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South Entrance Monument Site Reconfiguration

SPRINGDALE, UT - Zion National Park is proposing to redesign the South Entrance Monument site and adjacent parking area in order to enhance visitor safety, expand cultural resource protection measures and help mitigate factors contributing to vehicle congestion experienced at the South Entrance. The monument has become a renowned park feature, enjoyed by travelers from around the globe and is a favored backdrop for millions of visitors' photographs at the entrance for over 80 years.

The proposed project would move the monument approximately 28 feet east from its original location but would remain in-line with the park boundary. A monument plaza would be installed around the relocation site as well as a walkway on the eastern edge of the monument parking area. The monument parking area would also be restructured.


The Park will prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to provide a decision-making framework that explores a reasonable range of alternatives to meet project objectives, evaluates potential issues and impacts to Park resources and values, and identifies mitigation measures to lessen the degree or extent of these impacts.

The NPS encourages public participation during the NEPA process. At this time, the public is invited to help identify concerns and to express any ideas or comments regarding the reconfiguration of the South Entrance Monument site.

To provide comment online or to get additional information on the proposed project, please visit the NPS planning website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/zion>. You can also comment through the U.S. mail by writing to: Superintendent, Attention: South Entrance Monument EA, Zion National Park, Springdale, UT 84767. Please submit comments by December 30, 2016.

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