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## Lava Beds National Monument News Release

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### **Lava Beds National Monument Releases Draft General Management Plan /Environmental Assessment for Public Comment**

**Tulelake, CA** - The National Park Service has released a *Draft General Management Plan and Environmental Assessment* for Lava Beds National Monument. The public is invited to provide comments on the draft document by November 30, 2010. Two public meetings will be held the first week in October in Klamath Falls, Oregon and Tulelake, California.

The planning process for this general management plan began in 2006. National Park Service (NPS) staff members have sought public input throughout the process. The *Draft General Management Plan and Environmental Assessment* includes detailed maps and narrative text that describes two action alternatives and a no action alternative, which represents the way the monument is currently managed. A preferred alternative was developed from the public comments which the planning team received over the course of the planning process. The planning team is especially interested in the public's reaction to this alternative as the planning team believes it represents a good balance among the wide range of interests people have in Lava Beds National Monument.

There are numerous ways for the public to provide their comments on this important phase of the planning process. Copies of the plan are available on the internet at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>. You may also request copies of the document from the monument. Comments may be submitted directly through the website or you can also write to us at:

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## **Public Meeting Schedule for the Lava Beds National Monument General Management Plan:**

### **Background**

Lava Beds National Monument protects many and varied resources. The rugged volcanic landscape features one of the largest concentrations of lava tube caves in the continental United States, sites associated with the 1872-1873 Modoc War, and regionally distinctive rock art. Lava Beds safeguards and interprets significant aspects of the area's cultural history and provides educational opportunities to children and the visiting public.

For more information please visit the monument's website at [www.nps.gov/labe](http://www.nps.gov/labe) or call (530) 667-8101.

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