



# Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument

## News Release

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### Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument Seeks Public Input on Potential Entrance Fee Increase at Open House January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument is proposing a change in its current entrance fees. Beginning in 2015, Little Bighorn Battlefield, one of 131 National Park units that currently charges entrance fees, is authorized to change its fee rates to align with the new National Park Service rate schedule. Little Bighorn Battlefield proposes to phase in the new entrance fee no earlier than the summer of 2015. The entrance fee changes would be phased in as follows:

	Current fee	2015 fee	2016 fee
Per Vehicle (private, non-commercial)	\$10	\$15	\$20
Motorcycle	\$ 5	\$10	\$15
Per Person (walk in)	\$ 5	\$10	\$10

The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA) is the legislation under which Little Bighorn Battlefield currently collects entrance fees. This law allows parks to retain 80-100 percent of the fees collected for use on projects that directly benefit visitors. The remaining funds are distributed throughout the National Park System. Since the beginning of FLREA and its predecessor program, Little Bighorn Battlefield has spent entrance fees to enhance visitor services at the park. Some of projects funded and/or planned using fees dollars at this park include:

*Update historic photo registry; produce historic base map; invasive weed control; new informational kiosk in Visitor Center; new park film; digitize historic photos and 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry documents; development of a curriculum-based education program; conservation of 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regimental Standard and Guidon; create 3D interpretive map of entire battlefield based on LiDAR data; develop GIS map of battlefield markers; preserve headstones and monuments in Custer National Cemetery; improve National Cemetery turf, trees and sprinklers; conservation of museum artifacts; exterior painting of the Visitor Center; realign National Cemetery headstones; digitize additional photos and documents from the museum collection.*

Entrance fee funds have been and will continue to be a critical source of funding for visitor services and facilities as we move forward into the next one hundred years. We want to hear from you about this proposal! We value your input about the proposed entrance fee schedule and

encourage comments. The feedback we receive will help determine *if, how, and when* a fee increase may be implemented. Please join us at an open house at the visitor center at Little Bighorn Battlefield, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 11:30am to 1:30pm. If you are unable to attend, you may mail your comments to:

Little Bighorn Battlefield  
re: entrance fee change  
P.O. Box 39  
Crow Agency, MT 59022

You may also submit comments at the Visitor Center, or email your comment through <http://www.nps.gov/libi/contacts.htm>. We are seeking comments through January 23.

Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument administers the site of one of the most famous battles in American history, the Battle of the Little Bighorn. For more information, please call (406) 638-3217, visit our web site at [www.nps.gov/libi](http://www.nps.gov/libi) or find us at [www.facebook.com/npslibi](http://www.facebook.com/npslibi).

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