



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Fort Davis National Historic Site
Fort Davis, Texas 79734



Dear Interested Party:

The National Park Service (NPS) is making available for public review and comment, an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Fort Davis National Historic Site Fire Management Plan. The EA evaluated a no action alternative and the preferred alternative. Under the no action alternative, the Fort Davis National Historic Site (FODA) fire management program would not have a valid Fire Management Plan (FMP), and fire management activities would be restricted to emergency wildfire suppression actions (NPS Reference Manual 18, Wildland Fire Management, 2014). The Preferred Alternative includes using prescribed fire, manual and mechanical hazardous fuel reduction activities, and targeted herbicide application for reducing hazardous fuels, and for restoring/maintaining vegetation conditions. Under the Preferred Alternative, management responses to wildfires would be a suppression strategy.

FODA is proposing a new FMP to reduce fuels to reduce wildland fire intensity, which would allow fire fighters to protect people, developed areas, and cultural and natural resources. Fire management tools identified in the preferred alternative will also allow managers to restore and maintain the identified cultural landscape, and the native vegetation component of FODA. Terminology changes found in updates in the national fire policy will also be addressed in the new FMP.

Because public participation is very important to the success of the project, the NPS encourages your review and comment on the EA. The EA will be available for public review for at least 30 days, with comments accepted through April 23, 2014. The document is available electronically for review and comment online by visiting <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/foda> or at the visitor center of the Fort Davis National Historic Site. Comments also may be sent to the address below.

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Commentors should be aware that their entire comment—including personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While commentors can ask that their personal identifying information be withheld from public review, the National Park Service cannot guarantee that this will be possible.



We appreciate your input on this project. If you have any questions, please contact John Morlock, Superintendent, at john_morlock@nps.gov or (432) 426-3224.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Morlock". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

John Morlock
Superintendent