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NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD

A. OFFICIAL DESIGNATION.

The official designation of this Federal advisory committee is the National Park System Advisory Board (Board).

B. PURPOSE.

The purpose of the Board is to advise the Director of the National Park Service (Director) and the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) on matters relating to the National Park Service, the National Park System, and programs administered by the National Park Service, including the administration of the Historic Sites, Buildings, and Antiquities Act; the designation of national historic landmarks and national natural landmarks; and the national historic significance of proposed national historic trails. The Board may advise on matters submitted to the Board by the Director.

C. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

1. The duties of the Board are solely advisory, and are as stated in paragraph B above. The Board, in consultation with the Director, may adopt such rules as may be necessary to establish its procedures and to govern the manner of its operations and organization in performing its duties.
2. The Board Chairperson, in consultation with the Director, may establish subordinate committees drawn in whole or in part from the Board. The role of such subordinate committees will be solely to gather information or conduct research for the Board, to analyze relevant issues and facts, or to draft proposed position papers for deliberation by the full Board. Any such subordinate committees are to be chaired by a member of the Board. Membership on and meetings of subordinate committees are subject to approval by the Director.
3. The Board or its subordinate committees may seek the views of various citizen groups and members of the public. In considering recommendations on the designation of national historic landmarks and national natural landmarks, the Board or its subordinate committees may consult with the major scholarly and professional organizations having expertise in the appropriate disciplines.

D. MEMBERSHIP.

1. The Board's membership is composed of 12 individuals selected from among citizens of the United States having a demonstrated commitment to the mission of the

National Park Service, and representing various geographic regions, including each of the administrative regions of the National Park Service. Members are appointed by the Secretary, as follows:

- a. At least four of the members have outstanding expertise in one or more of the following fields: history, archaeology, anthropology, historical or landscape architecture, biology, ecology, geology, marine science, or social science.
  - b. At least two of the members have outstanding expertise and prior experience in the management of national or State parks or protected areas, or natural or cultural resources management.
  - c. The remaining members have outstanding expertise in one or more of the areas described above or in another professional or scientific discipline important to the mission of the National Park Service, such as financial management, recreation use management, land use planning or business management.
  - d. At least one of the 12 members is a locally elected official from an area adjacent to a park.
2. Members are appointed for terms not to exceed 3 years. Initial appointments will be made on a staggered term basis. A vacancy on the Board will be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made.
  3. Members serve at the discretion of the Secretary. If a member fails to attend two successive meetings of the Board, or otherwise fails to substantively participate in the work of the Board, the member may be removed from the Board by the Secretary and a replacement named in the same manner in which the original appointment was made.
  4. Members of the Board receive no pay, allowances or benefits by reason of their service on the Board. However, members of the Board will be reimbursed for travel and per diem in lieu of subsistence expenses during the performance of duties of the Board while away from their homes or regular places of business, in accordance with subchapter 1 of chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code. With the exception of travel and per diem when appropriate, a member of the Board who is otherwise an officer or employee of the United States Government will serve on the Board without additional compensation.
  5. All members are appointed as Special Government Employees (SGEs).

E. ETHICS RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS.

All members will comply with applicable ethics rules and regulations. The Department of the Interior will provide materials regarding SGEs to all members, explaining their ethical obligations and with which the members should be familiar. Consistent with the ethics requirements, members will endeavor to avoid any actions that would cause the public to question the integrity of the Board's operations, activities, or advice. The provisions of this paragraph do not affect any other statutory or regulatory ethical obligations to which

a member may be subject.

F. ADMINISTRATION.

1. CHARTER. The Board is subject to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix (1994).
2. DESIGNATED FEDERAL OFFICER (DFO). The Board reports to the Director. The Director or a National Park Service employee designated by the Director serves as the DFO for purposes of Section 10 of FACA to oversee the management of the Board.
2. CHAIRPERSON. The Director designates one member of the Board to serve as Chairperson.
3. SUPPORT AND COSTS. Support for the Board is provided by the National Park Service. The estimated annual operating cost of the Board is \$200,000, which includes the cost of 1 work-year of staff support.
4. MEETINGS. The Board meets approximately twice yearly at the call of the DFO. All meetings of the Board are subject to the provisions of FACA. Meetings of the Board and its subordinate committees are subject to the availability of funding and the prior approval and travel authorization by the Director or the DFO. Meetings will be held at such places as are approved by the Director. At Board meetings, a quorum may be declared whenever a majority of members currently appointed is present.

G. DURATION AND DATE OF TERMINATION.

We expect that this administratively-established Board will continue to exist until January 1, 2012, provided that it is renewed every 2 years in accordance with the provisions of FACA. If, prior to that date, the Board is legislatively re-authorized, the Department of the Interior will take appropriate action in response to the legislation. All appointments will terminate on the date specified in letters of appointment, the date specified in letters terminating appointment, or with the termination of the Board, whichever occurs first.

H. AUTHORITY.

The authorities for the reestablishment of the Board are section 3(c) of the Act of August 18, 1970 (16 U.S.C. 1a-2(c)), section 9(a)(2) of FACA, the Historic Sites Act (16 U.S.C. 461-467), and the National Park Service Organic Act (16 U.S.C. 1-4).

(Sgd) DIRK KEMPTHORNE

November 19, 2007

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DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Secretary of the Interior

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Date Signed

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NOVEMBER 26, 2007