



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
ZION NATIONAL PARK
State Route 9
Springdale, Utah 84767



IN REPLY REFER TO: H4217

November 30, 2016

Dear Interested Party,

The National Park Service 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 Zion National Park South Entrance. The monument, which was accepted into the National Register of Historic Places in the 1980s for its original character and fabric typical of the NPS-Rustic style, displays the National Park Service logo and a wooden sign with the park name on it. Originally constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps, the monument has become a renowned park feature and is enjoyed by travelers from around the globe.

The proposed project would move the monument approximately 28 feet east from its original location but would remain in-line with the park boundary. The monument would also be stabilized with an underground concrete footing and the wooden pole and sign would be reoriented to reflect the historic arrangement. A monument plaza would be installed around the relocation site as well as a walkway on the eastern edge of the monument parking area to facilitate universal accessibility to view the monument up close. The existing parking area would be reconfigured to allow for a monument parking exit lane and parallel parking spaces bordering the pedestrian walkway.

Effort would be taken to avoid implementing the proposed project during the peak visitation season (late spring to early fall), construction is expected to take 60-90 days to complete. The immediate area would be closed to visitors during construction which would employ a variety of heavy machinery normally associated with earth moving and road construction (excavators, backhoes, pavers, and material delivery trucks).

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

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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
ATTN: South Entrance Monument EA
Zion National Park
Springdale, UT 84767

Please submit comments by **December 30, 2016**.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jeff Bradybaugh" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jeff Bradybaugh
Superintendent, Zion National Park