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Finding of No Significant Impact signed to replace an existing observation room and interpretative patio area and replaced with a multipurpose room.

A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been signed by Michael D. Snyder, Regional Director for Intermountain Region of the National Park Service for the removal of the observation room and interpretative patio from the Visitor Center at Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument in order to facilitate the construction of an all weather multipurpose room on top of the same foot print.

The purpose of this project is to provide a quality National Park Service experience that is safe and accessible to all visitors. An Environmental Assessment/Assessment of Effect was released to the public for comments from June 25, 2006 to August 5, 2006. This assessment, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, analyzed the impacts that will likely result from implementation of the project. Four alternatives for addressing the purpose and need for action were evaluated in the report, as well as a no action alternative. The Regional Director concluded that implementation of the preferred alternative (Alternative B) does not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment and is not an action that normally requires preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS).

It is the intent of the National Park Service to complete the architectural and final design by June 2008 and; thereafter, solicit for a contractor this summer. Once a selection is completed, construction can proceed by fall of 2008 or early 2009.

Those interested in viewing the FONSI may do so on the National Park Service Planning, Environment and Public Comment website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/libi>. For questions and additional information about this project please contact James Charles, Management Assistant at (406)638-3218 or Bruce Keller, Project Manager at (303) 969-2692.

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