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**Public Invited to Comment on Final Draft of Management Plan**

Lawrence, Kan. – The public is invited to comment on the final draft of Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area (FFNHA) Management Plan. Sections entitled Power of Action and Power of Partnership are the latest additions to what has previously been reviewed. The entire plan, including these sections, are posted online at the [www.ffenha-hosting.com](http://www.ffenha-hosting.com). The public will have until June 6 to comment.

The Power of Action offers “toolkits” for citizens and groups to assess and improve experiences offered in Freedom’s Frontier. These toolkits cover heritage preservation, tourism and marketing, and storytelling. The Power of Partnership offers in-depth information and recommendations for the Freedom’s Frontier coordinating entity and its partners to manage the heritage area. This section addresses heritage preservation, recreation, natural resource conservation, interpretation, education, tourism, marketing and economic development.

Over the course of 2008 and early 2009, area volunteers have worked with a consultant group to produce the Management Plan. Each section of the plan has been reviewed by committees and the organization’s Steering Committee before posting for the public. As a whole, the Management Plan reveals insights and information gleaned during the planning process and will guide the heritage area’s activities for the next decade. Additional information about Freedom’s Frontier can be found online at [www.freedomfrontier.org](http://www.freedomfrontier.org).

The next step is to gain approval of the Management Plan by the National Park Service after

which it will be sent to the Secretary of Interior for final signature. Freedom's Frontier will then begin to implement recommendations in the plan.

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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