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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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December 22, 2014

Subject: *Scoping Notice – Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the Construction of Novillo Line Camp Interpretive Boardwalk, Padre Island National Seashore, Texas*

Dear Interested Party:

The National Park Service (NPS) will be preparing an environmental assessment (EA) to analyze the environmental effects of a proposed Interpretive Trail and Boardwalk for Padre Island National Seashore, Texas. The proposed Boardwalk will provide visitors to the Seashore a chance to see the historic features and to learn about the islands ranching history. The trail will be constructed through the sand dunes to the northwest of Novillo Line Camp. Construction through the dunes will mitigate the visual impact of the boardwalk within the historic landscape and will avoid impacts from construction in wetlands.

The environmental assessment prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) will provide the decision-making framework that 1) analyzes a reasonable range of alternatives to meet project objectives, 2) evaluates issues and impacts to National Seashore resources and values, and 3) identifies mitigation measures to lessen the degree or extent of these impacts.

The National Park Service encourages public participation throughout the NEPA process. The public has two opportunities to formally comment on the project; once

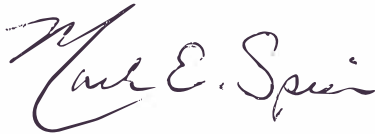


during initial project scoping and again following release of the Environmental Assessment. We are currently in the scoping phase of this project, and invite you to submit your written comments online at the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/>.

If you are unable to submit comments electronically through this website, you may submit written comments to the Superintendent at the address on the letterhead. Please provide all comments by February 13, 2015. These comments will be considered during preparation of the Environmental Assessment. We look forward to hearing from you.

If you have any questions, or require additional information, please contact Mr. Charles Sassine at (361) 949-8174 ext. 224, or email Charles_Sassine@nps.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Mark E. Spier". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" being particularly prominent.

Mark Spier
Superintendent

