

## 2001 Current Fiscal Year Report: Trail of Tears National Historic Trail Advisory Council

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<b>1. Department or Agency</b>	<b>2. Fiscal Year</b>
Department of the Interior	2001
<b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>	<b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b>
Trail of Tears National Historic Trail Advisory Council	607

<b>4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>5. Current Charter</b>	<b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b>	<b>7. Expected Term Date</b>
No	03/18/1999	03/18/2001	03/18/2001

<b>8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?</b>	<b>8b. Specific Termination Authority</b>	<b>8c. Actual Term Date</b>
Yes		03/18/2001

<b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear</b>	<b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b>	<b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b>
Continue		

<b>11. Establishment Authority</b>	Agency Authority		
<b>12. Specific Establishment Authority</b>	<b>13. Effective Date</b>	<b>14. Committee Type</b>	<b>14c. Presidential?</b>
P.L. 91-383	08/18/1970	Continuing	No

**15. Description of Committee** Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

**16a. Total Number of Reports** No Reports for this FiscalYear

**17a. Open Meetings and Dates** 1 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 1

Purpose	Start	End
The council met to discuss the progress of trail development and preservation efforts. Council members shared opinions on what has been accomplished to date and what needs to happen in the future. Council supported proposal to invite Chiefs of Five Civilized Tribes to a meeting with National Park Service Officials to discuss possible ways that their tribal removals could better be interpreted through the Trail of Tears NHT program or other commemorative activities. Committees were established by expertise to help review NPS materials and projects and to focus on particular areas of trail administration. The matter of trail logo use and appropriateness of use was discussed to help clarify when NPS will authorize its use by others. Additional route and historical research was presented to the Council and new NPS staff were introduced.	12/15/2000	12/15/2000

**Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1**

	Current FY	Next FY
<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00

<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$21,800.00	\$21,800.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.20	0.20

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The council met to discuss the progress of trail development and preservation efforts. They asked for and received clarification on the status of several ongoing planning and design projects, and potential trail threats. The council considered a proposal to establish a Trail of Tears Scenic Byway in southeast Missouri. The council tabled action to recommend that NPS endorse the proposal pending receipt of additional information from proponents. Additional base funding for FY 2000 was discussed; the council supports the hiring of a planner/landscape architect and a historian to help advance trail plan implementation. The council was briefed on an initial research workshop that was highly successful in bringing trail route experts together for the purpose of exchanging information and ultimately plotting the original Arkansas route on base maps. The council encouraged NPS funding support for additional workshops in the other trail states.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

Members are broadly representative of landowners, nonprofit organizations, scholars, recreation professionals and tribal, federal, and state governments. This breadth is sufficient to provide input by the many people affected by or interested in the Trail of Tears which affects nine states and runs a distance of 2,400 miles.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

One annual meeting is sufficient to identify and recommend goals and objectives for the work year, and raise issues and concerns about past or present plans.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

The advice cannot be obtained from other sources because it is formed through discussion and consensus building with all relevant interest groups sitting at the same table. The council provides a forum which encourages fairness and understanding, and the atmosphere for group consensus and partnership necessary for developing a national historic trail

## 20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

All meetings are open.

## 21. Remarks

The legislative authority expired July 7, 1998, for establishment of the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail Advisory Council under the National Trails System Act of 1983 (as amended by P.L. 100-192, December 16, 1987). The Council has been reestablished administratively by the Secretary of the Interior under the general authority of section 3 of Public Law 91-383. The Council is expected to continue until such time as the trail plan has been substantively and broadly implemented, and trail administration has had the opportunity to mature and become fully effective and responsive to its operational and partnership responsibilities. Re MEMBERSHIP--In accordance with the Council's Charter, members may continue to serve after the expiration of their terms until successors are appointed. Renewal charter is pending Secretary's approval.

## Designated Federal Officer

David M. Gaines Superintendent, Long Distance Trails Group Office-Santa Fe

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Baker, Beverly	03/18/1999	03/18/2003	Representing the Governor of Kentucky	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Baker, Jack	06/22/2000	03/18/2003	Cherokee National Historical Society	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Barbour, Jeannie	03/18/1999	03/18/2003	The Chickasaw Nation	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Blankenship, Ken	06/22/2000	03/18/2003	Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Bock, H.	03/18/1999	03/18/2003	Missouri State Historical Society	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Briuer, Frederick	03/18/1999	03/18/2003	Department of the Army	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Charles, Debra	03/18/1999	03/18/2003	Southern Illinois Campground and Ranch Owners Association	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Cook, John	03/18/1999	03/18/2003	Non-Voting Member Representing the National Park Service	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Dailey, David	03/18/1999	03/18/2003	Non-Voting Member Representing the U.S. Department of Agriculture	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ezzell, Patricia	03/18/1999	03/18/2003	Tennessee Valley Authority	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Folsom, Melissa	06/22/2000	06/22/2004	Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Heffington, Barbara	03/18/1999	03/18/2003	Representing the Governor of Arkansas	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
King, Duane	03/18/1999	03/18/2003	Smithsonian Institution	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
McAfee, Billy	03/18/1999	03/18/2003	Representing the Governor of Tennessee	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
McNeal, Susie	03/18/1999	03/18/2003	Seminole Nation of Oklahoma	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Meredith, Mary Ellen	03/18/1999	03/18/2003	Oklahoma Historical Society	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Poteete, Troy	03/18/1999	03/18/2003	Representing the Governor of Oklahoma	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ramsey, Maxwell	03/18/1999	03/18/2003	Trail of Tears Association	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sheridan, Richard	03/18/1999	03/18/2003	Colbert County Historical Landmarks Foundation	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Tate, James	03/18/1999	03/18/2003	Representing the Governor of Georgia	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Taylor, Mildred	03/18/1999	03/18/2003	Fourteen Flags Heritage Club (OK)	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Tidwell, Mary	03/18/1999	03/18/2003	Cherokee Nation	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Tullis, Eddie	03/18/1999	03/18/2003	Representing the Governor of Alabama	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Yahola, Thomas	03/18/1999	03/18/2003	Muscogee (Creek) Nation	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 24**

**Narrative Description**

**What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

- Improvements to health or safety
- Trust in government
- Major policy changes
- Advance in scientific research
- Effective grant making
- Improved service delivery
- Increased customer satisfaction
- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other

**Outcome Comments**

**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

- None
- Unable to Determine
- Under \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000

\$500,001 - \$1,000,000  
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000  
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000  
Over \$10,000,000  
Cost Savings Other

### **Cost Savings Comments**

**What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

0

### **Number of Recommendations Comments**

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

%

### **% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

%

### **% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes  No  Not Applicable

### **Agency Feedback Comments**

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

- Reorganized Priorities
- Reallocated resources
- Issued new regulation
- Proposed legislation
- Approved grants or other payments
- Other

**Action Comments**

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

- Contact DFO
- Online Agency Web Site
- Online Committee Web Site
- Online GSA FACA Web Site
- Publications
- Other

**Access Comments**