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Via Electronic Mail

Subject: Response to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request DOI-NPS-2023-000392

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated October 24, 2022, in which you requested:

I request records identifying the 21 previously authorized studies for potential units of the National Park System, potential new national heritage areas, and potential additions to the National Trails System and National Wild and Scenic Rivers System that have not yet been completed and transmitted to Congress. National Parks Service Associate Director for Park Planning, Facilities, and Lands Mike Caldwell mentioned these studies in his testimony before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources National Parks Subcommittee on Sept. 21, 2022.

Upon review, your request has been granted in full. Attached is one PDF consisting of 3 pages. In the time since Associate Director Caldwell testified regarding the 21 previously authorized studies, two studies have been completed and transmitted to Congress: The Amache Special Resource Study (sent to Congress on October 13, 2022), and the Cold War Defensive Sites National Historic Landmarks Theme Study Transmittal (sent to Congress November 7, 2022).

The remaining 19 studies are as follows:

1. 1908 Springfield Race Riot SRS, I
2. Battle of Matewan SRS, WV
3. Emancipation NHT Study, TX
4. Finger Lakes NHA Feasibility Study, NY
5. Flushing Remonstrance SRS, NY
6. Fort Ontario and the Safe Haven Holocaust Refugee Shelter Museum SRS, NY
7. George W. Bush Childhood Home SRS, TX
8. Golden Spike National Historical Park, Transcontinental Railroad (RR), IA, NE, WY, UT, NV, CA
9. James K. Polk Presidential Home SRS, TN
10. Julius Rosenwald and the Rosenwald Schools SRS, AL, AR, GA, IL, MD, MS, NC, TN, VA
11. Kentucky Wildlands NHA Study, KY
12. Mississippi Civil Rights Sites SRS

13. New Philadelphia SRS, IL
14. Ocmulgee River Corridor SRS, GA
15. Pike NHT Feasibility Study, MO, KS, NE, CO, NM, TX, LA
16. President Street Station SRS, MD
17. Rota SRS, CNMI
18. Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail SRS, AL
19. Thurgood Marshall School (PS 103) SRS, MD

We have conducted a foreseeable harm analysis under the FOIA Improvement Act of 2016 and, after consulting with a subject matter expert, 1) we do not reasonably foresee that disclosure of this information would harm an interest that the FOIA's exemptions were designed to protect and 2) disclosure would not be prohibited by law. Therefore, we are releasing this information in full. Please be aware that our decision to release this information does not mean that we have waived our ability to invoke applicable FOIA exemptions for similar or related information in the future.

Please let us know if you need anything further.

We do not bill requesters for FOIA processing fees when their fees are less than \$50.00, because the cost of collection would be greater than the fee collected. See [43 C.F.R. § 2.37\(g\)](#). Therefore, there is no billable fee for the processing of this request.

You may appeal this response to the Department's FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer. If you choose to appeal, the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer must receive your FOIA appeal no later than 90 workdays from the date of this final response. Appeals arriving or delivered after 5 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, will be deemed received on the next workday. See [43 C.F.R. § 2.57](#), [.58](#)

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Please include your name and daytime telephone number (or the name and telephone number of an appropriate contact), email address and fax number (if available) in case the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer needs additional information or clarification of your appeal.

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For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of FOIA. See [5 U.S.C. 552\(c\)](#). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.”

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Please note that using OGIS services does not affect the timing of filing an appeal with the Department’s FOIA & Privacy Act Appeals Officer.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, as the person responsible for processing your request, with any further questions or concerns. I can be reached at waso_foia_requests@nps.gov or by phone at (202) 230-2980. Additionally, the Department’s FOIA Public Liaison can be reached by emailing doifoiapublicliaison@sol.doi.gov.

Sincerely,

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National Park Service Authorized Studies and Reconnaissance Surveys - August 2022

STUDIES IN PROGRESS/PENDING

Studies Currently Underway or Pending Transmittal

1908 Springfield Race Riot SRS, IL
Amache SRS, CO
Battle of Matewan SRS, WV
Cold War Sites Theme Study
Emancipation NHT Study, TX
Finger Lakes NHA Feasibility Study, NY
Flushing Remonstrance SRS, NY
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New Philadelphia SRS, IL
Ocmulgee River Corridor SRS, GA
Pike NHT Feasibility Study, MO, KS, NE, CO, NM, TX, LA
President Street Station SRS, MD
Rota SRS, CNMI
Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail SRS, AL
Thurgood Marshall School (PS 103) SRS, MD

RECONNAISSANCE SURVEYS IN PROGRESS/PENDING

Reconnaissance Surveys to Begin/Underway

Arthurdale Heritage site, WV
Black Panther Party Related Sites, CA
Chicano Park, CA
Dearfield Homestead, CO
Dodona Manor, VA
January 8th Memorial, AZ
Knappton Cove Heritage Center, WA
McNeill Street Pumping Station, LA
Prairie du Rocher, IL
Roberts Temple Church of God In Christ, IL
Thomas Paine Cottage and Thomas Paine Memorial House, NY

FY 2022

Studies Transmitted to Congress

Mill Springs Battlefield SRS, KY
Nashua WSR Study, MA
Prison Ship Martyrs' Monument SRS, NY
West Hunter Street Baptist Church and the surrounding block SRS, GA
Wood-Pawcatuck WSR Study, RI and CT

FY 2021

Studies Transmitted to Congress

York River WSR Study, ME

Reconnaissance Surveys Transmitted to Congress (requesting member) or DOI/NPS requestor

Percy MacKaye property, NH

FY 2020

Studies Transmitted to Congress

Fort San Geronimo and Other Related Resources SRS/Boundary Study, PR

Northern Neck NHA Feasibility Study, VA

Oregon Caves National Monument and Preserve WSR Study, OR

Revised Feasibility and Suitability Study for Additional Routes of the Oregon, Mormon Pioneer, California, and Pony Express NHTs - multistate

Reconnaissance Surveys Transmitted to Congress (requesting member) or DOI/NPS requestor

Detroit Sound Conservancy, MI

John P. Parker House and Museum, OH

President James A. Garfield Memorial, OH

Selected Civil Rights Sites in Phillips County, AR

Washington Trail - 1753, PA

FY 2019

Studies Transmitted to Congress

Buffalo Soldiers Study

Chisholm and Great Western National Historic Trail - multistate

Lower Mississippi River Area, LA

Michigan Maritime Heritage, MI

Reconnaissance Surveys Transmitted to Congress (requesting member) or DOI/NPS requestor

Adams Ranch, NV

Cahokia Mounds, IL

Springfield Race Riot, IL

Yuma Quartermaster Depot, AZ

FY 2018

Studies Transmitted to Congress

Butterfield Overland Trail - multistate

Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Extension Study, Eastern Legacy Route

***Key to Study Terms**

Special Resource Study (SRS) - Congressionally authorized study to determine if an area meets the criteria to be recommended as a new unit of the national park system (national significance, suitability,

Reconnaissance Survey - A preliminary assessment of whether or not a resource/area is a good candidate for a full special resource study; by law may not exceed \$25,000. In addition, they have been undertaken for other types of national designations such as Wild & Scenic Rivers, National Historic Trails, and Affiliated Areas. A reconnaissance survey offers indications of whether the resource/area is

National Heritage Area (NHA) Feasibility Study - Evaluation to determine an area's suitability and feasibility to be eligible for designation as an NHA.

river for WSR designation.
National Trail Feasibility Study - Evaluation to determine the feasibility, suitability, and desirability of designating national scenic or national historic trails.
Theme Study - A comparative analysis of properties associated with a specific area of American history.