



Wilson's Creek
National Battlefield
Foundation

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Dear Rob,

Thank you so much for thinking of Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Foundation (WCNBF) as a recipient of a portion of the funds to be raised at the upcoming preservation march in Loudoun County, Virginia, on November 1&2, 2008.

We understand that WCNBF will receive, by way of the Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT), 20% of the funds generated from the reenactors attending this important event, and that these funds are specifically earmarked for land acquisition at the Wilson's Creek battlefield.

As you know, Wilson's Creek National Battlefield is increasingly becoming encapsulated by growth from nearby Republic, Springfield, and Battlefield, Missouri, and we have little time left before many of the parcels outside of the National Park Service holdings are threatened with development. The effort of the preservation march will go a long way to promote our mission and bring attention to Wilson's Creek.

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Foundation was established in 1950 to preserve the site of the Civil War battle. Since this national battlefield was dedicated on August 10, 1961, 100 years after the battle, the Foundation has saved more than 200 acres, but we still have a long way to go before the modern-day battle to protect the historic landscape is over. That victory can only be won through caring Americans like Civil War reenactors.

We appreciate the help of the reenactor community in raising these desperately needed funds and making people aware of the condition of this and many other Civil War battlefields.

Again, thank you so much,

April McDonough, Executive Director
Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Foundation