



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site
P.O. Box 150



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Dear Friend of Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site:

The National Park Service is proposing to construct pedestrian trails at Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site to enhance community cohesion, enhance interpretive and recreational opportunities, provide accessible trails, and minimize impacts on park resources from the creation of social trails. Currently, there are no formalized pedestrian trails within the historic site.

This proposal includes constructing pedestrian trails and associated amenities to enhance recreational and interpretive opportunities. A pedestrian trail would be constructed to provide a seamless connection with the trail on adjacent Navajo Nation land. A portion of this trail would be accessible to provide opportunities for all visitors and customers of Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site. An accessible trail to the Hogan in the Lane and a route around the "Big Field" are also being considered. In addition, wayside exhibits would be installed to provide interpretive information to visitors and customers, and benches would be installed along the Wash Trail.

An Environmental Assessment has been prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to provide the decision-making framework that 1) analyzes a reasonable range of alternatives to meet objectives of the proposal, 2) evaluates potential issues and impacts to the historic sites' resources and values, and 3) identifies mitigation measures to lessen the degree or extent of these impacts. This Environmental Assessment evaluates three alternatives: a No-Action alternative and two action alternatives. The No-Action alternative describes the current condition with no construction of pedestrian trails. Both action alternatives address the construction of the Wash Trail and associated trail amenities; while Alternative B also includes an accessible trail to the Hogan in the Lane and encouraging access around the "Big Field".

The National Park Service encourages public participation throughout the NEPA process during which the public has two opportunities to formally comment on the project; once during initial project scoping which occurred in summer 2009 and again following release of the Environmental Assessment which is now. This is your opportunity to review the Environmental Assessment, and submit your written comments online at the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/hutr>.

If you are not able to submit comments electronically through this website, then you may also submit written comments to me at the address on the letterhead. Please provide all comments by October 8, 2010. These comments will be considered during preparation of the decision. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,
Anne Worthington
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Superintendent