US-specific World Heritage requirements

- Only sites on the US Tentative List are eligible to be nominated
- The US Tentative List is revised approximately once a decade
- Assistant Secretary of the Interior is the responsible official
- Only nationally significant properties can be considered
- All property owners/managers must approve in writing to have their property included in a nomination
- Property owners must guarantee legal protections for the property

US World Heritage Process

- Assistant Secretary issues a Federal Register notice for public comment on which Tentative List site should next be authorized to prepare a nomination
- The Federal Interagency Panel for World Heritage advises the Assistant Secretary
- When a nomination is selected and sponsors are authorized to begin the nomination document, a second Federal Register notice is issued
- Nomination sponsors write the nomination with oversight and guidance from the NPS Office of International Affairs