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Natchez Trace Parkway to Initiate the Public Scoping Process for Little Swan Creek Bridge Replacement

The National Park Service is seeking public comment on the proposed replacement of the Little Swan Creek Bridge, located at milepost 386.9 in Lewis County, Tennessee. The bridge must be replaced in order to restore the original structural capacity of the bridge, to provide visitors with a safe and enjoyable experience, and to reduce maintenance requirements and costs.

An environmental assessment will be prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act to provide a decision-making framework that analyzes alternatives to meet objectives, to evaluate impacts to park resources, and to identify measures to lessen the degree or extent of any impacts.

The public is invited to provide input on the proposed bridge repairs. Comments received during the scoping period will be used to help define the issues and concerns to be addressed in the environmental assessment. An open comment period will begin on May 15, 2013. Those wishing to provide comments should submit them in writing as soon as possible, but no later than June 15, 2013 to: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/natr>, to natr_informantion@nps.gov, or to Natchez Trace Parkway, 2680 Natchez Trace Parkway Tupelo, MS 38804.

Respondents should include their name, address and email to be added to the mailing list for more information about this project. Unless requested otherwise, a list of all those that comment during public review periods, including their addresses, is available upon request.

A second opportunity for public comments will be available after preliminary alternatives have been developed, and a final public comment period will be available when the Little Swan Creek Bridge Replacement Environmental Assessment is released.

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