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The reconstruction of Bents Old Fort is snafued in the Washington turmoil over cutting the national budget. Even so, all work on the site has not been halted. The National Park Service is asking for bids now for construction of two new residences and a workshop to be constructed this summer.

William L. (Bill) Featherstone, superintendent, said that he has the plans available for contractors to submit bids -- and that he has been given the green light to go ahead.

The two houses to be constructed will provide quarters for the superintendent and the historian. Each will be a three bedroom home. The workshop will provide garage space for park vehicles plus the necessary machine shop facilities for park maintenance.

The three buildings will be constructed to the west of the home now occupied by Featherstone. What will be done with this home? Featherstone said that it would either be razed or moved off.

Plans for development of the site call for a visitor's center in the area where the home stands. The