

THE  
**FUTURE**  
OF  
**AMERICA'S**  
**NATIONAL**  
**PARKS**

First Annual  
Centennial Strategy for

# Pecos National Historical Park

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CENTENNIAL INITIATIVE



**Site:** PECO

**Year:** 2007

**Vision Statement**

By 2016, Pecos National Historical Park will be accessible to the public, having successfully established networks to connect the park with local towns, partners and supporters, a place for inspiring educational activities and a catalyst for resource stewardship initiatives that extend beyond park boundaries. The park will introduce twelve centuries of history to diverse and far-flung audiences with upgraded and enhanced exhibits, brochures and web offerings. Park facilities will be enjoyable, safe, fully accessible, well maintained and models of environmental sustainability. Professional and accountable work practices will enhance park planning, project execution, administration, human resource management and visitor services. The park will work with regional and national partners to continue protection of clean air, dark skies, scenic viewsheds, natural sounds and biodiversity that define the park's natural resources. Recreational opportunities available in the park and particularly along the historic ranch road system will enhance the park's reputation as a hiking and wildlife observation area. Every school in the local area will use the park's resources in some fashion, and multiple opportunities for youth involvement in resource stewardship are available. A fuller understanding of the twelve centuries of history interpreted by the park will increase the appreciation and involvement of park visitors, partners and neighbors. The park will serve as a premiere example of America's natural and cultural heritage preserved within the National Park System and will connect its compelling stories both intellectually and emotionally with all who experience its resources.

**Park/ Superintendent/ Program Manager**

Kathy Billings

Site: PECO

STEWARDSHIP

Provide inspiring, safe, and accessible places for people to enjoy - the standard to which all other park systems aspire.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Provide public access to the Glorieta Civil War Battlefield by providing a contact station and interpreted trail system.

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STEWARDSHIP

Improve the condition of park resources and assets.

Improve high-priority assets to acceptable condition, as measured by the Facility Condition Index.

Rehabilitate the Glorieta facility targeted to be a visitor center. Improve FCI for adobe building.

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STEWARDSHIP

Assure that no compelling chapter in the American heritage experience remains untold and that strategically important landscapes are acquired, as authorized by Congress.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Continue purchasing inholdings in the Glorieta and Canoncito Units of the park as willings sellers come forward thereby protecting the site of the Glorieta Civil War battlefield as designated in the park's 1990 legislation.

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**STEWARDSHIP**

Encourage children to be future conservationists.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Ensure that all young visitors to the park have the opportunity to take part in specific interpretive and resource programs. Continue ongoing school programs with the Pecos Elementary School.

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**ENVIRONMENT**

Reduce environmental impacts of park operations.

Reduce the environmental impacts of park operations on air and water quality.

Manage fleet operations to increase the percentage of alternative fuel, hybrid and electric vehicles.

Improve energy efficiency of facilities as part of rehabilitation projects.

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RECREATION

Encourage collaboration among and assist park and recreation systems at every level—federal, regional, state, local—to help build an outdoor recreation network accessible to all Americans.

Rehabilitate over 2,000 miles of trails within or connected to national parks, including trails accessible to those with disabilities.

Construct trails for the Glorieta Unit and Forked Lightning Ranch area. Work with partners to interconnect trail system with Pecos and Santa Fe National Forest.

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Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Develop and implement access and fishing plans for the park.

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EDUCATION

Cooperate with educators to provide curriculum materials, high-quality programs, and park-based and online learning.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Continue field school programs with Pecos Elementary School - 1 - 6 grades.

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EDUCATION

Promote life-long learning to connect generations through park experiences.

Enroll an additional two million children in the Junior Ranger program.

Encourage children locally and from long distance to participate in the Junior Ranger program.

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**EDUCATION**

Impart to every American a sense of their citizen ownership of their national parks.

Increase visitors' satisfaction, understanding, and appreciation of the parks they visit.

Engage all visitors in their role of stewardship of the park and the national park system.

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**PROFESSIONALISM**

Use strategic planning to promote management excellence.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Develop a Foundation Plan and Strategic Centennial plans for next 10 years.

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**PROFESSIONALISM**

Promote a safety and health culture for all employees and visitors.

Reduce the number of employee lost-time incidents and serious visitor injuries by 20 percent.

Design park safety action plan to establish a safety culture with park employees.

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PROFESSIONALISM

Model what it means to work in partnership.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Develop and maintain partnerships with local groups for watershed protection, dark skies stewardship, and clean air protection.

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PROFESSIONALISM

Make national parks the first choice in philanthropic giving among those concerned about environmental, cultural, and recreational values.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Work with local community and Friends of Pecos National Historical Park to develop and implement access and interpretive plans and stewardship for the park.

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