



## Project Scoping

February 2009

### Hovenweep National Monument Proposes to Construct a New Parking Area at the Goodman Point Unit.

Hovenweep National Monument proposes to construct a new parking lot at the Goodman Point Unit near Cortez, Colorado. This designated parking lot would replace the existing informal pull-off located in the public right-of-way which has been compromised by recent road work. A new parking lot is required for public safety. All visitor and employee parking would be relocated to the new parking lot.

The proposal will establish a small, dirt parking lot about 50 feet square in size within the Goodman Point Unit adjacent to the unit's north boundary. The lot would provide parking for approximately six vehicles and would correct a safety issue which endangers park visitors, employees, researchers, local residents and the general public. By moving the parking area away from the county road and enlarging the parking area, visitors and employees accessing the Unit will be able to park safely away from the road and traffic concerns.

An environmental assessment (EA) will be developed to evaluate a range of alternatives and strategies at Hovenweep NM for the construction of a new parking area at Goodman Point Unit and to ensure the monument's resources and values are protected. We will also include an assessment of effect (AEF) on the cultural resources that are at Goodman Point Unit.

As the superintendent of Hovenweep National Monument, I invite you to participate in this scoping process.

Sincerely,  
Coralee S. Hays, Superintendent

#### Overview of Process

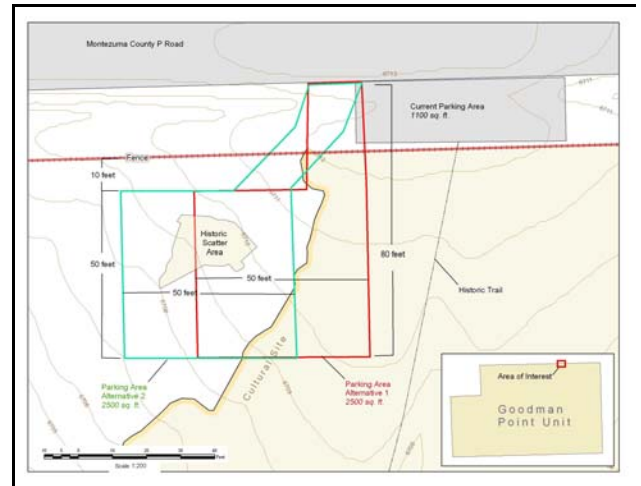
Project milestones include:

- Public scoping period
- Preparation of EA/AEF
- Public review of EA/AEF
- Analysis of public comment
- Preparation of decision document
- Announcement of decision on construction of new parking lot proposal

#### Resources and Concerns

Initial internal project scoping identified the following resources and other concerns for consideration in the environmental assessment/assessment of effect (EA/AEF):

Archeological resources	Visitor use
Soil and vegetation	Human health and safety



*Map of proposed alternatives at Goodman Point Unit*

#### What does the scoping period mean?

Scoping is done in the initial phase of a project to seek input from a variety of sources. The input is used to identify issues, areas requiring additional study, and topics that will be analyzed in the EA/AEF process. This is an opportunity for you to provide us with your suggestions, comments and concerns regarding this parking area project at Hovenweep National Monument.

**Is scoping my only opportunity to comment on the project?** No, once the EA/AEF is developed, the document will be made available for public review for a 30-day period.

#### The following preliminary alternatives were identified:

1. Action- construct a new parking area west of trail to Goodman Point Unit (option1) on park property.
2. Action- construct a new parking area (option 2) west of option 1 on park property.
3. General zones along the entire north boundary of the Unit.

**Please let us know by March 13, 2009:**

1. Do you have any ideas to share about issues/concerns, or are there any issues/concerns about the project that you think we should consider?
2. Are there any other alternatives that you think should be considered?
3. Do you have another comments and suggestions for us to consider in the environmental assessment/assessment of effect?

**If you wish to comment on the scoping brochure or on any other issues associated with the project, you may submit your comments by the below methods.**

The scoping brochure and an electronic form to submit comments on the internet can be found at the Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/hove>.

You may submit written comments to:

Superintendent, Hovenweep NM  
McElmo Route  
Cortez, Colorado 80816.

**If you wish to receive a copy of the environmental assessment/assessment of effect (EA/AEF) when available, please check one of the lines below and include your address, then seal and mail this form.**

**Please add/ retain my name on your mailing list:**

- ☐ I prefer to have a copy of the EA on CD-ROM.  
☐ I will download my own copy of the EA from the NPS website.  
☐ I will go to park headquarters or the library and read the copy on file.  
☐ I don't want a copy of the EA, but please keep me on your mailing list.  
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