

**NEWS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

January 5, 2009

For more information:

Judy Billings
785-856-5300, jbillings@freedomfrontier.org

Public invited to attend monthly Partnership Meeting of the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area

Lawrence, Kan. – The public is invited to attend the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area (FFNHA) Partnership Meeting in Lawrence, Kansas, on January 8, 2009. The meeting will be held at the Lawrence Visitor Information Center, 402 North 2nd Street, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The meeting in Lawrence will focus on gaining input from residents about FFNHA visitors and their expectations. Attendees will be asked for their input about what makes a site, event and story a successful addition to the experience of Freedom's Frontier. This information will be incorporated into the Freedom's Frontier's management plan.

The management plan will be submitted to the National Park Service for approval in the spring of 2009. Recent work on the management plan includes sections that explain how Freedom's Frontier's landscape is unique and its story significant. These pieces are posted online for public review at www.ffnha-hosting.com. A Welcome Packet and additional information about Freedom's Frontier can be found online at www.freedomfrontier.org.

For additional information about the January meeting, or to make a lunch reservation, please contact Debbie White at the Lawrence Visitors Center, 785-865-4499 or dwhite@freedomfrontier.org.

Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area, consisting of 41 counties in western-Missouri and eastern-Kansas, is a grassroots effort to steward the cultural landscape and nationally significant stories about the struggle over freedom on the frontier.

-###-