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Public Meeting and Forum: Guard Tower Reconstruction Project June 1, 2013

Minidoka National Historic Site is hosting a public meeting and forum on June 1, 2013 at 9:00 am to gather public comment and ideas regarding future development of the park. The meeting's primary focus will be examining the proposed changes to the park entrance, including modifications to the parking area and construction of a guard tower. Future projects including the construction of a Visitor Center in a historic warehouse and administration facilities will also be presented.

This meeting will be held at the Minidoka National Historic Site's entrance area on Hunt Road northeast of Jerome. Park staff will be available to discuss recent developments at the site over the past two years and will provide tours of the historic landscape and buildings.

Project Background:

The Friends of Minidoka were awarded a grant from the 2012 Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant Program to restore the entrance of the camp to more closely resemble what former incarcerated witnesses when confined at Minidoka.

The focal point of this project will be a guard tower constructed and designed in partnership with Boise State University's Department of Construction Management. Dr. Rebecca Mirsky and Dr. Casey Cline will develop a class to research, construct, and install the guard tower at the Minidoka National Historic Site. The class is scheduled to begin this coming fall semester with completion of the Guard Tower in the fall of 2014.

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Entrance Area circa 1944



Entrance Area 2013