

GMP AMENDMENT



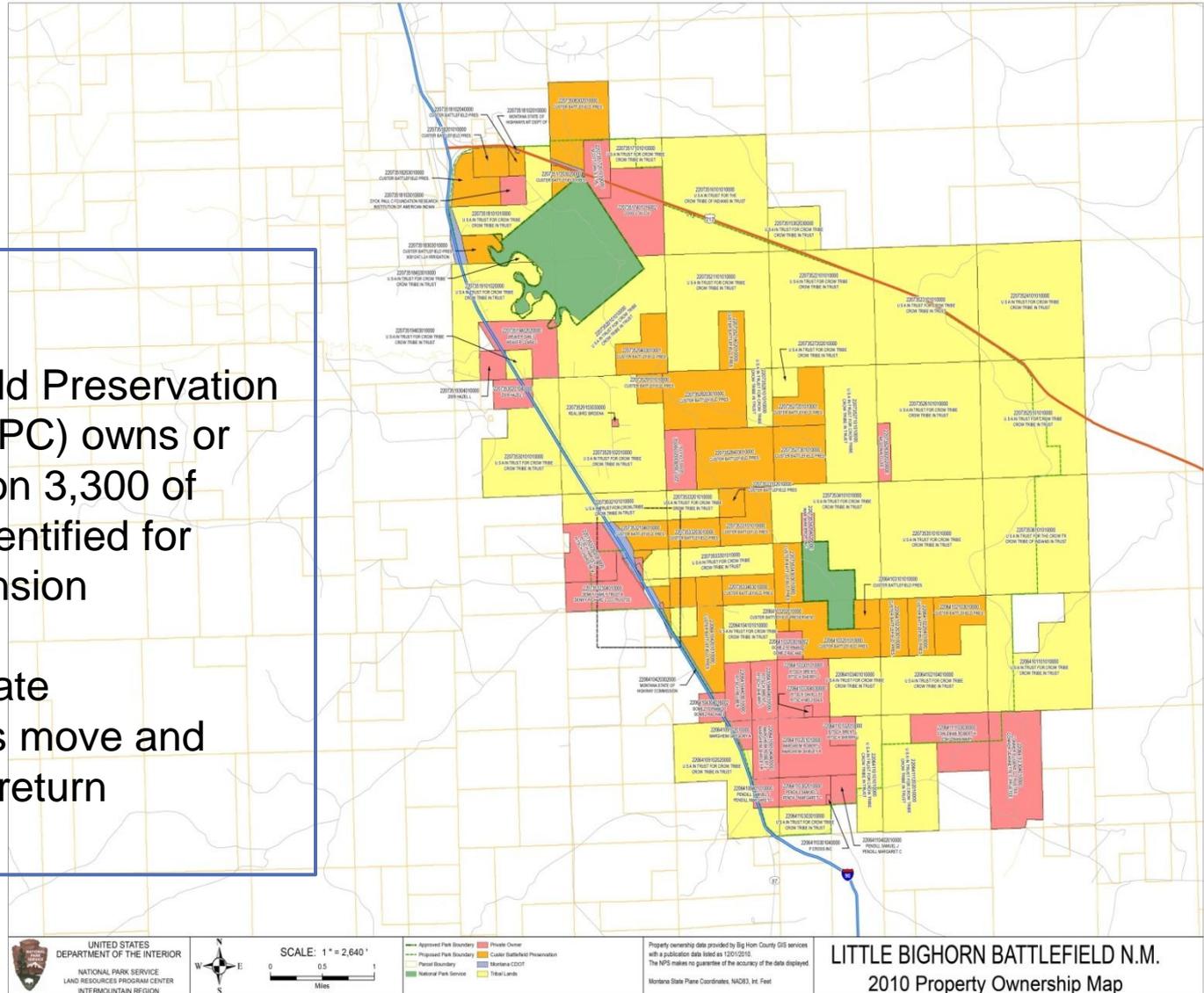
RETURN MUSEUM COLLECTION TO LITTLE BIGHORN BATTLEFIELD NATIONAL MONUMENT

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

NOVEMBER 12, 2014

BACKGROUND

- 765 NPS acres
- Custer Battlefield Preservation Committee (CBPC) owns or has easement on 3,300 of 11,800 acres identified for boundary expansion
- 1986 GMP
- 1995 GMP update
- 2011 collections move and commitment to return



CURRENT VC

- 1952 concrete & cinder block
- 1965 remodel
- 1972 Master Plan
- 1986 GMP
- 1991 roof replaced
- 1995 GMP update
- 2011 flood & new roof
- 2016 remodel?



PROJECT FUNDING

Developed in 2012 to provide:

- 1) Comprehensive analysis of existing space
- 2) Prepare construction documents for contracting
- 3) Exhibit planning and oral histories
- 4) Funded in 2014

Additional funds in:

- 2016 for VC rehab
- 2017 to remodel Administration building



CURRENT OFFICE SPACE

- Should we modify the Administration building?
- Is there some other way to store the museum collections?



Existing buildings are at capacity

- VC (20)
- Stone House (8)
- Administration building (8)
- Maintenance (5)

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

Amend the GMP

- Shift the conversation to what is possible
- EA will analyze wide range of alternatives
 - no action
 - continue to Band-Aid VC & dream about Garryowen
 - remodel VC & administration buildings
 - longer-term; still temporary and inadequate solution
 - build new VC/curatorial facility
 - MDT rest area campus
 - CBPC property
 - replace existing VC in-place
 - lease or purchase existing building elsewhere
 - other options may emerge through planning process

AND WHY?

Museum Collection

- Museum collection is housed at WACC
- Strong sense of loss, angst, and betrayal about temporary move
- NPS is committed to bringing back the collection

Visitor Services since 1980's

- We turn away at least 10,000 visitors annually from viewing park film
- >1000 visitors endure tough outdoor conditions each day during ranger talks on the patio



Museum Collection

- 156,763 Archives
- 15,663 History
- 11,540 Archeology
- 239 Biology
- 177 Ethnology
- 125 Art
- 184,500 Total



Above:
Regimental
Guidon

Left: 1851 Colt
Navy revolver

WHAT ELSE CAN WE DO?

GMP amendment will allow us to get unstuck!

- Private donors are interested in a new facility
- What other solutions should we consider?



Interim steps

- Prioritize remaining work with WACC
- Develop new exhibits
 - starts return of collection items
 - provides partnership opportunities
 - rotate out current exhibits

WHAT IS THE PLANNING PROCESS?

The National Environmental Policy Act (1969) requires for any potential federal action:

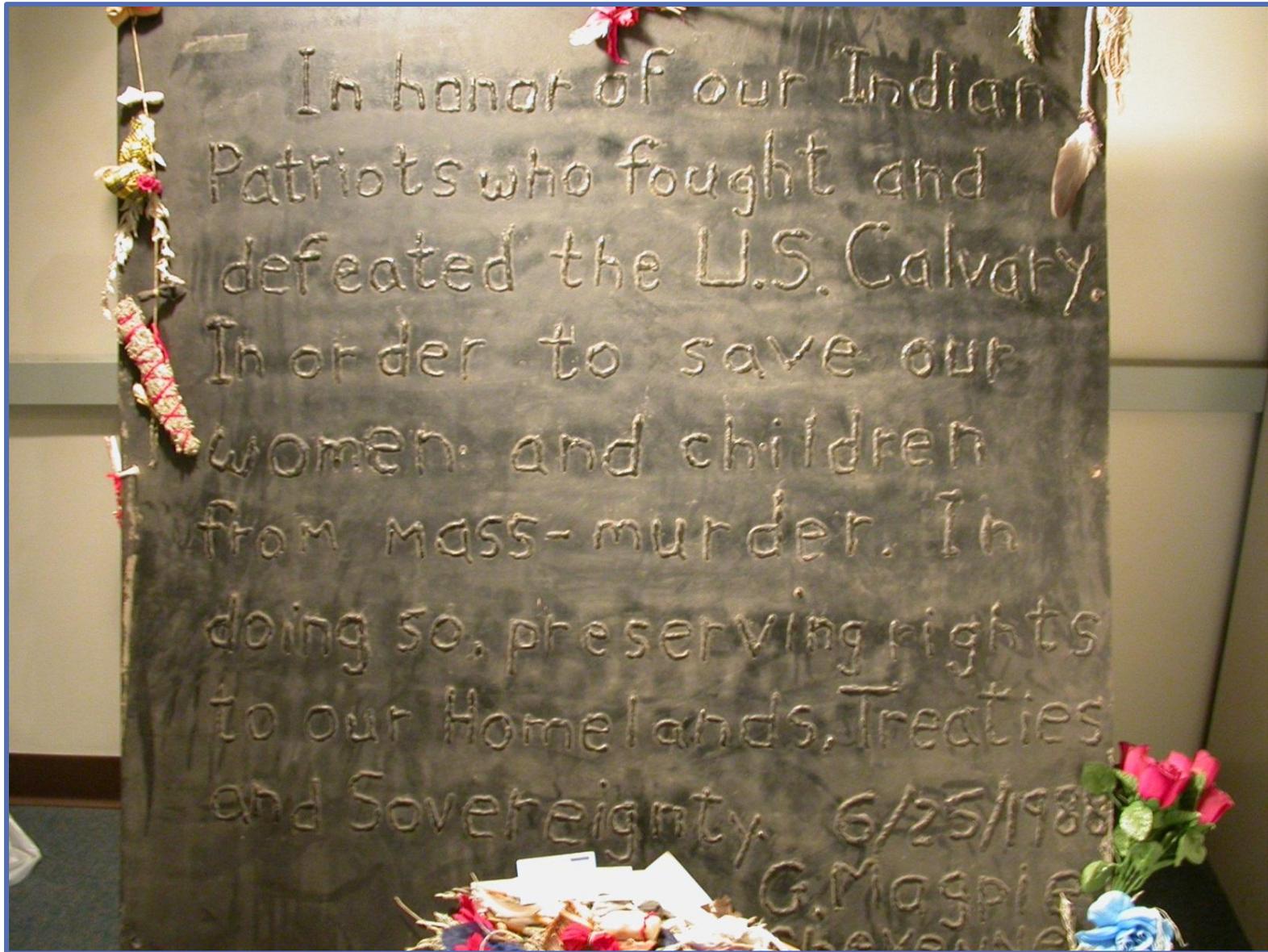
- **Evaluation of a range of reasonable alternatives**
- **Analyze the impacts of the alternatives**
- **Involve the public in the decision-making process**

We're here tonight to initiate the public engagement process

WHAT'S NEXT?

Planning Step	When?
Initiate project and conduct formal public scoping	October-November 2014
Prepare preliminary alternatives	November-May 2015
Update public about preliminary alternatives	May-June 2015
Prepare draft plan/environmental assessment	May-November 2015
Release plan/environmental assessment to public for formal public comment	November 2015
Prepare and sign decision document	March 2016

THE END....



In honor of our Indian
Patriots who fought and
defeated the U.S. Cavalry.
In order to save our
women and children
from mass-murder. In
doing so, preserving rights
to our Homelands, Treaties
and Sovereignty. 6/25/1988
G. Mogpie
Cheyenne

