



Seeking Input on Wilderness Study for Channel Islands National Park

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Dear Friends,

For the past several years the National Park Service (NPS) has been working on a new General Management Plan / Environmental Impact Statement for Channel Islands National Park, which is the guiding document for park management. We are now expanding this planning effort to include a wilderness study to determine if any NPS-owned lands within the park should be recommended for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System. The park's enabling legislation requires this wilderness study; wilderness designation in the park would require an act of Congress.

We will be holding public open houses in Ventura and Santa Barbara to hear your comments regarding wilderness in Channel Islands National Park. Public open houses will be held on June 17, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Channel Islands National Park Visitor Center auditorium, 1901 Spinnaker Dr., Ventura, and on June 18, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Faulkner Gallery, Santa Barbara Public Library, 40 E. Anapamu St., Santa Barbara. We will use this information in developing alternative wilderness proposals as part of the General Management Plan / Wilderness Study / Environmental Impact Statement.

You may also submit comments through **<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/chis>**, mail your comments to Channel Islands National Park Planning Team, National Park Service, Denver Service Center, P.O. Box 25287, Denver, Colorado 80225, or hand-deliver comments to the park headquarters in Ventura, California.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment - including your personal identifying information may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

For information about the wilderness study or general management plan, please go to **www.nps.gov/chis**.

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