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Environmental Assessment for the Big Spring Bridge Project

The National Park Service, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, has prepared an Environmental Assessment for the improvement of the Big Spring Bridge in Carter County, Missouri. The existing glulam timber bridge was constructed in 1977, and has deteriorated over time. Big Spring Bridge provides access to the Big Spring area, which includes the spring itself, a campground, a picnic area, a dining lodge, trails and housekeeping cabins. Big Spring is the largest spring in Missouri.

The Environmental Assessment analyzes a range of rehabilitation and replacement alternatives. These alternatives include: rehabilitation of the existing bridge; replacement with a similar type of timber bridge, replacement with a concrete bridge; and, replacement with a steel truss bridge. The preferred alternative is to replace the existing bridge with a two-span concrete bridge. The concrete bridge would include elements to compliment the surrounding Big Spring Historic District, including native stone facing of the center pier and abutments, colored concrete and timber railing.

Visualization of the Preferred Alternative

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Federal Highway Administration
Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division
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Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Big Spring Bridge Project Comments Accepted Until May 6, 2016

You are invited to review the EA and submit comments through the NPS's Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website at http:/parkplanning.nps.gov/ozar. In order to access the document, choose the "Big Spring Bridge Project" link and the EA can be found on the Document List page. can also be mailed to: Lisa Landers, Federal Highway Administration, 21400 Ridgetop Circle, Sterling, VA, 20166. To ensure that your comments are included in the process, all comments must be entered or postmarked by May 6, 2016.