

Minidoka National Historic Site

Planning for the Future



Reconstruction of a Guard Tower



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Minidoka Historic Entrance



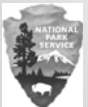
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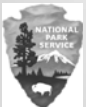
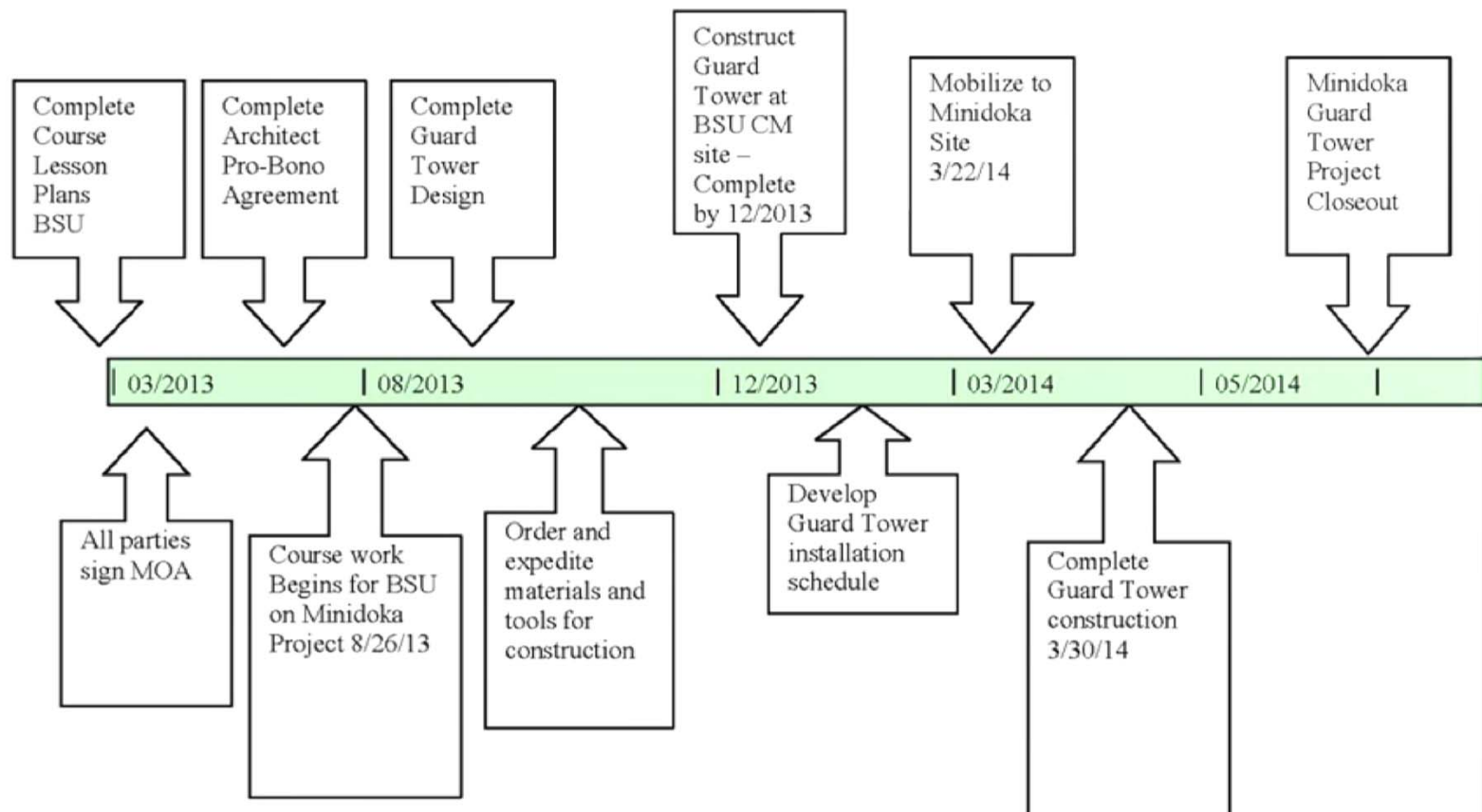


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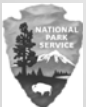
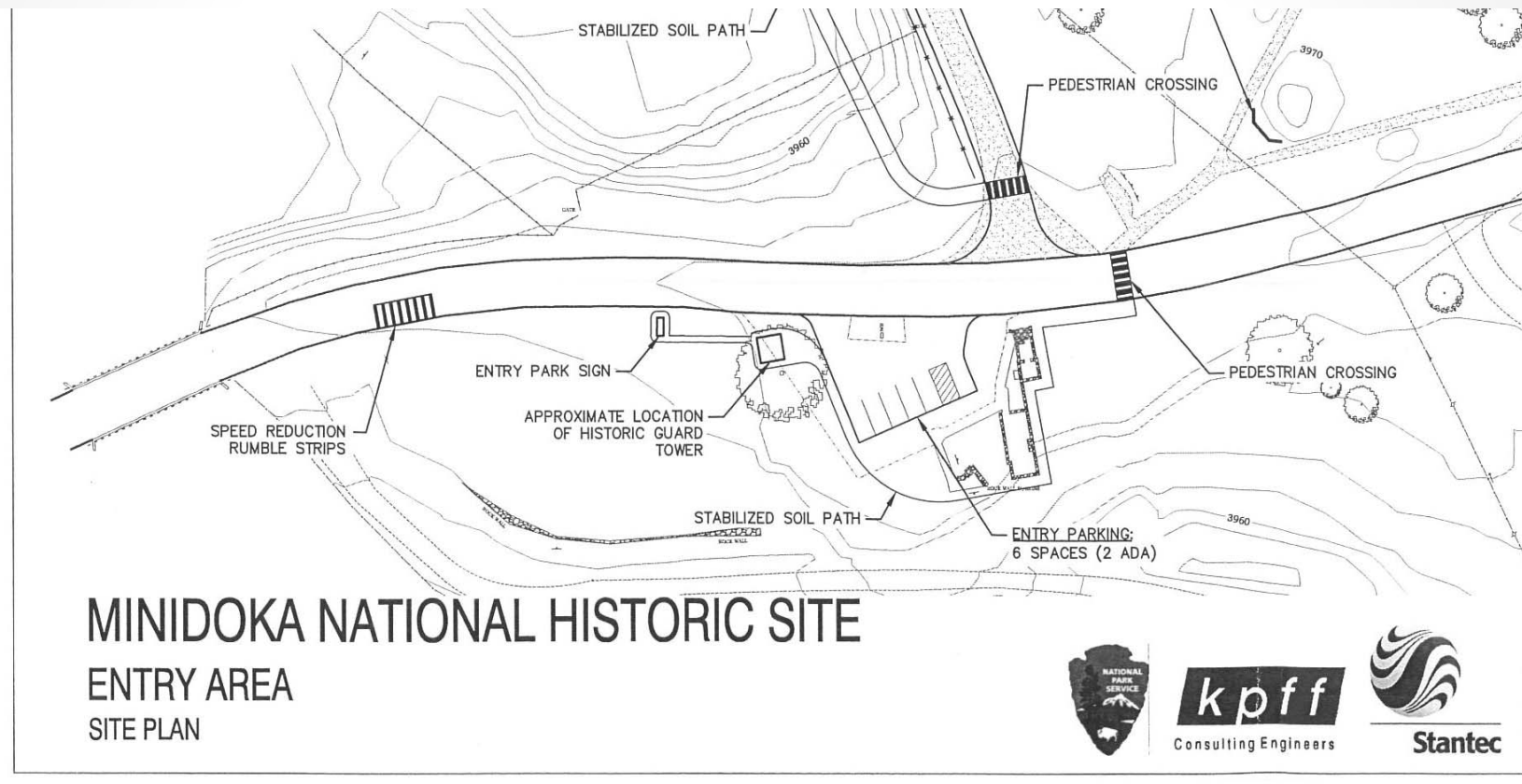


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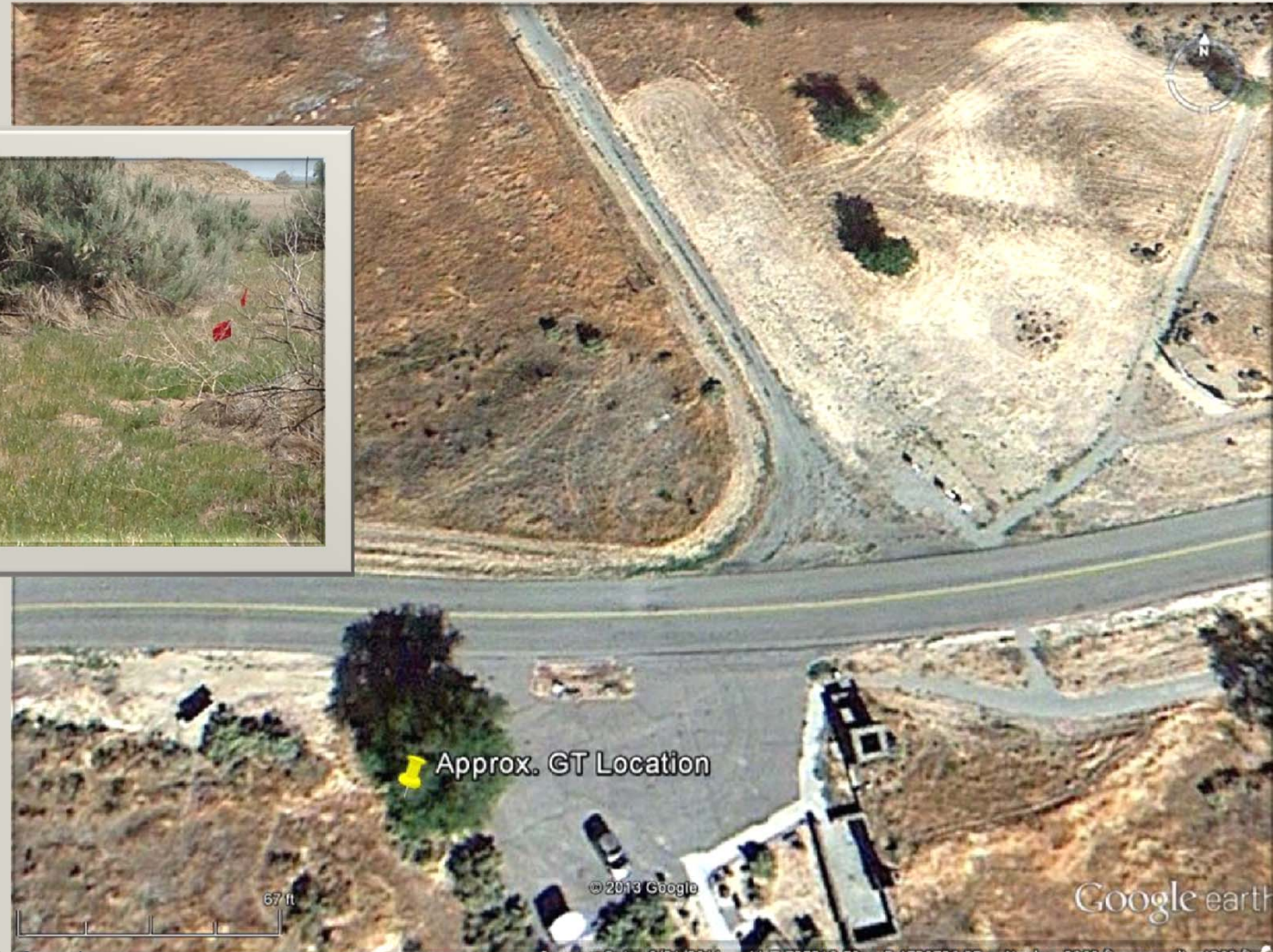
Project Time Line



Draft Concept Drawing



Location of Tower



Course with BSU

CMGT 497 Special Topics – Minidoka Guard Tower Reconstruction

Fall 2013

Fri 1:30 – 4:30 PM • CM Lab

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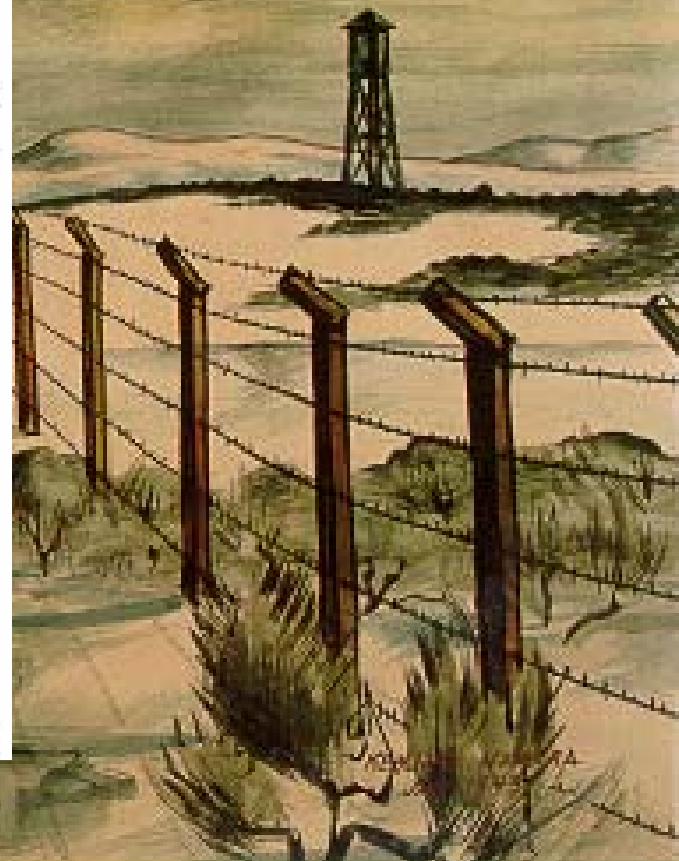
Course **CMGT 497 Minidoka Guard Tower Reconstruction (1-2-2)**
Design and reconstruction of the historic guard tower at the Minidoka relocation center. Investigation of the historical construction materials and methods used during the period. Survey of the political, cultural, and sociological factors surrounding the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II at Minidoka and similar centers. **PREREQ:** Permission of Instructor.

Pursuant to Executive Order 9066, issued in 1942, U.S. citizens of Japanese descent living in western states were relocated to various internment camps. One of these camps was located near Twin Falls, Idaho. Boise State University's department of Construction Management is working with the Friends of Minidoka, a non-profit organization, to rebuild the historic guard tower that was once located at the Minidoka internment camp. This project will help us learn about the historic materials and construction methods that were used to build the guard tower, and begin to understand the impacts of relocation and confinement on a targeted group of Americans.

Text: Handouts provided in class

Learning Objectives: Upon successful completion of this class, students will be expected to:

- Describe the historical significance of EO9066 and the internment of Japanese Americans during WWII, and explain whether or not you think a similar scenario could occur in the United States today.
- Identify political, cultural, and sociological factors surrounding and leading up to the internment of Japanese Americans during WWII.
- Describe some of the major challenges faced by Japanese Americans who were relocated to internment camps during WWII.
- Evaluate the choices of materials and methods employed in the design and construction of the Minidoka internment camp from the standpoint of (a) the government's purpose for the camp; and (b) the effect on those who were interned.
- Identify the stakeholders involved in the reconstruction of the Minidoka guard tower and describe the type and style of communication appropriate for each.
- Plan, organize, communicate, implement, and document the design, construction, and turnover phases of a construction project.



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Public Meetings

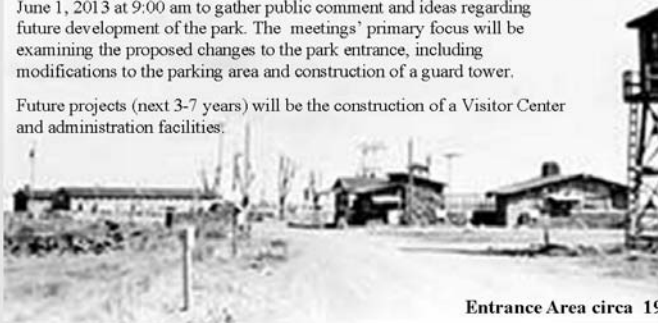


Public Meeting and Forum
May 23, 2013 - 6:00 pm
Eden, Fire Department

Guard Tower Reconstruction

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Entrance Area circa 1944

Project Back Ground

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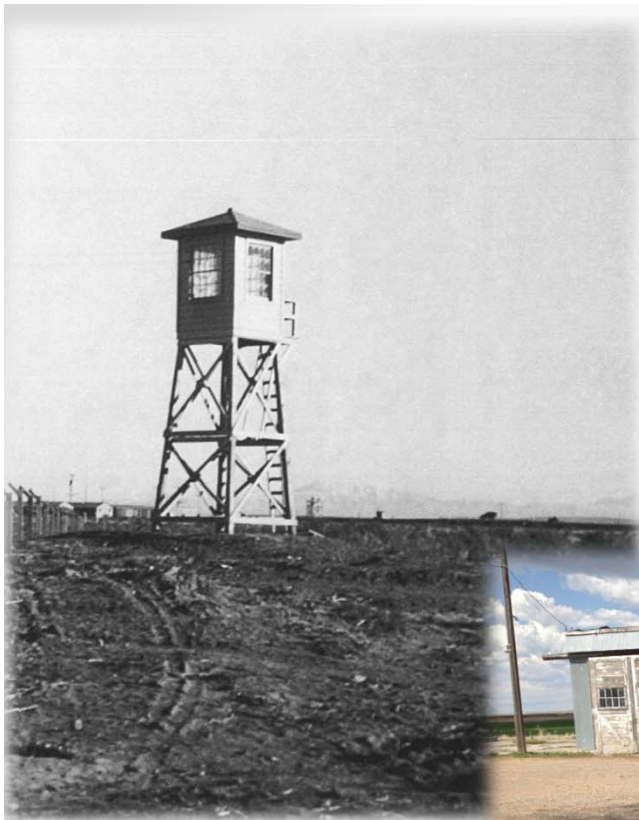
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What is next....



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Restoration of the cultural landscape



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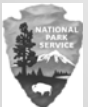
Adding Information....



Stabilizing the Root Cellar



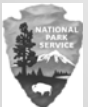
Warehouse to Visitor Center



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Farm in a Day to Administrative Area



How can you be involved?

Where can I find information on park projects?

Planning, Environment and Public Comment System (PEPC) at: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/MIIN>





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Project Title	Project Type	NEPA Type
High Elevation Aquatic Resources Management Plan	Resource Management Plan/Site Plan	
Hodgdon Meadow Trailer Replacement Project	Facility Rehabilitation	EA
Happy Isles Footbridge Replacement	Capital Improvement	Memo
Merced River Below Clark's Bridge Riverbank Restoration	Other	CE
Merced River Below Stoneman Bridge Riverbank Protection	Other	CE
Merced River Greenemeyer Sand Pit River Corridor Restoration	Other	CE
Tuolumne Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive Management Plan and Tuolumne Meadows Plan/EIS	General Management Plan	
The Ahwahnee, Install ADA Compliant Elevator Controls (CIF 3000)	Facility Rehabilitation	CE
Yosemite Village, Install Elevator at Degnan's Building to Meet ADA	Facility Rehabilitation	CE
Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Kiosk Installation	Other	CE
Tuolumne Meadows Water Treatment Facility Regulatory Upgrade	Facility Rehabilitation	CE



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Tenaya Lake Area Plan Environmental Assessment

We welcome your comments on this project.

The comment period closes on ' 11/17/2010 at 11:59 PM.'

Your comments must be submitted or postmarked by midnight Mountain Time on ' 11/17/2010 by 11:59 PM.'

Before including your address, telephone number, electronic mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, 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 to withhold your personal identifying information from public review by checking the box "**keep my contact information private**," we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Comment Form

bold* indicates required fields

Country:

City:*

State/Territory:*

Postal Code:*

First Name: Middle Initial:

Last Name:

Organization:

☐ **Member** ☐ **Official Representative**

Address 1:

Address 2:

E-mail:

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☐ **Keep my contact information private**

Please submit your comments in the box provided. You can enter up to 35,000 characters in the comment field (approximately equivalent to a 10 page letter). If you wish to send us more detailed comments, you may submit them in hardcopy by clicking on the Form To Mail link above.

Comments:

Insert your comments here! All comments become part of the public record for the project and are used to help the park identify issues and develop and refine alternatives.

How did you hear about the document?

- select one -

How would you like to hear about NPS documents in the future?

- ☐ Newsletter ☐ Newspaper ☐ Radio ☐ Blog ☐ Email - NPS ☐ Email - Other ☐ Public Meeting
☐ Park Website ☐ Other Website ☐ Twitter ☐ Facebook ☐ Other Social Media (e.g. YouTube)
☐ Other

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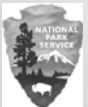
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While we read every comment we receive, it is important to understand what types of comments are the most valuable!



Comments can be

Substantive or Non-substantive???



Substantive comments:

- Bring forward an issue or a question
- Provide new information related to a law, regulation, guidance
- Provide new research or studies
- Provide information on other projects in the area
- Provide new reasonable alternatives
- Provide ideas for reducing impacts



Non-substantive comments include...

- Factual information with no bearing on level of impacts
- Information not related to the issues or impacts
- Corrections that have no bearing on the analysis
- Editing and format suggestions
- Personal opinions, votes, complaints



Non-substantive

Petitions providing support for or against an alternative.

E-mail Alert campaigns and form letters.



NEPA and project planning is not by vote or majority rules!!!



It is about making informed decisions.

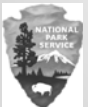
The best comments...

- Are from YOU!
- Discuss a particular plan or alternative
- Identify incorrect or incomplete information
- Provide constructive feedback about the alternatives, their feasibility, or the analysis of the effects



The best comments...

- Offer reasonable new alternatives
- Point out discrepancies between laws, mandates, and proposals
- Highlight errors in the analysis
- Identify subject matter experts
- Provide info on how the proposal would affect YOU!



Your participation adds value!



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Written or hand delivered letter to:

Superintendent:

Minidoka National Historic Site

PO 570,221 North State Dr

Hagerman, ID 83332



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- Put your name/email on our mailing list
- Check out our websites
- Attend meetings
- Provide input on park projects



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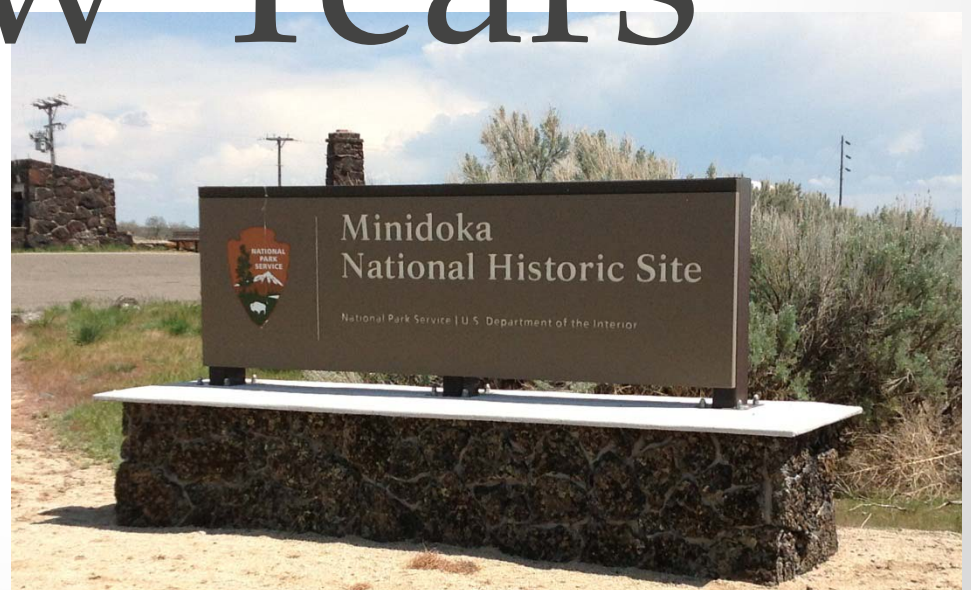
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What Has Taken Place In The Last Few Years



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Fire Station



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- Windows replaced
- Doors replaced
- Roofing
- Interior Cleaned
- Vegetation removed



Fire Station

Before

After



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Fire Station

Replica of doors



Clean interior



Vegetation Removal Herrmann House



Root Cellar

Before



After



Replica of Historic Fence



Mess Hall

Before



After



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Mess Hall with repaired windows and doors

