



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
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Washington, DC 20240

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The Honorable Mike Kelly
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Kelly:

Thank you for your letter of February 11, 2015, to National Park Service (NPS) Director Jonathan Jarvis, requesting that the NPS conduct a reconnaissance survey of the Washington Trail-1753 in Western Pennsylvania. I have been asked to reply on behalf of the Director.

I am pleased to inform you that the NPS will conduct the requested reconnaissance survey. The survey will determine if the Washington-1753 trail resources merit further consideration as a potential unit of the National Trails System through a congressionally authorized trail feasibility study. A summary report on the survey findings will be prepared. Reconnaissance surveys are funded in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

We expect that the survey project will be initiated later in this fiscal year (FY). The length of time for any survey project is dependent on the complexity of the resources and available staff capacity. In this case, we anticipate a completion date during the first quarter of FY 2017, although that is not a guaranteed date.

The Northeast Region will provide the overall direction of the study team assigned to this project. Please contact Mr. Michael Quijano-West, Chief of Park Planning and Special Studies, Northeast Region, should you have questions regarding the reconnaissance survey process. Mr. Quijano-West can be reached, at 617-223-5080.

Sincerely,

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Associate Director, Park Planning, Facilities, and Lands

cc: Regional Director, Northeast Region