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# Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument

## News Release

### **Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument Initiates General Management Plan Amendment**

In 1986, the National Park Service completed a general management plan for the monument that recommended several actions including relocating the visitor center and parking lot. In the 28 years since that plan was approved, the National Park Service (NPS) has made little headway in implementing recommendations regarding capacity, location, and functions (including visitor access and collections storage) of the monument's visitor center. Additionally, in 2011 the majority of the monument's museum collections were temporarily transferred to an NPS facility in Arizona for conservation.

Although we face many pressing issues, the future of the visitor center has been at the forefront of management concerns for decades. The 62-year-old visitor center does not physically or functionally address the primary objective of comprehensively conveying to visitors one of the most important stories in U.S. history. Interpretive exhibits need to be updated and building spaces expanded, replaced, and renovated to accommodate visitors and staff. The appropriate location of the visitor center must also incorporate measures to enhance resource protection, visitor experience, and sustainable operations.

We invite interested parties to join us in discussing the management challenges posed by the outdated visitor center, and help us determine the range of reasonable alternatives that should be considered for this important structure. We also need an appropriate facility to bring our important museum collections back to the Monument as promised. Sharing your ideas and concerns for management of Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument will strengthen the planning process and help us make the best decisions for the park.

#### **How to Get Involved**

If you are able to, please come to one of the open houses we will hold in November. You will be able to learn more about the planning process and share your views on the future of the park. If not, please share your comments electronically or by mail. Receiving your input before December 15, 2014 will allow us to incorporate your ideas early in the planning process.

Please consider these questions when developing your comments: *What is your vision for the visitor experience at Little Bighorn? How would the visitor center play a role in that future experience? Please share with us any concerns that you might have about the visitor center. How has the visitor center affected your visit (s) in the past? Please tell us your ideas for addressing the ongoing issues at the visitor center.*

**Share your comments at one of two meetings:**

Open House in Hardin, Montana

November 5, 2014 at 7 p.m.

At Super 8, 201 14th Street, Interstate 90 Exit 495

Virtual Open House

November 12, 2014 at 7 p.m. (Mountain Time)

Telephone call-in and webinar information will be available at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/libi>

**Share your comments electronically:**

Complete an electronic comment form at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/libi>

Click on “General Management Plan Amendment” and then “Open for Comment”

**Share your comments by mail:**

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