



United States Department of the Interior
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Chickasaw National Recreation Area
1008 West Second Street
Sulphur, Oklahoma 73086



September 13, 2013

Subject: Initial Scoping for an Environmental Assessment for the Construction of a
Pedestrian Bridge and Trail System at Chickasaw National Recreation Area
Reference: Request for Comments on Initial Proposed Action (General Scoping)

The National Park Service is proposing to collaborate with the Chickasaw Nation on the design and construction of a pedestrian bridge and associated multi-use trail system that would connect Chickasaw National Recreation Area with the Chickasaw Cultural Center and the downtown area of the City of Sulphur. The proposed pedestrian bridge and associated trail designs would promote increased access to CNRA and the surrounding community.

An Environmental Assessment will be prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) to provide the decision-making framework that:

- 1) analyzes a reasonable range of alternatives to meet project objectives;
- 2) evaluates issues and impacts to park resources and values; and
- 3) identifies mitigation measures to lessen the degree or extent of these impacts.

Request for Comments: The National Park Service encourages public participation throughout the planning process. There will be two opportunities to comment formally on the project: first during this initial project scoping; and second following release of the DRAFT Environmental Assessment. Before we begin the environmental analysis for this project, we would like to hear your viewpoints on the action and any suggestions or issues you may have regarding this proposal. Comments will be accepted during this initial scoping process until October 18, 2013.

Please submit your comments to the following NPS web site address:
<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/CNRAPedestrianBridge>.

Comments can also be submitted to the following address:

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Please be advised that names and addresses of respondents may be released if requested under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Our practice is to make comments, including names

and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individuals may request that we withhold their home address from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses available for public inspection in their entirety. Anonymous comments may be included in the public record. The National Park Service, however, is not legally required to consider or respond to anonymous comments.

We appreciate your input on this proposal. If you have any questions regarding this project, please feel free to contact me at (580)622-7210.

Sincerely,

Bruce Noble
Superintendent