

## Replace Procter Building with new Storage Building Public Scoping

The National Park Service (NPS) seeks your review and comments on the “Big Spring Divisional Storage Building- Replace Procter Building” project. The existing storage building on Peavine Road by the Fire Cache and Curatorial Building is structurally in bad shape and not in a condition to use as an all weather storage site. There is also a need in the park to have a storage facility to house supplies and materials necessary to carry out interpretive, law enforcement, and resource management operations.

The park proposes to replace the existing Procter Building with a new building at the same location that also includes electric service. The new building will be 2400 sq feet vs 926 sq feet for the older building. It will be constructed with an Ozark vernacular facade, and additional plantings of native trees or shrubs will be made to provide further screening from the road. The existing building will be demolished and all new construction will be on the existing foot print and in an area that has been previously leveled and used for material stock piling and heavy equipment parking. The site is outside of the Big Spring Historic District. This site is in the same developed area as the fire cache and curatorial building.

Environmental screening by the park’s interdisciplinary team during internal scoping has shown that there would not be any resource impacts above minor and the project would not have any significant impacts. A Section 106 review by the cultural resource management team has shown that no historic properties would be affected and the State Historic Preservation Office has concurred. Based on the impact analysis, the park is planning to move forward with this project using a categorical exclusion.

We are seeking public and agency comments on this project from April 1, 2010 through April 16, 2010. **Comments must be received no later than April 16, 2010 and may be submitted by any of three methods:**

1. Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website (select Ozark National Scenic Riverways from the dropdown menu):  
<http://parkplanning.nps.gov>
2. Mail to Ozark National Scenic Riverways headquarters: Superintendent, Ozark National Scenic Riverways, Attn: Big Spring Storage Building , P.O. Box 490, Van Buren, MO 63965
3. Electronic mail to Ozark National Scenic Riverways headquarters:  
[OZAR\\_superintendent@nps.gov](mailto:OZAR_superintendent@nps.gov).

Thank you for your time and consideration, and we look forward to hearing from you.