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

Leavenworth, Kan. – The public is invited to attend the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area (FFNHA) Partnership Meeting in Leavenworth, Kansas, on February 12, 2009. The meeting will be held at the University of St. Mary, Berchmans Assembly Room, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The meeting in Leavenworth will focus on stakeholders' roles in Freedom's Frontier. Discussion will center on identifying partners for future projects, and planning for future 2009 events, and posting of the 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 drafts of each section of the plan. Each section of the plan will be posted online for public review at www.ffnha-hosting.com. Posting of sections begins February 6. The public will have thirty days to review a section after it is posted. A Welcome Packet and additional information about Freedom's Frontier can be found online at www.freedomfrontier.org.

For additional information about the February meeting, or to make a lunch reservation, 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.

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