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National Mall & Memorial Parks Public Comment Period for Newsletter Four Extended to May 15, 2009

Washington, D.C. – The National Mall & Memorial Parks has extended its public comment period to allow for more time for the public to provide written comment regarding its Preliminary Preferred Alternative Newsletter until May 15, 2009. The previous deadline was April 20, 2009.

The Preliminary Preferred Alternative, described in Newsletter 4, was summarized at public meetings in March. 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). The Newsletter (number #4) is posted on the National Mall Plan website – www.nps.gov/nationalmallplan.

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. Follow instructions for submitting comments. 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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