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Topic Question 3: As described in more detail in response to item #4 below, the City of Manhattan Beach believes that resource management in the study area has been and continues to be effectively and efficiently managed at the local, regional, and state levels. Unless establishment of a National Parks System unit would make additional financial resources available for resource management, the City of Manhattan Beach does not see a need for the NPS to be involved with the management of resources in the study area.

Comments: Topic Question 4: The Manhattan Beach coastline is managed and maintained by the City of Manhattan Beach, the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors, and the California Coastal Commission. These three agencies work together to maintain a balance between safeguarding public access to the coast and respecting private property rights along the coast.

Comments: The City of Manhattan Beach is concerned that the NPS acting as an additional oversight body would introduce additional layers of bureaucracy for the review of projects that enhance the beach, beach infrastructure, and special events on the beach. Permits for special events on the sand or for private development near the coast have several steps, sometimes require public hearings, and impose substantial permit fees—adding additional levels of NPS permitting would create more burdens on applicants without any obvious additional protection of coastal resources that isn't already provided by existing agencies.

The City requests NPS provide an opportunity for Manhattan Beach to review preliminary recommendation by NPS staff to congress before the special resource study is complete.

Comments: Topic Question 5: The City of Manhattan Beach requests to be put on any notification list that the NPS keeps for this study in order to stay abreast on any developments, future meetings, etc.

Comments:

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Topic Questions:

1. What are the nationally significant cultural resources in the study area that should be managed and protected by the National Park Service?

2. What are the nationally significant natural resources in the study area that should be managed and protected by the National Park Service?

3. What role, if any, would you like the National Park Service to serve in the management of resources in the study area?

4. What concerns do you have that the National Park Service should be aware of and/or address in the study process?

5. Do you have other comments you would like to share with us?
