

## Appendix VI: Compliance Documentation



## United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
Wilson's Creek National Battlefield  
6424 W. Farm Road 182  
Republic, Missouri 65738-9514



H4217(WICR)

February 1, 2013

**FILE COPY**

Missouri Department of Natural Resources  
State Historic Preservation Office  
Attn: Section 106 Review, Judith Deel  
P.O. Box 176  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Dear Judith Deel,

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield is seeking input to help determine the scope of issues related to proposed modifications to a trail, signs, benches, and cannon positions on Bloody Hill. The intent is to provide protection to sensitive resources while providing interpretation to visitors that utilize the Bloody Hill area of Wilson's Creek. We feel the proposed changes are necessary to provide accessibility to resources, effective interpretation to visitors, while protecting park resources. At this time the National Park Service is proposing to: install new wayside exhibits, resting platforms, harden trail surfaces; install a boardwalk and shelter; re-align a portion of the existing trail; and re-locate cannon positions on Bloody Hill. There are three preliminary alternatives:

Alternative A is the No Action Alternative. Everything would stay the same as it currently exists on Bloody Hill and the new waysides would only be placed where existing waysides are now located.

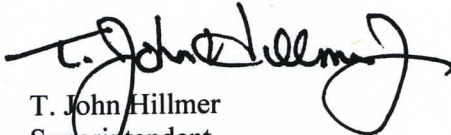
Alternative B (**Preferred**) proposes to harden the existing trail surface and install resting platforms; install a shade shelter, new waysides, and resting benches; install new and re-located cannons; add a new loop trail and modify another; abandon a portion of the existing trail that impacts the habitat of an endangered plant species, the Missouri Bladderpod; and install a small boardwalk to protect the same plant species.

Alternative C proposes to pave the exiting trail surface with pervious pavement and install resting platforms; install new waysides, and resting benches; install new and re-located cannons; install a new trail spur to the Lyon Marker and abandon a larger portion of the trail that impacts the habitat of an endangered plant species, the Missouri Bladderpod; and install a small boardwalk to protect the same plant species.

Maps of each of the preliminary alternatives are attached for clarification and your review. You can also view the alternatives and maps on the National Park Service's Park Planning website at [www.parkplanning.nps.gov](http://www.parkplanning.nps.gov)

We appreciate your time and attention in this matter and should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Gary Sullivan, Chief of Resource Management and Facilities at 417-732-2662, ext. 286 or Historian Connie Langum at 417-732-2662 ext. 399.

Sincerely,



T. John Hillmer  
Superintendent

Enclosures

CC: Judith Deel, Missouri Department of Natural Resources; Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Kerry Holton, Delaware Nation; Tamara Francis, Delaware Nation; Paula Pechonick, Delaware Tribe of Indians; John Red Eagle, Osage Nation; Chadwick "Corntassel" Smith, Cherokee Nation; George Blanchard, Absentee Shawnee Tribe; Henryetta Ellis, Cultural/Tribal Historic Preservation; Glenna J. Wallace, Eastern Shawnee Tribe; Robin Dushane, Eastern Shawnee Tribe



Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, Governor • Sara Parker Pauley, Director

## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

www.dnr.mo.gov

February 15, 2013

T. John Hillmer  
Superintendent  
Wilson's Creek National Battlefield  
6424 West Farm Road 182  
Republic, Missouri 65738-9514

Re: Bloody Hill Modifications, Wilson's Creek National Battlefield (NPS) Greene County, Missouri

Dear Mr. Hillmer:

Thank you for submitting information about the above referenced project for our review pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (P.L. 89-665) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulation 36 CFR Part 800, which require identification and evaluation of cultural resources.

We have reviewed the information provided concerning the above referenced project. We concur with your determination that the Alternative B (preferred) proposed trail modifications and signs, benches and cannon placement on Bloody Hill will have **no adverse effect** on the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield, a property listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

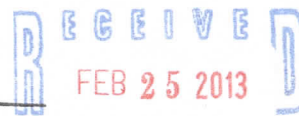
Please be advised that, should project plans change, information documenting the revisions should be submitted to this office for further review and comment on possible effects to historic properties. In the event that cultural materials are encountered during project activities, all construction should be halted, and this office notified as soon as possible in order to determine the appropriate course of action.

If you have any questions, please write Judith Deel at State Historic Preservation Office, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 or call 573/751-7862. Please be sure to include the SHPO Log Number **(023-GR-13)** on all future correspondence or inquiries relating to this project.

Sincerely,

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

Mark A. Miles  
Director and Deputy  
State Historic Preservation Officer



Wilson's Creek Nat. Battlefield

MAM:jd

c Don Stevens, NPS





## United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
Wilson's Creek National Battlefield  
6424 W. Farm Road 182  
Republic, Missouri 65738-9514



H4217(WICR)

**FILE COPY**

February 1, 2013

Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
101 Park DeVille Drive, Suite A  
Columbia, MO 65203-0057

Dear Field Supervisor,

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield is seeking input to help determine the scope of issues related to proposed modifications to a trail, signs, benches, and cannon positions on Bloody Hill. The intent is to provide protection to sensitive resources while providing interpretation to visitors that utilize the Bloody Hill area of Wilson's Creek. We feel the proposed changes are necessary to provide accessibility to resources, effective interpretation to visitors, while protecting park resources. At this time the National Park Service is proposing to: install new wayside exhibits, resting platforms, harden trail surfaces; install a boardwalk and shelter; re-align a portion of the existing trail; and re-locate cannon positions on Bloody Hill. There are three preliminary alternatives:

Alternative A is the No Action Alternative. Everything would stay the same as it currently exists on Bloody Hill and the new waysides would only be placed where existing waysides are now located.

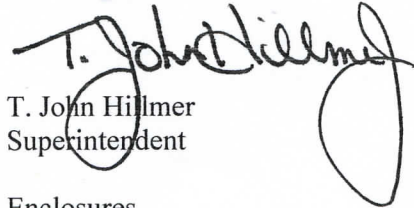
Alternative B (**Preferred**) proposes to harden the existing trail surface and install resting platforms; install a shade shelter, new waysides, and resting benches; install new and re-located cannons; add a new loop trail and modify another; abandon a portion of the existing trail that impacts the habitat of an endangered plant species, the Missouri Bladderpod; and install a small boardwalk to protect the same plant species.

Alternative C proposes to pave the exiting trail surface with pervious pavement and install resting platforms; install new waysides, and resting benches; install new and re-located cannons; install a new trail spur to the Lyon Marker and abandon a larger portion of the trail that impacts the habitat of an endangered plant species, the Missouri Bladderpod; and install a small boardwalk to protect the same plant species.

Maps of each of the preliminary alternatives are attached for clarification and your review. You can also view the alternatives and maps on the National Park Service's Park Planning website at [www.parkplanning.nps.gov](http://www.parkplanning.nps.gov)

We appreciate your time and attention in this matter and should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Gary Sullivan, Chief of Resource Management and Facilities at 417-732-2662, ext. 286 or Historian Connie Langum at 417-732-2662 ext. 399.

Sincerely,

  
T. John Hillmer  
Superintendent

FILE COPY

Enclosures

CC: Judith Deel, Missouri Department of Natural Resources; Kerry Holton, Delaware Nation; Tamara Francis, Cultural Preservation Director; Paula Pechonick, Delaware Tribe of Indians; Brice Obermeyer, Delaware Tribe; John Red Eagle, Osage Nation; Chadwick "Cornassel" Smith, Cherokee Nation; George Blanchard, Absentee Shawnee Tribe; Henryetta Ellis, Cultural/Tribal Historic Preservation; Glenna J. Wallace, Eastern Shawnee Tribe; Robin Dushane, Eastern Shawnee Tribe





## United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE  
Missouri Ecological Services Field Office  
101 Park DeVille Drive, Suite A  
Columbia, Missouri 65203-0057  
Phone: (573) 234-2132 Fax: (573) 234-2181



March 1, 2013

Mr. T. John Hillmer  
United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service  
Wilson's Creek National Battlefield  
6424 West Farm Road 182  
Republic, Missouri 65738-9514

RECEIVED  
MAR 06 2013  
Wilson's Creek Nat. Battlefield

Dear Mr. Hillmer:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has reviewed the information provided in your February 1, 2013, letter requesting information regarding the presence of fish and wildlife resources that may be affected by the proposed Wilson's Creek National Battlefield modifications in Greene County, Missouri. The following comments are provided under the authority of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661 et seq.), National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321-4347), and the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544).

### Endangered Species

#### Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), Endangered

Indiana bats have not been documented in Greene County, but they have been documented in nearby Wright County. Based on the map you provided, forested and riparian areas may be affected. Habitat requirements for the species are not well defined but the following are considered important:

- 1) Live or overly-mature trees and snags with peeling or exfoliating bark, split tree trunks, or cavities, which may be used as maternity or bachelor roosts;
- 2) Tree species including shellbark or shagbark hickory, white oak, cottonwood, and maple;
- 3) Stream corridors, riparian areas, and upland woodlots that provide foraging habitat

If forested areas totaling 10 acres or less will be cleared, the Service recommends that tree removal be completed during the hibernation period of Indiana bats (November 1 to March 31). If removal of trees between November 1 and March 31 is not feasible, or

more than 10 acres will be cleared, please contact this office for further assistance.

Missouri bladder-pod (*Physaria filiformis*), Endangered

As you stated in your letter the Missouri bladder-pod is known to occur in close proximity to the project. Precautions during construction should be taken to minimize the disturbance to Missouri bladder-pod habitat. Based on the information you provided, we would support Alternative B because it limits the impact on Missouri bladder-pod.

Thank you for your interest in the conservation of threatened and endangered species. Should you have questions concerning this response, please contact Josh Hundley at (573) 234-2132, extension 176.

Sincerely,



Amy Salveter  
Field Supervisor

cc: MDC; Jefferson City, MO (Policy Coordination)





## United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
Wilson's Creek National Battlefield  
6424 W. Farm Road 182  
Republic, Missouri 65738-9514



**FILE COPY**

H4217(WICR)

February 1, 2013

Brice Obermeyer  
Delaware Tribe  
Historic Preservation  
170 NE Barbara  
Bartlesville, OK 74006

Dear Brice Obermeyer,

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield is seeking input to help determine the scope of issues related to proposed modifications to a trail, signs, benches, and cannon positions on Bloody Hill. The intent is to provide protection to sensitive resources while providing interpretation to visitors that utilize the Bloody Hill area of Wilson's Creek. We feel the proposed changes are necessary to provide accessibility to resources, effective interpretation to visitors, while protecting park resources. At this time the National Park Service is proposing to: install new wayside exhibits, resting platforms, harden trail surfaces; install a boardwalk and shelter; re-align a portion of the existing trail; and re-locate cannon positions on Bloody Hill. There are three preliminary alternatives:

Alternative A is the No Action Alternative. Everything would stay the same as it currently exists on Bloody Hill and the new waysides would only be placed where existing waysides are now located.

Alternative B (**Preferred**) proposes to harden the existing trail surface and install resting platforms; install a shade shelter, new waysides, and resting benches; install new and re-located cannons; add a new loop trail and modify another; abandon a portion of the existing trail that impacts the habitat of an endangered plant species, the Missouri Bladderpod; and install a small boardwalk to protect the same plant species.

Alternative C proposes to pave the exiting trail surface with pervious pavement and install resting platforms; install new waysides, and resting benches; install new and re-located cannons; install a new trail spur to the Lyon Marker and abandon a larger portion of the trail that impacts the habitat of an endangered plant species, the Missouri Bladderpod; and install a small boardwalk to protect the same plant species.

Maps of each of the preliminary alternatives are attached for clarification and your review. You can also view the alternatives and maps on the National Park Service's Park Planning website at [www.parkplanning.nps.gov](http://www.parkplanning.nps.gov)

We appreciate your time and attention in this matter and should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Gary Sullivan, Chief of Resource Management and Facilities at 417-732-2662, ext. 286 or Historian Connie Langum at 417-732-2662 ext. 399.

Sincerely,

T. John Hillmer  
Superintendent

Enclosures

CC: Judith Deel, Missouri Department of Natural Resources; Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Kerry Holton, Delaware Nation; Tamara Francis, Delaware Nation; Paula Pechonick, Delaware Tribe of Indians; John Red Eagle, Osage Nation; Chadwick "Corn tassel" Smith, Cherokee Nation; George Blanchard, Absentee Shawnee Tribe; Henryetta Ellis, Cultural/Tribal Historic Preservation; Glenna J. Wallace, Eastern Shawnee Tribe; Robin Dushane, Eastern Shawnee Tribe



**Delaware Tribe Historic Preservation Office**

1200 Commercial St  
Roosevelt Hall, RM 212  
Emporia State University  
Emporia, KS 66801  
(620) 341-6699

[bobermeyer@delawaretribe.org](mailto:bobermeyer@delawaretribe.org)

February 26, 2013

United State Department of the Interior  
NPS – Wilson's Creek National Battlefield  
Attn: T. John Hillmer  
6424 W. Farm Road 182  
Republic, Missouri 65738-9514

Re: Modifications to a trail, signs, benches, and cannon positions of Bloody Hill

Dear T. John Hillmer:

Thank you for informing the Delaware Tribe on the proposed construction associated with the above referenced project. Our review indicates that there are no religious or culturally significant sites in the project area. As such, we defer comment to your office as well as to the State Historic Preservation Office and/or the State Archaeologist.

We wish to continue as a consulting party on this project and look forward to receiving a copy of the cultural resources survey report if one is performed. We also ask that if any human remains are accidentally unearthed during the course of the survey and/or the construction project that you cease development immediately and inform the Delaware Tribe of Indians of the inadvertent discovery.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact this office by phone at (620) 341-6699 or by e-mail at [bobermeyer@delawaretribe.org](mailto:bobermeyer@delawaretribe.org)

Sincerely,

Brice Obermeyer  
Delaware Tribe Historic Preservation Office  
1200 Commercial St  
Roosevelt Hall, RM 212  
Emporia State University  
Emporia, KS 66801







# United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
Wilson's Creek National Battlefield  
6424 W. Farm Road 182  
Republic, Missouri 65738-9514



**FILE COPY**

H4217(WICR)

February 1, 2013

Osage Nation  
Principal Chief  
John Red Eagle  
Osage Nation Executive Branch  
P.O. Box 779 or 627 Grandview  
Pawhuska, Oklahoma 74056

Dear Chief John Red Eagle,

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield is seeking input to help determine the scope of issues related to proposed modifications to a trail, signs, benches, and cannon positions on Bloody Hill. The intent is to provide protection to sensitive resources while providing interpretation to visitors that utilize the Bloody Hill area of Wilson's Creek. We feel the proposed changes are necessary to provide accessibility to resources, effective interpretation to visitors, while protecting park resources. At this time the National Park Service is proposing to: install new wayside exhibits, resting platforms, harden trail surfaces; install a boardwalk and shelter; re-align a portion of the existing trail; and re-locate cannon positions on Bloody Hill. There are three preliminary alternatives:

Alternative A is the No Action Alternative. Everything would stay the same as it currently exists on Bloody Hill and the new waysides would only be placed where existing waysides are now located.

Alternative B (**Preferred**) proposes to harden the existing trail surface and install resting platforms; install a shade shelter, new waysides, and resting benches; install new and re-located cannons; add a new loop trail and modify another; abandon a portion of the existing trail that impacts the habitat of an endangered plant species, the Missouri Bladderpod; and install a small boardwalk to protect the same plant species.

Alternative C proposes to pave the exiting trail surface with pervious pavement and install resting platforms; install new waysides, and resting benches; install new and re-located cannons; install a new trail spur to the Lyon Marker and abandon a larger portion of the trail that impacts the habitat of an endangered plant species, the Missouri Bladderpod; and install a small boardwalk to protect the same plant species.

Maps of each of the preliminary alternatives are attached for clarification and your review. You can also view the alternatives and maps on the National Park Service's Park Planning website at [www.parkplanning.nps.gov](http://www.parkplanning.nps.gov)



We appreciate your time and attention in this matter and should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Gary Sullivan, Chief of Resource Management and Facilities at 417-732-2662, ext. 286 or Historian Connie Langum at 417-732-2662 ext. 399.

Sincerely,

T. John Hillmer  
Superintendent

Enclosures

CC: Judith Deel, Missouri Department of Natural Resources; Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Kerry Holton, Delaware Nation; Tamara Francis, Delaware Nation; Paula Pechonick, Delaware Tribe of Indians; Brice Obermeyer, Delaware Tribe; Chadwick "Cornassel" Smith, Cherokee Nation; George Blanchard, Absentee Shawnee Tribe; Henryetta Ellis, Cultural/Tribal Historic Preservation; Glenna J. Wallace, Eastern Shawnee Tribe; Robin Dushane, Eastern Shawnee Tribe



## TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

Date: May 30, 2013

File: 1213-1093MO-4

RE: NPS Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Proposed Modifications on Bloody Hill, Greene County, Missouri

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield  
T. John Hillmer, Jr.  
6424 West Farm Road 182  
Republic, MO 65738




Dear Mr. Hillmer,

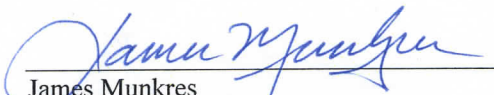
The Osage Nation Historic Preservation Office has reviewed your submission for the project listed as NPS Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Proposed Modifications on Bloody Hill, Greene County, Missouri. The finding of this NHPA Section 106 review has resulted in a determination of **"No Adverse Effect."**

In accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, (NHPA) [16 U.S.C. 470 §§ 470-470w-6] 1966, undertakings subject to the review process are referred to in S101 (d) (6) (A), which clarifies that historic properties may have religious and cultural significance to Indian tribes. Additionally, Section 106 of NHPA requires Federal agencies to consider the effects of their actions on historic properties (36 CFR Part 800) as does the National Environmental Policy Act (43 U.S.C. 4321 and 4331-35 and 40 CFR 1501.7(a) of 1969). **The Osage Nation concurs that as a part of the scoping process the National Park Service fulfilled NHPA and NEPA compliance by consulting with the Osage Nation Historic Preservation Office in regard to the proposed NPS Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Proposed Modifications on Bloody Hill, Greene County, Missouri.**

The Osage Nation has vital interests in protecting its historic and ancestral cultural resources. We do not anticipate that this project will adversely impact any cultural resources or human remains protected under the NHPA, NEPA, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, or Osage law within the surveyed portion of the project. **If, however, artifacts or human remains are discovered during project construction, we ask that work cease immediately and the Osage Nation Historic Preservation Office be contacted.**

Should you have any questions or need any additional information please feel free to contact me at the number listed below. Thank you for consulting with the Osage Nation on this matter.

  
Dr. Andrea A. Hunter  
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

  
James Munkres  
Archaeologist I



## United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
Wilson's Creek National Battlefield  
6424 W. Farm Road 182  
Republic, Missouri 65738-9514



**FILE COPY**

H4217(WICR)

February 1, 2013

Delaware Nation  
President Kerry Holton  
P.O. Box 825  
313064 State Highway # 281, Building 100  
Anadarko, Oklahoma 73005

Dear President Holton,

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield is seeking input to help determine the scope of issues related to proposed modifications to a trail, signs, benches, and cannon positions on Bloody Hill. The intent is to provide protection to sensitive resources while providing interpretation to visitors that utilize the Bloody Hill area of Wilson's Creek. We feel the proposed changes are necessary to provide accessibility to resources, effective interpretation to visitors, while protecting park resources. At this time the National Park Service is proposing to: install new wayside exhibits, resting platforms, harden trail surfaces; install a boardwalk and shelter; re-align a portion of the existing trail; and re-locate cannon positions on Bloody Hill. There are three preliminary alternatives:

Alternative A is the No Action Alternative. Everything would stay the same as it currently exists on Bloody Hill and the new waysides would only be placed where existing waysides are now located.

Alternative B (**Preferred**) proposes to harden the existing trail surface and install resting platforms; install a shade shelter, new waysides, and resting benches; install new and re-located cannons; add a new loop trail and modify another; abandon a portion of the existing trail that impacts the habitat of an endangered plant species, the Missouri Bladderpod; and install a small boardwalk to protect the same plant species.

Alternative C proposes to pave the exiting trail surface with pervious pavement and install resting platforms; install new waysides, and resting benches; install new and re-located cannons; install a new trail spur to the Lyon Marker and abandon a larger portion of the trail that impacts the habitat of an endangered plant species, the Missouri Bladderpod; and install a small boardwalk to protect the same plant species.

Maps of each of the preliminary alternatives are attached for clarification and your review. You can also view the alternatives and maps on the National Park Service's Park Planning website at [www.parkplanning.nps.gov](http://www.parkplanning.nps.gov)



We appreciate your time and attention in this matter and should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Gary Sullivan, Chief of Resource Management and Facilities at 417-732-2662, ext. 286 or Historian Connie Langum at 417-732-2662 ext. 399.

Sincerely,

T. John Hillmer  
Superintendent

Enclosures

CC: Judith Deel, Missouri Department of Natural Resources; Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Tamara Francis, Cultural Preservation Director; Paula Pechonick, Delaware Tribe of Indians; Brice Obermeyer, Delaware Tribe; John Red Eagle, Osage Nation; Chadwick "Cornassel" Smith, Cherokee Nation; George Blanchard, Absentee Shawnee Tribe; Henryetta Ellis, Cultural/Tribal Historic Preservation; Glenna J. Wallace, Eastern Shawnee Tribe; Robin Dushane, Eastern Shawnee Tribe





## United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
Wilson's Creek National Battlefield  
6424 W. Farm Road 182  
Republic, Missouri 65738-9514



**FILE COPY**

H4217(WICR)

February 1, 2013

Tamara Francis  
Cultural Preservation Director  
The Delaware Nation  
31064 State Highway 281  
Anadarko, OK 73005

Dear Ms. Francis,

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield is seeking input to help determine the scope of issues related to proposed modifications to a trail, signs, benches, and cannon positions on Bloody Hill. The intent is to provide protection to sensitive resources while providing interpretation to visitors that utilize the Bloody Hill area of Wilson's Creek. We feel the proposed changes are necessary to provide accessibility to resources, effective interpretation to visitors, while protecting park resources. At this time the National Park Service is proposing to: install new wayside exhibits, resting platforms, harden trail surfaces; install a boardwalk and shelter; re-align a portion of the existing trail; and re-locate cannon positions on Bloody Hill. There are three preliminary alternatives:

Alternative A is the No Action Alternative. Everything would stay the same as it currently exists on Bloody Hill and the new waysides would only be placed where existing waysides are now located.

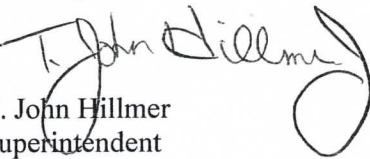
Alternative B (**Preferred**) proposes to harden the existing trail surface and install resting platforms; install a shade shelter, new waysides, and resting benches; install new and re-located cannons; add a new loop trail and modify another; abandon a portion of the existing trail that impacts the habitat of an endangered plant species, the Missouri Bladderpod; and install a small boardwalk to protect the same plant species.

Alternative C proposes to pave the exiting trail surface with pervious pavement and install resting platforms; install new waysides, and resting benches; install new and re-located cannons; install a new trail spur to the Lyon Marker and abandon a larger portion of the trail that impacts the habitat of an endangered plant species, the Missouri Bladderpod; and install a small boardwalk to protect the same plant species.

Maps of each of the preliminary alternatives are attached for clarification and your review. You can also view the alternatives and maps on the National Park Service's Park Planning website at [www.parkplanning.nps.gov](http://www.parkplanning.nps.gov)

We appreciate your time and attention in this matter and should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Gary Sullivan, Chief of Resource Management and Facilities at 417-732-2662, ext. 286 or Historian Connie Langum at 417-732-2662 ext. 399.

Sincerely,

  
T. John Hillmer  
Superintendent

Enclosures

CC: Judith Deel, Missouri Department of Natural Resources; Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Kerry Holton, Delaware Nation; Paula Pechonick, Delaware Tribe of Indians; Brice Obermeyer, Delaware Tribe; John Red Eagle, Osage Nation; Chadwick "Cornassel" Smith, Cherokee Nation; George Blanchard, Absentee Shawnee Tribe; Henryetta Ellis, Cultural/Tribal Historic Preservation; Glenna J. Wallace, Eastern Shawnee Tribe; Robin Dushane, Eastern Shawnee Tribe



## United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
Wilson's Creek National Battlefield  
6424 W. Farm Road 182  
Republic, Missouri 65738-9514



**FILE COPY**

H4217(WICR)

February 1, 2013

Delaware Tribe of Indians  
Paula Pechonick, Chief  
170 NE Barbara  
Bartlesville, OK 74006

Dear Chief Pechonick,

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield is seeking input to help determine the scope of issues related to proposed modifications to a trail, signs, benches, and cannon positions on Bloody Hill. The intent is to provide protection to sensitive resources while providing interpretation to visitors that utilize the Bloody Hill area of Wilson's Creek. We feel the proposed changes are necessary to provide accessibility to resources, effective interpretation to visitors, while protecting park resources. At this time the National Park Service is proposing to: install new wayside exhibits, resting platforms, harden trail surfaces; install a boardwalk and shelter; re-align a portion of the existing trail; and re-locate cannon positions on Bloody Hill. There are three preliminary alternatives:

Alternative A is the No Action Alternative. Everything would stay the same as it currently exists on Bloody Hill and the new waysides would only be placed where existing waysides are now located.

Alternative B (**Preferred**) proposes to harden the existing trail surface and install resting platforms; install a shade shelter, new waysides, and resting benches; install new and re-located cannons; add a new loop trail and modify another; abandon a portion of the existing trail that impacts the habitat of an endangered plant species, the Missouri Bladderpod; and install a small boardwalk to protect the same plant species.

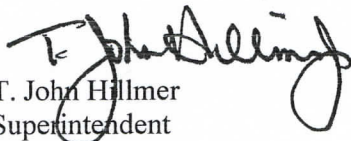
Alternative C proposes to pave the exiting trail surface with pervious pavement and install resting platforms; install new waysides, and resting benches; install new and re-located cannons; install a new trail spur to the Lyon Marker and abandon a larger portion of the trail that impacts the habitat of an endangered plant species, the Missouri Bladderpod; and install a small boardwalk to protect the same plant species.

Maps of each of the preliminary alternatives are attached for clarification and your review. You can also view the alternatives and maps on the National Park Service's Park Planning website at [www.parkplanning.nps.gov](http://www.parkplanning.nps.gov)



We appreciate your time and attention in this matter and should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Gary Sullivan, Chief of Resource Management and Facilities at 417-732-2662, ext. 286 or Historian Connie Langum at 417-732-2662 ext. 399.

Sincerely,

  
T. John Hillmer  
Superintendent

Enclosures

CC: Judith Deel, Missouri Department of Natural Resources; Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Kerry Holton, Delaware Nation; Tamara Francis, Delaware Nation; Brice Obermeyer, Delaware Tribe; John Red Eagle, Osage Nation; Chadwick "Cornassel" Smith, Cherokee Nation; George Blanchard, Absentee Shawnee Tribe; Henryetta Ellis, Cultural/Tribal Historic Preservation; Glenna J. Wallace, Eastern Shawnee Tribe; Robin Dushane, Eastern Shawnee Tribe



## United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
Wilson's Creek National Battlefield  
6424 W. Farm Road 182  
Republic, Missouri 65738-9514



**FILE COPY**

H4217(WICR)

February 1, 2013

Cherokee Nation  
Principal Chief  
Chadwick "Corntassel" Smith  
P.O. Box 948  
Tahlequah, Oklahoma 74465

Dear Chief Chadwick "Corntassel" Smith,

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield is seeking input to help determine the scope of issues related to proposed modifications to a trail, signs, benches, and cannon positions on Bloody Hill. The intent is to provide protection to sensitive resources while providing interpretation to visitors that utilize the Bloody Hill area of Wilson's Creek. We feel the proposed changes are necessary to provide accessibility to resources, effective interpretation to visitors, while protecting park resources. At this time the National Park Service is proposing to: install new wayside exhibits, resting platforms, harden trail surfaces; install a boardwalk and shelter; re-align a portion of the existing trail; and re-locate cannon positions on Bloody Hill. There are three preliminary alternatives:

Alternative A is the No Action Alternative. Everything would stay the same as it currently exists on Bloody Hill and the new waysides would only be placed where existing waysides are now located.

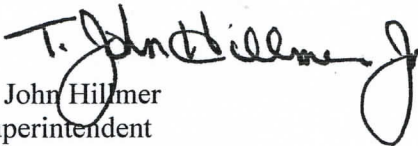
Alternative B (**Preferred**) proposes to harden the existing trail surface and install resting platforms; install a shade shelter, new waysides, and resting benches; install new and re-located cannons; add a new loop trail and modify another; abandon a portion of the existing trail that impacts the habitat of an endangered plant species, the Missouri Bladderpod; and install a small boardwalk to protect the same plant species.

Alternative C proposes to pave the exiting trail surface with pervious pavement and install resting platforms; install new waysides, and resting benches; install new and re-located cannons; install a new trail spur to the Lyon Marker and abandon a larger portion of the trail that impacts the habitat of an endangered plant species, the Missouri Bladderpod; and install a small boardwalk to protect the same plant species.

Maps of each of the preliminary alternatives are attached for clarification and your review. You can also view the alternatives and maps on the National Park Service's Park Planning website at [www.parkplanning.nps.gov](http://www.parkplanning.nps.gov)

We appreciate your time and attention in this matter and should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Gary Sullivan, Chief of Resource Management and Facilities at 417-732-2662, ext. 286 or Historian Connie Langum at 417-732-2662 ext. 399.

Sincerely,

  
T. John Hillmer  
Superintendent

FILE COPY

Enclosures

CC: Judith Deel, Missouri Department of Natural Resources; Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Kerry Holton, Delaware Nation; Tamara Francis, Delaware Nation; Paula Pechonick, Delaware Tribe of Indians; Brice Obermeyer, Delaware Tribe; John Red Eagle, Osage Nation; George Blanchard, Absentee Shawnee Tribe; Henryetta Ellis, Cultural/Tribal Historic Preservation; Glenna J. Wallace, Eastern Shawnee Tribe; Robin Dushane, Eastern Shawnee Tribe





## United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
Wilson's Creek National Battlefield  
6424 W. Farm Road 182  
Republic, Missouri 65738-9514



**FILE COPY**

H4217(WICR)

February 1, 2013

Absentee Shawnee Tribe  
George Blanchard, Governor  
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.  
Shawnee, OK 74801

Dear Governor Blanchard,

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield is seeking input to help determine the scope of issues related to proposed modifications to a trail, signs, benches, and cannon positions on Bloody Hill. The intent is to provide protection to sensitive resources while providing interpretation to visitors that utilize the Bloody Hill area of Wilson's Creek. We feel the proposed changes are necessary to provide accessibility to resources, effective interpretation to visitors, while protecting park resources. At this time the National Park Service is proposing to: install new wayside exhibits, resting platforms, harden trail surfaces; install a boardwalk and shelter; re-align a portion of the existing trail; and re-locate cannon positions on Bloody Hill. There are three preliminary alternatives:

Alternative A is the No Action Alternative. Everything would stay the same as it currently exists on Bloody Hill and the new waysides would only be placed where existing waysides are now located.

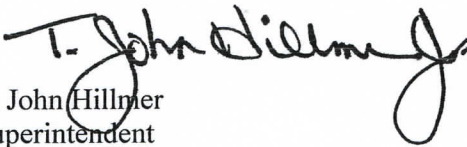
Alternative B (**Preferred**) proposes to harden the existing trail surface and install resting platforms; install a shade shelter, new waysides, and resting benches; install new and re-located cannons; add a new loop trail and modify another; abandon a portion of the existing trail that impacts the habitat of an endangered plant species, the Missouri Bladderpod; and install a small boardwalk to protect the same plant species.

Alternative C proposes to pave the exiting trail surface with pervious pavement and install resting platforms; install new waysides, and resting benches; install new and re-located cannons; install a new trail spur to the Lyon Marker and abandon a larger portion of the trail that impacts the habitat of an endangered plant species, the Missouri Bladderpod; and install a small boardwalk to protect the same plant species.

Maps of each of the preliminary alternatives are attached for clarification and your review. You can also view the alternatives and maps on the National Park Service's Park Planning website at [www.parkplanning.nps.gov](http://www.parkplanning.nps.gov)

We appreciate your time and attention in this matter and should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Gary Sullivan, Chief of Resource Management and Facilities at 417-732-2662, ext. 286 or Historian Connie Langum at 417-732-2662 ext. 399.

Sincerely,

  
T. John Hillmer  
Superintendent

FILE COPY

Enclosures

CC: Judith Deel, Missouri Department of Natural Resources; Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Kerry Holton, Delaware Nation; Tamara Francis, Delaware Nation; Paula Pechonick, Delaware Tribe of Indians; Brice Obermeyer, Delaware Tribe; John Red Eagle, Osage Nation; Chadwick "Corntassel" Smith, Cherokee Nation; Henryetta Ellis, Cultural/Tribal Historic Preservation; Glenna J. Wallace, Eastern Shawnee Tribe; Robin Dushane, Eastern Shawnee Tribe





## United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
Wilson's Creek National Battlefield  
6424 W. Farm Road 182  
Republic, Missouri 65738-9514



**FILE COPY**

H4217(WICR)

February 1, 2013

Henryetta Ellis,  
Director, Cultural/Tribal Historic Preservation  
Absentee Shawnee  
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.  
Shawnee, OK 74801

Dear Henryetta Ellis,

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield is seeking input to help determine the scope of issues related to proposed modifications to a trail, signs, benches, and cannon positions on Bloody Hill. The intent is to provide protection to sensitive resources while providing interpretation to visitors that utilize the Bloody Hill area of Wilson's Creek. We feel the proposed changes are necessary to provide accessibility to resources, effective interpretation to visitors, while protecting park resources. At this time the National Park Service is proposing to: install new wayside exhibits, resting platforms, harden trail surfaces; install a boardwalk and shelter; re-align a portion of the existing trail; and re-locate cannon positions on Bloody Hill. There are three preliminary alternatives:

Alternative A is the No Action Alternative. Everything would stay the same as it currently exists on Bloody Hill and the new waysides would only be placed where existing waysides are now located.

Alternative B (**Preferred**) proposes to harden the existing trail surface and install resting platforms; install a shade shelter, new waysides, and resting benches; install new and re-located cannons; add a new loop trail and modify another; abandon a portion of the existing trail that impacts the habitat of an endangered plant species, the Missouri Bladderpod; and install a small boardwalk to protect the same plant species.

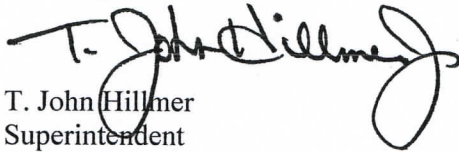
Alternative C proposes to pave the exiting trail surface with pervious pavement and install resting platforms; install new waysides, and resting benches; install new and re-located cannons; install a new trail spur to the Lyon Marker and abandon a larger portion of the trail that impacts the habitat of an endangered plant species, the Missouri Bladderpod; and install a small boardwalk to protect the same plant species.

Maps of each of the preliminary alternatives are attached for clarification and your review. You can also view the alternatives and maps on the National Park Service's Park Planning website at [www.parkplanning.nps.gov](http://www.parkplanning.nps.gov)



We appreciate your time and attention in this matter and should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Gary Sullivan, Chief of Resource Management and Facilities at 417-732-2662, ext. 286 or Historian Connie Langum at 417-732-2662 ext. 399.

Sincerely,

  
T. John Hillmer  
Superintendent

FILE COPY

Enclosures

CC: Judith Deel, Missouri Department of Natural Resources; Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Kerry Holton, Delaware Nation; Tamara Francis, Delaware Nation; Paula Pechonick, Delaware Tribe of Indians; Brice Obermeyer, Delaware Tribe; John Red Eagle, Osage Nation; Chadwick "Cornassel" Smith, Cherokee Nation; George Blanchard, Governor, Absentee Shawnee Tribe; Glenna J. Wallace, Eastern Shawnee Tribe; Robin Dushane, Eastern Shawnee Tribe



## United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
Wilson's Creek National Battlefield  
6424 W. Farm Road 182  
Republic, Missouri 65738-9514



**FILE COPY**

H4217(WICR)

February 1, 2013

Eastern Shawnee Tribe  
Glenna J. Wallace, Chief  
P.O. Box 350  
Seneca, MO 64865

Dear Chief Wallace,

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield is seeking input to help determine the scope of issues related to proposed modifications to a trail, signs, benches, and cannon positions on Bloody Hill. The intent is to provide protection to sensitive resources while providing interpretation to visitors that utilize the Bloody Hill area of Wilson's Creek. We feel the proposed changes are necessary to provide accessibility to resources, effective interpretation to visitors, while protecting park resources. At this time the National Park Service is proposing to: install new wayside exhibits, resting platforms, harden trail surfaces; install a boardwalk and shelter; re-align a portion of the existing trail; and re-locate cannon positions on Bloody Hill. There are three preliminary alternatives:

Alternative A is the No Action Alternative. Everything would stay the same as it currently exists on Bloody Hill and the new waysides would only be placed where existing waysides are now located.

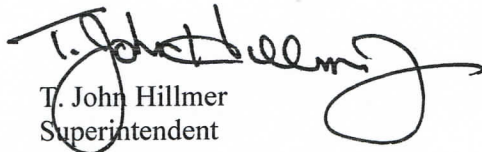
Alternative B (**Preferred**) proposes to harden the existing trail surface and install resting platforms; install a shade shelter, new waysides, and resting benches; install new and re-located cannons; add a new loop trail and modify another; abandon a portion of the existing trail that impacts the habitat of an endangered plant species, the Missouri Bladderpod; and install a small boardwalk to protect the same plant species.

Alternative C proposes to pave the exiting trail surface with pervious pavement and install resting platforms; install new waysides, and resting benches; install new and re-located cannons; install a new trail spur to the Lyon Marker and abandon a larger portion of the trail that impacts the habitat of an endangered plant species, the Missouri Bladderpod; and install a small boardwalk to protect the same plant species.

Maps of each of the preliminary alternatives are attached for clarification and your review. You can also view the alternatives and maps on the National Park Service's Park Planning website at [www.parkplanning.nps.gov](http://www.parkplanning.nps.gov)

We appreciate your time and attention in this matter and should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Gary Sullivan, Chief of Resource Management and Facilities at 417-732-2662, ext. 286 or Historian Connie Langum at 417-732-2662 ext. 399.

Sincerely,

  
T. John Hillmer  
Superintendent

FILE COPY

Enclosures

CC: Judith Deel, Missouri Department of Natural Resources; Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Kerry Holton, Delaware Nation; Tamara Francis, Delaware Nation; Paula Pechonick, Delaware Tribe of Indians; Brice Obermeyer, Delaware Tribe; John Red Eagle, Osage Nation; Chadwick "Cornassel" Smith, Cherokee Nation; George Blanchard, Governor, Absentee Shawnee Tribe; Henryetta Ellis, Director, Cultural/Tribal Historic Preservation; Robin Dushane, Eastern Shawnee Tribe





## United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
Wilson's Creek National Battlefield  
6424 W. Farm Road 182  
Republic, Missouri 65738-9514



**FILE COPY**

H4217(WICR)

February 1, 2013

Robin Dushane  
Eastern Shawnee Tribe  
P.O. Box 350  
Seneca, MO 64865

Dear Robin Dushane,

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield is seeking input to help determine the scope of issues related to proposed modifications to a trail, signs, benches, and cannon positions on Bloody Hill. The intent is to provide protection to sensitive resources while providing interpretation to visitors that utilize the Bloody Hill area of Wilson's Creek. We feel the proposed changes are necessary to provide accessibility to resources, effective interpretation to visitors, while protecting park resources. At this time the National Park Service is proposing to: install new wayside exhibits, resting platforms, harden trail surfaces; install a boardwalk and shelter; re-align a portion of the existing trail; and re-locate cannon positions on Bloody Hill. There are three preliminary alternatives:

Alternative A is the No Action Alternative. Everything would stay the same as it currently exists on Bloody Hill and the new waysides would only be placed where existing waysides are now located.

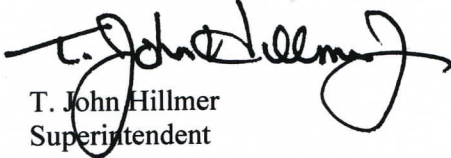
Alternative B (**Preferred**) proposes to harden the existing trail surface and install resting platforms; install a shade shelter, new waysides, and resting benches; install new and re-located cannons; add a new loop trail and modify another; abandon a portion of the existing trail that impacts the habitat of an endangered plant species, the Missouri Bladderpod; and install a small boardwalk to protect the same plant species.

Alternative C proposes to pave the exiting trail surface with pervious pavement and install resting platforms; install new waysides, and resting benches; install new and re-located cannons; install a new trail spur to the Lyon Marker and abandon a larger portion of the trail that impacts the habitat of an endangered plant species, the Missouri Bladderpod; and install a small boardwalk to protect the same plant species.

Maps of each of the preliminary alternatives are attached for clarification and your review. You can also view the alternatives and maps on the National Park Service's Park Planning website at [www.parkplanning.nps.gov](http://www.parkplanning.nps.gov)

We appreciate your time and attention in this matter and should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Gary Sullivan, Chief of Resource Management and Facilities at 417-732-2662, ext. 286 or Historian Connie Langum at 417-732-2662 ext. 399.

Sincerely,



T. John Hillmer  
Superintendent

Enclosures

CC: Judith Deel, Missouri Department of Natural Resources; Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Kerry Holton, Delaware Nation; Tamara Francis, Delaware Nation; Paula Pechonick, Delaware Tribe of Indians; John Red Eagle, Osage Nation; Chadwick "Corntassel" Smith, Cherokee Nation; George Blanchard, Absentee Shawnee Tribe; Henryetta Ellis, Cultural/Tribal Historic Preservation; Glenna J. Wallace, Eastern Shawnee Tribe; Robin Dushane, Eastern Shawnee Tribe