington and his army occupied the area.
VE2000 - Visitor Experience: Methodology And Assumptions	
Concern ID: 14139	One commenter suggested that viewing deer creates a sense of satisfaction and well-being for park visitors.
VR4000 - Vegetation And Riparian Areas: Impact Of Proposal And Alternatives	
Concern ID: 14140	One commenter stated that a plan that addresses the regeneration of the forest vegetation, thus providing habitat for the wildlife, would be the optimal choice.
VS4000 - Visitor Conflicts And Safety: Impact Of Proposal And Alternatives	
Concern ID: 14141	One commenter noted that it would be dangerous to the public if the culling of the deer herd was carried out by civilians, rather than professional sharpshooters.
VS7000 - Visitor Conflicts and Safety: Deer Diseases (Lyme, CWD, etc.)	
Concern ID: 14142	Commenters expressed concern about the overpopulation of deer contributing to Lyme disease and other diseases that endanger public safety.
VS8000 - Visitor Conflicts and Safety: Deer/Vehicle Collisions	
Concern ID: 14144	Commenters expressed concern about the overpopulation of deer contributing to vehicular accidents.
Concern ID: 14145	One commenter stated that if visitors driving through the park would slow down their speed, the deer/vehicle collision rate would drop.
WH2000 - Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat: Methodology And Assumptions	
Concern ID: 14146	Commenters suggested that the problem isn't that the deer have overpopulated, but rather humans have encroached into their habitat.

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CONCERNS AND COMMENT REPORT

Valley Forge National Historical Park

White-tailed Deer Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement

Purpose, Need, Objectives, and Preliminary Management Alternatives

Report Date: 04/19/2007

AE12000 - Affected Environment: *Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat*

Concern ID: 14051

**CONCERN
STATEMENT:**

Commenters noted that wildlife and wildlife habitat have been negatively altered due to the overgrazing of the deer. Water quality, small animal and bird populations, and wildlife diversity were among their concerns.

Representative Quote(s): **Corr. ID:** 41

Organization: *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 40470 **Organization Type:** Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: I am also a bird watcher and I agree that the excessive deer damage to ground cover is negatively affecting the bird population

Corr. ID: 51

Organization: *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 40459 **Organization Type:** Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: The current density of deer threatens the park's health and that of its forests, wildlife, and visitors. If nothing is done to address the situation in the near term, irreversible damage may be done to park habitat, causing loss of supported wildlife.

Corr. ID: 114

Organization: County of Chester Commissioners

Comment ID: 40519 **Organization Type:** County Government

Representative Quote: It also affects land use, because the overgrazing of deer inhibits the re-growth of vegetation along stream banks, thus degrading water quality. It is well documented that the overpopulation of deer reduces overall wildlife diversity.

Corr. ID: 162

Organization: *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 40343

Organization Type: Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: Loss of underbrush is altering not just the landscape but the small animal and bird populations

AE9000 - Affected Environment: Vegetation

Concern ID:

14052

**CONCERN
STATEMENT:**

One commenter noted witnessing deer damaging the vegetation at the park, but related it to natural processes, stating that change is part of nature.

Representative Quote(s): Corr. ID: 70

Organization: *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 40444

Organization Type: Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: I live near Valley Forge Park and visit regularly. I love to see the deer. I'm sorry that their numbers are increasing too rapidly. I live on four acres with plenty of deer. They eat the bottom branches of the long needled pine but they leave the other evergreens alone. The vegetation may change, but that is part of nature. Too bad all these deer weren't around for Washington's troops.

Concern ID:

14053

**CONCERN
STATEMENT:**

Commenters stated that the information available concerning vegetative qualities and quantities at the park are limited and outdated and would not be precise for use in the plan/EIS.

Representative Quote(s): Corr. ID: 10

Organization: The Humane Society of the United States

Comment ID: 40653

Organization Type: Conservation/Preservation

Representative Quote: Applying the concept of "natural" to an area that has undergone such widespread landscape manipulation over the past 250 years is not viable. In fact, knowledge of the vegetative community composition of this park is so jumbled that research papers published within 8 years of each other on work done in the park have conflicting information about the dominant vegetation. While Cypher et al. (1988) claim that the

park is 57% field, 38% woodland, and about 5% developed and wetland areas, Pomerantz and Welch (1996) claim that mature woodlands are the prevalent habitat in the park with field composing a lesser portion of the park area. iv, v

Concern ID: 14054

CONCERN STATEMENT: Commenters expressed concern with the amount of vegetation that has been lost due to the overgrazing of deer within the park, specifically mentioning native vegetation that has been replaced with non-native vegetation.

Representative Quote(s): **Corr. ID:** 49 **Organization:** *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 40584 **Organization Type:** Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: The deer have overgrazed the native grasses and flowers to the point of near extinction. What is left are non native invasive plants which are not the first choice of the deer, but if hungry enough they will eat those too. The extreme loss of new vegetation is alarming and is a problem for all the other native animal species that depend on the native flora for food and protection.

Corr. ID: 115 **Organization:** *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 40507 **Organization Type:** Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: Because Valley Forge is so heavily overpopulated with voracious deer, many of the wildflowers that I used to see when I began making records in 1990 are no longer there. I walk almost weekly on the Valley Forge River Walk (starting at the Betzwood parking, going up along the Schuylkill, and returning under the power lines). The River Walk is now overrun with unpalatable nettles, thistles, pilewort, mile-a-minute weed, and some poison hemlock.

My husband and I keep a computer database of the wildflowers we see. On the Valley Forge River Walk I haven't seen any of these flowers since 2001. Many were lost by 1994 and 1995.
Here is the list:

Coltsfoot
Nodding bur marigold
Clammy cuphea
New York ironweed
Florida lettuce
Field milkwort (something Partridge pea
Turtlehead
Black cohosh
Spreading dogbane
Thin-leaved sunflower
Wild bergamot
Wild potato vine
Tall sunflower
Blue vervain
Hare figwort

Wild geranium
Hairy beardtongue Bicknell's cranesbill Spearmint
Maryland figwort

AL2010 - Alternatives: Reproductive Control (chemical)

Concern ID: 14056

**CONCERN
STATEMENT:** Commenters suggested that chemical reproductive control be chosen as the management action, referring specifically to the use of PZP, and where it has been implemented, with examples of parks around the country.

Representative Quote(s): Corr. ID: 10

Organization: The Humane Society of the United States

Comment ID: 40664 **Organization Type:** Conservation/Preservation

Representative Quote: Immunocontraception is effective in reducing the fertility of wild white-tailed deer, and has been associated with population reductions of 7.9% on average over the course of an 8 year study at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Maryland, with similar results from Fire Island National Seashore, New York. xii This technique was originally developed for use on wild horses at Assateague Island National Seashore, Maryland, and is also currently in use for wild horse management at Cape Lookout National Seashore, North Carolina. xiii

The PZP vaccines used at these other NPS sites require annual boosters to be effective, but significant progress has been made since 2002 on long-acting single shot PZP vaccines. xiv The effects of the vaccine are reversible after three years of treatment, and no adverse health effects have been apparent among treated deer or among fawns they carried at the time of treatment. xv A copy of the original 2002 proposal has been included with these scoping comments for your reference; any new proposal would be submitted only after extensive consultation with VFNHP.

Corr. ID: 100

Organization: Non-Lethal Options for Animals

Comment ID: 39883 **Organization Type:** Conservation/Preservation

Representative Quote: On Fire Island National Seashore in NY (part of the National Park Service) deer numbers have been reduced by 60% over a six years period by using wildlife contraceptive. Deer numbers have been reduced by more than one third after four years of contraception at the National Institute of Standards and Technology campus in Gaithersburg, Maryland. The contraceptive vaccine costs \$20 per dose. Labor costs are additional.

Corr. ID: 155

Organization: *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 40237

Organization Type: Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: I vigorously recommend the cutting-edge of science. Contraception, to deal with deer management. Contraception does work. It does not take out large numbers quickly. But rather creates a lower birth rate over time and keeps the numbers down long-term. Killing does not accomplish this due to providing excess food supply for surviving deer and compensatory reproduction-both of these factors increase births.

On Fire Island deer numbers have been reduced by 60 percent over six years with contraception. Deer numbers have been reduced by more than one third after four years of contraception at the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Gaithersburg, Maryland. The contraceptive vaccine costs only \$20.00. Labor costs are additional. The development of a "one shot" vaccine that is effective for multiple years has simplified deer contraception. With a new one-shot dart that will last for years. Deer only need to be vaccinated once to achieve sterility. To date, deer contraception programs have been free. They are funded by non-profit organization, foundations, and individual donors - NOT THE TAXPAYERS.

Concern ID:

14057

**CONCERN
STATEMENT:**

Commenters stated support for the chemical reproduction control method, stating that it is more humane than the other options.

**Representative
Quote(s):**

Corr. ID: 130

Organization: *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 40223

Organization Type: Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: I'm strongly in favor of using the "contraceptive darts" as oppose to killing off the deer. Being an animal lover and rescuer, I've seen and learned by many years of working with stray cats/kittens, keeping the present population there and using a humane - safe alternative, such as the contraceptive darts, benefits all involved! This will also set a compassionate, positive example to the community instead of killing off these beautiful animals.

Concern ID:

14058

**CONCERN
STATEMENT:**

Commenters stated that chemical reproduction control is most effective only once the deer population has already been thinned by other means, but alone it does not address the issue of overpopulation.

Representative Quote(s): Corr. ID: 9

Organization: Quality Deer Management Association

Comment ID: 39907 **Organization Type:** Conservation/Preservation

Representative Quote: Reproductive Control

This approach involves using fertility control to limit or prevent new animals from being born in to the population but it does not address the current overabundance issue. Much research has been conducted over the past four decades to develop an effective contraceptive that can be used on free-ranging herds. Unfortunately much confusion surrounds the status of fertility control agents. The perception that overabundant deer herds can be controlled solely with fertility drugs is false. Successful fertility control may limit population growth but it does little to reduce the existing population. In small, isolated areas inaccessible to hunting or sharpshooting programs, this alternative may be useful at maintaining deer densities at acceptable levels following a herd reduction. However, this alternative does not reduce deer populations, it is expensive and retreatment of does is necessary. There also may be unknown long-term effects on deer behavior. This approach will not solve the Park's deer problem.

Corr. ID: 154

Organization: *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 40454 **Organization Type:** Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: Once the heard is reduced to a manageable level (perhaps 20-25 per square mile based on the science and the needs of the ecological systems in VFNHP) other management strategies might be tested such as reproduction control or non-firearm lethal reduction. I would recommend that "lethal reduction with firearms by specially trained professionals" always be maintained as the fallback method for population control.

Concern ID:

14059

**CONCERN
STATEMENT:**

Commenters noted that the Humane Society of the United States had previously offered to conduct research on the effectiveness of chemical reproductive control within Valley Forge National Historical Park, and feel this study should still be implemented.

**Representative
Quote(s):**

Corr. ID: 143

Organization: *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 40280 **Organization Type:** Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: I was thrilled to find out that in 2002, the Humane Society of the U.S. offered to undertake an immunocontraception study on

the deer herd at Valley Forge at no cost to the government. They were working in conjunction with Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine. The park declined their offer since they decided not to "manage" the herd at that time. Since Valley Forge now seems headed toward using some form of management tactic on the deer heard at this time, HSUS has re-submitted their offer. This time the study would be done specifically to reduce the population of deer in the park and would be on a much larger scale than previously proposed. The HSUS would like to open up a dialogue with the Park Service to discuss the offer. This information was given to me by Dr. Lauren Wolfo-Clements, Wildlife Scientist with HSUS. It seems to me that this option in conjunction with perhaps exclosures for any sensitive woodland areas that the park is concerned about, makes the most sense as a long-term solution for deer management at Valley Forge.

Concern ID: 14062

CONCERN STATEMENT: Commenters stated that, in the long-term, chemical reproduction control is more effective than lethal reduction and it should not be dismissed on cost alone.

Representative Quote(s): Corr. ID: 39

Organization: *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 40368 **Organization Type:** Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: Contraception for deer DOES work - this is being proven more and more by advancements in this field and as better-educated people are recognizing that hunting is a poor solution. The key reason that contraception is the best solution is that it creates a lower birth rate over time and keeps the population down long-term. This should be the real goal. Killing DOES NOT accomplish this, due to providing excess food supply for surviving deer and compensatory reproduction - both of these factors then INCREASE BIRTHS.

Corr. ID: 119

Organization: *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 40060 **Organization Type:** Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: Please consider "birth control" options; one that does not have irreversible results but prevents conception (not those that cause the deer to give birth to dead fawns). The "birth control" method could be administered throughout a couple years and impact the deer population far better than any "hunt." Please do not look at cost alone in making your decision but a true, long-term solution.

Concern ID: 14063

**CONCERN
STATEMENT:**

Commenters stated that chemical reproduction control would not be effective, would be too expensive to be feasible, and humans would not be able to consume the meat.

Representative Quote(s): Corr. ID: 32

Organization: Pennsylvania Natural Heritage Program

Comment ID: 40270 **Organization Type:** Conservation/Preservation

Representative Quote: The population at Valley Forge is not a closed population as seen by deer entering and exiting from park boundaries frequently. Although a certain proportion of deer may be chemically or surgical "neutered" somehow, there will still be a percentage that will continue to reproduce leading to a cost-benefit ratio that is again a huge burden on a very cash-strapped agency.

Corr. ID: 158

Organization: Valley Forge Citizens for deer Control

Comment ID: 40746 **Organization Type:** Conservation/Preservation

Representative Quote: Daytime sport hunting, with the high likelihood of some wounded deer, invites undesirable protests and lawsuits. Reproductive control is too costly, and furthermore contraception: 1) would have no significant impact on deer reduction in the near term; 2) is too impractical to repeatedly identify the same does within park boundaries; 3) has been found to be detrimental to deer health and biology; 4).could result in human sickness from accidentally eating harvested deer that have been injected with contraception serum; and 5) has not been approved by the P A Game Commission.

Concern ID:

14066

**CONCERN
STATEMENT:**

Commenters suggested elements for a reproductive control alternative such as public fundraising, public volunteering, and fencing.

**Representative
Quote(s):**

Corr. ID: 48

Organization: *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 40583 **Organization Type:** Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: A combination of reproductive control and fencing will solve this problem and will teach our young people that violence is not the answer to our difficulties.

Corr. ID: 82 **Organization:** *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 40205 **Organization Type:** Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: I would make a contribution to an effort to use reproductive control. I would also help fund raise for this effort.

Corr. ID: 156 **Organization:** *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 39934 **Organization Type:** Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: I understand the need to keep the deer population in check but am strongly opposed to doing so with firearms or archery. I strongly support a reproductive control system and would be willing to help with type of service.

Concern ID: 14071

CONCERN STATEMENT: One commenter suggested that the park use the highest level of science to choose their wildlife management tools, which, according to this commenter, is fertility control.

Representative Quote(s): **Corr. ID:** 100 **Organization:** Non-Lethal Options for Animals

Comment ID: 39882 **Organization Type:** Conservation/Preservation

Representative Quote: It is incumbent upon the National Park Service to use the highest level of science in their wildlife management programs. Yet the VFNHP will sink to the lowest level by using sharpshooters to kill deer instead of applying an effective, science-based methodology -- fertility control -- to reduce deer numbers.

AL2040 - Alternatives: Alternatives Eliminated - Predator Reintroduction

Concern ID: 14074

CONCERN STATEMENT: Commenters suggested reintroducing wolves, mountain lions, or bobcats into the park to eat the deer, as well as the other invasive plants and animals, stating that it would be the least expensive deer management option for the park.

Representative Quote(s): Corr. ID: 44

Organization: *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 40502 **Organization Type:** Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: Since there are no natural predators left to control the herd, I submit, that the least expensive way to reduce the herd is to introduce to the park a small pack of wolves. Before you say that this is a ridiculous suggestion, think about how inexpensive it would be to trap and insert a male and female wolf. They would breed and start their own pack and begin to reduce the deer herd. Once the deer herd is brought into a manageable number, trappers could begin reducing the size of the pack and relocate those trapped. I believe the cost would be far less than trying to inject the deer with birth control methods. As an added bonus, we would once again be able to enjoy the sound of wolves howling in our area.

Corr. ID: 75

Organization: *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 40207 **Organization Type:** Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: I think that there are too many invasive plants and animals here and too many deer we should introduce wolves or mountain lions or bobcats to kill and eat them they are the major native predators of Pennsylvania deer.

AL2070 - Alternatives: Alternative Eliminated - Capture and Relocation

Concern ID: 14077

**CONCERN
STATEMENT:**

Commenters suggested capturing and relocating the deer. One commenter further stated that once relocated, hunters would have the opportunity to hunt them, such as a rural location in Pennsylvania.

Representative Quote(s): Corr. ID: 133

Organization: *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 40030 **Organization Type:** Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: A more expensive but non-lethal method would be to tranquilize and transport deer to public areas where the deer population has been greatly diminished due to hunting (state parks, forests, and gamelands). This would avoid the legal hoops of the 1st option while still making these deer available to legitimate hunters at a later time. These costs could conceivably be shared by the PA Game Commission, who get their funds from the sale of hunting licenses. They could recoup these costs if they wished by charging special fees for hunting in areas where these deer have been released.

Concern ID: 14078

CONCERN STATEMENT: One commenter noted that capturing and relocating the deer may result in a high mortality rate among the relocated deer, adding that since deer populations are high everywhere, there may be nowhere appropriate for relocation.

Representative Quote(s): Corr. ID: 22

Organization: Safari Club

Comment ID: 39936

Organization Type: Recreational Group

Representative Quote: Darting and moving deer to another area results in a high mortality among the deer darted. Whitetail populations are high everywhere so where would you transport the survivors?

AL2100 - Alternatives: Alternative Eliminated - Public Hunt

Concern ID: 14079

CONCERN STATEMENT: Commenters suggested that the park be opened up for a public hunt (archery and firearms), noting that it will create revenue for the park, that it can be safe with the appropriate testing qualifications, the deer meat would be consumable for the hunters and may be donated to food banks, and that many hunters would be willing to assist in the effort to manage the deer population.

Representative Quote(s): Corr. ID: 6

Organization: *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 39902

Organization Type: Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: Have a drawing, much like the Elk drawing, permitting shotgun (with rifle slugs only) and bowhunters the opportunity to submit an application to hunt in Valley Forge. The Park Service could charge a reasonable amount of money for each permit issued plus a small amount non-returnable for administrative processing of the application. This would permit the Service to make money that could be used for further wildlife conservation and/or wherever the Service would deem most useful. An added source of revenue seems like a good idea to me, and I'm sure many sportsmen would be interested in applying for the opportunity to hunt deer in Park areas.

These should/could be guided hunts by the Park Rangers to ensure safety to any one living near the park, visitors in the Park (or make these days non-visitor days, or only allow hunting in the morning for a certain length of time), and to ensure that selective harvest is effective. This not only will ensure a healthy herd but also eliminate young deer, and ensuring bucks in their early productive breeding primes from being harvested. This system

would not only ensure mature bucks would be harvested but also permit selective harvesting of does to ensure appropriate doe to buck ratios.

Corr. ID: 9

Organization: Quality Deer Management Association

Comment ID: 39913

Organization Type: Conservation/Preservation

Representative Quote: Safety is paramount when using regulated hunting as a management tool. Fortunately, research clearly shows hunting is safe. American Sports Data, Inc. conducted an extensive study in 2002 that examined more than 100 sports and activities. Twenty-eight activities, including cheerleading and aerobics, had higher injury rates than hunting. Safety concerns with hunting can be minimized by having potential hunters pass written exams and weapon proficiency tests. Written exams can identify hunters who possess an acceptable level of knowledge on deer biology, management and shot placement. Weapon proficiency tests identify hunters who handle weapons safely and have the ability to consistently achieve proper shot placement. Hunters can even be required to hunt from elevated stands so all shots are directed at the ground and weapon type can be regulated to maximize public safety. Where rifles, shotguns and muzzleloaders are not permitted, archery equipment can be used. Archery hunting has the advantage of being a relatively discreet and silent activity. These attributes and the limited shooting range make archery hunting a safe and nondisruptive removal technique.

In addition to safety concerns, we understand that many segments of the public enjoy watching this highly visible deer population. However, when deer densities surpass the carrying capacity of the habitat, deer and habitat health decline. This situation is neither good for the deer population nor for the habitat or other wildlife species. We feel it is important for the Park administration and the public to be aware of this when considering management options.

Corr. ID: 22

Organization: Safari Club

Comment ID: 39937

Organization Type: Recreational Group

Representative Quote: Hunting has proven to be a very effective means of controlling deer herds. Archery is the least obtrusive as it is quiet yet very effective. A more significant impact would be to allow muzzleloading and shotgun hunting. There would have to be significant areas posted as off limits to the general public during any firearm hunt. This would not be necessary with archery hunts. In order to get the biggest bang for the buck so to speak, would be to require that each hunter kill an antlerless deer before taking a buck. More than 1 antlerless deer should be encouraged. These hunts should be open to the hunting public not to a selected few. Again hunting studies have shown that hunts like this not only allows forest regeneration but cuts down the number of deer car collisions. Hunting provides a solution to your issues, gives hunting opportunities, creates more interest in and concern for the park and perhaps generate some positive economic impact to the area.

Corr. ID: 67 **Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association

Comment ID: 40449 **Organization Type:** Conservation/Preservation

Representative Quote: I think that culling the deer in Valley Forge National Park should be allowed. However, why pay to have marksmen cull the deer when Pa. hunters can harvest and utilize the venison. Check out how the hunt works at Ridley Creek State Park if there are safety concerns. I am sure that the Pa. Game Commission will sponsor the hunt.

Concern ID: 14080

CONCERN STATEMENT: Commenters stated that hunting is not only illegal in National Parks, but also that hunting is not within the purpose of National Parks, and thus it should not be allowed. Public safety and setting precedents for other National Parks were noted as primary concerns.

Representative Quote(s): **Corr. ID:** 3 **Organization:** *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 39899 **Organization Type:** Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: First of all, non-lethal methods of deer control (darting with birth control, etc.) have never even been tried. This should be a first step, and this should have been tried long before now. Why was this problem allowed to grow until it got to such a level that the perception is that only hunting will solve it? We strongly believe that before hunting is even considered, animal protection organizations and humane animal control experts should be brought in to discuss, plan and implement other methods of containing deer herd size. Hunting will not solve the problem in the long run, but it will most certainly create a new one. Secondly, once hunting will be brought into this park, it will tend to become policy. We do not support this. This will change the park from a peaceful place to a hunter's place.

Corr. ID: 16 **Organization:** *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 39922 **Organization Type:** Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: Hunting in the park would threaten public safety and should not be permitted in any of our country's National Parks!

Corr. ID: 58 **Organization:** *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 40539 **Organization Type:** Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: It is important, however, that the culling operation not include a public hunting component. Public hunting is not only inconsistent with the park's purposes it is also not legally allowed under its enabling legislation. Any fiscal saving involved with public hunting would be spent in the administration of a public hunting program. Additionally, I feel all meat should be made available for human consumption to ease hunger within the region.

Concern ID: 14083

**CONCERN
STATEMENT:**

Commenters suggested that the deer management plan should include "special" hunts, which would include allowing having senior citizens, handicapped individuals, and youth groups participate in managed hunts. Educational hunts which teach inexperienced individuals all about the hunting and harvesting process was also suggested.

Representative Quote(s): **Corr. ID:** 15

Organization: Sisters of Mercy

Comment ID: 39920

Organization Type: Churches, Religious Groups

Representative Quote: I think you could easily open the park for hunting for a few days a year. OR perhaps you could create an educational hunt, where after the hunt people learn how to carve off the meat, for eating and storing, and then tanning the hides, perhaps even for creating clothing--jackets, hats, pants, vests, etc. That would be a gift to most of our young adults who have never learned to either butcher meat correctly or sew. And it might help the future of the earth if folks learn that in order to eat we must kill (either animals or vegetables) and learning sacred killing can only enhance non-violent behavior on our planet, as well as respect for all that is.

Corr. ID: 151

Organization: *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 40019

Organization Type: Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: The deer population could be controlled if public hunting was permitted. Not for sharpshooters or avid hunters like myself, but for those individuals who may not have the opportunity or resources to hunt...SENIOR CITIZENS, HANDICAPPED, YOUTH GROUPS, to name a few. Recruit volunteers who are familiar with the park to help. Offer a lottery, similar to what the Norristown Farm Park has done the last couple of years. Generate money, rather than spend it!

Concern ID: 14084

CONCERN STATEMENT: One commenter suggested that archery hunting by permit only should be considered as a safe, quiet, economically viable and humane option for deer population management.

Representative Quote(s): Corr. ID: 65

Organization: *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 40526 **Organization Type:** Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: To whom it may concern, I feel the best way to manage the deer in VF National Park is to allow archery hunting by permit. Especially with the allowance of crossbows, archery hunting can be done safely, quietly, economically, and humanely. Many people don't know, that with a properly placed shot by an experienced archery hunter, a deer will expire 3 to 4 seconds after being harvested with an arrow.

AL2130 - Alternatives: Capture and Euthanasia

Concern ID: 14091

CONCERN STATEMENT: One commenter noted that the capture and euthanasia alternative would be too labor intensive, expensive, and not a viable option for a long-term deer management plan.

Representative Quote(s): Corr. ID: 9

Organization: Quality Deer Management Association

Comment ID: 39910 **Organization Type:** Conservation/Preservation

Representative Quote: Capture and euthanasia is a variation of a trap and transfer program. This alternative is labor intensive, expensive, impractical and stressful to deer before they are euthanized. This alternative is not a viable option for a long-term successful deer management program.

AL4000 - Alternatives: New Alternatives or Elements

Concern ID: 14092

CONCERN STATEMENT: Comments suggested elements that could be implemented as part of an alternative at the park, including how to fund the action, more public outreach, withholding salaries of park personnel, what to do with the deer meat, use of outside management, and what population of deer to focus on.

Representative Quote(s): Corr. ID: 94

Organization: *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 40065

Organization Type: Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: That being said, when culling the herd, it would be important to us "neighbors" that priority to be given to the deer that live on the periphery of the park. I would recommend that the highest deer concentrations be maintained in the interior of the park. Deer will only travel a mile from their birth spot, if there is ample food supply. This will help to cut down on the deer entering the neighborhoods and destroying property. Consideration to time of year could be key to eliminating the deer when they are not in the neighborhoods. For example, the fall would not be ideal, because many deer come into our neighborhood to feed on the acorns.

Corr. ID: 9146

Organization: *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 40088

Organization Type: Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: Has NPS ever considered hiring outside management like nature conservancy manage the environmental aspects of the park? You probably are already but consider long-term partnerships in management outside of NPS like PA state, munis, Audubon, etc.

Corr. ID: 95

Organization: *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 40048

Organization Type: Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: Since we have to wait another two years for the possibility of action, I would suggest that we withhold the salaries of all the Park personnel as "no action" is also an option for the Public Stakeholders as well.

Corr. ID: 99

Organization: National Parks Conservation Association

Comment ID: 40199

Organization Type: Conservation/Preservation

Representative Quote: If a culling operation is implemented, we encourage the National Park Service to seek federal funding and support from private partners to restore vegetation and topographic conditions to natural conditions, and begin to reverse the destruction caused by today's unsustainable herd.

Corr. ID: 122

Organization: *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 40580 **Organization Type:** Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: Birth control, the obvious solution, is not always practical outside of isolated environments. The next best solution is to eliminate only females until a population has been restored to a natural balance between sexes

Corr. ID: 146 **Organization:** *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 40089 **Organization Type:** Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: This seem crazy but I always thought the park could raise \$ for itself by managing the herd for commercial purposes as Valley Forge Venison, organic free-range.

Concern ID: 14093

CONCERN STATEMENT: Commenters suggested using a combination of the preliminary alternatives from scoping, such as using firearms and archery, as well as a special hunt combined with sterilization techniques.

Representative Quote(s): **Corr. ID:** 28 **Organization:** *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 40102 **Organization Type:** Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: My suggestion for those having to make the decision regarding the thinning of the deer population at hand would be to stay open to multiple solutions and exercise them all. Some deer could be culled by a special hunt. Some could be moved to other locations, if healthy. Are there sterilization techniques that could be employed on such a massive scale? Whatever choices are made, I would hope that these beautiful animals are handled with respect and that the humans that participate behave with dignity.

Corr. ID: 33 **Organization:** *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 40274 **Organization Type:** Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: For preliminary management, I propose you use the "lethal reduction with firearms by specially trained professionals" as a one time strategy to reduce the number of deer to a feasible amount. Then, follow up with yearly management by archery hunting at a certain time of year, i.e. winter, when visitors are at a minimum. Sell/give out a select few archery permits via lottery. This would keep the numbers of deer to a sustainable amount. If the park continues to do nothing after the initial firearm management, the numbers will, of course, increase again to the present numbers. Again. I oppose the birth control because it is unnatural

and not cost effective.

AL4010 - Alternatives: Lethal Reduction without Firearms by Professionals (Archery)

Concern ID: 14098

CONCERN STATEMENT: Commenters suggested using trained professionals without firearms to prevent excessive noise and visitor interactions.

Representative Quote(s): Corr. ID: 102

Organization: *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 39880 **Organization Type:** Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: I think the deer should be controlled by sharpshooters by using bows and crossbows. That way no one near the park hears anything. Create set times they can be hunted (i.e. during the week when the park is less in use) and maybe even just until 10 in the morning and after 3 in the afternoon, when deer are most active. Again this limits hunter/park visitor interactions.

AL4040 - Alternatives: Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters

Concern ID: 14099

CONCERN STATEMENT: Commenters stated that using professional sharpshooters with firearms is more humane than the other options because it is endorsed by the American Veterinary Association, and the sharpshooters are less likely to "wound" the deer.

Representative Quote(s): Corr. ID: 9

Organization: Quality Deer Management Association

Comment ID: 39908 **Organization Type:** Conservation/Preservation

Representative Quote: Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Specially Trained Professionals: Sharpshooting is considered the most humane method of reducing a deer herd by the American Veterinary Association. Sharpshooting programs have been successfully employed in many communities across the country by private consultants, local police authorities and federal agency personnel. This approach is proven to be successful at reducing deer populations and the meat can be donated to food banks. Deer populations can be reduced quickly and this is the preferred removal technique in areas inaccessible to hunting. However, this approach

is expensive relative to hunting and it is a controversial technique if hunting is an option. This is a viable alternative in areas inaccessible to hunting and it should be incorporated in to the Park's deer management program.

Concern ID: 14100

CONCERN STATEMENT: Commenters noted safety concerns regarding the use of professional sharpshooters at Valley Forge, as it is an urban setting.

Representative Quote(s): Corr. ID: 32

Organization: Pennsylvania Natural Heritage Program

Comment ID: 40269 **Organization Type:** Conservation/Preservation

Representative Quote: Control via the use of firearms by professionals, although working at Gettysburg, may not be an option in the urban setting at Valley Forge because of dangerous conditions and limited clear lanes of fire. It may be an option if deer can be canalized into "fireboxes" where the danger of is lessened.

Corr. ID: 62

Organization: National Parks Conservation Association

Comment ID: 40530 **Organization Type:** Conservation/Preservation

Representative Quote: would be in favor of a controlled and limited cull of the herd by professionals, but not public hunting in an area that is so close to houses and tourists and people who love to hike, bike and wander there.

Concern ID: 14103

CONCERN STATEMENT: One commenter noted that other parks have proceeded with lethal reduction using professional sharpshooters, and that this plan should be incorporated in the General Management Plan process.

Representative Quote(s): Corr. ID: 96

Organization: Not Specified

Comment ID: 40033 **Organization Type:** Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: I believe VFNHP should proceed ASAP toward lethal reduction of the white tail deer with archery or firearms, by specially trained personnel. Many successful programs exist so you don't have to

reinvent the wheel and you could proceed with this “pilot program” immediately. You would probably need to inform the Pennsylvania Game Commission and municipalities which surround VFNHP but you could invite their participation in an evaluation which would fit into the decision-making calendar outlined in your General Management Plan.

Concern ID: 14104

CONCERN STATEMENT: One commenter suggested that the park should provide more information concerning the use of professional sharpshooters.

Representative Quote(s): Corr. ID: 37

Organization: *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 40294 **Organization Type:** Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: Consider providing more detail on use of sharpshooters - who does this, techniques used, impact on local community - to minimize potential concerns of neighbors.

AL4070 - Alternatives: Fencing of Targeted Vegetation Communities

Concern ID: 14106

CONCERN STATEMENT: Commenters noted that using exclosures does not solve the problem of deer overpopulation, and it should not be used as a standalone option. Some commenters noted that fences could be used for protecting vegetative growth and for long-term population control.

Representative Quote(s): Corr. ID: 23

Organization: *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 39940 **Organization Type:** Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: The fifth strategy, fencing vegetation communities, likely will be necessary to allow recovery of the many devastated vegetation areas, but can only be considered supplemental to the only true solution to the problem: immediate reduction of the herd and management of the population at a sustainable level.

Corr. ID: 110

Organization: Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

Comment ID: 40473

Organization Type: Conservation/Preservation

Representative Quote: The implementation of appropriate quality enclosures around park vegetation is important for longer-term population control. The initial investment in such fencing/enclosures will provide a valuable ROI for the VFNHP.

AL4100 - Alternatives: Non-Lethal Methods

Concern ID: 14109

**CONCERN
STATEMENT:**

One commenter noted that using lethal methods to control the deer population is inhumane, illogical, and unnecessary, and should not be used at Valley Forge.

Representative Quote(s): Corr. ID: 116

Organization: *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 40524

Organization Type: Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: Hunting kills and maims many animals, but the laws of nature all but guarantee that the population reduced in this way will always rebound. With contraception we can, in a matter of a few years, bring down the number of deer permanently. In the mean time, we can use fencing to preserve native vegetation in some areas. Once the deer numbers come down, the vegetation can then have an opportunity to spread throughout the park. The decision to use hunting as a means of controlling the deer population in national parks is inhumane, illogical, and unnecessary, and for anyone of these reasons should be eliminated as an option. .

AL4125 - Alternatives: No Action

Concern ID: 14110

**CONCERN
STATEMENT:**

Commenters stated that the no action alternative does not address the deer overpopulation problem, and that other actions must be taken.

Representative Quote(s): Corr. ID: 9

Organization: Quality Deer Management Association

Comment ID: 39906 **Organization Type:** Conservation/Preservation

Representative Quote: Existing Management Continue
This approach does not target the deer abundance problem. The current deer population is negatively impacting the Park's native vegetation and other wildlife species. An aggressive, active deer management program should be implemented to improve the health of the deer herd and minimize the negative impacts on other plant and animal species. This approach will not meet those objectives.

Corr. ID: 99

Organization: National Parks Conservation Association

Comment ID: 40175 **Organization Type:** Conservation/Preservation

Representative Quote: The park ecosystem will continue to deteriorate under a no-action management scenario. Clearly, the park must take action to avert further, permanent damage to the park's natural resources.

AL4180 - Alternatives: Lethal Reduction - General

Concern ID:

14111

**CONCERN
STATEMENT:**

Commenters stated that using lethal reduction techniques is not an effective option for the long-term, is not science-based, may cause an increase in the population, and it may have negative mental impacts on humans.

Representative Quote(s): Corr. ID: 10

Organization: The Humane Society of the United States

Comment ID: 40665 **Organization Type:** Conservation/Preservation

Representative Quote: While immunocontraception has been shown to effectively reduce not only deer fertility but also deer populations, lethal control may have the opposite effect. It has been shown that the reproductive rate of *O. virginianus* is greatly reduced at high population densities while deer in areas subjected to periodic harvest have enhanced fertility rates resulting in increased population growth to compensate for harvested animals. xvi Further research also indicates that harvest of both sexes does nothing to stop fluctuations in deer populations due to forage competition and natural mortality as a result of severe winter weather. xvii

Corr. ID: 120

Organization: *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 40057 **Organization Type:** Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: As Hospital-Affiliated Licensed Psychologists who work with children, adolescents, and families, we see and treat disorders everyday that involve maladaptive patterns of anger and violence. By allowing and encouraging this indiscriminate and senseless murder of these timid and gentle co-habitants of our land because they are "in the way" perpetuates a dangerous and pathological message: "If something is in your way.. .destroy it!" We recently became aware of the "lethal gassing" of geese and ducks in Downingtown because there were "too many" and they were "too messy". As a former hunter, I have witnessed a lone Canadian goose, sitting forlornly by his mate who was shot and left by the water's edge to die. The mind-set that would allow selective execution of any animal (human or nonhuman) for fun, sport or because of their intrusiveness is part of the same stream of consciousness that allows school shootings, the recent Amish Schoolhouse Child Execution and the many instances around the globe of ethnic cleansing, genocide, and torture. This type of killing for pleasure" is no different than child molestation or rape. The choice is really between endorsing the infliction of pain, suffering and death or opposing the infliction of pain, suffering and death. This action is deeply disturbing to us especially in view of what this park symbolizes; a haven and sanctuary where families can experience the harmonious balance between human and non-human animals, but would be ever after remembered as a bloody slaughter ground.

Concern ID: 14114

**CONCERN
STATEMENT:**

One commenter suggested deputizing citizens to perform the culling of the deer herd as a replacement for hiring professionals.

Representative Quote(s): Corr. ID: 95

Organization: *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 40047 **Organization Type:** Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: Individuals at the information session advised that only designated individuals may cull the herd of deer and that their numbers were limited, making their availability to VF questionable. I respectfully suggest that the Department supplement this group through deputizing like all other branches of the Federal Government.

AL4210 - Alternatives: Alternative Eliminated - Fencing Entire Park

Concern ID: 14116

CONCERN STATEMENT: One commenter noted that fencing the entire park would not be cost effective considering the perceived results, and that it would also take away from the enjoyment of the park.

Representative Quote(s): **Corr. ID:** 32 **Organization:** Pennsylvania Natural Heritage Program

Comment ID: 40268 **Organization Type:** Conservation/Preservation

Representative Quote: Fencing, while it may exclude deer from portions of the park, will not, in the long-term be of use as the cost of replacing fencing destroyed by deer or by weather or other causes, will tie up funding that could be used otherwise by a very funding-strapped agency. It will also detract from the enjoyment of visitors to the park as the fences must be high and sturdy and entry by visitors will be problematical.

CC1000 - Consultation and Coordination: General Comments

Concern ID: 14117

CONCERN STATEMENT: One commenter stated that the outcome of deer management plans is almost always dead deer, and they questioned the role of public involvement in the process.

Representative Quote(s): Corr. ID: 88

Organization: *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 40197 **Organization Type:** Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: Deer management plans are always presented to the public in the same manner -- NONE of them differ! Information is always presented so that the average person, not familiar with these kinds of plans, is led to believe that killing is the ONLY good answer. NO other viable alternatives are ever really given any type of honest consideration. Those presenting these plans want the deer killed from the very beginning, and then present their data and "facts" so that killing the deer is always presented as being the best alternative. The public is made to believe that their input is valuable and will be taken into consideration. However, the public's input is not valued, and the end result is ALWAYS that the deer will be killed. I see this "deer management plan" being presented in the same manner as all the others across the nation. What, truly, are my comments worth when you want the deer dead and will end up killing then no matter what anyone says?

Concern ID: 14118

**CONCERN
STATEMENT:**

One commenter suggested that the park review past correspondences when developing the deer management plan.

Representative Quote(s): Corr. ID: 158

Organization: Valley Forge Citizens for deer Control

Comment ID: 40742 **Organization Type:** Conservation/Preservation

Representative Quote: Before getting to my scoping comments, I think it is important to point out that one of the significant outcomes of VFCDC being organized is that we as an organization, as well as individual members and others, have written numerous letters to Supts. Beech and Stewart about the Park's deer problem. Since these letters should be in your files, I would recommend that you or your staff review this correspondence and include or reference all appropriate letters as part of the deer EIS documentation. I would think you would also like to do the same with your own internal memos and documents.

GAI000 - Impact Analysis: Impact Analyses

Concern ID: 14119

**CONCERN
STATEMENT:**

One commenter questioned who is the authority in charge of the deer management plan, and what their ability to do the job is.

Representative Quote(s): Corr. ID: 95

Organization: *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 40046

Organization Type: Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: There appear to be many well meaning and educated individuals involved in this effort...but no apparent Principal-in-charge. Who is actually in charge and does this individual have proven expertise to manage and direct such a study in order to achieve the stated purpose of this effort which was admittedly not defined?

GA5000 - Impact Analysis: Thresholds and Assumptions

Concern ID: 14120

**CONCERN
STATEMENT:**

Commenters stated that in order for the deer management plan to be a success, the park needs to have a specific deer density goal.

Representative Quote(s): Corr. ID: 10

Organization: The Humane Society of the United States

Comment ID: 40667

Organization Type: Conservation/Preservation

Representative Quote: While the HSUS appreciates Valley Forge's efforts to address a perceived problem with white-tailed deer through a deer management plan, the preliminary materials and plans set forth are insufficient to justify the anticipated plan. Before any plan is drafted, the park must have a clear picture of the goals of deer management at the park, especially in light of the long history of human land use in and around the park and the lack of data on historic deer populations.

In addition, the EIS must address the confounding factors of forest succession and edge effects in relation to the vegetative changes anecdotally observed in the park over the last few decades. These factors must be discussed in light of the fact that the primary reason given for the proposed deer management plan is plant community changes.

Corr. ID: 99

Organization: National Parks Conservation Association

Comment ID: 40177

Organization Type: Conservation/Preservation

Representative Quote: Thus the level of mortality must conform only to that needed to allow the park's natural processes and biological units to function. In order to ensure that mortality is limited, the park must determine a deer density goal and regularly monitor the population, implementing culls only if necessary.

Concern ID: 14121

**CONCERN
STATEMENT:**

Commenters noted that there is not significant data concerning deer populations or vegetative qualities within the park prior to 1983, making it difficult to gauge how present day deer populations compare to those found under pre-colonization conditions, questioning how the baseline condition was established.

Representative Quote(s): Corr. ID: 10

Organization: The Humane Society of the United States

Comment ID: 40658 **Organization Type:** Conservation/Preservation

Representative Quote: Moreover, there are no data available on the deer populations in the park before 1983, so there is no way to know what populations were like in the area even 50 years ago, never mind 300 years ago. There are no reliable data on deer populations before the European colonization of North America, so it is totally impossible to gauge how present day deer populations compare to those found under supposedly "natural" pre-colonization conditions. vi

Concern ID: 14123

**CONCERN
STATEMENT:**

One commenter suggested that deer may not be the sole cause in the alteration of the plant community within the park, and this should be considered in the impact analysis.

Representative Quote(s): Corr. ID: 10

Organization: The Humane Society of the United States

Comment ID: 40651 **Organization Type:** Conservation/Preservation

Representative Quote: The briefing statement available on the park website regarding this planned EIS states that "The substantial increase in deer population size - within the last two decades seems to correlate with significant changes in species composition, abundance and distribution of native plant communities, and alteration of natural processes such as forest regeneration." While this statement may be true, it cannot be taken as an indication that these vegetative changes are deleterious or "unnatural" nor that in altering plant community composition deer are directly impeding the mandate and historic mission of the park.

Deer are a part of the ecosystem in which they reside and as such they play a role in the structure and function of the said system and its associated food webs. In fact, many researchers consider deer to be a keystone species or an

ecosystem engineer; a species that shapes the very communities of which it is a part. i

While it is true that white-tailed deer consume plants and that this activity may affect some species more than others and result in community-wide changes, any value judgment placed on these changes is by definition, purely subjective. The effects of herbivores are better interpreted in terms of vegetation state transition rather than on biased notions of perceived negative impacts. ii The reality of the supposed deleterious impacts of deer herbivory has not panned out in the long term.

GA6000 - Impact Analysis: Scientific Data Used to Determine Impacts

Concern ID: 14125

CONCERN STATEMENT: Commenters questioned the validity of the scientific reports available, and suggested data sources that should be considered. Commenters also questioned why specific sources were not considered in the past.

Representative Quote(s): Corr. ID: 10

Organization: The Humane Society of the United States

Comment ID: 40652 **Organization Type:** Conservation/Preservation

Representative Quote: A review of the literature concerning deer and their impacts on individual plants, their populations and communities found that there are virtually no studies that examine the plant population and ecosystem level effects of white-tailed deer herbivory. In fact, many studies have detected no overall effects on plant survival and reproduction and so-called negative effects have only been observed on small temporal and spatial scales. iii It is also ironic that as recently as 1988, researchers were claiming that "[a]lthough the white-tailed deer population within the park is not regulated and predation pressure is minimal, the herd has not adversely affected park vegetation." iv

However, the HSUS is aware that the park considers the deer populations at Valley Forge to be "overabundant" and that such population levels may be viewed as "unnatural". This idea of native wildlife damaging its environment and necessitating lethal removal is illogical and seems to contradict the very mission of the park service which includes a mandate to conserve wildlife

Corr. ID: 101

Organization: Pity Not Cruelty, Inc.

Comment ID: 40020 **Organization Type:** Conservation/Preservation

Representative Quote: The same general idea is presented in the Public Law 105-391--Nov. 13. 1998. [112 STAT. 3499] The notion of using science is mentioned several times. Under Sec. 202 Research Mandate, it says, "The Secretary is authorized and directed to assure that management of units of the National Park System is enhanced by the availability and utilization of a broad program of the highest quality science and information." [16USC 5932] (My emphasis.) Under Sec. 206. Integration of Study Results into Management Decisions, it says, "The Secretary shall take such measures as are necessary to assure the full and proper utilization of the results of scientific study for park management decisions." [16 USC 5936] (My emphasis.)

The Park officials have not talked to leading scientists who have actually conducted wildlife contraception despite the fact that there is published data in peer reviewed journals showing that PZP immunocontraception is effective and has reduced deer herds consisting of free-ranging deer.

PN1000 - Purpose and Need: Planning Process and Policy

Concern ID: 14126

CONCERN STATEMENT: Commenters stated apprehension with the timeline for the deer management plan, noting that action must be taken soon in order to achieve the objectives.

Representative Quote(s): Corr. ID: 42

Organization: Not Specified

Comment ID: 40499 **Organization Type:** Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: It was stated that in selecting Potential Management Strategies the cheapest or easiest alternatives might not be chosen, fine. However, TIME must be a criterion in evaluating and selecting among Potential Management Strategies. You need to consider the TIME needed (expected) for various Management Strategies to achieve various levels of effectiveness.

Our concern for TIME is based on our experience with the deer overpopulation. We have lived on Mount Misery since 1975 and seen the problems caused by deer that now concern the park. If in 1983, when the park became aware of deer overpopulation, action had begun, neither the Park nor the surrounding communities would have the current vegetation problem. The Park's delay in taking action has provided a breeding ground for the deer that have spread throughout the area. The delay has and will cost the Park in remediating the vegetation damage.

PN11000 - Purpose and Need: Other Policies and Mandates

Concern ID: 14127

**CONCERN
STATEMENT:**

One commenter stated that more details should be provided regarding what other parks and local municipalities are doing for deer management during the deer management process at Valley Forge.

Representative Quote(s): **Corr. ID:** 37

Organization: *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 40292 **Organization Type:** Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: Provide more detail on work being done with local municipalities and the Game Commission and how residents can support that. 4) Provide background on similar efforts (Cuyahoga, Gettysburg, Pt. Reyes) to justify the process and timeline (e.g., issues with lawsuits).

Concern ID: 14128

**CONCERN
STATEMENT:**

Commenters suggested how the deer management plan could relate to other policies, presenting correlations and overlapping objectives, which they felt should be considered in this process.

Representative Quote(s): **Corr. ID:** 114

Organization: County of Chester Commissioners

Comment ID: 40521 **Organization Type:** County Government

Representative Quote: Managing the deer population in Valley Forge NHP would also be consistent with Linking Landscapes, which was adopted in 2002 as the Open Space Element of the Chester County Comprehensive Plan. Vision Item 5.4 of Linking Landscapes states, "Over populated game species should be controlled through hunting, culling, or in parts of the County where hunting and culling is not practical, non-lethal means that have been documented through multiple case studies to be effective, feasible and cost efficient." Action 5.4 notes that the County will continue to support the control of overpopulated game species. We also suggest you contact the Philadelphia Parks Department in order to gather information on their recent successful efforts to control deer populations as part of an overall effort to restore and maintain the ecosystems of urban forests and riparian areas in their parks. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jake Michael at 610-344-6285.

Concern ID: 14129

**CONCERN
STATEMENT:**

One commenter stated that passing legislation to allow hunting within a national park would set a dangerous precedent.

Representative Quote(s): Corr. ID: 99

Organization: National Parks Conservation Association

Comment ID: 49483 **Organization Type:** Conservation/Preservation

Representative Quote: 5. Finally, it would set a dangerous precedent, creating an erroneous expectation in other parks that hunting would be consistent with national park purposes.

PN2000 - Purpose and Need: Park Purpose and Significance

Concern ID: 14130

***CONCERN
STATEMENT:***

Commenters stated that allowing deer and certain vegetation in the park was contrary to the park's mission.

Representative Quote(s): Corr. ID: 101

Organization: Pity Not Cruelty, Inc

Comment ID: 40021 **Organization Type:** Conservation/Preservation

Representative Quote: Several years ago when I offered the park a donation of sapling trees to replace those that were said to be eaten by deer, Superintendent Arthur Stewart told me that the deer herd were not in danger, that the herd would not be thinned because the mission of the park was historical. He told me that the reason Washington had chosen Valley Forge as an encampment for his troops was because he could see what the British were doing in Philadelphia from the high hills of Valley Forge. This historical point, he asserted, was lost on the average visitor since there were so many tall trees. Superintendent Stewart told me that rather than replace saplings they were going to cut down trees.

Apparently the mission of the park, despite the name, Valley Forge Historical Park has changed and the mission, or at least part of it, is to be a place of refuge for plants and since many are being eaten by deer, the deer will have to be killed. Nothing was said in any of the previous meetings that the mission had been changed

Concern ID: 14131

***CONCERN
STATEMENT:***

One commenter stated that hunting is not consistent with the purpose of the park, and should therefore not be allowed.

Representative Quote(s): Corr. ID: 99

Organization: National Parks Conservation Association

Comment ID: 49480 **Organization Type:** Conservation/Preservation

Representative Quote: 1. First and foremost, public hunting is inconsistent with the purposes of the park and its long-standing policy that hunting conflicts with park purposes. 2. Second, public hunting would create a constituency, providing incentive to set kill levels higher and longer in duration than necessary for ecological restoration, and would confuse the public about the purposes of the culling.

PN3000 - Purpose and Need: Scope of the Analysis

Concern ID: 14132

**CONCERN
STATEMENT:**

Commenters suggested that the scope of the plan should include the considerations of park neighbors.

Representative Quote(s): Corr. ID: 94

Organization: *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 40063 **Organization Type:** Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: I am concerned and disappointed that the deer management strategy does not account for park "neighbors." We benefit as well as pay the consequences of decisions made regarding the park. The deer population is a perfect example and with all the damage they have done to private property, I'm disappointed that the deer management strategy does not include any reference to helping the park neighbors. As such I feel it important to make a few points for consideration.

Concern ID: 14133

**CONCERN
STATEMENT:**

One commenter stated that the park has assigned an artificially high value on deer, which is biased.

Representative Quote(s): Corr. ID: 1

Organization: *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 39894 **Organization Type:** Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: Assigning artificially high values to one species, particularly cute and fuzzy ones (charismatic macro fauna) such as deer over other less "popular" species such as a red oak that feeds many other creatures or an amphibian that performs valuable insect control, is

unscientific and biased.

PN8000 - Purpose and Need: Objectives in Taking Action

Concern ID: 14134

CONCERN STATEMENT: Commenters expressed urgency concerning the objectives in taking action, citing ecosystem health, deer herd health, public safety, disease prevention, public education, and protecting the cultural and natural history of the park.

Representative Quote(s):

Corr. ID: 32 **Organization:** Pennsylvania Natural Heritage Program

Comment ID: 40272 **Organization Type:** Conservation/Preservation

Representative Quote: As noted in the Objectives, the goal is to lessen the impact on the resources. One other objective should be to ensure that the general public has all the opportunities to enjoy the cultural and natural landscape in a safe manner avoiding any conflicts that may arise in a system where deer may cause a rise in vehicular accidents as well as unwanted human/deer interactions.

Corr. ID: 37 **Organization:** *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 40290 **Organization Type:** Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: Provide more education on the value of native vegetation, associated wildlife habitat, etc., to help build the case for action. This is not universally understood or appreciated. Consider enlisting local organizations to assist with education, although not with the execution of the plan (Audubon Society, Jenkins Arboretum).

Corr. ID: 66 **Organization:** *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 40525 **Organization Type:** Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: I have lived within a couple of miles of Valley Forge all my life. It is a great resource of both cultural and natural history. Not only does the overpopulation of deer threaten these resources, but they are certainly not limited to the park and go on to cause numerous accidents in the surrounding neighborhoods.

Corr. ID: 106

Organization: *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 39871

Organization Type: Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: Please do what is long over due. Get the number of deer reduced in the fastest, cheapest, and safest way possible. There are many reasons why this must happen. For the eco-system, safety and for the health of the deer that will remain after the reduction.

Corr. ID: 127

Organization: *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 40545

Organization Type: Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: In your objective section you should include reduction of Lyme disease and car accidents. A specific numerical objective should be set for the continued size of the herd

Concern ID:

14135

**CONCERN
STATEMENT:**

Commenters stated that the public scoping brochure was incorrect in stating that the overpopulation of deer is due to the lack of natural predators within the park, suggesting available source of food is the problem.

Representative Quote(s): Corr. ID: 39

Organization: *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 40367

Organization Type: Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: For instance, the Park's brochure incorrectly states that there are too many deer because of lack of predators and hunters. This is transparently illogical: predators do not control prey; FOOD SOURCES control prey. This is one reason why enclosures around park vegetation, as well as better general land-use planning, are more effective for long-term population control. Also, predators go after the weak and sick, not the strong healthy males, and predators do not randomly kill. Hunters have done nothing but keep the numbers high and increase accident statistics, which is why they do not belong in a national park.

Concern ID:

14136

**CONCERN
STATEMENT:**

Commenters stated that the goal of the plan should be to restore the landscape to the condition present when George Washington and his army occupied the area.

**Representative
Quote(s):**

Corr. ID: 158

Organization: Valley Forge Citizens for Deer
Control

Comment ID: 40743 **Organization Type:** Conservation/Preservation

Representative Quote: Objectives for Natural and Cultural Resources

1. Protection of natural resources should place a high priority on restoration and protection of the historical native flora (i.e. trees, shrubs & herbaceous plants) known to exist in the Philadelphia or Valley Forge area at the time of the encampment, especially those species that played significant utilitarian and medical roles for both Continental Army and colonial society generally.
2. Birds are often a leading indicator of environmental problems, so increased populations of certain ground-nesting and shrub-nesting species known to be heavily impacted by high concentrations of deer should be a second measure of a successful deer management program.
3. The woodland acreage to be protected should approximate the amount of woods that historically existed after the end of the Army's first week at Valley Forge. The current scene in the park is not representative of the full encampment of 1,500 to 2,000 huts, but instead is a scene evocative of approximately the end of the first week of the encampment when at most a few dozen huts had been completed and probably less than 40 acres of woods had been cleared for huts, defenses and firewood.
4. A final objective over the long term should be to increase the health of the deer remaining inside the Park. Successive generations of deer have become smaller due to diet imbalance from lack of woodland vegetation. The growth of the deer back to normal size should be a relatively easy-to-measure objective.

VE2000 - Visitor Experience: Methodology and Assumptions

Concern ID:

14139

**CONCERN
STATEMENT:**

One commenter suggested that viewing deer creates a sense of satisfaction and well-being for park visitors.

Representative Quote(s): Corr. ID: 157

Organization: Not Specified

Comment ID: 49454

Organization Type: Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: "Scientists have found that views of nature relate to feelings of satisfaction and wellbeing, better coping skills and greater personal effectiveness." For some, viewing deer in the park is what brings pleasure and excitement. They have real aesthetic value. Deer are considered the "essence of wildness." State Rep Daylin Leach recently called them "magnificent animals." Apart from Valley Forge Park, deer are no longer commonly seen because more and more parklands have fallen victim to lethal "management" on a continuing basis.

VR4000 - Vegetation and Riparian Areas: Impact of Proposal and Alternatives

Concern ID: 14140

**CONCERN
STATEMENT:**

One commenter stated that a plan that addresses the regeneration of the forest vegetation, thus providing habitat for the wildlife, would be the optimal choice.

Representative Quote(s): Corr. ID: 150

Organization: Not Specified

Comment ID: 40026

Organization Type: Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: I support a program that will look at managing the forest land so that the old canopy will be addressed to allow for new growth. Allowing the fields to become over grown only to be mowed down once or twice a year seems to be self defeating in preventing new seedling growth transported by the wind and birds. That can be more effectively managed by designating areas to allow for continuous growth of species and nesting places for the wildlife.

VS4000 - Visitor Conflicts and Safety: Impact of Proposal and Alternatives

Concern ID: 14141

**CONCERN
STATEMENT:**

One commenter noted that it would be dangerous to the public if the culling of the deer herd was carried out by civilians, rather than professional

sharpshooters.

Representative Quote(s): Corr. ID: 99

Organization: National Parks Conservation Association

Comment ID: 49481 **Organization Type:** Conservation/Preservation

Representative Quote: 4. Fourth, it would be dangerous to the public and add expensive oversight responsibilities at Valley Forge NHP to ensure that park visitors would not be harmed if the killing were carried out by the lay public rather than by professionals paid to adhere to, and held accountable to, certain standards.

VS7000 - Visitor Conflicts and Safety: Deer Diseases (Lyme, CWD, etc.)

Concern ID: 14142

**CONCERN
STATEMENT:**

Commenters expressed concern about the overpopulation of deer contributing to Lyme disease and other diseases that endanger public safety.

Representative Quote(s): Corr. ID: 23

Organization: Not Specified

Comment ID: 39938 **Organization Type:** Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: Of greater concern to me is that these deer have become quite effective vectors for disease - my wife and a neighbor have been treated for Lyme disease from deer tick bites in the past two years. Since I regularly pull deer ticks off myself after working in the yard, I can only assume that it's a matter of time before I also contract this not-insignificant disease. As the elderly population (the people who originally lived in the neighborhood) are gradually replaced by young families with children, this disease problem is sure to worsen.

Corr. ID: 38

Organization: Not Specified

Comment ID: 40360 **Organization Type:** Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: I am concerned that Chronic Wasting Syndrome (falling deer disease) and Lyme disease can affect the health of neighbors.

VS8000 - Visitor Conflicts and Safety: Deer/Vehicle Collisions

Concern ID: 14144

CONCERN STATEMENT: Commenters expressed concern about the overpopulation of deer contributing to vehicular accidents.

Representative Quote(s): **Corr. ID:** 160 **Organization:** Upper Merion Township Police Department

Comment ID: 40482 **Organization Type:** Town or City Government

Representative Quote: As the Chief of a township police department that borders the park, I am well aware of the hazards posed by deer. Each year, we investigate a large number of deer/vehicle crashes and the majority of those involve deer straying from the park. The safety and welfare of the public operating vehicles in the vicinity of the park is dependant on the implementation of the most effective available plan to rapidly reduce the number of deer in the park.

Concern ID: 14145

CONCERN STATEMENT: One commenter stated that if visitors driving through the park would slow down their speed, the deer/vehicle collision rate would drop.

Representative Quote(s): **Corr. ID:** 87 **Organization:** Not Specified

Comment ID: 40196 **Organization Type:** Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: The people driving thru the Park should just slow down. Speed limit should be no more than 25MPH in a National Park Area, then they wouldn't be hitting them.

WH2000 - Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat: Methodology and Assumptions

Concern ID: 14146

CONCERN STATEMENT: Commenters suggested that the problem isn't that the deer have overpopulated, but rather humans have encroached into their habitat.

Representative Quote(s): Corr. ID: 98

Organization: *Not Specified*

Comment ID: 39887

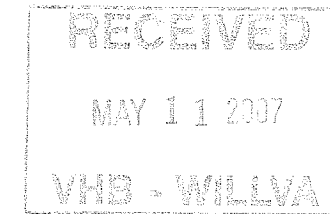
Organization Type: Unaffiliated Individual

Representative Quote: First, it is very important that we all remember this is forest area, a natural part of nature in which the deer have been given the natural right to roam and feed. Man came along and decided to call it a park and claim the territory as his own and then in surrounding areas continued to tear down forest to build large homes until all the deer's natural predators had either been killed off or fled from the area. The result is that the deer have over populated Valley Forge National Park. So let's be honest and put blame where it belongs...on the intruders-us-not the deer.

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APPENDIX 1: MEETING SIGN-IN

Valley Forge National Historical Park
Deer Management Plan
Public Scoping Meeting
Wednesday November 8, 2006
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Alexis Bennett		1723 Thomas Rd , Wayne	6/783-5260	alexisps1@hotmail.com	brochure mailing	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
RON KOSTKA		1509 BRANDYWINE LA. CHESTERBROOK;	610 296 0749	RJ.KOSTKA@COMCAST.NET	BROCHURE	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Paul Jonik		236 Jacoby St Norristown Pa 19401			mail	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
CLIFF MATSON		PO Box 125 VALLEY FORGE, PA 19481	610-783-0193		mail	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
		Elizabeth Spillane	610) 783-0561			Yes/No
Wm R Vogel		1326 Nathan Hale	610 955 4953			<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Peter Revent	WCS-AM	West Chester, PA	610 201-9402		Press Release	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No

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Peg & Tony Cochrane	neighborhood	541 N. Henderson Rd	610-265 3839		friend	Yes/No
Nick Novak	None	2005 Welsh Valley Rd	610 783-7106	WNICKNOVAK@AOL.COM	Friends of VF	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes/No
MAUREEN ATKINS	NONE	1718 WEEEDON ROAD WAYNE PA 19087	610 783-0285		Brochure-Mailer	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes/No
BRAD MATTSO	neighbor	1723 THOMAS RD.	610 783-5268		MAILING	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes/No
JACK MARSHALL		1510 BRANDYWINE CANE WESTON BROOK, PA 19087	610-722 9510	Jrmarsh@att.net	MAILING	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes/No
John Munshower	neighbor	613 Richards Rd Wayne, PA 19087	610 783-6473		mail'er	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes/No
Carole Rubley	Pa House of Rep	500 Chestnut St Blvd Wayne	610 640-2356			Yes/No

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PHILIP RICE		991 STORE ROAD HARLEYSVILLE, PA. 19438	610-584-5752	N/A.	MAILING.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes/No
Bonnie VANORMER Richard		3123 STONY CREEK RD E. NORRITON NORRISTOWN PA 19401	610 313 9454		PREVIOUS Pamphlet	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes/No
Bob Wallis	Audubon PA	1201 Pawlings Rd Audubon 19403	610 666 5593 x111			<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes/No
Gabe Berry	Time Road	Norristown	610-772-2500			Yes/No
Frank + Pat Rauer	Park neighbor	32 Vaux Lane RD #1 Phoenixville, Pa. 19460	610-666-7423	N/A.	Mailed us a pamphlet	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes/No
Don + Mary McGee	"	210 Ross Rd KING OF PRUSSIA, PA 19406	610-265-4270	CDMC10@ NETZERO.NET	UM Senior Center + Pamphlet	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes/No
MR AND MRS KEVIN NAILOR	"	1427 GERTRUDE AV PHOENIXVILLE PA	610 666 1937	N/A	MAILER	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes/No

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JUD HUGHES	SELF	1519 VASSAR CT WEST CHESTER, PA 19380	610 719-9859	JUDHUGHES@COMCAST.NET	MAILER	Yes/No YES
JOE EWALD	STATE SENATOR ANDREW DANNIMAN	1 NORTH CHURCH STREET West Chester PA 19380	610-692-212	JEWALD@PASENATE.COM		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes/No
Wm Mohr		2767 AUDUBON Rd NORRISTOWN PA	610-666-6834			Yes/No
Robin Mann	Sierra Club	266 Beechwood Dr. Rosemont PA 19010	610-527-4528	robinmann@earthlink.net	postcard	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes/No
GEOFF CAVANAGH	VFSS FRIEND OF VFNHP MAC-REC	222 SWEDISH RD. MALVERN, PA 19355	610-644-2041	PASEEC@GMAIL	MAIL	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes/No
Joy A. Kaczmarek		312 Overhill Rd Wayne, PA 19087	610-688-5072		mail	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes/No
Susan Guerette	self	129 Magnolia Drive Phoenixville, PA 19360	610-983-3383	sguerette@soul.com	mail	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes/No

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Cinda Waldbuesser	NPCA	707 S Delhi St Phila PA 19147	215 327 2529	cwaldbuesser@npca.org		Yes/No
KEITH PHUCAS	Times Herald	400 Markley St. Norristown	610 - 272-2500, Ext 211	kphucas@timesherald.com	By mail	Yes/No
Dr. Timothy HALVERSON	FPPA	2630 Hillcrest Ave Norristown PA	610 272 3874	Tim.halverson@carcast.net		Yes/No
Dolly Ferrer		509 Gen Knox Rd King of Prussia PA 19406	610 -337 - 2363		mtg / newspaper	Yes/No
Richard Whiteford	Sierra Club Defenders of Wildlife	908 COVINGTON DR. Downingtown Pa 19335	610 246 7974	SAVEbiosphere3@verizon.net	Phone call	Yes/No
Robert J. Pavan Barbara M. Pavan		141 Oakwood Lane Valley Forge PA 19481	610-933-4644	bpavan@earthlink.net	Ing.	Yes/No
Joe Marks		789 RICHARDS RD WAYNE, Pa. 19087	610 783 5748			Yes/No

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Rash Heister		2307 Hunsinger Dr. Limerick, Pa. 19468	610-425-1959	—	our daughter told us.	Yes/No
Terry Heister		"	"	—	mailing	Yes/No
BOB CHENOUETH		606 GULPH ROAD WAYNE, PA 19087	610-783-5245	—	MAILING	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes/No
Risala Ferrater-More		1518 Willowbrook Lane Villanova, Pa 19085	610 525-2857	—	..	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes/No
JOHN MCBRIDE	MEIU #23	1605 W. MAIN NORRISTOWN PA 19403	610-539-8550	Jmcbriw@meiu.org		Yes/No
Susan Frear		1630 Locust ST NORRISTOWN Pa 19401	610 277-9126	Susanefre@aol.com	mailing	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes/No
John Hellbush	Upper Merion Police	175 W Valley Forge Rd King of Prussia Pa	610 265-3232	Jhellbush@UMTownship.org		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes/No

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Paul Kuhns	myself	343 Pawling Road Phoenixville, Pa	610-933-6316	—	Mailing	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Steve Saffer	Audubon Pennsylvania	545 Almshouse Rd Luzerne PA 18974	215-355- 9588 x22	ssaffier@ audubon.org	email	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Glenn Nelson	Chester County Parks + Rec	601 Westtown Road Suite 160 West Chester, PA 19380	610-344-5930	gnelson@chesco.org	invitation	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Bill Goetz	UMPD	175 W. J FORGE RD King of Prussia.	610-265- 3232 x176	B Goetz (AUMTOWNSHIP .OR		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Helen Weinger	NONE	523 Elliott Dr Kopp	610-265- 5664		mailing	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Doris Freeman	Upper Merion Activist	582 Hansen Rd. King of Prussia, PA 19406	610/265-3549	dfreeman582@ verizon.net	Upper Merion Senior Service Center announcement	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No Please!
Jamie DeNito Brannagh	Lower Providence Resident None	117 Farview Ave. Norristown, Pa. 19403	610-630- 9777	—	Park—	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Nadine Glasgow	myself	1 Queens Ave Malvern PA 19355	610 644 9231	—	mailing	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

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Joseph G. McGuire	Neighbor	606 Thomas Jefferson Rd Wayne	610 783-7666	jgmplm@ VERIZON.NET	mailing	Yes/No yes.
Alta Jamman	Volunteer	407 Pennair La. Wayne PA 1908	610 687-3486	DOTOT@COOPER.WE		Yes/No
Ronald Smith	AUBURN GAME & FISH ASSOC.	988 BEAR CREEK ROAD AUBURN PA 17922	570-754 7774	choirboy76@ LOSCH.NET	FRIEND	Yes/No
Laurie Elliott	Neighbor	788 Worthington Rd Wayne	610 783 6575	elstfamily@ comcast.net	Friend/Neighbor	Yes/No
Francis J. Farina	Citizen Do	577 Engary Lane Devon	610-695- 9007	Tubalan@ aol.com	News, pgm	Yes/No
Dorothy Eleanor Carroll	Neighbor	670 Thomas Jefferson Rd	610-783- 7414	EL.Carroll @VERIZON.NET	mailing	Yes/No
Jessica & Dimuzio, VMD & Thomas H. Deser, Ph.D.	citizens.	2630 Hillcrest Ave East Norriton PA 19401	610-272- 3874	sdumda@comcast. net.	Kristine	Yes/No

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Patricia McGuire	neighbor	606 Thomas Jefferson Rd. Wayne, PA 19087	610 783-7666	JGmPLM@VERIZON.NET	PAPER MAILED BROCHURE	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Nancy Loane	The Friends of VFP	Po 264 Valley Forge 19481	610 415 9247	nancyloane@comcast.net	The Friends of VFP	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Kenneth Stoltz	Schuylkill County Sportsmen Assoc.	76 Sculps Hill Rd Orwigsburg PA 17961	(570) 366-2746	None	Friend	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Darrel Muck	Neighbor	1425 Yellow Springs Rd. Malvern	610 644-9260	dlmuck@aol.com	Friend	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
DAVID HARDY	Neighbor	21 VAUX LANE	610-6665169		Flyer	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
John Borneman	Neighbor	590 Richard Rd	610 783 5124	borneman3@aol.com	FLYER	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Mike DiPaño	Neighbor	1725 Yellow Springs Rd Malvern	610 296909		Flyer	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Rm Patterson	Vol. VFNP	334 Devon Way West Chester	610/431-0811			No

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Yvonne Holman	mcia	1405 W Main St Norristown PA 19403	610 755-9376	yholman@mcia.org	from Chris Hester	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Nancy Dyson		614 Gulph Rd	610-783-5617		letter	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Mark Woepse		631 Thomas Jefferson Rd Wayne	610 491 9655	mark@strategiceye.com	letter	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Drew Shaw	mont Co Plan Comm	1306 E Evergreen Dr	610 278 3733	dshaw@montcopa.org	Flyer	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Katharine Jordan J-Richard Jordan		560 Clothier Springs Rd, Malvern PA 19355	610-933-4183	kejcom@comcast.net	flyer	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Julie Morris		2603 Park St. Reading, PA 19606	610 779 4301	tree_chopper2002 @yahoo.com	flyer	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Gregg Lamney		515 Valley Park Rd Phoenixville Pa 19360	610-935 933-7202	mpower35@yahoo.com	flyer	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

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C.H. Wolfinger	Self	219 Chandler Dr West-Clare D.	600 436 9061	_____		Yes/No
J. Mandarella	Self	678 Gulph Rd Wayne, PA 19087	610 783 0707		phamphlet	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes/No
Lisa Jones	Self	1240 Wayne Ave Pharmyville, Pa. 19460	610 761-0639	BELLARPE @ COMCAST.NET.	friend	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes/No
Walter A. Rydzala	V.F.S.S.	107 Woodlawn Ave. Broomall, PA 19008	610 356-8445	_____	phamphlet	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes/No
PAUL FRIES	SELF	561 KEEBLER RD. KOPF, PA 19406	610 265 9269		MAILING	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes/No
Rick Branagh	NPS	117 FARVIEW AVE	610-680-9777		WORK	Yes/ <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Robert Wingert	Self	1436 Bradford Lane Wayne 19087	610-688-2336	Wingerters@hotmail.com	phamphlet	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes/No

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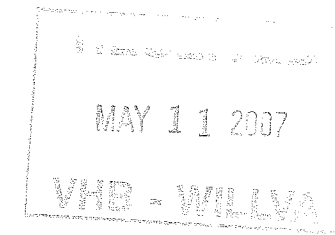
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Jane Trolier	Home owner	619 Thomas Jefferson Rd, Wayne	610-783-7493		Advertisement by Valley Forge National Park	Yes/No Yes
Richard Helmer	East Stroudsburg University Student	1200 Resica Falls Rd East Stroudsburg PA 18302	215 370-0412		VFNHP	Yes/No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
Steve & Jerry Keller	626 T. Jefferson Rd Wayne		610 783-6150		VFNHP	Yes/No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
Samuel M. York Sr.	Auburn Game & Fish	103 East Deer Drive Auburn, Pa 17922-8934	570-754-7074		T.V.	Yes/No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
Sue Davis	Homeowner/ Neighbor	1746 Weedon Rd. Wayne, PA 19087	610-783-0693	XXXXXXXXXXXX	Mailier	Yes/No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
Sheila Bartlett	47m So. Serv. Ctr	216 Hawthorn Rd KP PA 19406	610 265-3260	JAN BARTLETT@comcast.net	Envelope	Yes/No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
AAUS VAN NABESSEN	WAYNE AREA RESIDENT	460 Reussian WAYNE PA	610 688 4240		VFNHP	Yes/No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes

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R.A. ULDAWETA		236 LAUREEN RD SCHWENKSVILLE, PA 19473	610 287 1574	CUSG8@COMCAST.NET	V.F. WELCOME CENTER	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Ron Gray		650 Richards Road Wayne, PA 19087	610 783 6818	rdg1224@verizon.net	mauler	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
E. Cochran		4 Evergreen Ave. Wayne, PA 19087	610.466 0321	ekdesignmine@ yahoo.com	Kris Heister	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Oliver Rich		559 Park Ridge Dr. Wayne, PA. 19087			folder in mail	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
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Eugene Riccio		1455 Anthony Wayne Dr. Wayne PA. 19087 1325	610 6880380		Mail	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
JIM MORRISON		P.O. BOX 401 VALLEY FORGE, PA 19481	610-933-7155	JIMMORRISON@ COMCAST.NET	TELEPHONE	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Daniel Kristie			610-896- 9555	Don dkristie@manlinolife.com		Yes/No
DALE SANVILLE		Box 384 Valley Forge, PA. 19481	610-935-1313			<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Eve Sauter		1369 Wisteria Drive Malvern, PA 19355	610-695-9352	JSESCS@aol	Friend	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Shawn Kirk		2010 McHugh Ln Valley Forge PA 19481	610 291- 2177	shawn@kirksales.com	MAIL	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Dave Carnice		1558 2nd St. RD # 2 Phoenixville PA 19460	610 660 6244		Mail	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

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Kathy King	Mt Misery Resident Park Volunteer	1763 Hamilton Drive Phoenixville PA 19460	610 783 7036	two.womanads@rcu.com	mailing	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Jane Condi	Neighbor	617 Thomas Jefferson Rd Wayne, PA	610 783 7159	NOAPSUE@VERIZON.NET	mailing	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
TED Polk	SUBURBAN DEER	120 Boxer Run	610 406 1110	PolkTV@aol.com not		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Anne Ross	Park User	1220 Drayton Lane Wynnewood PA 19096	610-642- 2247	atjross@aol.com	email	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
LISA SULLIVAN	VFAS Neighbor	1445 Gentnude Ave Phoenixville PA 19460	610-666- 5909	LisaGSullivan@aol.com netzero.com	MAIL	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Ray & Jacqueline Marshall		107 FENNERTON Rd. Parsippany PA	610-647- 1281		PAPER	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
HOWARD SCOTT	Neighbor	2050 DIAMOND ROCK Hill Rd	610-647 9181		PAPER	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

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KATRINA KMEZOWSKI		134 RIVERS EDGE DRIVE NORRISTOWN PA 19403	610 630 4416	KATRINA 60 @ MSN. COM	MAILER	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes/No
PEGGY FRANCK		1929 Welsh Valley Rd. Malvern Pa 19355	610-296- 9072	pfrank77@msn.com	11	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes/No
Chuck Marshall		32 Wister Rd Pott PA 19381	610-478 6430	cgmarshall@nni.com	Work for VFNP	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes/No
Susie Wilmerding	Friends of the Wissahickon	260 Booth La Haverford PA 19041	610-642- 5537	swilmerding@yahoo. com		Yes/No
Allen Komar	S.P.M	1281 Leesport Rd Leesport, PA 19533	484-256 4729	AEH0429@comcast. net	Friend	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes/No
Bob Conroy		1750 Rock Hill LN Pville PA 19460	610 783-1209	BOB Conroy @ Comcast.net	MAILER	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes/No
Gill Trout Trout Unlimited		224 Roberts Lane Pott PA	610- 644-6184		Newspaper	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes/No

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Kate Atkins	UPENN	246 Wilder St, Phila PA 19147	215 462 4966	kattkins@sas.upenn.edu	mother lives in Glenwoodie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
EWEN ATLEE	RESIDENT	57 TRENTY DR 19087	610 640 1497	PO BOX 1152 202 - CO PA	MAILING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes/No
JOHN CARPENTER	DEER COUNTRY Valley Forge Pa (Resident)	33 RAMPART DR CHASTER BOROUGH	610 725-8213	NO TRUMP 3 CARTA jdc@yahoo.com	on board of VF Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes/No
Mike Bertram	Resident	1763 Hamilton Drive	610 783 2086	TWO. WORMS@RCN.COM	Various	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes/No
Jennifer Reimenschneider	Park User	596 A St. King of Prussia, PA 19406		mfajenny2@ yahoo.com	brochure mailing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes/No
DON NAIMOLI	Friends of VF	101 Pugh Rd Wayne PA	610 254 0948	DONAIMOLI@COMCAST.NET	Not VF Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes/No
L. Story		Berwyn PA				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes/No
Martin Tuley		Malvern PA	610 633 91641		Flyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes/No

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RICHARD C. HARKNESS	TREDYFFRIN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPT	1100 DUPORTAIL RD BRIDGEMAN PA 19312	610 408 3641	RHARKNESS @TREDYFFRIN.ORG	CHANNEL 6 NEWS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes/No
Mimi Gleason	Tredyffrin Twp		610-408-3601	mgleason@tredyffrin.org		Yes/No
Amy Whysor	Tredyffrin	1759 Hamilton Phoenixville PA	410-782- 574			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes/No
Jann Guter	Schuylkill Twp	99 Oakwood La Phoenixville PA	783-5633		at twp. bldg	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes/No
Randy Gurak	Tredyffrin	1604 Horseshoe Trail	610-640-4750	R.GURAK@AOL.com		Yes/No
William Moses		2110 OAKLAND DR NORRISTOWN PA 19403	610 630 9118		MAILER	Yes/No
William Hough	Tredyffrin	1638 Stephens Dr Weyers PA 19087	610-783 5969	wunzhough@ verizon.net		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes/No

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Gerard Kniezewski		19460 7 ANDERSON AVE PHOENIXVILLE	610-917-3350	GKniezew@AOL.COM	FRIEND	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Joan Werblin		1061 Hedgerow Circle Wayne PA 19087	610 971 9520	jswerb@hotmail.com	McKaig Nature Center Meeting	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Lloyd Brown		435 Beaumont Rd Devon, PA 19333	610-687- 2688	llobrow@comcast.net	N.P.C.A	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Lisa Levinson		421 J.4004 ST #1F Phila. Pa. 19104	215. 895.0388	lisa@publiceyeaphilly.org	email	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Cathy Duff		1718 Forge Mt. Dr. Valley Forge Mt.	610-783- 5434	Cathyeduff@comcast.net		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Jennifer Lortz		1980 Rochambeau Dr. Malvern PA 19355	610-647- 0642	jenlortz@comcast.net		<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Jay Halsey		1625 Russell Rd, Paoji PA 19301	610 296 4949	JayHalsey@ aol.com	Accident.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Ed Finkel		11 SALEM WAY Malvern, Pa 19355	610 644. 1784	nbFinkel@aol.com	mail	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

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Thursday November 9, 2006
Tredyffrin Township Community Building

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						Yes/No
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APPENDIX 2: CORRESPONDENCE LIST

**List of Individuals and Organizations that Commented During Scoping for the Valley Forge
Deer Management Plan/EIS**

Correspondence ID	Organization	Name
9	Quality Deer Management Association	Adams, Kip P.
156		Alleva, Rosemarie
67		Allison, Barry
146		Atkins, Kate
11		Bean, C. P.
106		Beck, James
105		Benjamin, Bonnie
53		Benner, David E.
41		Blythe, Linda M.
38		Borneman, R.Ph. John
75		Boucas Neto, Sarah
143		Branagh, Janice
102		Bressler, Kevin
1		Brier, Marc A.
49		Brown, Lloyd H.
40		Bunting, Kelly D.
21		Cade, Dean B.
131		Calderaio, Deanna
119		Carlin, Beth
142		Carroll, Eleanor
64	Pity Not Cruelty, Inc	Cerqua, Catherine A.
26		Cerwinka, Paul L.
136		Chenucietii, Bob
115		Clark, Deborah
101		Cohn, Priscilla
73		Dan-Sardinas, Lydia
139		Daris, Suzanne
50		Deardorff, Andrea
29		DeSantis, Barry
95		Dettore, Robert M.
109		Diehl, Carol and Clyde
120		DiMedio, John R.
114		Donald, Carl
132		Durante, Danielle
25		Earhart, Brandt N.
5		Eatman, Robert
59		Eble, Karen
140		Elliot, Laurie
58		Erb, Jay R.
48		Fall, Fred
12		Feldman, Laura

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155		Feldscher, Gloria
144		Finkel, Ed
103		Finnegan, Evelyn
160	Upper Merion Township Police Department	Fonock, Ronald
125		Foster, Tonya
145		Franck, Spencer and Peggy
96		Freeman, Doris L.
35		Garcia, Suzanne
15	Sisters of Mercy	Geiger, Justine A.
43		Genuardi, Charles A.
16		Giagnacova, Lori C.
2		Gosser, Gail
52	National Parks Conservation Association	Greenberg, Bernard R.
91		Harkness, Michael J.
118	Tredyffrin Township Police Department	Harkness, Richard
32	PaNHP	Kept Private
129		Harvey, Helen
110	PA Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals	Hawkins, William
18	National Parks Conservation Association	Heinemann, Heinz J.
62	National Parks Conservation Association	Heinemann, Heinz J.
6		Helm, Tom
45		Henrich, Richard
57		Hewitt, Laura S.
17	National Parks Conservation Association	Kept Private
84		Hussein, Ann L.
157		Irons, Bridget
88		Janicki, Joyce E.
36		Jaworski, Anthony/BettyLou R.
44		Jensen, Ralph L.
138		Jordon, J.R.
128		Jordon, Katherine
47		Kaeser, Edward F.
126		Kaeser, Rose
33		Kauffman, Dawn L.
127		Keller, Jerome
82		Kidder, Barbara J.
22	Safari Club	Koechert, Ralph A.
86	Defenders of Wildlife	Kramer, Samantha
130		Kslar, Joan
28		Kuligowski, Becci A.

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23		Kurz, Michael
37		Lander, Tim
34		Lang, John W.
159		Laskowski, Stephen
161		Lazur , Elieen
80		Lee, Susan S.
116		Lezenby, Kathryn
77	Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament	Malone, Sr. Mary F.
83	Valley Forge Civic Association	Martino, Justin D.
31		McDonald, Dorothy
133		Meilahn, Rob
14	National Park Service	Metzler, Fred
97		Mignone, Robert M.
79		Monheim, Eva
63		Morgantini, Dean
158	Valley Forge Citizens for Deer Control	Morrison, Jim
152		Moses, Bill
147		Munshour, John
19		N/A, N/A
24		N/A, N/A
46		N/A, N/A
74		N/A, N/A
78		Kept Private
87		N/A, N/A
30	Safari Club International	Naugle, George R.
81	NRDC	Navarro, Greg A.
27		Negrey, Jack N.
10	The Humane Society of the United States	Nolfo-Clements, Lauren
117		Occhiolini, Peg and Tony
61		Otero, Aline S.
55		Padworny, Charlene
123		Papciak, H.
68		Parke, Stephanie L.
51		Parker, Judith A.
124		Pasquale, Neil
42		Pavan, Robert & Barbara
135		Pierzchala, Wlter
60		Kept Private
154		Quinn, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas
4		Rabbett, Bryan
134		Reed, Barb
93		Rieber, Edith F.
100	NOA	Riebman, Barbara

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56		Roberts, Steven
122		Robinson, Bina
98		Rosa-Martir Schepperd, Pauline
20	Valley Forge Mountain Association	Saracino, Mark
104		Scartozzi, Greg
70		Schaeffer, Sonia C.
54		Kept Private
13	National Parks Conservation Association	Schneider, Edward R.
8		Schowinsky, Jeffrey T.
113		Seidel, Gary
72		Seip, Ann
112		Silks, Peggy
7		Smith, Edward J.
121		Spillane, Elizabeth
151		Spittle, John
3		Steinberg, Arlene B.
39		Steinberg, Arlene B.
92	PVMA	Kept Private
150		Story, Louise
85	Neighbor / VFAS Pres.	Sullivan, Lisa G.
153		Sweeney, Kathy
90	Mobilization for Animals	Thomas, Marshall K.
89	Mobilization for Animals	Thomas, Phyllis K.
66		Tymkiw, Liz L.
162		Van Naerssen, Hans
111		Vanswieten, AAT
148		Vogel, William
99	National Parks Conservation Association	Waldbuesser, Cinda M.
137		Walhs, Bob
108		Werblin, Joan
71		Werner, Karl W.
141	Defenders of Wildlife	Whiteford, Richard
65		Willauer, Neil H.
76		Williams, Shawn
94		Woepse, Mark W.
149		Wolfinge, Charles
69	National Parks Conservation Association	Zarazowski, Jeannine
107		Zern, Charles

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APPENDIX 3: INDEX BY ORGANIZATION TYPE REPORT

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Civic Group

Valley Forge Civic Association - 83; AL4000 - Alternatives: New Alternatives or Elements.

Churches/Religious Groups

Sisters of Mercy - 15; AL2100 - Alternatives: Alternative Eliminated - Public Hunt.

Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament - 77; AL4010 - Alternatives: Lethal Reduction without Firearms by Professionals (Archery). AL4040 - Alternatives: Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters.

Conservation/Preservation

Defenders of Wildlife - 86; MT1000 - Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments.

Defenders of Wildlife - 141; AL2100 - Alternatives: Alternative Eliminated - Public Hunt.

The Humane Society of the United States - 10; AE9000 - Affected Environment: Vegetation. AL2010 - Alternatives: Reproductive Control (chemical). AL3000 - Alternatives: Envir. Preferred Alt./NEPA § .101&102. AL4180 - Alternatives: Lethal Reduction - General. GA5000 - Impact Analysis: Thresholds and Assumptions. GA6000 - Impact Analysis: Scientific Data Used to Determine Impacts. PN8000 - Purpose and Need: Objectives in Taking Action. WH2000 - Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat: Methodology and Assumptions.

Mobilization for Animals - 89; AL2010 - Alternatives: Reproductive Control (chemical). AL4200 - Oppose Lethal Reduction. MT1000 - Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments. 90; AL2010 - Alternatives: Reproductive Control (chemical). AL4110 - Support Non-Lethal Methods.

National Parks Conservation Association

18; AL4190 - Support Lethal Reduction.

13; AL4050 - Support Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters. 52; AL1000 - Alternatives: Elements Common to All Alternatives. 62; AL2110 - Support Public Hunt. AL4040 - Alternatives: Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters. XX1000 - Duplicate Comment. 67; AL2100 - Alternatives: Alternative Eliminated - Public Hunt.

17; AL2030 - Oppose Reproductive Control (chemical). AL4020 - Support Lethal Reduction without Firearms by Professionals (Archery). VS8050 - Visitor Conflicts and Safety: Deer/Vehicle Collisions (Non-Substantive).

99; AL2120 - Oppose Public Hunt. AL4000 - Alternatives: New Alternatives or Elements. AL4050 - Support Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters. AL4125 - Alternatives: No Action. GA5000 - Impact Analysis: Thresholds and Assumptions. PN11000 - Purpose and Need: Other Policies and Mandates. PN2000 - Purpose and Need: Park Purpose and Significance. VS4000 - Visitor Conflicts and Safety: Impact of

Non-lethal Options for Animals - 100; - Alternatives: Reproductive Control (chemical). AL4000 - Alternatives: New Alternatives or Elements. AL4110 - Support Non-Lethal Methods. AL4180 - Alternatives: Lethal Reduction - General. MT1000 - Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments.

Natural Resources Defense Council - 81; AL4190 - Support Lethal Reduction.

Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals - 110; AL2010 - Alternatives: Reproductive Control (chemical). AL4070 - Alternatives: Fencing of Targeted Vegetation Communities. PN8000 - Purpose and Need: Objectives in Taking Action.

Pity Not Cruelty, Inc - 101; AL2010 - Alternatives: Reproductive Control (chemical). GA6000 - Impact Analysis: Scientific Data Used to Determine Impacts. MT1000 - Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments. PN2000 - Purpose and Need: Park Purpose and Significance.

PVMA - 92; AL2020 - Support Reproductive Control (chemical).

Pennsylvania Natural Heritage Program - 32; AL2010 - Alternatives: Reproductive Control (chemical). AL4000 - Alternatives: New Alternatives or Elements. AL4040 - Alternatives: Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters. AL4125 - Alternatives: No Action. AL4210 - Alternatives: Alternative Eliminated - Fencing Entire Park. PN8000 - Purpose and Need: Objectives in Taking Action. VS8050 - Visitor Conflicts and Safety: Deer/Vehicle Collisions (Non-Substantive).

Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA) - 9; AL2010 - Alternatives: Reproductive Control (chemical). AL2100 - Alternatives: Alternative Eliminated - Public Hunt. AL2130 - Alternatives: Capture and Euthanasia. AL4020 - Support Lethal Reduction without Firearms by Professionals (Archery). AL4040 - Alternatives: Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters. AL4070 - Alternatives: Fencing of Targeted Vegetation Communities. AL4125 - Alternatives: No Action.

Valley Forge Citizens for deer Control - 158; AL2010 - Alternatives: Reproductive Control (chemical). AL4050 - Support Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters. CC1000 - Consultation and Coordination: General Comments. GA6000 - Impact Analysis: Scientific Data Used to Determine Impacts. PN8000 - Purpose and Need: Objectives in Taking Action. VS8000 - Visitor Conflicts and Safety: Deer/Vehicle Collisions.

County Government

County of Chester Commissioners - 114; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat. PN11000 - Purpose and Need: Other Policies and Mandates. VS7000 - Visitor Conflicts and Safety: Deer Diseases (Lyme, CWD, etc.).

Federal Government

National Park Service - 14; AL2070 - Alternatives: Alternative Eliminated - Capture and Relocation.

Town or City Government

Tredyffrin Township Police Department - 118; AL4190 - Support Lethal Reduction.

Upper Merion Township Police Department - 160; VS8000 - Visitor Conflicts and Safety: Deer/Vehicle Collisions.

Recreation Group

Safari Club - 22; AL2030 - Oppose Reproductive Control (chemical). AL2070 - Alternatives: Alternative Eliminated - Capture and Relocation. AL2100 - Alternatives: Alternative Eliminated - Public Hunt.

Safari Club International - 30; AL2100 - Alternatives: Alternative Eliminated - Public Hunt.

Valley Forge Mountain Association - 20; AL4180 - Alternatives: Lethal Reduction - General. VS8050 - Visitor Conflicts and Safety: Deer/Vehicle Collisions (Non-Substantive).

Unaffiliated Individual

Neighbor / VFAS Pres. - 85; AL4040 - Alternatives: Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters.

N/A –

1; AL4180 - Alternatives: Lethal Reduction - General. PN3000 - Purpose and Need: Scope of the Analysis.

2; AL2020 - Support Reproductive Control (chemical). AL2120 - Oppose Public Hunt. AL2170 - Support Surgical Sterilization. AL4050 - Support Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters.

3; AL2100 - Alternatives: Alternative Eliminated - Public Hunt. AL4100 - Alternatives: Non-Lethal Methods.

4; AL2100 - Alternatives: Alternative Eliminated - Public Hunt.

5; AL2100 - Alternatives: Alternative Eliminated - Public Hunt.

6; AL2100 - Alternatives: Alternative Eliminated - Public Hunt.

7; AL2100 - Alternatives: Alternative Eliminated - Public Hunt.

8; PN8000 - Purpose and Need: Objectives in Taking Action.

11; AL2100 - Alternatives: Alternative Eliminated - Public Hunt. AL2110 - Support Public Hunt. AL4040 - Alternatives: Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters.

12; AL4140 - Oppose the No Action Alternative.

16; AL2020 - Support Reproductive Control (chemical). AL2100 - Alternatives: Alternative Eliminated - Public Hunt.

19; XX2000 - Duplicate Correspondence.

21; AL2100 - Alternatives: Alternative Eliminated - Public Hunt.

23; AL2010 - Alternatives: Reproductive Control (chemical). AL4070 - Alternatives: Fencing of Targeted Vegetation Communities. AL4140 - Oppose the No Action Alternative. AL4180 - Alternatives: Lethal Reduction - General. VS7000 - Visitor Conflicts and Safety: Deer Diseases (Lyme, CWD, etc.).

24; AL4040 - Alternatives: Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters.

25; AL2070 - Alternatives: Alternative Eliminated - Capture and Relocation.

26; AL4050 - Support Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters.

27; PN8000 - Purpose and Need: Objectives in Taking Action. VS8050 - Visitor Conflicts and Safety: Deer/Vehicle Collisions (Non-Substantive).

28; AL4000 - Alternatives: New Alternatives or Elements.

29; VS8050 - Visitor Conflicts and Safety: Deer/Vehicle Collisions (Non-Substantive).

31; AL2100 - Alternatives: Alternative Eliminated - Public Hunt. AL4040 - Alternatives: Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters.

33; AL4000 - Alternatives: New Alternatives or Elements.

34; AL4190 - Support Lethal Reduction. GA5000 - Impact Analysis: Thresholds and Assumptions. ON1000 - Other NEPA Issues: General Comments.

35; WH2000 - Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat: Methodology and Assumptions.

36; AL2020 - Support Reproductive Control (chemical).

37; AL4000 - Alternatives: New Alternatives or Elements. AL4040 - Alternatives: Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters. PN11000 - Purpose and Need: Other Policies and Mandates. PN8000 - Purpose and Need: Objectives in Taking Action. VS7000 - Visitor Conflicts and Safety: Deer Diseases (Lyme, CWD, etc.).

38; GA5000 - Impact Analysis: Thresholds and Assumptions. PN1000 - Purpose and Need: Planning Process and Policy. VS7000 - Visitor Conflicts and Safety: Deer Diseases (Lyme, CWD, etc.).

39; AL2010 - Alternatives: Reproductive Control (chemical). AL2020 - Support Reproductive Control (chemical). AL2120 - Oppose Public Hunt. PN8000 - Purpose and Need: Objectives in Taking Action.

40; AL2010 - Alternatives: Reproductive Control (chemical). AL4000 - Alternatives: New Alternatives or Elements. AL4050 - Support Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters. AL4070 - Alternatives: Fencing of Targeted Vegetation Communities. VR4000 - Vegetation and Riparian Areas: Impact of Proposal and Alternatives.

41; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat. VS7000 - Visitor Conflicts and Safety: Deer Diseases (Lyme, CWD, etc.). VS8050 - Visitor Conflicts and Safety: Deer/Vehicle Collisions (Non-Substantive).

42; PN1000 - Purpose and Need: Planning Process and Policy.

43; AL4050 - Support Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters.

44; AL2040 - Alternatives: Alternatives Eliminated - Predator Reintroduction.

45; AL4050 - Support Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters.

46; AL2100 - Alternatives: Alternative Eliminated - Public Hunt. GA6000 - Impact Analysis: Scientific Data Used to Determine Impacts.

47; AL2020 - Support Reproductive Control (chemical).

48; AL2010 - Alternatives: Reproductive Control (chemical). AL4070 - Alternatives: Fencing of Targeted Vegetation Communities. AL4200 - Oppose Lethal Reduction.

49; AE9000 - Affected Environment: Vegetation. AL1000 - Alternatives: Elements Common to All Alternatives.

50; AL4050 - Support Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters.

51; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat. AL2030 - Oppose Reproductive Control (chemical). AL4050 - Support Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters. AL4090 - Oppose Fencing of Targeted Vegetation Communities.

53; AL4080 - Support Fencing of Targeted Vegetation Communities. AL4190 - Support Lethal Reduction.

54; PN8000 - Purpose and Need: Objectives in Taking Action.

55; AL2080 - Support Capture and Relocation. AL4110 - Support Non-Lethal Methods.

56; AL2030 - Oppose Reproductive Control (chemical). AL2100 - Alternatives: Alternative Eliminated - Public Hunt.

57; AL4050 - Support Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters.

58; AL2100 - Alternatives: Alternative Eliminated - Public Hunt. AL4050 - Support Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters.

59; AL2110 - Support Public Hunt.

60; AL2120 - Oppose Public Hunt. AL4040 - Alternatives: Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters. AL4130 - Support the No Action Alternative.

61; AL2080 - Support Capture and Relocation.

63; AL2120 - Oppose Public Hunt. AL4050 - Support Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters.

64; AL2020 - Support Reproductive Control (chemical). AL4200 - Oppose Lethal Reduction.

65; AL2100 - Alternatives: Alternative Eliminated - Public Hunt.

66; PN8000 - Purpose and Need: Objectives in Taking Action.

68; AL4050 - Support Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters. VS7000 - Visitor Conflicts and Safety: Deer Diseases (Lyme, CWD, etc.).

70; AE9000 - Affected Environment: Vegetation.

72; AL2070 - Alternatives: Alternative Eliminated - Capture and Relocation. AL4000 - Alternatives: New Alternatives or Elements.

73; AL2010 - Alternatives: Reproductive Control (chemical). AL4050 - Support Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters.

74; AL4050 - Support Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters.

75; AL2040 - Alternatives: Alternatives Eliminated - Predator Reintroduction. AL2110 - Support Public Hunt.

76; AL2030 - Oppose Reproductive Control (chemical). AL2100 - Alternatives: Alternative Eliminated - Public Hunt. AL4050 - Support Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters. AL4090 - Oppose Fencing of Targeted Vegetation Communities.

78; AL4190 - Support Lethal Reduction.

79; AL4020 - Support Lethal Reduction without Firearms by Professionals (Archery).

80; AL2030 - Oppose Reproductive Control (chemical). AL2100 - Alternatives: Alternative Eliminated - Public Hunt. AL4050 - Support Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters. AL4090 - Oppose Fencing of Targeted Vegetation Communities.

82; AL2010 - Alternatives: Reproductive Control (chemical). AL2020 - Support Reproductive Control (chemical). AL4030 - Oppose Lethal Reduction without Firearms by Professionals (Archery). AL4050 - Support Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters.

84; AL2170 - Support Surgical Sterilization.

87; AL4200 - Oppose Lethal Reduction. VS8000 - Visitor Conflicts and Safety: Deer/Vehicle Collisions.

88; AL4200 - Oppose Lethal Reduction. CC1000 - Consultation and Coordination: General Comments.

91; VS7000 - Visitor Conflicts and Safety: Deer Diseases (Lyme, CWD, etc.). VS8000 - Visitor Conflicts and Safety: Deer/Vehicle Collisions. 93; AL2020 - Support Reproductive Control (chemical). AL4200 - Oppose Lethal Reduction.

94; AL4000 - Alternatives: New Alternatives or Elements. AL4040 - Alternatives: Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters. PN3000 - Purpose and Need: Scope of the Analysis.

95; AL4000 - Alternatives: New Alternatives or Elements. AL4180 - Alternatives: Lethal Reduction - General. GA1000 - Impact Analysis: Impact Analyses. PN3000 - Purpose and Need: Scope of the Analysis. PN8000 - Purpose and Need: Objectives in Taking Action.

96; AL4040 - Alternatives: Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters.

97; AL2030 - Oppose Reproductive Control (chemical). AL2110 - Support Public Hunt. VS8000 - Visitor Conflicts and Safety: Deer/Vehicle Collisions.

98; AL2010 - Alternatives: Reproductive Control (chemical). AL4200 - Oppose Lethal Reduction. WH2000 - Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat: Methodology and Assumptions.

102; AL2110 - Support Public Hunt. AL4010 - Alternatives: Lethal Reduction without Firearms by Professionals (Archery).

103; AL4200 - Oppose Lethal Reduction.

104; AL4050 - Support Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters. MT1000 - Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments. VS7000 - Visitor Conflicts and Safety: Deer Diseases (Lyme, CWD, etc.). VS8000 - Visitor Conflicts and Safety: Deer/Vehicle Collisions.

105; AL2020 - Support Reproductive Control (chemical). AL2070 - Alternatives: Alternative Eliminated - Capture and Relocation. AL4000 - Alternatives: New Alternatives or Elements. AL4200 - Oppose Lethal Reduction.

106; PN8000 - Purpose and Need: Objectives in Taking Action.

107; AL2020 - Support Reproductive Control (chemical).

108; AL2010 - Alternatives: Reproductive Control (chemical). AL4200 - Oppose Lethal Reduction. MT1000 - Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments. PN3000 - Purpose and Need: Scope of the Analysis. XX1000 - Duplicate Comment.

109; AL4000 - Alternatives: New Alternatives or Elements.

111; AL2020 - Support Reproductive Control (chemical).

112; AL2020 - Support Reproductive Control (chemical). AL4200 - Oppose Lethal Reduction.

113; AL2020 - Support Reproductive Control (chemical). AL4200 - Oppose Lethal Reduction. VS8050 - Visitor Conflicts and Safety: Deer/Vehicle Collisions (Non-Substantive). XX1000 - Duplicate Comment.

115; AE9000 - Affected Environment: Vegetation. AL4050 - Support Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters.

116; AL4100 - Alternatives: Non-Lethal Methods. AL4110 - Support Non-Lethal Methods.

117; AL4000 - Alternatives: New Alternatives or Elements. MT1000 - Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments. VS7000 - Visitor Conflicts and Safety: Deer Diseases (Lyme, CWD, etc.). VS8050 - Visitor Conflicts and Safety: Deer/Vehicle Collisions (Non-Substantive).

119; AL2010 - Alternatives: Reproductive Control (chemical). AL4060 - Oppose Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters.

120; AL4180 - Alternatives: Lethal Reduction - General.

121; AL4000 - Alternatives: New Alternatives or Elements.

122; AL2120 - Oppose Public Hunt. AL4000 - Alternatives: New Alternatives or Elements.

123; AL2020 - Support Reproductive Control (chemical).

124; VS8050 - Visitor Conflicts and Safety: Deer/Vehicle Collisions (Non-Substantive).

125; AL2020 - Support Reproductive Control (chemical). AL2090 - Oppose Capture and Relocation. AL4200 - Oppose Lethal Reduction.

126; AL2020 - Support Reproductive Control (chemical).

127; AL4050 - Support Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters. PN1000 - Purpose and Need: Planning Process and Policy. PN8000 - Purpose and Need: Objectives in Taking Action.

128; AL4050 - Support Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters. PN8000 - Purpose and Need: Objectives in Taking Action. VS8050 - Visitor Conflicts and Safety: Deer/Vehicle Collisions (Non-Substantive).

129; AL2020 - Support Reproductive Control (chemical). AL4200 - Oppose Lethal Reduction.

130; AL2010 - Alternatives: Reproductive Control (chemical). 131; AL2020 - Support Reproductive Control (chemical). AL4110 - Support Non-Lethal Methods.

132; AL2010 - Alternatives: Reproductive Control (chemical). AL4200 - Oppose Lethal Reduction.

133; AL2070 - Alternatives: Alternative Eliminated - Capture and Relocation. AL2100 - Alternatives: Alternative Eliminated - Public Hunt.

134; AL4190 - Support Lethal Reduction.

135; AL4020 - Support Lethal Reduction without Firearms by Professionals (Archery). AL4050 - Support Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters.

136; PN1000 - Purpose and Need: Planning Process and Policy.

137; MT1000 - Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments.

138; AL4000 - Alternatives: New Alternatives or Elements.

139; AL4190 - Support Lethal Reduction. GA5000 - Impact Analysis: Thresholds and Assumptions.

140; AL4190 - Support Lethal Reduction.

142; AL4050 - Support Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters. PN1000 - Purpose and Need: Planning Process and Policy.

143; AL2010 - Alternatives: Reproductive Control (chemical). AL4080 - Support Fencing of Targeted Vegetation Communities.

144; AL4270 - Alternatives: Alternatives Eliminated - Repellents, Plantings, and other Deterrents.

145; AL2010 - Alternatives: Reproductive Control (chemical). AL4030 - Oppose Lethal Reduction without Firearms by Professionals (Archery). PN8000 - Purpose and Need: Objectives in Taking Action.

146; AL4000 - Alternatives: New Alternatives or Elements. MT1000 - Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments.

147; AL2010 - Alternatives: Reproductive Control (chemical). AL4190 - Support Lethal Reduction.

148; AL4180 - Alternatives: Lethal Reduction - General.

149; AL2010 - Alternatives: Reproductive Control (chemical). AL4050 - Support Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters. PN1000 - Purpose and Need: Planning Process and Policy.

150; AL2010 - Alternatives: Reproductive Control (chemical). AL4070 - Alternatives: Fencing of Targeted Vegetation Communities. VR4000 - Vegetation and Riparian Areas: Impact of Proposal and Alternatives.

151; AL2030 - Oppose Reproductive Control (chemical). AL2100 - Alternatives: Alternative Eliminated - Public Hunt. 152; VR4000 - Vegetation and Riparian Areas: Impact of Proposal and Alternatives.

153; AL2020 - Support Reproductive Control (chemical). VS7000 - Visitor Conflicts and Safety: Deer Diseases (Lyme, CWD, etc.).

154; AL2010 - Alternatives: Reproductive Control (chemical). AL4050 - Support Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters.

155; AL2010 - Alternatives: Reproductive Control (chemical). AL2120 - Oppose Public Hunt. PN8000 - Purpose and Need: Objectives in Taking Action.

156; AL2010 - Alternatives: Reproductive Control (chemical). AL4200 - Oppose Lethal Reduction.

157; AL2020 - Support Reproductive Control (chemical). AL4180 - Alternatives: Lethal Reduction - General. PN1000 - Purpose and Need: Planning Process and Policy. PN8000 - Purpose and Need: Objectives in Taking Action. VE2000 - Visitor Experience: Methodology and Assumptions.

159; AL4000 - Alternatives: New Alternatives or Elements.

161; AL2010 - Alternatives: Reproductive Control (chemical). AL2020 - Support Reproductive Control (chemical). AL4200 - Oppose Lethal Reduction.

162; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat.

APPENDIX 4: INDEX BY CODE REPORT

**Valley Forge National Historical Park Deer Management Plan/EIS Public
Scoping
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AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat

County of Chester Commissioners - 114

N/A - 41, 51, 162

AE9000 - Affected Environment: Vegetation

The Humane Society of the United States - 10

N/A - 49, 70, 115

AL1000 - Alternatives: Elements Common To All Alternatives

National Parks Conservation Association - 52

N/A - 49

AL2010 - Alternatives: Reproductive Control (chemical)

Mobilization for Animals - 89, 90

NOA - 100

PA Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals - 110

Pity Not Cruelty, Inc - 101

PaNHP - 32

QDMA - 9

The Humane Society of the United States - 10

Valley Forge Citizens for deer Control - 158

N/A - 23, 39, 40, 48, 73, 82, 98, 108, 119, 130, 132, 143, 145, 147, 149, 150, 154, 155, 156, 161

AL2020 - Support Reproductive Control (chemical)

PVMA - 92

N/A - 2, 16, 36, 39, 47, 64, 82, 93, 105, 107, 111, 112, 113, 123, 125, 126, 129, 131, 153, 157, 161

AL2030 - Oppose Reproductive Control (chemical)

National Parks Conservation Association - 17

Safari Club - 22

N/A - 51, 56, 76, 80, 97, 151

AL2040 - Alternatives: Alternatives Eliminated - Predator Reintroduction

N/A - 44, 75

AL2070 - Alternatives: Alternative Eliminated - Capture and Relocation

National Park Service - 14

Safari Club - 22

N/A - 25, 72, 105, 133

AL2080 - Support Capture and Relocation

N/A - 55 , 61

AL2090 - Oppose Capture and Relocation

N/A - 125

AL2100 - Alternatives: Alternative Eliminated - Public Hunt

Defenders of Wildlife - 141

NPCA - 67

QDMA - 9

Safari Club - 22

Safari Club International - 30

Sisters of Mercy - 15

N/A - 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 16, 21, 31, 46, 56, 58, 65, 76, 80, 133, 151

AL2110 - Support Public Hunt

National Parks Conservation Association - 62

N/A - 11, 59, 75, 97, 102

AL2120 - Oppose Public Hunt

National Parks Conservation Association - 99

N/A - 2, 39, 60, 63, 122, 155

AL2130 - Alternatives: Capture and Euthanasia

QDMA - 9

AL2170 - Support Surgical Sterilization

N/A - 2, 84

AL3000 - Alternatives: Envir. Preferred Alt./NEPA § .101&102

The Humane Society of the United States - 10

AL4000 - Alternatives: New Alternatives Or Elements

NOA - 100

National Parks Conservation Association - 99

PaNHP - 32

Valley Forge Civic Association - 83

N/A - 28, 33, 37, 40, 72, 94, 95, 105, 109, 117, 121, 122, 138, 146, 159

AL4010 - Alternatives: Lethal Reduction without Firearms by Professionals (Archery)

Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament - 77

N/A - 102

AL4020 - Support Lethal Reduction without Firearms by Professionals (Archery)

National Parks Conservation Association - 17

QDMA - 9

N/A - 79, 135

AL4030 - Oppose Lethal Reduction without Firearms by Professionals (Archery)

N/A - 82, 145

AL4040 - Alternatives: Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters

National Parks Conservation Association - 62

Neighbor / VFAS Pres. - 85

PaNHP - 32

QDMA - 9

Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament - 77

N/A - 11, 24, 31, 37, 60, 94, 96

AL4050 - Support Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters

National Parks Conservation Association - 13

National Parks Conservation Association - 99

Valley Forge Citizens for deer Control - 158

N/A - 2, 26, 40, 43, 45, 50, 51, 57, 58, 63, 68, 73, 74, 76, 80, 82, 104, 115, 127, 128, 135, 142, 149, 154

AL4060 - Oppose Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters

N/A - 119

AL4070 - Alternatives: Fencing of Targeted Vegetation Communities

PA Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals - 110

QDMA - 9

N/A - 23, 40, 48, 150

AL4080 - Support Fencing of Targeted Vegetation Communities

N/A - 53, 143

AL4090 - Oppose Fencing of Targeted Vegetation Communities

N/A - 51, 76, 80

AL4100 - Alternatives: Non-Lethal Methods

N/A - 3, 116

AL4110 - Support Non-Lethal Methods

Mobilization for Animals - 90

NOA - 100

N/A - 55, 116, 131

AL4125 - Alternatives: No Action

National Parks Conservation Association - 99

PaNHP - 32

QDMA - 9

AL4130 - Support the No Action Alternative

N/A - 60

AL4140 - Oppose the No Action Alternative

N/A - 12, 23

AL4180 - Alternatives: Lethal Reduction - General

NOA - 100

The Humane Society of the United States - 10

Valley Forge Mountain Association - 20

N/A - 1, 23, 95, 120, 148, 157

AL4190 - Support Lethal Reduction

National Parks Conservation Association - 18

NRDC - 81

Tredyffrin Township Police Department - 118

N/A - 34, 53, 78, 134, 139, 140, 147

AL4200 - Oppose Lethal Reduction

Mobilization for Animals - 89

N/A - 48, 64, 87, 88, 93, 98, 103, 105, 108, 112, 113, 125, 129, 132, 156, 161

AL4210 - Alternatives: Alternative Eliminated - Fencing Entire Park

PaNHP - 32

AL4270 - Alternatives: Alternatives Eliminated - Repellents, Plantings, and other Deterrents

N/A - 144

CC1000 - Consultation and Coordination: General Comments

Valley Forge Citizens for deer Control - 158

N/A - 88

GA1000 - Impact Analysis: Impact Analyses

N/A - 95

GA5000 - Impact Analysis: Thresholds and Assumptions

National Parks Conservation Association - 99

The Humane Society of the United States - 10

N/A - 34, 38, 139

GA6000 - Impact Analysis: Scientific Data Used to Determine Impacts

Pity Not Cruelty, Inc - 101

The Humane Society of the United States - 10

Valley Forge Citizens for deer Control - 158

N/A - 46

MT1000 - Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments

Mobilization for Animals - 89

NOA - 100

Pity Not Cruelty, Inc - 101

Defenders of Wildlife - 86

N/A - 104, 108, 117, 137, 146

ON1000 - Other NEPA Issues: General Comments

N/A - 34

PN1000 - Purpose And Need: Planning Process And Policy

N/A - 38, 42, 127, 136, 142, 149, 157

PN11000 - Purpose And Need: Other Policies And Mandates

County of Chester Commissioners - 114

National Parks Conservation Association - 99

N/A - 37

PN2000 - Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance

National Parks Conservation Association - 99

Pity Not Cruelty, Inc - 101

PN3000 - Purpose And Need: Scope Of The Analysis

N/A - 1, 94, 95, 108

PN8000 - Purpose And Need: Objectives In Taking Action

PA Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals - 110

PaNHP - 32

The Humane Society of the United States - 10

Valley Forge Citizens for deer Control - 158

N/A - 8, 27, 37, 39, 54, 66, 95, 106, 127, 128, 145, 155, 157

VE2000 - Visitor Experience: Methodology And Assumptions

N/A - 157

VR4000 - Vegetation And Riparian Areas: Impact Of Proposal And Alternatives

N/A - 40, 150, 152

VS4000 - Visitor Conflicts And Safety: Impact Of Proposal And Alternatives

National Parks Conservation Association - 99

VS7000 - Visitor Conflicts and Safety: Deer Diseases (Lyme, CWD, etc.)

County of Chester Commissioners - 114

N/A - 23, 37, 38, 41, 68, 91, 104, 117, 153

VS8000 - Visitor Conflicts and Safety: Deer/Vehicle Collisions

Upper Merion Township Police Department - 160

Valley Forge Citizens for deer Control - 158

N/A - 87, 91, 97, 104

VS8050 - Visitor Conflicts and Safety: Deer/Vehicle Collisions (Non-Substantive)

National Parks Conservation Association - 17

PaNHP - 32

Valley Forge Mountain Association - 20

N/A - 27, 29, 41, 113, 117, 124, 128

WH2000 - Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat: Methodology And Assumptions

The Humane Society of the United States - 10

N/A - 35, 98

XX1000 - Duplicate Comment

National Parks Conservation Association - 62

N/A - 108, 113

XX2000 - Duplicate Correspondence

N/A - 19

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APPENDIX 5: NON-SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES REPORT

**WHITE-TAILED DEER MANAGEMENT PLAN/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENT**

Non-Substantive Issues Report

(04/17/2007)

AL1000 Alternatives: Elements Common To All Alternatives (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 52 **Comment Id:** 40569 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: We must do something now about the ever expanding deer population at Valley Forge or they will ruin this unique historic site. Please use proven methods to limit the growth of the herd.

Organization: NPCA

Commenter: Bernard R Greenberg **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 49 **Comment Id:** 40585 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: The deer must be culled in Valley Forge Park. I support all efforts to reduce the white tail deer population in Valley Forge Park and hope that this effort will be accompanied by a program to remove invasive plant species. I hope the Park Service will take prompt action to solve this extreme problem.

Organization:

Commenter: Lloyd H Brown **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

AL2020 Support Reproductive Control (chemical) (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 107 **Comment Id:** 39870 **Coder's Initials:** JEFFREY_GUTIERREZ

Comment Text: I support reproductive control and the preferred alternative for managing deer in the park.

Organization:

Commenter: Charles Zern **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 105 **Comment Id:** 39873 **Coder's Initials:** JEFFREY_GUTIERREZ

Comment Text: B) to also utilize injectable birth control methods that wouldn't up-set mother nature's agenda too much.

Organization:

Commenter: Bonnie Benjamin **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 2 **Comment Id:** 39895 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: It is my opinion that the management of the deer population should be based on birth control as the first and most humane choice. The park and surrounding communities need to implement modern and humane techniques. These should be immediately implemented.

Organization:

Commenter: Gail Gosser **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 153 **Comment Id:** 40024 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I was sickened by the way the deer were SLAUGHTERED at the Norristown Farm Park. I think birth control is the only humane way of handling this situation.

Organization:

Commenter: Kathy Sweeney **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 92 **Comment Id:** 40082 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I agree with Jay Kirkpatrick, and I am more in favor of contraceptive use to control the deer population. I understand the importance of protecting the park and keeping the deer population under control. I am not against hunting as a form of control in general, but in the

park I would prefer the use of contraceptives, especially if my tax dollars will be used in the management.

Organization: PVMA

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 126 **Comment Id:** 40201 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: So, please please use contraceptive darts rather than bullets.

Organization:

Commenter: Rose Kaeser **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 112 **Comment Id:** 40210 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Please consider using birth control for the deer population

Organization:

Commenter: Peggy Silks **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 64 **Comment Id:** 40528 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Sterilization programs have worked in a lot of parks in the U.S. We should be setting the standard by what we do with this. I'm sure George Washington would not have wanted people killing deer just because there were too many.

Organization:

Commenter: Catherine A Cerqua **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 161 **Comment Id:** 40510 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Let's leave a legacy of non-violence to the next generation and not use weapons to solve our problems. Gunning down the deer to make our lives less problematic is NOT the way

to go. Please consider the reproductive control method when confronting the deer population problem. This way, our progression as a civilization will really be civil.

Organization:

Commenter: Elieen Lazur **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 131 **Comment Id:** 40503 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I am writing to ask you to please consider non-lethal means to control the deer population in Valley Forge Park. As a concerned animal-rights activist, I feel deer hunts are inhumane and in effect will not thin out the deer population as an end result. Administering birth control is a more humane way to control the deer population. With birth control, the deer population will decrease over time. We as humans must realize that this park is the deers' home. We need to share this park with its beautiful creatures, and not kill them as a convenient solution to their overpopulation.

Organization:

Commenter: Deanna Calderaio **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 125 **Comment Id:** 40479 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: As a citizen of King of Prussia and an avid user of Valley Forge Park, and an avid supporter of wildlife, I would support the contraception option for the deer in the park. Considering all the options, the contraception plan seems to be the most practical and the most humane.

Organization:

Commenter: Tonya Foster **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 111 **Comment Id:** 40450 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: The birth control treatment has been used in Europe in over populated areas. We are hoping that you can find a safe way to resist the one way thinking "hunters". We do not know the costs, but they do this also for stray cats etc. in the Netherlands. We wish you luck with the right decision.

Organization:

Commenter: AAT Vanswieten **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 39 **Comment Id:** 40366 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I believe that contraception is the only acceptable answer, along with better land management (i.e., fencing around vegetation). I do not believe hunting should be done in our national parks when other methods exist to control the deer and when hunting simply is not a long-term solution.

Organization:

Commenter: Arlene B Steinberg **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 36 **Comment Id:** 40288 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: We feel based on what we read, that contraceptive darts are not only the most humane, but most effective.....

Organization:

Commenter: Anthony/BettyLou R Jaworski **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 157 **Comment Id:** 40282 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Time has shown that killing deer doesn't produce the desired effect, except for the hunting minority. Killing deer gives rise to an overarching drive to reproduce at maximum potential, thus ensuring ample deer for hunters, which in turn is ecologically detrimental. By the same token, sharpshooters will have to return again and again. In effect, you'll have a perpetual treadmill. When all is said and done, if the perception of too many deer is indeed the reality and the clarion call goes out to do something, I would suggest fertility control. While the social, cultural, economic and political aspects of this approach are controversial, the science behind it is not. IT WORKS.

Organization:

Commenter: Bridget Irons **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 129 **Comment Id:** 40212 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Try PZP, it works!

Organization:

Commenter: Helen Harvey **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 113 **Comment Id:** 40577 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Along with the article I read about submitting my opinion on the matter, there were articles about deer birth control administered by both darts and baiting stations. The letter to the editor from Gloria Feldscher also made perfect sense.

Organization:

Commenter: Gary Seidel **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 47 **Comment Id:** 40574 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: After reviewing the article in the Times Herald regarding Deer Birth Control, I'm writing to support the use of the proposed method of Birth Control rather than hunting and killing of the Deer. This seems to be a much safer and humane way to control the Deer population.

Organization:

Commenter: Edward F Kaeser **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 82 **Comment Id:** 40202 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: My first choice of alternatives would be reproductive control.

Organization:

Commenter: Barbara J Kidder **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 123 **Comment Id:** 40095 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I agree shooting deer with contraceptive darts instead of bullets of controlling the deer population. Our neighbors agree.

Organization:

Commenter: H. Papciak **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 93 **Comment Id:** 40080 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Under no condition should deer be slaughtered in Valley Forge Park. Sterilization is working and must be the alternative.

Organization:

Commenter: Edith F Rieber **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 16 **Comment Id:** 39921 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I strongly oppose any form of hunting to 'control' the population of deer in Valley Forge National Park! The deer in the park are a major part of the landscape of the rolling hills of Valley Forge. Only humane methods, such as birth control, should be used to reduce the numbers of deer.

Organization:

Commenter: Lori C Giagnacova **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

AL2030 Oppose Reproductive Control (chemical) (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 17 **Comment Id:** 39924 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Birth control methods are too expensive and non-efficacious.

Organization: Nat'l Parks Conservation Assn

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 80 **Comment Id:** 40227 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I am convinced that birth control does not effectively manage the size of free ranging herds like that at Valley Forge.

Organization:

Commenter: Susan S Lee **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 56 **Comment Id:** 40548 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I strongly disagree with the use of birth control to give any animal. We do not do to well on in and it just released more toxins into our environment.

Organization:

Commenter: Steven Roberts **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 51 **Comment Id:** 40460 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Experiences at Fire Island National Seashore and other places show that birth control does not effectively manage the size of free ranging herds like that at Valley Forge

Organization:

Commenter: Judith A Parker **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 76 **Comment Id:** 40213 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Experiences at Fire Island National Seashore and other places show that birth control does not effectively manage the size of free ranging herds like that at Valley Forge.

Organization:

Commenter: Shawn Williams **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 22 **Comment Id:** 39935 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Studies have shown that birth control is a very expensive option and not very reliable.

Organization: Safari Club

Commenter: Ralph A Koechert **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 97 **Comment Id:** 40032 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: A hunting program would restore the deer to their natural, sustainable population size fulfilling the goal of land stewardship. Other courses of action such as birth control or deer relocation would be less effective, take to long, and far more costly. Doing nothing would be a breech of the public trust and would only delay inevitable action as the problem will grow to the point were it cannot be ignored.

Organization:

Commenter: Robert M Mignone **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 151 **Comment Id:** 40018 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: While I agree that something should be done to control the number of deer, I do not believe the solution is in the form of contraceptives. It would be yet another financial burden on the taxpayers

Organization:

Commenter: John Spittle **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

AL2080 Support Capture and Relocation (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 55 **Comment Id:** 40562 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I would like to see Valley Forge protected from the overpopulation of deer, however would not like lethal actions taken towards the deer. Please consider relocating or other non-lethal procedures.

Organization:

Commenter: Charlene Padworny **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

AL2090 Oppose Capture and Relocation (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 125 **Comment Id:** 40480 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Relocating them isn't very practical and shooting them isn't very humane. Besides, why should they be shot for just trying to survive in their natural habitat where they've lived for hundreds of years? There's only a problem now because of our urban sprawl forcing them to live and survive this way in the park. Because of urban sprawl, where else are they supposed to go, how are they supposed to survive? Like the fate of much of the other wildlife in this area.

Organization:

Commenter: Tonya Foster **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

AL2110 Support Public Hunt (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 102 **Comment Id:** 39881 **Coder's Initials:** JEFFREY_GUTIERREZ

Comment Text: I have been hunting for 33 years and consider myself to be an expert hunter. I am captain of a hunting club in central PA of a camp that owns 1500 acres, and am an expert marksman with a gun or crossbow, and would like to be included in the hunt, if possible. I live .9 miles from the park border so it is easily accessible for me. How do you get to be on the list of hunters, if that is the direction the park takes?

Organization:

Commenter: Kevin Bressler **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 11 **Comment Id:** 39915 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: In my opinion, since we cannot even get our teenagers to practice safe sex, it will be nigh-on to impossible to expect that contraceptives could be used effectively on this large a population of deer. Hunting is the only way that we will be able to reign in the number of deer within the park boundaries at Valley Forge. (I bet Washington and his men would have given their left arm to have this size herd around in the winter of 1777-78). I feel for the "animal rights people and their cause, but when Mother Nature has been allowed to get this far out of whack, human intervention is the only solution.

Organization:

Commenter: C. P Bean **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 59 **Comment Id:** 40537 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Hunters and cars are currently their only predators. Cars are too messy, dangerous and random. Therefore a controlled hunt is the only solution to this serious problem. A hunt should/must be allowed in Valley Forge to keep the deer population in balance.

Organization:

Commenter: Karen Eble **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 75 **Comment Id:** 40208 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I am not against killing them by hunters as long as no one gets hurt other than the deer.

Organization:

Commenter: sarah boucas neto **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

AL2120 Oppose Public Hunt (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 2 **Comment Id:** 39898 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I believe a hunt to be inhumane. Animals are wounded and can suffer for days and weeks often dying outside the park boundaries. It is time the park authorities implement a humane non-lethal program of deer population control.

Organization:

Commenter: Gail Gosser **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 39 **Comment Id:** 49155 **Coder's Initials:** JEFFREY_GUTIERREZ

Comment Text: I enjoy this beautiful park and recognize that there is a deer population that may need to be controlled but I am completely opposed to hunting, either by shooting or bow and arrow method.

Organization:

Commenter: Arlene B Steinberg **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 155 **Comment Id:** 46286 **Coder's Initials:** JEFFREY_GUTIERREZ

Comment Text: Hunting is the problem, not the solution. The lethal method of hunting skews the ratio of females to males to unnatural levels that favor females. Based on estimates, the ratio of females to males in heavily hunted states such as Pennsylvania may be as high as 30- 1. A small number of bucks are enough to impregnate the large number of does in the herd. One buck can impregnate up to 15 does in a single female cycle. Hunting is to a deer population which insulin is to diabetes, both are palliatives. neither is a cure.

Organization:

Commenter: Gloria Feldscher **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 63 **Comment Id:** 40529 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Relocation, fencing and/or birth control have proven to be unsuccessful efforts in other locations, in every instance I have read about. I strongly suggest and support instituting an annual hunt by trained professional sharpshooters (not a public lottery hunt) to cull the herd.

Organization:

Commenter: Dean Morgantini **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 60 **Comment Id:** 40535 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Public hunting is illegal and dangerous. The idiots who apply and secure hunting licenses are a threat not only to the wildlife but to the people in and around the park grounds.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 99 **Comment Id:** 40178 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: The culling operation must not include a public hunting component. NPCA opposes establishment of a public hunt in Valley Forge NHP. While allowing a public hunt may initially appear attractive for varied reasons, it is unacceptable because: Public hunting may not remove the most appropriate animals, because hunters tend to seek trophies and meat rather than target animals that scientists identify as best to remove to increase the health of the herd.

Organization: National Parks Conservation Association

Commenter: Cinda M Waldbuesser **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 122 **Comment Id:** 40581 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Please do not allow a National Park to become a hunting ground in any event.

Organization:

Commenter: Bina Robinson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

AL2170 Support Surgical Sterilization (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 2 **Comment Id:** 39896 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Catch and release (neuter) is another option as a humane choice.

Organization:

Commenter: Gail Gosser **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 84 **Comment Id:** 40189 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Please develop a plan for deer management that is similar to the Trap-Neuter-Return practices for managing other feral animal communities.

Organization:

Commenter: Ann L Hussein **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

AL4020 Support Lethal Reduction without Firearms by Professionals (Archery) (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 135 **Comment Id:** 39861 **Coder's Initials:** jsg

Comment Text: Everyone agreed the only way to control the deer is by professional bow hunters or the use of professional firearm hunters.

Organization:

Commenter: Wlateral Pierzchala **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 17 **Comment Id:** 39925 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Bow hunting was used very effectively in Wissahickon park in Philadelphia-- native plant species are making a comeback

Organization: Nat'l Parks Conservation Assn

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 9 **Comment Id:** 39909 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Lethal Reduction without Firearms by Specially Trained Professionals (Archery and Capture and Euthanasia) Sharpshooting programs using archery equipment are generally less efficient than programs using firearms. However, this method is preferred over approaches that do not target the deer abundance problem.

Organization: QDMA

Commenter: kip p adams **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 79 **Comment Id:** 40219 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: If something needs to be done to reduce the population of the deer, a quiet hunt using bow and arrow would certainly maintain the reverence for this hollowed park ground and the animals as well - reducing the population with minimal noise.

Organization:

Commenter: Eva Monheim **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

AL4030 Oppose Lethal Reduction without Firearms by Professionals (Archery) (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 145 **Comment Id:** 39932 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: We live 1.2 mile from Park's western boundary. 1.) Within this year we found large metal arrow imbedded in ground next to our own garage (150 set back from road) 2.) A wounded deer died against our house this Spring. It had been hit in the left rump by an arrow which it had pulled out (entrails draped through wound). These results of hunting are more threatening to community than the deer themselves. Archers are not a humane solution, regardless of what the archers themselves claim.

Organization:

Commenter: Spencer and Peggy franck **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 82 **Comment Id:** 40203 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: am totally against archery, even by trained professionals. I have seen deer in the park walking around with arrows in them. This is a horrible sight for anyone, but in particular children visiting the park.

Organization:

Commenter: Barbara J Kidder **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

AL4050 Support Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 135 **Comment Id:** 39861 **Coder's Initials:** jsg

Comment Text: Everyone agreed the only way to control the deer is by professional bow hunters or the use of professional firearm hunters.

Organization:

Commenter: Wlateral Pierzchala **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 149 **Comment Id:** 40113 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Recommend with the lethal reduction by trained professional and with firearms.

Organization:

Commenter: Charles Wolfinge **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 68 **Comment Id:** 40447 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Since natural predators are gone from the area, culling in Valley Forge Park is

common sense.

Organization:

Commenter: Stephanie L Parke **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 68 **Comment Id:** 40445 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: It is essential that the deer herd in Valley Forge Park be culled, for the sake of the plants and people there.

Organization:

Commenter: Stephanie L Parke **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 73 **Comment Id:** 40441 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Much as I am against hunting, I support culling the deer population through the use of trained professionals. This is the only way to keep the population in check.

Organization:

Commenter: Lydia Dan-Sardinas **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 80 **Comment Id:** 40229 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: While lethal measures should be a last resort in a national park, it is my opinion that Valley Forge should consider a limited cull by trained professionals.

Organization:

Commenter: Susan S Lee **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 142 **Comment Id:** 40225 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I believe lethal reduction with firearms by trained hunters is the only viable solution.

Organization:

Commenter: Eleanor carroll **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 76 **Comment Id:** 40215 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: While lethal measures should be a last resort in a national park, Valley Forge should consider a limited cull by trained professionals.

Organization:

Commenter: Shawn Williams **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 74 **Comment Id:** 40206 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Please consider only professional culling to control deer overpopulation in the park.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 82 **Comment Id:** 40204 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: if a sharpshooter could kill with one bullet and it could be quick for the deer, that would probably be easier for the deer than being captured.

Organization:

Commenter: Barbara J Kidder **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 99 **Comment Id:** 40176 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: While lethal measures should be a last resort in a national park, Valley Forge should consider a limited cull by trained professionals.

Organization: National Parks Conservation Association

Commenter: Cinda M Waldbuesser **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 63 **Comment Id:** 40529 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Relocation, fencing and/or birth control have proven to be unsuccessful efforts in other locations, in every instance I have read about. I strongly suggest and support instituting an annual hunt by trained professional sharpshooters (not a public lottery hunt) to cull the herd.

Organization:

Commenter: Dean Morgantini **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 115 **Comment Id:** 40508 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I like seeing the cute deer all the time when I walk, but I think they need to be culled. It sounds like using sharpshooters would reduce the herd more quickly than using contraceptives.

Organization:

Commenter: Deborah Clark **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 45 **Comment Id:** 40506 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I strongly support the "Lethal Reduction with Firearms" option set forth in the Valley Forge National Historical Park White-tailed Deer Management Plan EIS as the primary method of white-tail deer control.

Organization:

Commenter: Richard Henrich **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 43 **Comment Id:** 40501 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: We are in favor of significant controls including lethal reduction with firearms by specially trained professionals.

Organization:

Commenter: charles a genuardi **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 40 **Comment Id:** 40468 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: "Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Specially Trained Professionals" is the option to choose.

Organization:

Commenter: Kelly D Bunting **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 40 **Comment Id:** 40465 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: My husband and I are in favor of thinning the herd by the quickest and most efficient means possible, including hiring sharp shooters.

Organization:

Commenter: Kelly D Bunting **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 51 **Comment Id:** 40462 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: While lethal measures should be a last resort in a national park, Valley Forge should consider a limited cull by trained professionals. For the last ten years, Gettysburg National Military Park has successfully controlled its herd using this method

Organization:

Commenter: Judith A Parker **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 128 **Comment Id:** 40458 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I also strongly recommend that "lethal reduction with firearms by specially trained professionals" be used as soon as possible.

Organization:

Commenter: Katherine Jordon **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 154 **Comment Id:** 40453 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: The deer heard is so large that the only option is to reduce it to a level that can be managed. As I see it, the only way to accomplish this from your potential management strategies is "lethal reduction with firearms by specially trained professionals." It is the only option that will efficiently and effectively reduce the heard.

Organization:

Commenter: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Quinn **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 158 **Comment Id:** 40745 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: VFCDC strongly supports the third deer management scoping option, which happens to be the deer reduction strategy currently used by Fairmount Park in Philadelphia: lethal reduction with firearms by specially trained professionals. We view this as the only viable option for near-term deer reduction. Existing (non-) management will obviously just allow a bad situation to become worse. Totally fencing the park would be impossible, in our view, given the major state roads, Valley Creek, and the Schuylkill River all cutting through the Park, not to mention being a costly maintenance nightmare.

Organization: Valley Forge Citizens for deer Control

Commenter: Jim Morrison **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 50 **Comment Id:** 40573 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Please cull the herds. They have successfully done this at Gettysburg and it is vital, not just for the local ecosystem, but also for the health of the deer themselves. I believe that professional culling is the best way to achieve a balance in this most beautiful and historic park.

Organization:

Commenter: andrea deardorff **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 127 **Comment Id:** 40546 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Both professional hunters and sterilization should be used as deer control.

Organization:

Commenter: Jerome Keller **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 57 **Comment Id:** 40544 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: If birth control additives will not slow the birth rate, and we already know the only predator available in this park is going to be motor vehicles, as the deer cross the road. I would be open to the considerations of professional culling to bring the herds down to a sustainable level.

Organization:

Commenter: Laura S Hewitt **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 58 **Comment Id:** 40538 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: While lethal measures should be a last resort in a national park, Valley Forge should consider a limited cull by trained professionals. For the last ten years, Gettysburg National Military Park has successfully controlled its herd using this method.

Organization:

Commenter: Jay R Erb **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 26 **Comment Id:** 40099 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Of the deer management alternatives described, Lethal reduction by firearm seems to me to be the most humane and cost effective. Some of the alternatives (surgery, capture & euthanasia) are too costly and only effective after years have passed.

Organization:

Commenter: Paul L Cerwinka **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 104 **Comment Id:** 39876 **Coder's Initials:** JEFFREY_GUTIERREZ

Comment Text: I would like to see as many deer killed by sharpshooters as possible, as their will be re-population by natural movement of deer from outlying areas.

Organization:

Commenter: Greg Scartozzi **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 13 **Comment Id:** 39918 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I am in support of culling the herd by professional marksmen.

Organization: NPCA

Commenter: Edward R Schneider **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 2 **Comment Id:** 39897 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: The third and least desirable method is a few expert sharp shoots to cull the herd.

Organization:

Commenter: Gail Gosser **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

AL4060 Oppose Lethal Reduction with Firearms by Professional Sharpshooters (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 119 **Comment Id:** 40058 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I want to express to you my hope that you will consider a long-term solution to the deer population problem in the park. Having "hired guns" to eliminate deer population has never been as successful as planned and it only generates the population in the long run. (And believe me, we would love to be offered an "open" hunt in the park but realize that is impossible!)

Organization:

Commenter: Beth Carlin **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

AL4080 Support Fencing of Targeted Vegetation Communities (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 143 **Comment Id:** 40280 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I was thrilled to find out that in 2002, the Humane Society of the U.S. offered to undertake an immunocontraception study on the deer herd at Valley Forge at no cost to the government. They were working in conjunction with Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine. The park declined their offer since they decided not to "manage" the herd at that time. Since Valley Forge now seems headed toward using some form of management tactic on the deer heard at this time, HSUS has re-submitted their offer. This time the study would be done specifically to reduced the population of deer in the park and would be on a much larger scale than previously proposed. The HSUS would like to open up a dialogue with the Park Service to discuss the offer. This information was given to me by Dr. Lauren Wolfo-Clements, Wildlife Scientist with HSUS. It seems to me that this option in conjunction with perhaps exclosures for any sensitive woodland areas that the park is concerned about, makes the most sense as a long-term solution for deer management at Valley Forge.

Organization:

Commenter: Janice Branagh **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 53 **Comment Id:** 40567 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Culling the deer herd from time to time and fencing off certain forest areas so they can rejuvenate before they are gone are the two best solutions at present for deer

management.

Organization:

Commenter: David E Benner **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

AL4090 Oppose Fencing of Targeted Vegetation Communities (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 76 **Comment Id:** 40214 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: fencing select vegetation communities would not reduce the herd or help rebalance the ecosystem.

Organization:

Commenter: Shawn Williams **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 51 **Comment Id:** 40461 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Likewise, fencing select vegetation communities would not reduce the herd or help rebalance the ecosystem.

Organization:

Commenter: Judith A Parker **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 80 **Comment Id:** 40228 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Likewise, fencing select vegetation communities would not reduce the herd or help rebalance the ecosystem.

Organization:

Commenter: Susan S Lee **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

AL4110 Support Non-Lethal Methods (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 100 **Comment Id:** 39886 **Coder's Initials:** JEFFREY_GUTIERREZ

Comment Text: It is my opinion that this "comment" opportunity promoted to the public by VFNHP is just a cruel hoax to those of us who seek a leading-edge, nonlethal deer management program in our park.

Organization: NOA

Commenter: Barbara Riebman **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 131 **Comment Id:** 40503 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I am writing to ask you to please consider non-lethal means to control the deer population in Valley Forge Park. As a concerned animal-rights activist, I feel deer hunts are inhumane and in effect will not thin out the deer population as an end result. Administering birth control is a more humane way to control the deer population. With birth control, the deer population will decrease over time. We as humans must realize that this park is the deers' home. We need to share this park with its beautiful creatures, and not kill them as a convenient solution to their overpopulation.

Organization:

Commenter: Deanna Calderaio **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 116 **Comment Id:** 40523 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I am writing to urge you to consider only non-lethal methods for controlling the population of deer in Valley Forge National Park. Humans have caused a great deal of stress and suffering for wildlife by destroying and encroaching on habitat. Animals are forced to risk their lives crossing roads to find food, water, and mates. Human activity limits the activity of animals to certain places and times of day. Roads cover and divert streams animals depend on, and we destroy and plant vegetation to meet our needs, with no consideration for theirs. We have killed off predators that once preyed on sick and old animals and replaced them with hunters who kill healthy animals in their prime and leave orphaned babies to starve to death.

Organization:

Commenter: Kathryn Lezenby **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 90 **Comment Id:** 40181 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I have information that birth control methods such as PZP do work and that on Fire Island it was successfully used to reduce the deer population by 60% over six years. I also understand that the PZP method has been offered free for use at Valley Forge Park. Therefore, I believe that nonlethal methods should be used now and that killing of the deer should not be done to reduce the size of the herd.

Organization: Mobilization for Animals

Commenter: Marshall K Thomas **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 55 **Comment Id:** 40562 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I would like to see Valley Forge protected from the overpopulation of deer, however would not like lethal actions taken towards the deer. Please consider relocating or other non-lethal procedures.

Organization:

Commenter: Charlene Padworny **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

AL4130 Support the No Action Alternative (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 60 **Comment Id:** 40534 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Valley Forge NHP is a historic American treasure which MUST be maintained as an untouched natural preserve. This is not the only area which has deer issues; this is common all over Pennsylvania and New Jersey and other states as well. It's nature --- leave it alone.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

AL4140 Oppose the No Action Alternative (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 12 **Comment Id:** 39917 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Too many deer, should thin the herd.

Organization:

Commenter: Laura Feldman **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 23 **Comment Id:** 39939 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: In your brochure you list five preliminary management strategies. Of these, the first, no change in strategy, is clearly not a solution (as demonstrated in the brochure's "population trend" chart).

Organization:

Commenter: Michael Kurz **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

AL4190 Support Lethal Reduction (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 18 **Comment Id:** 39926 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Living in an area over run by deer I am well aware of the damage that can be done when the herds get too large. I am very much in favor of controlling the number of deer in Valley Forge National Park by any and all means at your disposal including controlled deer hunts by professionals.

Organization: NATIONAL PARKS CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

Commenter: HEINZ J HEINEMANN **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 53 **Comment Id:** 40567 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Culling the deer herd from time to time and fencing off certain forest areas so they can rejuvenate before they are gone are the two best solutions at present for deer management.

Organization:

Commenter: David E Benner **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 147 **Comment Id:** 40481 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Lethal control initially to get herd down to a reasonable level then yearly management thru combination of lethal control and birth control methods.

Organization:

Commenter: John Munshour **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 140 **Comment Id:** 40358 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I am in favor of controlled hunts annually to control the deer population in the park. I am in favor of sharpshooters or archery or capture and euthanasia? Whichever is most practical and/or cheapest. I would like to see the meat given to food banks.

Organization:

Commenter: Laurie Elliot **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 139 **Comment Id:** 40335 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I support reduction by lethal means of the parks deer population. I trust the park will choose a method that will be as humane as possible, within reasonable cost. Most importantly, the safety of park visitors and neighbors should be the top consideration.

Organization:

Commenter: Suzanne Daris **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 34 **Comment Id:** 40279 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I also think the NPS could allow appropriate firearms and archery to remove deer in a safe fashion.

Organization:

Commenter: John W Lang **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 134 **Comment Id:** 40179 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I support lethal reduction with or without firearms as per your website page under "Potential Management Strategies". Please lessen the deer population to the proper amount which should be considered prudent.

Organization:

Commenter: Barb Reed **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 81 **Comment Id:** 40200 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Culling the deer population seems to make the most sense for this situation.

Organization: NRDC

Commenter: Greg A Navarro **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 118 **Comment Id:** 40062 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: As police superintendent, I am very much in favor of culling deer in Valley Forge National Historical Park, as we have routinely done here in Tredyffrin Township since the late 1990's. In fact, I support a sizable reduction of the deer population in the park to effectively minimize those problems caused by the current population. I also believe that we can only get a handle on the deer population issue if we all work cooperatively to solve the problem.

Organization: Tredyffrin Township Police Department

Commenter: Richard Harkness **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 78 **Comment Id:** 40218 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Kill almost all of the deer. I hate them. They are large vermin and rat-like. They have stupid looks and are arrogant. They are a plague.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

AL4200 Oppose Lethal Reduction (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 108 **Comment Id:** 39866 **Coder's Initials:** JEFFREY_GUTIERREZ

Comment Text: Killing the deer is a short-term effort that must be repeated yearly.

Organization:

Commenter: Joan Werblin **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 108 **Comment Id:** 39869 **Coder's Initials:** JEFFREY_GUTIERREZ

Comment Text: I don't subscribe to the killing of the deer because it is expeditious when there are better alternatives available.

Organization:

Commenter: Joan Werblin **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 105 **Comment Id:** 39875 **Coder's Initials:** JEFFREY_GUTIERREZ

Comment Text: Killing should not be the easy way out!!

Organization:

Commenter: Bonnie Benjamin **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 98 **Comment Id:** 39888 **Coder's Initials:** JEFFREY_GUTIERREZ

Comment Text: If you look at it from this honest perspective, it is absolutely appalling that the Park would decide to kill the deer as punishment for a situation that we created out of greed for land and homes bigger than necessary.

Organization:

Commenter: Pauline Rosa-Martir Schepperd **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 93 **Comment Id:** 40080 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Under no condition should deer be slaughtered in Valley Forge Park. Sterilization is working and must be the alternative.

Organization:

Commenter: Edith F Rieber **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 88 **Comment Id:** 40185 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I don't want the deer killed -- still another time. I want the deer left living. My comment is simple -- don't kill the deer...again.

Organization:

Commenter: Joyce E Janicki **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 112 **Comment Id:** 40209 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Please do not have a Deer Kill in the park!

Organization:

Commenter: Peggy Silks **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 48 **Comment Id:** 40582 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: There is no need for a violent solution to the problem of deer management at Valley Forge; we are now in the 21st Century and have evolved beyond simply shooting anything that may get in our way.

Organization:

Commenter: fred fall **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 113 **Comment Id:** 40579 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Hunting does not offer a long term solution to the problem of deer over population, but it does inflate the ego of hunters who love to be able to legally kill

Organization:

Commenter: Gary Seidel **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 113 **Comment Id:** 40576 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I am 100% opposed to letting hunters gun down, or shoot with arrows, the deer

population of the Valley Forge Park.

Organization:

Commenter: Gary Seidel **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 64 **Comment Id:** 40527 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Killing deer is not the answer. What message are we sending to our children.....just kill anything that's in the way or that's inconvenient. There are many programs available that could minimize the deer population without hiring sharpshooters to kill deer.

Organization:

Commenter: Catherine A Cerqua **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 161 **Comment Id:** 40510 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Let's leave a legacy of non-violence to the next generation and not use weapons to solve our problems. Gunning down the deer to make our lives less problematic is NOT the way to go. Please consider the reproductive control method when confronting the deer population problem. This way, our progression as a civilization will really be civil.

Organization:

Commenter: Elieen Lazur **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 125 **Comment Id:** 40480 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Relocating them isn't very practical and shooting them isn't very humane. Besides, why should they be shot for just trying to survive in their natural habitat where they've

lived for hundreds of years? There's only a problem now because of our urban sprawl forcing them to live and survive this way in the park. Because of urban sprawl, where else are they supposed to go, how are they supposed to survive? Like the fate of much of the other wildlife in this area.

Organization:

Commenter: Tonya Foster **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 132 **Comment Id:** 40476 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: The proposed deer kill scheduled at the park upholds and perpetuates a dangerous message to people ? if something is in out way or eating our flowers, we kill it. Although, many have become desensitized by this message, it is frightening to think what could be ahead for humans in general. We already see these practices of genocide and racial cleansing in other countries and with these messages that are being generated directed towards innocent animals who do not premeditate eating flowers and overpopulating, it is not to far off a though to think this frame of thought can overflow from human to human. We can see this already occurring from the many stories we hear of school shootings, etc.

Organization:

Commenter: Danielle Durante **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 129 **Comment Id:** 40211 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: No guns or archery killer please.

Organization:

Commenter: Helen Harvey **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 87 **Comment Id:** 40186 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I know it would be so wrong to start shooting deer in our National Park. It gave the children of Norristown the idea if something doesn't fit just right- kill it and the problem will go away. In Norristown, of all places, why did they let the children of Norristown High and Whitehall Elementary hear the gunshots all day as they killed the deer. There has to be a better way - NOT in our National Park should we ever allow this to happen.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 89 **Comment Id:** 40183 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: As a user and proud supporter of Valley Forge NHP, I am totally against a "cull" of the park's deer. A slaughter of these rather tame park animals is cruel and unnecessary, given the proven effectiveness of the birth control method PZP, including for large free-ranging herds like the one at Valley Forge. See www.pzpinfo.org and noasavesanimals.org.

Organization: Mobilization for Animals

Commenter: Phyllis K Thomas **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 156 **Comment Id:** 39934 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I understand the need to keep the deer population in check but am strongly opposed to doing so with firearms or archery. I strongly support a reproductive control system and would be willing to help with type of service

Organization:

Commenter: Rosemarie Alleva **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 103 **Comment Id:** 39879 **Coder's Initials:** JEFFREY_GUTIERREZ

Comment Text: I am totally against shooting fish in a barrel and that is what it surely would be. The deer are so used to being around people. There has to be a better way and slaughter is not it.

Organization:

Commenter: Evelyn Finnegan **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

MT1000 Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 108 **Comment Id:** 39862 **Coder's Initials:** JEFFREY_GUTIERREZ

Comment Text: I attended the scoping meeting at the Tredyffrin Township building in November. I was disappointed in the "break out" groups after an informative lecture re the need for managing the deer population at VFP.

Organization:

Commenter: Joan Werblin **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 108 **Comment Id:** 39863 **Coder's Initials:** JEFFREY_GUTIERREZ

Comment Text: Instead of investigating solutions to the problem, the discussion leader moved the dialogue right to methods of killing the deer and debating the logistics of sharpshooters vs. bow hunters. Attempts to explore other alternatives were ignored.

Organization:

Commenter: Joan Werblin **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 104 **Comment Id:** 39878 **Coder's Initials:** JEFFREY_GUTIERREZ

Comment Text: If you have any questions please feel free to call 610-405-0540 cell.

Organization:

Commenter: Greg Scartozzi **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 100 **Comment Id:** 39885 **Coder's Initials:** JEFFREY_GUTIERREZ

Comment Text: In 2002, VFNHP was offered a FREE deer contraception research program in conjunction with the Humane Society of the United States and scientists at the prestigious Tufts University, Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine. VFNHP strung the scientists along for the better part of a year, allowing them to fly in for site visits, prepare proposals and submit grant applications. Then VFNHP abruptly rejected the project. VFNHP claimed that a General Management Plan (GMP) had just been initiated and all deer projects were to be put on hold. This was a lie. Just recently a report was published by researchers at Cornell University that showed that the GMP had been initiated in 2000 (not 2002). So the GMP was well in place when the deer contraception proposal was submitted.

Organization: NOA

Commenter: Barbara Riebman **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 101 **Comment Id:** 39891 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Under the 2001 NPS Management Policies, Chapter 2: Park System Planning, 2.1.2 Scientific, Technical and Scholarly Analysis, it says, "Decisions regarding the treatment and use of park resources will utilize scientific, technical and scholarly analysis." (My emphasis.) Under 2.1.3 it also mentions the participation of "scientists and scholars" in "planning and decision-making." Under 2.3.1 General Management Planning it says, "The GMO will be based on full and proper utilization of scientific information related to existing and potential resource conditions, visitor experience, environmental impacts, and relative costs of alternative courses of action." (My emphasis.)

Organization: Pity Not Cruelty, Inc

Commenter: Priscilla Cohn **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 117 **Comment Id:** 40070 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Since the national government took over our state park, the ecology of the park and the surrounding neighborhood's plant life has been skewed beyond control. You have not been a good neighbor to the communities surrounding the park.

Organization:

Commenter: Peg and Tony Occhiolini **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 86 **Comment Id:** 40187 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Please start respecting the land that surrounds us. Please! I can't even begin to express how it makes me feel to know that in the year 2006 we still take so much advantage of that great earth. What are we teaching our kids? To take and take till there isn't anything left. This earth belongs to all of us not just people. I wish we could all just sit back and realize what an amazing place we were aloud to belong to and stop hurting it.

Organization: lcv,defenders of wildlife

Commenter: samantha kramer **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 89 **Comment Id:** 40198 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Park projects that draw in young people can include the removal of invasive

Organization: Mobilization for Animals

Commenter: Phyllis K Thomas **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 137 **Comment Id:** 40464 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: We hope VFNHP's Deer Management Plan is implemented soon so that we can proceed with applying for Important Bird Area designation for the Park. VF and Mill Grove cannot apply until VF gets deer in balance with habitat. You can and must do it.

Organization:

Commenter: Bob Walhs **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

ON1000 Other NEPA Issues: General Comments (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 34 **Comment Id:** 40278 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Why do you need an EIS to manage deer? What is the purpose and theme of the Park, the answer relates to deer.

Organization:

Commenter: John W Lang **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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VS8050 Visitor Conflicts and Safety: Deer/Vehicle Collisions (Non-Substantive) (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 17 **Comment Id:** 39923 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I highly dislike hunting (for sport), but the VFNP deer population is out of control. More deer means more reduced winter resources and more suffering, and more collisions with cars.

Organization: Nat'l Parks Conservation Assn

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 113 **Comment Id:** 40578 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Deer damage is routinely overstated by those who love to kill, and idiot drivers wipe deer hide hair on their damaged vehicles, no matter how the damage happened, so their insurance company will use comprehensive deductibles, instead of collision. Obviously there are many legitimate accidents involving deer, but the driver, in a lot of cases, is not paying attention, like in the case where an officer was run over while removing a deer carcass from the highway.

Organization:

Commenter: Gary Seidel **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 124 **Comment Id:** 40475 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I am a volunteer for the park. I was riving to work about 1.5 years ago on rt 202 and I was struck at 5:30 pm by a deer in my 3 month old car. I called police and they said the deer come from out of Valley Forge Park. I missed a couple days of work and I was fired from a very high paying job. I would have been making about 25,000 plus. I have not been able to get a job anywhere near what I made. I am very strong in this and have suffered a lot of people. You should thin out the population.

Organization:

Commenter: Neil Pasquale **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 41 **Comment Id:** 40471 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: The deer are also a danger to the many car passengers that pass through the park

Organization:

Commenter: Linda M Blythe **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 128 **Comment Id:** 40457 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I strongly feel that safety of people in the park should be a stated purpose of the plan. Cars collide with deer and cars collide with other cars that stop to view the deer or drive erratically to avoid deer. If measurable results are a requirement for including such purpose, surely such metrics can be defined.

Organization:

Commenter: Katherine Jordon **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 32 **Comment Id:** 40267 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Existing management is definitely not meeting the need to control deer populations as seen by the number of deer throughout the park in areas where traffic is heavy. This is leading to unsafe situations.

Organization: PaNHP

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 29 **Comment Id:** 40103 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Deer spread disease, they destroy vegetation which is vital for a healthy forest, and their number increases the danger of traffic accidents and potential fatalities. I have counted up to 25 deer grazing in my back yard at any one time. I don't allow my two grand children to play in the back portion of our yard for fear of disease. It has cost me many thousands of dollars to replace the vegetation they destroy each year and I've had an accident with a deer that darted into my path at night.

Organization:

Commenter: Barry DeSantis **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 20 **Comment Id:** 39928 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Last week I struck and killed a deer while traveling east on Yellow Springs Road near my street which is a cross street. No one was hurt but the car incurred \$1,200.00 in damage. You are welcome to view the documentation of the accident.

Organization: Valley Forge Mountain Association

Commenter: Mark Saracino **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 27 **Comment Id:** 40100 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: The dangers that the overpopulation of deer present are numerous from the high risk of traffic accidents to the proliferation of Lyme Disease

Organization:

Commenter: Jack N Negrey **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 117 **Comment Id:** 40072 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Also, the escalation of deaths and auto accidents attributed to the infestation of deer in Upper Merion, was not relevant. Chronic wasting disease has been found in deer, in West Virginia and New York, can Pennsylvania be far behind? This disease, spread by their saliva, can become endemic in the concentrated population enforced on us by your lack of control.

Organization:

Commenter: Peg and Tony Occhiolini **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

XX1000 Duplicate Comment (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 108 **Comment Id:** 39865 **Coder's Initials:** JEFFREY_GUTIERREZ

Comment Text: But other parks have successfully used birth control methods via darting to address this challenge as a long-term solution.

Organization:

Commenter: Joan Werblin **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 62 **Comment Id:** 40531 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: would be in favor of a controlled and limited cull of the herd by professionals, but not public hunting in an area that is so close to houses and tourists and people who love to hike, bike and wander there.

Organization: NPCA

Commenter: Heinz J Heinemann **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 113 **Comment Id:** 40575 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I am 100% opposed to letting hunters gun down, or shoot with arrows, the deer population of the Valley Forge Park.

Organization:

Commenter: Gary Seidel **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

XX2000 Duplicate Correspondance (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 19 **Comment Id:** 39927 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: test

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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