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### National Park Service to Hold Public Meetings on Preliminary Preferred Alternative for National Mall Plan

**WHAT:** The National Park Service (NPS) will hold two public meetings to discuss the release of a Preliminary Preferred Alternative Newsletter. This preliminary preferred alternative reflects more than 27,000 comments received from the public and combines ideas from each of the four alternatives listed in Newsletter 3 (December 2007). Newsletter 4 is posted on the National Mall Plan website – [www.nps.gov/nationalmallplan](http://www.nps.gov/nationalmallplan). At the meetings, newsletters will be available, and NPS staff will make a presentation. The public will be able to ask questions at both meetings.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, March 11, 2009, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, March 14, 2009, from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Room M07, Old Post Office Tower  
1201 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.

**NOTE:** Enter the building from the 12<sup>th</sup> Street entrance, on the south side of the building, midway between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues.

**WHO:** Susan Spain, Project Executive, National Mall & Memorial Parks,  
Stephanie Toothman, Acting Superintendent, National Mall & Memorial Parks,  
Additional staff from National Mall & Memorial Parks.

**BACKGROUND:** The NPS encourages the public to provide written comment and that anyone wishing to provide such written comments are to submit them on-line at the website [www.nps.gov/nationalmallplan](http://www.nps.gov/nationalmallplan). Follow instructions for submitting comments. The NPS encourages the public to provide written comment to this website through April 20, 2009. Public comment will be used to refine and revise a preferred alternative. The preferred alternative and the previous range of alternatives will be analyzed in the Draft National Mall Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) which is expected to be released in summer 2009. Additional public meetings will be scheduled at locations around the country in coordination with the release of the DEIS.

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