



## United States Department of the Interior

### NATIONAL PARK SERVICE ZION NATIONAL PARK

State Route 9  
Springdale, Utah 84767



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August 17, 2018

Dear Park Constituent,

The National Park Service (NPS) is releasing the South Entrance Fee Station Reconfiguration Environmental Assessment (EA) for public review. Project objectives include redesigning the Zion National Park (ZION) South Entrance Fee Station and adjacent roadway to decrease park entry wait times for vehicular traffic, reduce localized vehicle congestion, improve employee safety, develop a renewable energy source to sustain park operations, and replace faulty culverts to improve roadway conditions during weather events.

The EA has been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) which provides a decision-making framework that 1) analyzes a reasonable range of alternative to meet project objectives, 2) evaluates potential issues and impacts to the surrounding resources, and 3) identifies mitigation measures to lessen the degree or extent of these impacts. Throughout this process park staff will continue to work with pertinent agencies, councils, and organizations to ensure natural and cultural resources are protected.

The EA is available for public review from **August 20, 2018** through **September 3, 2018** on the NPS Planning, Environment & Public Comment (PEPC) website at <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/zion>. You may also contact the ZION Environmental Protection Specialist by email at [zion\\_group\\_project\\_compliance@nps.gov](mailto:zion_group_project_compliance@nps.gov) or by phone at (435)-772-0144 to request a hard copy.

The NPS encourages you to review the EA and send us your comments by the close of the comment period. Comments may be submitted online through PEPC or through the mail by writing to: ZION Superintendent, ATTN: South Entrance Fee Station Reconfiguration EA, Zion National Park, State Route 9 Springdale, UT 84767. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Jeff Bradybaugh  
Superintendent