



March 25, 2009

Judy Billings  
Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area  
P.O. Box 526  
Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Ms. Billings,

The University of Kansas Biodiversity Institute, including its Natural History Museum, is pleased to be a formal partner in the efforts of the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area (FFNHA).

We have a storied history of research in Kansas and the Great Plains documented by our extensive archaeological and biological collections. Current and future research, education and exhibition endeavors will continue to build upon these strong natural and cultural components of the national heritage area, particularly our interdisciplinary efforts encompassing the interactions between natural and human systems and their reciprocal impacts.

We look forward to working closely with the KU Spencer Museum of Art and other FFNHA partners in helping to achieve the region's vision, mission and guiding principles. We will designate a formal representative who will attend the FFNHA meetings, participate in the planning process and coordinate our involvement in the implementation of the plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of the FFNHA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "L. Krishtalka".

Leonard Krishtalka  
Director