Cesar Chavez is recognized as the most important U.S. Latino leader of the twentieth century. During the 1960s, Chavez led a movement of thousands of farmworker families and their supporters as they created the nation's first permanent agricultural labor union. As president, Chavez steered that union to a series of unprecedented victories, including contracts that covered more than 100,000 farmworkers, raised wages, funded health care and pension plans, mandated the provision of drinking water and restroom facilities in the fields, regulated the use of pesticides in the fields, and established a fund for community service projects. Chavez's advocacy helped secure the passage of the first law in the U.S. that specifically recognized farmworkers' rights to organize unions and engage in collective bargaining. The inspirational aspects of Chavez's legacy are evident in the countless schools, community centers, parks and streets named after him, as well as in the younger generations of labor leaders, political and social leaders and community organizers who continue to revitalize grassroots democracy in twenty-first century America.
The National Park Service has been directed by Congress to conduct a “special resource study” of sites that are significant to the life of Cesar Chavez and the farm labor movement in the western United States.

The NPS study will identify sites that were significant to Chavez and the farm labor movement, evaluate a range of options for preservation and public visitation, explore ideas for using these sites to help tell important aspects of farm labor movement history, and determine whether there is an appropriate role for the NPS in preserving these sites or telling these stories.

We’d like to hear your ideas for what sites, stories and management ideas we should consider as we carry out this study. You will have two primary opportunities to share your thoughts with us – at the beginning of the study (the scoping phase) in the spring of 2011, and towards the end of the study process, when we publish a draft study report for public review and comment (targeted for fall 2011).

We will publish a newsletter in April 2011 which will provide more information about sites associated with Chavez and the farm labor movement, and ask for your thoughts on additional ways to commemorate and tell the farm labor movement story. We will also host public meetings in California and Arizona in April and May 2011.

Please visit our website to sign up for our e-mail list or mailing list so we can contact you to provide you with updates on the study process and seek your ideas. Or, if you prefer, contact us by mail.

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**Study Process and Schedule**

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The legislation authorizing this study specifically tells the NPS to:
- **study sites in the State of Arizona, the State of California, and other states that are significant to the life of Cesar E. Chavez and the farm labor movement in the western United States;**
- **determine whether any of the sites meet the criteria for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, designation as a national historic landmark, or inclusion in the national park system;**
- **determine appropriate methods for preserving and interpreting the sites;**
- **consult with the Cesar Chavez Foundation, the United Farm Workers Union, and state and local historical associations and societies, including state historic preservation offices;**
- **submit a report to Congress on the study’s findings and recommendations.**