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In reply to:

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RE: Construction of Visitor Services, Rancho de las Cabras - Invitation to Scoping Meeting on January 13, 2011.

To all interested parties:

The San Antonio Missions National Historical Park (SAAN) is proposing to construct various visitor services at Rancho de las Cabras. Each of the four San Antonio Missions had ranchos (ranches) for raising livestock. Today, the physical remains of only one (Rancho de las Cabras) is known to exist. The proposed project will provide for development to preserve these cultural resources while offering an opportunity for appropriate public use. Proposed project activities included the development of a paved entrance road; paved parking areas; hard-surfaced pedestrian pathways; wayside exhibits; landscape improvements; historic resource stabilization/preservation and a staffed visitor contact station with shade structure, comfort facilities and maintenance storage.

As part of the project development process, SAAN is initiating a public and agency involvement program. On Thursday, January 13, 2011, SAAN will conduct a project Scoping Meeting to gather input from the public regarding the proposed new visitor services at Rancho de las Cabras. The Scoping Meeting will be held from 6-8 p.m. at the Beer Warehouse Historic Meeting Hall located at 1302 South 2nd Street, Floresville, Texas. Please see the attached meeting location map.

Preliminary conceptual drawings will be available for review at the Scoping Meeting. A brief presentation will begin at 6:30 to explain project plans and introduce the project team members. Following the presentation, all interested individuals are invited to express their views. Project team members will be available to receive your comments, identify important issues and respond to your questions.

All the information obtained during this process will be used during project development and in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment. Written comments on the proposed project may be submitted at the Scoping Meeting or afterward to: SAAN, Attention: Susan Snow, 2202 Roosevelt Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78210-4919. All comments received by Thursday, January 27, 2011 will be included in the official record of the Scoping Meeting.

The meeting will be conducted in English. However, SAAN will make every reasonable effort to accommodate other communication or accessibility needs. Anyone needing these accommodations is encouraged to call Susan Snow at (210) 534-8875 at least one week before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

If you have any questions about the project or this Scoping Meeting, please call Susan Snow at (210) 534-8875.

Sincerely,

Al Remley

Al Remley
Acting Superintendent

Rancho de las Cabras
Scoping Meeting Location
January 13, 2011
6:00-8:00 pm