

Feasibility factors	Issues and Conclusions	NPS Management Feasible?
<b>Public interest and support</b>	The strong opposition to NPS involvement expressed by study area landowners and other residents of the region makes it unlikely that NPS management would be authorized by Congress, or that efficient park development and management could occur.	<b>X No</b>
<b>Social and economic impact</b>	Designation of a national park unit would likely have economic and social impacts, both beneficial and adverse. These impacts have not been analyzed, but would not necessarily preclude designation of a national park unit.	<b>✓ Yes</b>
<b>Costs associated with acquisition, development, restoration and operation</b>	Acquisition, development and operations budgets could be relatively moderate for a National Reserve or other limited designation, if combined with substantial financial commitments from local, state and private partners. Any new park unit will add costs to the operation of the National Park System. Within the context of the commitments of the President, Secretary of Interior and Director of the NPS to address the NPS deferred maintenance backlog and other national financial priorities, the NPS is not able to undertake new land acquisition and management responsibilities of this potential cost and magnitude at this time.	<b>X No</b>

## Summary Statement: Feasibility

The NPS finds that the Gaviota Coast study area is not a feasible addition to the National Park system at this time for the following reasons:

- Land sufficient for the establishment of a national park unit does not appear to be available to the NPS;
- It is unlikely, due to strong opposition expressed by study area landowners, that efficient park development and management could occur;
- Within the context of the commitments of the President, Secretary of the Interior, and Director of the NPS to address other national financial priorities, the NPS is not able to undertake new land acquisition and management responsibilities of this potential cost and magnitude.

When NPS management of an area is determined to be infeasible, NPS Management Policies specify that alternatives for NPS management of that area will not be developed. Therefore, alternatives that include NPS management of the Gaviota Coast are not analyzed in this report.

Management options that were developed before the feasibility determination was made are described in Section 6, Management Options. Two alternatives that do not include NPS management are presented in Section 7, Alternatives. Their environmental and socioeconomic impacts are analyzed in an Environmental Assessment.

### Notes

1. National Park Service. 2001. *National Park Service Management Policies*. United States Department of the Interior.