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## The National Park Service Wants to Hear from You!

The National Park Service is preparing a foundation document to guide future planning and management of the Amache National Historic Site. We invite you to participate in this effort.

On March 18, 2022, President Joseph R. Biden signed the Amache National Historic Site Act into law, starting the process to establish Amache as a new unit of the national park\* system. Amache, located near Granada, Colorado, was one of 10 incarceration sites established by the War Relocation Authority during World War II. On February 19, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, leading to the forced removal of more than 110,000 Japanese Americans from

their homes and communities on the West Coast to a system of incarceration sites.

The new legislation directs the National Park Service to preserve and protect Amache and to interpret Amache's history and continuing relevance for current and future generations. More information about Amache and its transition to NPS management can be found on the park web page: <https://www.nps.gov/amch>.

As the National Park Service works toward establishing Amache as a new unit of the national park system, one of the first steps is developing a foundation document. This document identifies a national park

unit's core purpose and significance, its most important resources and values, and the key interpretive themes or concepts that tell its unique story. Foundation documents also identify important issues to be addressed in future planning and data collection efforts.

A foundation document is not intended to provide specific recommendations for how the park will be managed but will instead inform future decision making by documenting what is most important about Amache and what efforts are needed to protect and preserve its resources. Foundation documents are a required first step before comprehensive management and development planning.

\* Park, national park, and park unit are all umbrella terms used to describe any area managed as part of the national park system, including national historic sites like Amache.

The National Park Service welcomes Amache survivors and descendants, as well as any member of the public with an interest in Amache, to participate in the development of the foundation document. Here are some ways to participate:

▶ **Review draft foundation document content on the project website (available after March 29, 2023)** ([https://parkplanning.nps.gov/AMCH\\_Foundation](https://parkplanning.nps.gov/AMCH_Foundation)).

This content was developed in collaboration with Amache subject matter experts and using past public input received on Amache. To view this content, click on "Document List" on the left side of the web page.

▶ **Share your written thoughts and ideas during the public comment period (through June 23, 2023).** We are most interested in your thoughts on any of these topics as they relate to Amache:

1. What are the core resources at Amache National Historic Site that should be protected and shared with visitors?
2. What should people know about the history of Amache National Historic Site? What are its most important stories?
3. What are the biggest challenges facing Amache National Historic Site and its management?
4. What are the biggest opportunities for Amache National Historic Site when considering its new status as a unit of the national park system?

You can submit comments until June 23, 2023, in the following ways:

**Online (preferred) by visiting the project website:** [https://parkplanning.nps.gov/AMCH\\_Foundation](https://parkplanning.nps.gov/AMCH_Foundation). Click on "Open for Comment" on the left side of the web page.

**By mail to:**  
Amache Foundation Document,  
c/o Charles Lawson  
National Park Service  
12795 West Alameda Parkway  
PO Box 25287  
Denver, CO 80225-0287

**Or by e-mail at:**  
[Amache\\_Study@nps.gov](mailto:Amache_Study@nps.gov)

► **Attend a public meeting.** Meet with the National Park Service to learn more about the foundation document process and share your thoughts and ideas on the future of Amache by attending a public meeting. Meetings will be held in California and Colorado. Each meeting will follow the same format, beginning with an informational presentation and followed by opportunities to ask questions and share thoughts and ideas with NPS staff in an open house setting. Please consider joining us at the location and on the day that is most convenient for you. Information on public meetings is listed below, as well as on the project web page ([https://parkplanning.nps.gov/AMCH\\_Foundation](https://parkplanning.nps.gov/AMCH_Foundation)).

► **Attend a virtual information session.** This virtual meeting will begin with the same informational presentation as the in-person meetings, followed by a moderated question-and-answer session about foundation documents and the best methods for submitting written comments. This meeting will be recorded and remain available on the project website to view at your convenience. The meeting date and link is included below.

Thank you for your interest in the future of Amache!

MEETING LOCATION	MEETING DATE AND TIME	ADDRESS
Online   virtual information session	Tuesday – April 4, 2023 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. MST	Links to join the live meeting or view the recording are available on the project website under “Meeting Notices” ( <a href="https://parkplanning.nps.gov/AMCH_Foundation">https://parkplanning.nps.gov/AMCH_Foundation</a> ).
Denver, Colorado	Sunday – April 2, 2023 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. MST	Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple 1947 Lawrence Street Denver, CO 80202
Granada, Colorado	Wednesday – April 5, 2023 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. MST	Granada Community Center 105 South Main Street Granada, CO 81041
San Jose, California	Saturday – April 22, 2023 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. PST	Japanese American Museum of San Jose 535 North 5th Street San Jose, CA 95112
San Francisco, California	Saturday – April 22, 2023 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. PST	Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California Issei Memorial Hall (1st floor) 1840 Sutter Street San Francisco, CA 94115
Sebastopol, California	Sunday – April 23, 2023 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. PST	Enmanji Buddhist Temple Memorial Hall 1200 Gravenstein Highway South Sebastopol, CA 95472  Proof of COVID-19 vaccination required for entry.
Oakland, California	Sunday – April 23, 2023 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. PST	J-Sei Emeryville Facility 1285 66th Street Emeryville, CA 94608
Gardena, California	Saturday – May 6, 2023 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. PST	Gardena Valley Japanese American Cultural Institute 1964 W. 162nd Street Gardena, CA 90247
Los Angeles, California	Saturday – May 6, 2023 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. PST	Japanese American National Museum Inahara Foyer 100 North Central Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90012
Livingston, California	Sunday – May 7, 2023 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. PST	Livingston United Methodist Church Pioneer Hall 11695 Olive Avenue Livingston, CA 95334
Sacramento, California	Monday – May 8, 2023 10:00 a.m. – Noon PST	Buddhist Church of Sacramento 2401 Riverside Boulevard Sacramento, CA 95818
Arvada, Colorado	Saturday – June 10, 2023 10:00 a.m. – Noon MST	Simpson United Methodist Church 6001 Wolff Street Arvada, CO 80003