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Memorandum:

To: Regional Director, Southeast Region
Attention: Chief, Rivers and Trails Division

From: Regional Director, Southwest Region

Subject: Review Comments for the Draft Trail of Tears Task Directive

We are very excited about the Trail of Tears study and look forward to working with your staff and representatives from the Midwest Regional Office to prepare a concise evaluation of the potential for designation as a national historic trail.

Regional Office staff have reviewed the draft task directive and we have several comments that should be addressed prior to approval of the task directive by the offices involved. Southwest Regional Office representatives will be meeting with your staff March 13 in Atlanta to discuss our comments and more fully determine the scope of the study.

The following comments should be addressed:

1. A cover sheet with signature blocks for the three Regional Directors should be added to the task directive according to the National Park Service planning guidelines.
2. The background statement should be expanded to include a good, concise statement on the Indian removal story and the Trail of Tears. Also, it is unclear by reading the task directive if one of the trails will be the primary focus of the study or if all trail segments will be evaluated.
3. Will university or research historians be contacted in the preparation of the very important significance statement. The time allotted for research appears very brief. Who will do the research? CECIL
IN-HOUSE TO SEND - schedule
4. We suggest that the task directive include a specific scope of work that indicates the exact process to be used, documents to be prepared, the names of the documents, and responsible staff required to prepare all documents or media material.
5. Environmental compliance needs to be more completely identified in the task directive. Do we have to proceed on the basis of doing an environmental impact statement or will we be preparing a proposal/environmental assessment document?

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ALL 3 R.D.'s
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Cecil &/or
Melanie ✓

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6. The section Proposed Coordination is somewhat unclear as to what will be done and who will undertake what coordination.

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7. We suggest that the Advisory Committee listed under Proposed Coordination include a member of the Cherokee Tribe.

None

8. Under the Funding Section, what services or assistance will be provided by the Denver Service Center, if any?

O.K.

9. For the section that identifies funding and salary needs for the project, we suggest the following be included for Southwest Region needs:

Year one: Planning coordinator - salaries and travel - \$20,000
Consultants - Chief, Division of Planning and Design
- travel - \$5,000
Chief, Division of History - travel - \$5,000

Second year: Planning coordinator - salary and travel - \$20,000
Consultants - total travel - \$5,000

Third year: Planning coordinator - salary and travel - \$6,000
Consultants - total travel - \$1,000

10. We suggest that the list of study participants be revised to state the following:

O.K.

Gerald Kazmierczak, principal planning coordinator, Southwest Region
Consultants: Douglas D. Faris, Chief, Division of Planning and Design, Southwest Region
Melody Webb, Chief, Division of History, Southwest Region

will consider probably NO

Also, we suggest that a member of the Cherokee Tribe be included as an official planning team member.

NO

11. The schedule should be reevaluated with the other Regional Office representatives to assure that the phases are feasible for the times allotted.

NO

12. The section concerning compliance should be more specific for 106 compliance and include details of what process will be used.

NO

13. An Appendix should be added to the task directive that includes any relevant public laws that direct the study along with any relevant Congressional Report data that may have resulted from the enactment of Public Law 9811.

Again, we look forward to working with you on this study. Thank you for the opportunity to evaluate the task directive.