

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OPENS FOR PROPOSED REPAIRS TO LANDSLIDE AT WOOLUM ROAD

Superintendent Kevin G. Cheri announced today the National Park Service (NPS), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, is seeking public comment on the proposed repair of a landslide at Woolum Road, approximately 5 miles west of U.S. Highway 65, at the Buffalo National River. The proposed repairs would include stabilization of the failed slope and reconstruction of the rock wall that has collapsed as a result of frequent flooding. Proposed work may also include reconstruction or realignment of the road.

The public comment period will open on November 1, 2012 and close on November 30, 2012. During the 30-day public scoping period, all interested persons will be given the opportunity to review and provide comments on the proposed road repairs. Public scoping is part of the process to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Written comments may be submitted by mail, or by submission through the park's Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/buff>. Click on the "Woolum Road" link to view the project scoping documents. Comments can also be mailed to: Superintendent, Buffalo National River, 402 N. Walnut, Suite 136, Harrison, AR 72601. To ensure that your comments are included in the process, they must be entered or post-marked by November 30, 2012.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

For more information, please contact Lana Lau, Federal Highway Administration Environmental Protection Specialist, at (703) 404-6314 or Bill Osterhaus, NPS Chief of Maintenance, at (870) 365-2750.