

offeror to make necessary investments in historic rehabilitation of deteriorating facilities, and the provision of public services and programs at the site. The park has kept the USAF informed throughout the lead up to this announcement, and they have express interest in participating in the RFQ process. (Updated 04/25/18).

On or after May 29, the NPS will release the Tule Lake Unit of World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument General Management Plan and Environmental Assessment Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) to the public. The FWS co-manages two of three parcels that comprise the Tule Lake Unit, and the FWS has concurred with issuing the FONSI. The selected action outlines the long-term management and development for the unit established in May 2008 by President Bush. (04/25/2018)

[UPDATE] On May 30, the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission will hold a kick-off event at Independence National Historical Park. Superintendent Cynthia MacLeod along with Philadelphia Mayor Kenney and Pennsylvania Governor Wolf have been invited to speak at the event. The NPS has received a special use permit application for this event which is going through the approval process. The public and media will be invited. Before the event, the Commissioners will receive a tour of the Liberty Bell Center and Independence Hall. After the event, the Commissioners will hold a public meeting in the Park at the National Constitution Center and then hold an executive meeting. During both meetings, the Commission will begin planning programs and activities commemorating the 250th anniversary of the founding of the U.S. The Commission is composed of representatives from various organizations and corporations, as well as eight members of Congress. (Updated 05/02/2018)

By May 30, USDA APHIS will complete data analysis that will inform a schedule for bison transfer to the Assiniboine and Sioux tribes of Ft. Peck, Montana. On April 5, Yellowstone National Park and the Deputy Administrator of USDA APHIS discussed several key issues related to the park's proposed bison quarantine program. This was follow-up to a February 2018 meeting, convened and facilitated by the Secretary of the Interior, between DOI, NPS, USDA APHIS, Ft. Peck tribal leadership, and the State of Montana. Substantive progress was confirmed on several issues including the structure and signators for agreements on quarantine facility operations, the future transfer of brucellosis-free bison to the Ft. Peck reservation, and USDA APHIS certification of the park bison quarantine facility. Yellowstone bison management and quarantine receive national public interest and media coverage. (Updated 04/18/18)

By May 31, the NPS intends to award multiple concession contracts for mountaineering guide services at Denali National Park and Preserve. Applicant submissions have been scored and rated. The selection process is currently in the matching phase where, one by one, prospective concessioners with ANILCA preferences have an opportunity to match the best offer. New contracts will have a term of 10 years, beginning January 1, 2019. (Updated 03/27/18).

[UPDATE] On or before June 1, the Missouri Department of Agriculture will issue its findings relative to the improper use of herbicides by a private contractor to the NPS on NPS lands at Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site. The over application occurred in the Summer and Fall of 2016 and its effect became evident in the Spring of 2017. Some 170 trees show signs of