



ASAN AND AGAT UNITS MANAGEMENT PLAN

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View of Asan Beach and Asan Inland Units from the water.

LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Håfa Adai Friends and Partners,

We are pleased to present the unit management plan and environmental assessment for the Asan Beach, Asan Inland, Agat, and Mt. Alifan Units of War in the Pacific National Historical Park. The plan was informed by earlier public suggestions and will guide the long-term management of these four unique areas, which include some of the most popular visitor destinations within the park.

We invite you to continue to help shape the long-term management of the units by sending us your comments on the plan (see the “How to View and Comment” section) and by joining us at one of the public meetings below. An executive summary is included in this newsletter. Your continued involvement will assist the National Park Service in achieving its mission at the Asan Beach, Asan Inland, Agat, and Mt. Alifan Units.

Thank you for your support and interest in the long-term management of these important sites.

Sincerely,

Barbara Alberti, Superintendent

PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

Please join us!

**TUESDAY,
JANUARY 30, 2024
11:00 am–12:30 pm**

Virtual Meeting
Visit parkplanning.nps.gov/wapa_ump for details

**WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 31, 2024
6:00–8:00 pm**

Guam Public Library,
254 Martyr Street, Hagåtña



Memorial Day celebration at Asan Beach Unit.

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Estague' I diniseha na plānu para I minanehan I unitu siha. U dineskribi I dos na manera ni' para u ma maneha I unitu siha giya Tāsen Assan, I tano' siha giya Hāgat yan i unitu siha giya Sabānan Alifan. Estague' I Plānu A: Na u Tāya'-Aksion pat tinulaika ya u ma kontenuha I hāfa ma kalamtitini pā'go yan I Plānu B: I Dinisehan I Setbesion Plāset Nasionāt. Este siha na plānu, sigun ni' emfotmasion put I guinahā-ña gi uriyan I unitu siha sa' put I ma tulaikan I klema, I ma finatoiguen I bisita siha yan I rinikohen I emfotmasion ginen I Setbesion Plāset Nasionāt yan put I hāfa I minalago'-ñiha i bisita siha, I taotāo I pupbleko siha, I ahensian gubetnamento siha yan otro siha na grupu ni' manggai enteres. Todu I dos na plānu u sinupotte I fundamento-ña I Plāset Hestorikon Nasionāt I Geran I Pasifiku.

Este siha na punto yan plānon aksion para I kada unu, u kinubre yan u tinattiyi I plānon i ginagāo-ña I Setbesion Plāset Nasionāt ya ma ibaluha yan na'siguru na konsiste ni' lai siha yan I regulasion siha. I ma apreba na plānon minanehan unitu, na para u giniha mo'na para la'apmam tiempo para iya Tāsen Assan, I Tano' siha giya Hāgat yan I Unitu siha giya Sabānan Alifan. Este na plānu u inayuda I manmā'gas I plāset ma disidi hāfa taimanu para u ma prutehi I guinahan I uriyan I plāset, I hāfa para u ma cho'gue kumu guaha tinulaikan klema yan para hāfa siha na aktebedāt yan bida ni' propiu yan I minalago'-ñiha I bisita yan hāfa siha mās na fasilidāt yan supotte ha nisisita I Setbesion Plāset Nasionāt para u minaneha I plāset. Era mās, u ha na'guaha plānon minanehan unitu ni' ma analisa yan inestudia put taimanu u faninafekta I guinahan I uriya siha para I kada unitu.

Plānu A I kontenuhasion ni' hāfa ma susedi yan ma kalamtitini pā'go para I plānon I lugat siha. Este na plānu u tinattiyi areklamenton I lai put I tano' siha ni' ma estapblisa ni' plānon minanehan plāset gi mit nuebi sientos ochentai tres na sākkan (1983) ni' plānon minanehan hinerāt yan I mit nuebi sientos ochentai ocho na sākkan (1988) na estatmenton minaneha. Adimās di ma deskribi I fotmāt siha na minanehan tano' siha, ha identifika I plānon minanehan hinerāt, taimanu u ma minaneha I guinahan I uriya, I uson I bisita yan I ma nisisidāt-ña I fasilidāt siha ni' propiu para kada unitu ni' pumarehu I ma kalamtete-ña yan I areklon I minanehan I tano'.

U ma kontenuha ma petsigi I minanehan aktebedāt siha gi tāya' aksion na plānu sin benefisio sigun I etmas nuebu na plānu para la'apmam ni' nuebu siha na sinedda' emfotmasion yan para I inilāo siha put I tinulaikan I klema. I kanton tāsi siha na unitu giya Tāsen Assan yan



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This unit management plan describes two alternatives for management of the Asan Beach, Asan Inland, Agat, and Mt. Alifan Units: Alternative A: No-Action (Continue Current Management) and Alternative B: the NPS Preferred Alternative. These alternatives are based on information about the units' resources, expected climate change impacts, visitor use, and visitor preferences gathered from National Park Service data, members of the public, government agencies, and stakeholder groups. Both alternatives would support the purpose and significance of War in the Pacific National Historical Park. The concepts and subsequent actions for each alternative comply with NPS park planning requirements and were evaluated to ensure consistency with current laws, regulations, and policies.

The unit management plan (UMP) will guide the long-term management of the Asan Beach, Asan Inland, Agat, and Mt. Alifan Units. The plan will help park managers make decisions about how to protect resources, how to respond to climate change impacts, what visitor activities and experiences are desired and appropriate, and what facilities and infrastructure are needed to support visitor use and NPS management. The UMP additionally provides an analysis of environmental impacts to the units' resources under each alternative.

Alternative A is a continuation of current management practices for the project area. This alternative would rely on the management zoning established in the park's 1983 general management plan (GMP) and 1988 statement for management. Rather than describing formal management zones, the GMP identifies an approach for resource management, visitor use, and facility development specific to each unit that has functioned similarly to management zoning.

Current management activities would continue under the no-action alternative without the benefit of an updated long-term plan that is informed by new data and climate change projections. The park's coastal units at Asan Beach and Agat

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giya Hāgat, u ma kontenuha sa' put mineggai yan sesso ma bisista achokha' guaha inachāki yan dinestrosan I pākyo yan I ma huchom I fasilidāt siha, taiguihi I fanfa'pusan yan I sagan attomobet siha. Gi plāset giya Puntan Rizal na bānda yan giya Sabānan Alifan yan I Tano' Assan na unitu siha, u tai siñat para u ma faloffāni ni' bisita siha. I mamaneha siha, u inilāo I etmas prisisu siha na cho'cho' ni' para u ma na'fañuha I mansen binenu na gā'ga' siha, ya u ma na'sāfu yan u ma sostieni I sepblan attekulon I Gera Dos siha, I ma tuge'-ña I estorian I lugāt siha ya u fanmaneduka yan gai aktebedāt siha ni' mānu I nina'siña na klāsen manera, yan para u sisigi ha' dumidide' I tiempo para I finatoiguen-ñiha I manemplehāo I Setbesion Plāset Nasionāt guatu gi unitu siha.

I Plānu B. I punto para I plānon I plāset na para u ma na'lamāolek I eksperiansan I bisita siha gi I kuattro siha na unitu yan u ma I'ilāo yan planeha mo'na tātukum guaha tinulaikan I klema yan hāfa para u macho'gue kumu inafekta I guinahan I uriya yan I fasilidāt siha. I ma ayek na plānu u guaha klāru na plānu ni' u ginihi I ma kalamte-ña mo'na yan gai aktebedāt siha para I mambisita yan para I ma kahāt-ña siha na fasilidāt giya Tāsen Assan, I Tano' siha giya Hāgat yan giya Sabānan Alifan. Este na plānu u ma plānon dos na manera. I primet na u ma na'fañuha I unitu siha gi kanton tāsi giya Tāsen Assan yan giya Hāgat. Ma ditetmina este I dos sa' put I diferensiaō na modu sigun i kinakahlom-ña yan I kinekuyong-ña I tasi yan kumu pākyo, sigun i inilāo modu siha ginen I Prugrāman Estādos Unidos put Guinaha Siha yan Inatotgan I Uriyan Tāsi.

I minanehan I guinahan I aktebedāt siha, sigun I ma ayek na plānu u ma cho'gue sa' put I taimanu ti u faninafekta yan langak I tinulaikan I klema, I manna'dañon I guinahan I uriya yan I hinatmen mambinenon gā'ga' siha. I Setbesion I Plāset Nasionāt u dinalalaki I manehan I plānu put I kottura ni' para u ma dākiumementa yan na'siguru na u ma sostieni I hestoriku na estrakturan liheng siha yan I sinedda' ansiānu siha ni' mānu siña ni' mansen empottānte ya u ma sostieni putno I fanmalingu yan ma destrosa. I taimanu ma maneha I manhestorikon lugāt siha gi uriya yan i manehan I hinatmen binenon gā'ga' yan tinanom siha kosaki gof siña manlā'la' achokha' put I tinulaikan I klema, era mās kumu sumen duru I manglo' yan kumu pākyo pat uchan pat osino sumen didide' I pineddong uchan gi kada sākkan. Gi Plānu B, I plāset u ma na'lameggai ayudu siha ginen i kumunidāt ni' para u inadahi yan prutehi I ginasgas I uriyan kanton tāsi yan I tano' siha ya u ma adadahi mo'na I chinalapon I milak hānom yan fache' guatu gi tasi yan I tano' kosaki u fansigi lumā'la' I mannatibu na gā'ga' yan tinanom siha ni' mansen empottānte para uson tradisionāt siha na manera.



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would continue to be very popular visitor destinations while grappling with frequent storm surge damage and closure of facilities, such as walkways and parking areas. The Rizal Point area of the park, as well as the Mt. Alifan and Asan Inland Units, would continue to have no formal visitor access. Resource management would focus on high-priority invasive species removal projects and cyclic maintenance to stabilize the units' World War II fortifications. Interpretation and educational activities would continue to be provided in multiple, accessible formats; however, the presence of NPS rangers in the units would remain minimal.

Under Alternative B, the park would focus on enhancing the visitor experience within the four units, while anticipating and providing guidance for how the park will address climate change impacts to resources and facilities. The preferred alternative includes updated unit-specific guidance and desired conditions to determine resource management activities and the level of visitor access and facility development within Asan Beach, Asan Inland, Agat, and Mt. Alifan. This alternative describes a two-phased approach to facility development and removal, particularly within the park's coastal units of Asan Beach and Agat. The two phases are each based on a different sea level rise scenario and storm surge model provided by the USGS Coastal and Marine Hazards and Resources Program.

Resource management activities under the preferred alternative would focus on increasing resilience to impacts from climate change and other environmental stressors, such as invasive species. The NPS would follow an adaptive management approach for cultural resources that emphasizes documentation and stabilization of historic structures and archeological features, where possible, and prioritizes preservation treatments in view of their likelihood of loss. Management of the park's cultural landscapes and diverse ecosystems would focus on invasive species management and enhancing native species that are adaptable to changing precipitation conditions, notably an increasing probability of intense storms, typhoons, and rainfall events but an overall decline in total annual rainfall.

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I Planu B u inefasisa mās put i prugrāma para maneduka yan I estoria siha put I plāset yan I uriyā-ña yan I hāfa ma susedi gi durānten I gera, āntes di yan gi duespues di I Gera Dos, era mās annai ma memoriāyi I Geran Guahan ya I Geran I Pasifiku. U ma emfasisa I hestoriku siha na punto gi gera kosaki u ma iksperensia I mambisita I hāfa kāsī ma susedi gi durānten I gera. U ma na'laguaha mās matiriāt ni' uson nuebu na teknoliha yan matiriāt siha ni' para u ineksplika mās I estoria. U ma establisa prugrāma ni' u fanggaige manāotao atten kotturan CHamoru siha ni' para u inadingani put I tano', I uriyā-ña yan I na'an lugāt yan I prinaktikan natibu siha. Este siha na manera u nina'libiānu yan gai siñāt lameggai siha na taotāogues kosaki u ma latungo' mās put minalingon I guinaha siha yan put I finaloffān-ña put este siha na unitu ni' manmappot yan chatsaga ma fatoigue.



Park staff interpret resources for visitors.

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Under alternative B, the park would increase partnerships with the community to protect the health of Guam's coastal and upland ecosystems through reef-to-ridge management practices that reduce erosion and promote native plants and animals with traditional use values.

Alternative B emphasizes broadening the scope of interpretive and educational programs to tell the story of the park's landscapes and communities in the years before and after World War II, in addition to commemorating the Battle of Guam and the war's Pacific Theater. To convey the historical context of the war and enrich the visitor experience, the park would incorporate a wider variety of current technologies into interpretive and educational materials. The park would also establish a program of CHamoru cultural practitioners and interpreters to share Indigenous knowledge and experiences about ecosystems, traditional practices, and place names. Alternative media formats would allow the NPS to provide access to park resources that are lost or challenging to reach in person and would allow the park to communicate the units' significance to a greater and more inclusive range of audiences.

HOW TO VIEW AND COMMENT

The plan has been distributed electronically to agencies, interested organizations, and individuals for their review and comment. Limited hard copies are available at the park visitor center. The public comment period for the document will extend for 30 days.

The full document is available online at the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment website at https://parkplanning.nps.gov/wapa_ump. We prefer that readers submit comments using this website, which provides an online public comment form.

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