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Public Information Meetings Scheduled for Aztec Ruins National Monument General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/EIS)

The National Park Service will host a series of public information meetings for the Aztec Ruins National Monument GMP/EIS during the month of October at various locations in New Mexico.

October 16, 2003 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the City of Aztec Council Chambers

October 18, 2003 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the park visitor center

October 27, 2003 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Santa Fe at the Holiday Inn, 4048 Cerrillos Road

October 28, 2003 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Albuquerque at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, 2401 12th Street Northwest

October 29, 2003 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Gallup at the Ramada Inn Limited, 1440 W. Maloney Avenue.

A new GMP and associated EIS are now needed:

- to insure that all interested individuals, organizations, stakeholders, agencies, and American Indian tribes have an opportunity to participate in the planning process;
- to reassess proposals from the 1989 GMP that have not yet been implemented, and examine recent developments that have departed from the 1989 GMP proposals;
- to incorporate resource data and information from recent inventories and studies;
- to reassess additional programs and operational needs; and,
- to incorporate new NPS planning processes, including establishing park "Foundation" statements, developing Management Prescriptions and Alternatives, and addressing resource impairment.

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When completed, this master planning document will serve as the primary park management blue print for the next fifteen to twenty years.

A successful plan depends on active and thoughtful involvement in the process by park neighbors and the community at large. During the initial phase of the GMP/EIS the park will gather information from local agencies, organizations and individuals on issues, needs and possible solutions regarding the study area. Participants attending the information meetings can express their interests, concerns and visions about the park and changes that might be made. Each meeting will also include a short presentation on the national monument and the planning process. Those interested may attend any one or more of the meetings at any time during the scheduled hours.

For those who can not attend, comments and suggestions can be sent in writing to:

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Aztec Ruins National Monument was established in 1923 by Presidential Proclamation as a “ruin of great antiquity and historical interest…for the establishment of a national monument with a view to the preservation of the ruin for the enlightenment and culture of the Nation.” For further information, please contact Dennis L. Carruth at (505)334-6174 ext. 22 during business hours. G

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