## **Limits of Acceptable Change: Documents**

## LAC Process Declared an Undertaking – June, 2005

The Daniel Boone National Forest (DBNF) has determined that the Limits of Acceptable Change (LAC) Study in the Red River Gorge is an undertaking with the potential to affect historic properties under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act as defined by 36CFR800.16(y) and 800.3. As views of the public are essential to informed federal decision-making, the DBNF would like to invite you to become a consulting party to the Section 106 process. This process will run concurrently with the existing LAC public information and working meetings.

As discussions regarding the potential effects on heritage resource sites have been a part of most of our previous LAC meetings, you should notice no real difference in the LAC process; this is primarily a semantic change, not a content or procedural change. In addition, as significant heritage resources on federal lands are protected by numerous laws and regulations, including the National Historic Preservation Act, the treatment of heritage resources as a result of the LAC process would ultimately be no different than if the Red River Gorge LAC study were not considered an undertaking with the potential to affect historic properties.

The Daniel Boone National Forest is working with the Kentucky State Historic Preservation Office, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and six federally recognized Native American tribes in the development of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act specifically for the Red River Gorge LAC study. As a consulting party, you are invited to review, comment and sign (if you wish) this MOA. The Daniel Boone National Forest and the Kentucky State Historic Preservation Office will hold a special Red River Gorge LAC meeting to discuss this situation and your role as a consulting party in this process. We will review the draft MOA, and answer questions on July 13, 2005 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Clark County Cooperative Extension Service in Winchester, Kentucky. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but still wish to become a consulting party to the Section 106 process and MOA, please contact Forest Archeologist Melissa Twaroski at (859) 745-3138.

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