



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
North Cascades National Park Complex
Lake Chelan National Recreation Area
Ross Lake National Recreation Area
810 State Route 20
Sedro-Woolley, Washington 98284-9394

IN REPLY REFER TO:

March 6, 2018

The National Park Service (NPS) is seeking your input on the proposed mitigations that will offset the removal of the Bell house from the Stehekin River channel migration zone. This structure is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The house is located on Bell Road (Chelan County Property ID #52272).

Your comments on the proposed mitigations and/or proposal(s) of other appropriate mitigations to minimize the effects of the removal of this structure are requested.

Required mitigation:

- o Conduct Historic American Building Survey (HABS) documentation of the structure which typically includes writing a narrative history, creating measured drawings, and photo-documentation.

The following are the proposed mitigations the NPS are seeking public comment on:

- o Create an interpretive panel to be displayed in the Golden West Visitor Center with photographs and explanatory text of the Bell house and the Bell family in Stehekin.
- o Host a “virtual” version of the exhibit on the North Cascades National Park Service Complex website so it is available to the greater public.

The final mitigation plan will be approved by NPS and the Washington State Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation and will incorporate public comment where feasible.

Sincerely,

for Karen F. Taylor-Goodrich
Superintendent