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