

**APPENDIX C**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR**  
**EL CAMINO REAL DE TIERRA ADENTRO NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL**



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Memorandum

**To:** Secretary of the Interior

**Through:** BLM Director & NPS Director

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**Subject:** Administration of the El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro National Historic Trail

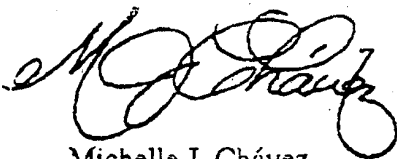
Pursuant to our interagency discussions of January 5, 2001, we are recommending joint administration of the El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro National Historic Trail. We are confident that joint administration is in the public's best interest and will better assure the preservation and enhancement of this outstanding national resource. This approach acknowledges the history of investment and commitment made by both the BLM and NPS to this extraordinary public asset, while mobilizing the strengths of both agencies on behalf of the American public.

Key to the success of this joint administrative task, is the need to define long-term agency roles and responsibilities; including overall trail administration and on-the-ground, daily site and segment management. In order to achieve that goal, it will be necessary to complete an Interagency Comprehensive Trail Management Plan for trail administration. This will require the assigning of lead personnel for both NPS and BLM, and the preparation of a Pre-Plan Agreement. The Pre-Plan Agreement will outline the necessary components, budget and time-frame for the Interagency Comprehensive Management Plan.

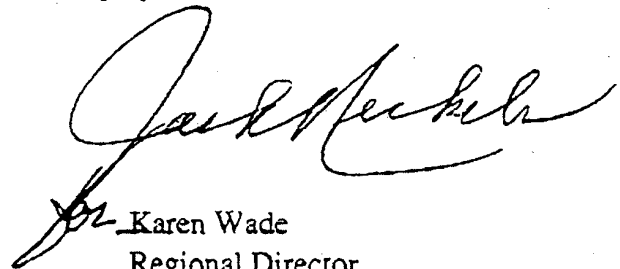
Lead personnel will be named by the Intermountain Regional Director for NPS and the New Mexico State Director for the BLM. The Pre-Plan Agreement will be completed within 90 days of your concurrence with this approach. At a minimum, the Pre-Plan Agreement will include the following:

- Reiterate and confirm Congressional Intent; as defined in the designating legislation language
- Describe existing agency assets and commitments of facilities, personnel and materials to the Camino Real Tierra de Adentro National Historic Trail
- Define agency roles and responsibilities for plan completion
- Describe interagency communication processes, protocol and lines of authority
- Identify Tribal, Federal, State and Community Partners (Mexico and US)
- Describe an Interagency Comprehensive Trail Management Plan/NEPA technical approach. At a minimum, this plan will include guidance for Natural and Cultural Resources, Interpretation and Education, Facilities Management, Research and Monitoring, Lands and Rights-of-Way, Events Coordination, Communication, Visitor Management.
- Identify planning time-lines
- Identify necessary knowledge and skill requirements for plan completion
- Identify key personnel from BLM, NPS and other planning partners necessary to complete the technical approach
- Identify overall project budget, funding sources, and budget administrative process
- Develop a comprehensive community involvement plan that is integral to all steps of the planning/NEPA process

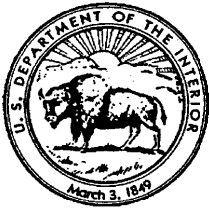
We look forward to your advice on this proposal, and are prepared to move forward on this outstanding project.



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THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR  
WASHINGTON

JAN 19 2001

To: Director, Bureau of Land Management  
Director, National Park Service

From: The Secretary 

Subject: Administrative Responsibility for El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro National Historic Trail

In accordance with the National Trails Systems Act of 1968, I direct that administrative responsibility for the El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro National Historic Trail be assigned jointly to the Bureau of Land Management and the National Park Service. This assignment is consistent with the recommendation of the two agencies (Memorandum from the Bureau of Land Management New Mexico State Director and the National Park Service Intermountain Region Regional Director, January 9, 2001, copy attached) and acknowledges the long history of cooperation and coordination between the two agencies in management of the Trail.

Joint administration of the Trail is a continuation of the commitment from each agency and will be a great asset in assuring preservation and enhancement of this outstanding national treasure.

Attachment