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Draft General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement



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*American Camp beach at sunset.
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Dear Friend of San Juan Island National Historical Park,

It is with great pleasure that the National Park Service releases for comment the Draft San Juan Island National Historical Park General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement. Once finalized, the General Management Plan will provide park management with a fifteen to twenty year blueprint concerning the future operation and protection of this unit of the national park system.

The Draft General Management Plan discusses three alternative approaches for protecting and managing resources and providing for public use and enjoyment of the park. Alternative C has been proposed as the National Park Service's preferred alternative, and this set of actions and programs is intended to become the General Management Plan for San Juan Island National Historical Park. This document also contains an analysis of the natural, cultural and social effects and consequences of implementing each of these alternatives.

Since its creation in 1966, San Juan Island National Historical Park has benefited from community support and public participation. Our planning effort for this Draft General Management Plan has also benefited from your participation and involvement. Many ideas from past workshops and written comments are represented in the desired conditions for the park, the individual alternatives considered, as well as the National Park Service's preferred alternative.

The proposed alternative would broaden the scope of resource management and interpretation programs to emphasize the connections and interrelationships between the park's cultural and natural resources. Historic buildings and structures would continue to be preserved, with some additional buildings open to the public for interpretation. New facilities, trails and programs would provide opportunities for visitors to understand how the park's natural surroundings influenced the settlement and historic events on San Juan Island and help define the cultural landscapes preserved within the park.

Please read this document and provide your comments to the National Park Service. The "How to Use this Document" section provides instructions about how to comment on this document. Your continued involvement and input to this draft document is sincerely appreciated and will help us fulfill our mission for the future of San Juan Island National Historical Park.

Thank you for taking the time to help us in this important planning effort.

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