Young, Deirdre R

From: Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2013 1:43 PM
To: Grace Stephens; Bruce Sheaffer; Sue Waldron
Subject: WWII Memorial Statement

Grace:

Here's the final, approved statement on WWII.

Mike

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From: "Shutdown, DOI" <doi_shutdown@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Oct 2, 2013 1:09 PM
Subject: Re: NPR request
To: "Jinae West" <JWest@npr.org>
Cc:

National Park Service Spokeswoman Carol Johnson - Statement on Closure of World War II and other national memorials in DC

The National Park Service depends on Congressional appropriations to stay open. With the lapse in appropriations, we had to close all 401 national parks and furlough more than 20,000 employees.

Without staff or funding to ensure the safety of visitors, the security of the memorials, and the continued operation and maintenance of park facilities, the memorials on the National Mall – just like Yellowstone and the Grand Canyon – are closed.

The Honor Flights are being granted access to the WWII memorial to conduct First Amendment activities in accordance with National Park Service regulations applicable to the National Mall and Memorial Parks. This is consistent with the DOI Closure Determination and Notice issued on October 1, 2013.

On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 11:03 AM, Jinae West <JWest@npr.org> wrote:

Hi there.

I'm a producer at NPR's "All Things Considered" in DC. We're curious to talk to someone for today's show about why there are barricades around monuments and memorials on the National Mall during the shutdown. Can you help to point me in the right direction?

This would potentially be for a taped, not live, conversation with our host, Melissa Block. We tape interviews between Noon and 2:45 PM ET.

Thanks for any help you can give. Hope to hear from someone soon.

Cheers,

Jinae

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From: Roth, Barry <barry.roth@sol.doi.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 03, 2013 6:40 PM
To: McDowall, Lena; Sheaffer, C. B.
Subject: Fwd: Claude Moore farm statement for WASO/DOI review, please
Attachments: 2013 10 3 NCR draft on Claude Moore.docx

My only comment to Kim on this statement was to (b) (5) [redacted]
(b) (5) [redacted]

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From: **Fondren, Kim** <kim.fondren@sol.doi.gov>
Date: Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 6:35 PM
Subject: Fwd: Claude Moore farm statement for WASO/DOI review, please
To: Barry Roth <Barry.Roth@sol.doi.gov>, Edward Boling <ted.boling@sol.doi.gov>

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From: **Lisa Mendelson** <lisa_mendelson-ielmini@nps.gov>
Date: Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 6:17 PM
Subject: Fwd: Claude Moore farm statement for WASO/DOI review, please
To: Kim Fondren <kim.fondren@sol.doi.gov>

You should know that this statement is at WASO for DOI clearance. We are getting media requests.

Lisa Mendelson, AICP
National Park Service
Deputy Regional Director
202-297-1338 cell
202-619-7023 office

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Mummart, Jennifer" <jennifer_mummart@nps.gov>
Date: October 3, 2013, 5:38:45 PM EDT
To: Michael Litterst <mike_litterst@nps.gov>
Cc: Jon James <jon_james@nps.gov>, Lisa Mendelson <lisa_mendelson-ielmini@nps.gov>
Subject: Claude Moore farm statement for WASO/DOI review, please

Hi Mike,

Here is our proposed statement that covers the facts and responds to several assertions made by the friends group. Please let me know when we are ok to distribute (when asked).

Thank you,
Jennifer

Jennifer Mummart
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National Park Service Statement on Claude Moore Colonial Farm

(b) (5)

Amendment to National Park System Closure Determination and Notice

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 1.5, effective at 12:01 a.m. on October 1, 2013, all units of the National Park System nationwide were closed to public visitation and use, subject to the conditions and exceptions described in the Director's October 1, 2013 Closure Determination and Notice (Closure Notice). That national closure was necessitated by a lapse in funds appropriated by the United States Congress for the operation of the National Park System. Under the provisions of the Antideficiency Act (Act), in the absence of an appropriation the National Park Service (NPS) is able to undertake only very limited activities, primarily related to emergencies. Given time constraints, NPS could not review each of the thousands of established contracts, permits and agreements prior to the lapse, and took the most prudent course of action to minimize the possibility of obligating funds in the absence of appropriations.

Consistent with its regulations and the terms of the applicable agreements, the Closure Notice suspended special use permits, concessions, commercial use authorizations and other partner agreements to ensure that a violation of the Act would not occur. The shutdown of the Government and the National Parks has created significant hardships for many persons and organizations, including the partner organizations which operate facilities under concession contracts and other agreements. Because a limited number of those partner organizations may be able to resume operation of such facilities within the scope of their existing written authorizations, at least in the short term, without requiring an obligation or expenditure of funds by NPS, the Closure Notice is hereby amended as follows:

14. The Director of the National Park Service will make a determination, on a case-by-case basis, whether a commercial, concession, and/or partnership facility may be re-opened during the government shutdown. The October 1 National Closure determination is not final agency action as to such partner organization until the Director has made a determination in accordance with the process and criteria described below:

    A. A written request for reconsideration must be submitted by the facility operator or its legal representative to Business_Services@nps.gov.
    B. The facility or area is accessible from private land or a road that is currently open. This may be a state or park through road that remains open to the public in accordance with the NPS Closure Notice, e.g. a "through road."
    C. The facility and/or area is self-contained and visitors do not require access to or the use of closed National Park lands or facilities
    D. Re-opening of the facility will not require NPS to obligate or expend any funds in violation of the Antideficiency Act.
    E. The operator of the facility confirms in writing that its existing agreement requires it to indemnify NPS and the United States for any liabilities that may be incurred as a result of its operations during the government shutdown.

    These decisions will be made solely by the Director, will not be delegated, and will constitute final agency actions.

    Any decision by the Director to reopen such a facility during the shutdown is contingent on his finding that the facility could operate without NPS incurring any expenditure or obligation in violation of the Antideficiency Act during this shutdown period, currently

framed for this purpose from the present until October 30. In reviewing the request, the NPS may ask the requester to provide copies of relevant agreements and an explanation why in the opinion of the requester the reopening the facility would not cause NPS to be expending or obligating funds in violation of the Antideficiency Act.

If an individual facility, or various facilities on a cumulative basis, would likely cause such expenditures or obligations to be made, NPS would have to require partner organizations to again suspend operations. Therefore this interim policy is intended to be used sparingly and each decision will be made in consideration of its NPS-wide implications.

Notification: Notification of the decision to allow or deny a facility to re-open will be conveyed in writing (including by email), and documentation supporting each decision will be assembled for an administrative record. Specific provisions may be attached to each decision to re-open, but at a minimum, each operator must agree to inform the visitors using their facility that the National Park remains closed to public use with the exception of the immediate environs subject to the control of the partner under its existing agreement with NPS.

Jonathan Jarvis
Director, National Park Service

Date 10/11/2013

10/11/2013. 810am

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Jonathan Jarvis
Director, National Park Service

Date

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From: Barry Roth <barry.roth@sol.doi.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2013 6:57 PM
To: Peggy O'Dell
Subject: Fwd: For Jack and Ted
Attachments: Interim Policy with edits.draft 10.10BNR508PM.docx

Not cleared yet but I am doing my part

Barry N Roth
Associate Solicitor for Parks & Wildlife
202-208-4344

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Roth, Barry" <barry.roth@sol.doi.gov>
> **Date:** October 10, 2013, 5:15:49 PM EDT
> **To:** Kevin Haugrud <jack.haugrud@sol.doi.gov>, Edward Boling <ted.boling@sol.doi.gov>, Edward Keable <edward.keable@sol.doi.gov>, Mark Teskey <mark.teskey@sol.doi.gov>
> **Subject: For Jack and Ted**
>
> But you general lawyers are welcome to weigh in. Peggy and Jon are asking and Nicky Buffa (b) (5) [redacted]
> (b) (5) [redacted]
>
> (b) (5) [redacted]

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10/10/2013. BNR 508PM

[NPS letterhead.]

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Jonathan Jarvis
Director, National Park Service

Date

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From: Margaret O'Dell <peggy_o'dell@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2013 5:03 PM
To: Maureen Foster
Cc: lena_mcdowall@nps.gov
Subject: Re: Question from the Mayor

Looks pretty good to me.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 2, 2013, at 4:23 PM, Maureen Foster <maureen_foster@nps.gov> wrote:

> Is this okay?
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> Maureen D. Foster
> National Park Service
> 202.208.5970
>
> Begin forwarded message:
>
> > **From:** Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
> > **Date:** October 2, 2013, 4:07:04 PM EDT
> > **To:** Laura Davis <Laura_Davis@ios.doi.gov>, Maureen Foster <maureen_foster@nps.gov>
> > **Subject: FW: Question from the Mayor**
> >
> > FYI. Let me know if I got any of this wrong.
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> > ---
> >
> > **From:** Nicole Buffa [mailto:nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov]
> > **Sent:** Wednesday, October 02, 2013 4:03 PM
> > **To:** Suzanne.biemiller@phila.gov
> > **Subject:** Question from the Mayor
> >
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> >
> > Please let me know if you have any other questions.
> >
> > All my best,
> > Nikki

Here's more on the Antideficiency Act:

The Antideficiency Act prohibits federal employees from

- making or authorizing an expenditure from, or creating or authorizing an obligation under, any appropriation or fund in excess of the amount available in the appropriation or fund unless authorized by law. 31 U.S.C. § 1341(a)(1)(A).
- involving the government in any obligation to pay money before funds have been appropriated for that purpose, unless otherwise allowed by law. 31 U.S.C. § 1341(a)(1)(B).
- accepting voluntary services for the United States, or employing personal services not authorized by law, except in cases of emergency involving the safety of human life or the protection of property. 31 U.S.C. § 1342.
- making obligations or expenditures in excess of an apportionment or reapportionment, or in excess of the amount permitted by agency regulations. 31 U.S.C. § 1517(a).

Nikki Buffa
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nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov

Young, Deirdre R

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Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2013 4:23 PM
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From: Maureen Foster <maureen_foster@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2013 3:58 PM
To: Peggy O'Dell; Sue Waldron; Jon Jarvis
Subject: Fwd: Need background on why concessions have to close

Waiting to see if this works b

Maureen D. Foster
National Park Service
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Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "McDowall, Lena" <lena_mcdowall@nps.gov>
> **Date:** October 2, 2013, 3:48:28 PM EDT
> **To:** "Foster, Maureen" <maureen_foster@nps.gov>
> **Subject: Re: Need background on why concessions have to close**
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> Will something like this work?

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> On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 3:24 PM, Foster, Maureen <maureen_foster@nps.gov> wrote:
> I looked at the 2 pieces on InsideNPS but didn't see anything.
>
> We need it ASAP for upstairs.
>
> _____
> Maureen D. Foster
> Chief of Staff
> National Park Service
> 1849 C Street, NW, Room 3114
> Washington, DC 20240
> 202.208.5970 (direct)
> 202.208.3818 (main)

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CONTINGENCY PLAN
Updated October 4, 2013

As stated in its original authorizing legislation, the National Park Service mission is to "preserve unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the national park system for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations."

Effective immediately upon a lapse in appropriations, the National Park Service will take all necessary steps to close and secure national park facilities and grounds in order to suspend all activities except for those that are essential to respond to emergencies involving the safety of human life or the protection of property. Day use visitors will be instructed to leave the park immediately as part of Phase 1 closures. Visitors utilizing overnight concession accommodations and campgrounds will be notified to make alternate arrangements and depart the park as part of Phase 2. Wherever possible, park roads will be closed and access will be denied. National and regional offices and support centers will be closed and secured, except where they are needed to support excepted personnel. These steps will be enacted as quickly as possible while still ensuring visitor and employee safety as well as the integrity of park resources.

The shutdown process will take place in two phases. Phase 1 includes all activities to notify the public of the closure, secure government records and property, and begin winding down operations to essential activities only. Phase 1 will take place over a half day. If no funding bill appears imminent, at noon EDT on day one of a shutdown, Phase 2 will be initiated by the Director and includes the complete shutdown of all concession facilities and commercial visitor services. Overnight visitors will be given two days to make alternate arrangements and depart the parks. At the end of Phase 2 operations are expected to be at the minimum levels defined below. The entire closure process – both phases – will be completed within four days.

Part 1: Designation of Essential and Continuing Programs/Activities

The Emergency Response Official designation on a Federal ID card is not necessarily a factor in determining excepted personnel. Rather, as defined by the Department of the Interior, essential activities and activities that will continue during a lapse in appropriations are:

- Providing for finance and contracting activities such as benefit payments and actions necessary to suspend or stop work on projects currently underway that require oversight or support from employees funded from lapsed appropriations. That is, contracting and finance personnel necessary to perform these duties should remain until the activities can be suspended.

- Direct management of projects obligated from funds that are not subject to lapse, such as multi-year appropriations from prior fiscal years. People not DIRECTLY involved in project management or necessary contracting actions and payments for these projects will not be considered excepted or continue to work.

- Protecting life and property, including:
    - Emergency medical care;
    - Law enforcement and disaster assistance;
    - Border and coastal protection and surveillance;
    - Protection of federal lands, buildings, waterways, equipment, and other property within the National Park System;
    - Activities essential to ensure continued public health and safety, including safe use of food and drugs and safe use of hazardous materials, drinking water, sewage treatment operation;
    - Activities that ensure production of power and maintenance of the power distribution system;
    - Activities necessary to maintain protection of research property;
    - Essential or time-sensitive support services for employees;
    - Uninterrupted command, control, and policy leadership;
    - Maintenance of IT systems critical to activities being carried out by excepted personnel (e.g., radio communication, e-mail, accounting systems, etc.);
    - Year-end financial management activities; and
    - Communication with employees and the public.

NOTE: Staffing will be held to the very minimum to perform essential functions. This will ordinarily be only law enforcement personnel, at a staffing level that allows for reactive emergency response commensurate with levels of park operations under the shutdown. However, in certain instances maintenance and IT personnel may be required for systems that normally require 24 hour monitoring or periodic maintenance, without which the system would shut down. Emergency responders, including Fire Management, EMS, and Law Enforcement personnel, not required for essential activities will be placed on furlough but may be called back to duty if an emergency situation arises.

Headquarters

In order to complete the required, essential activities defined above, the NPS Washington Support Office (NPS Headquarters) will retain key NPS leaders, as well as a bare minimum number of employees in policy coordination, communication, human resources, contracting, finance, and budget roles, including employees necessary to uphold our year-end financial management responsibilities. Employees required for centralized processing of payments for ongoing projects funded by multi-year appropriations will remain on duty at the minimum level necessary to avoid harm to life, health, and property. NPS leaders remaining on duty will include the Director, Deputy Director for Operations, and the Comptroller. Total excepted and continuing staff is estimated to be no more than 50 full-time employees.

Regional Offices

The National Park Service's seven regional offices play key roles in policy direction and coordination between the Washington office and individual national park sites. During the shutdown process, the regional leaders of law enforcement, administration, budget, contracting, public affairs, and concessions management will remain on duty to implement the closure

guidance. Once the shutdown is complete, each region will retain approximately three full-time staff members to conduct essential activities, disseminate information, both internally and externally, and ensure continued shutdown coordination and communication between Washington and the field.

National Park Sites

Due to the dramatic differences in operations, size, visitation, location, and infrastructure represented in national park sites, the number of employees required to carry out the essential activities defined above will vary greatly from site to site. As a rule, staffing will be held to the very minimum for the protection of life, property, and public health and safety. Only personnel absolutely required to support these activities will remain on duty. Wildland fire personnel required for active fires or for monitoring areas currently under a fire watch will remain on duty. All other personnel, including law enforcement, EMS, and Fire Management not deemed excepted will be furloughed, but will be subject to being called back in the case of an emergency. See below for employee counts by region. The personnel count for the National Capitol Region includes U.S. Park Police staff required for essential activities.

Other Offices

The NPS maintains two project management support centers for large-scale projects – one in Harper's Ferry, WV and one in Denver, CO. Many of the projects managed through these centers are funded through multi-year appropriations. However, even if an employee's salary is funded from carryover or a multi-year appropriation, they are not automatically excepted from a furlough. Only employees conducting essential activities as defined above will be deemed "excepted." Employees funded from multi-year appropriations typically rely on facilities and support staff who are funded by expiring appropriations, and thus managers will designate exceptions and furloughs based solely on whether an employees' activities are essential or not. Employees at these locations necessary for DIRECT project management of ongoing projects funded by multi-year appropriations will remain on duty.

Special Events

"Special Events" involving park service personnel either as participants or in crowd control must be cancelled. A special provision has been made for first amendment activities in the National Mall and Memorial Parks and areas administered by the NPS Liaison to the White House in Washington D.C., and Independence National Historic Park in Philadelphia, PA. Please refer to the NPS Closure Determination and Notice for the legal record of determination. As always, law enforcement action will be taken in cases where there is a violation of NPS regulations, including if it reasonably appears that the demonstration presents a clear and present danger to the public safety, good order, or health. This includes demonstrations that either qualify under the NPS small-group permit exception or demonstrations that have submitted an application, either before or after the shutdown that were not denied.

October 1, 2013

To: Directorate, HFC & DSC Managers
From: Director
Subject: Contingency Plan for Lapsed Appropriation
Attachments (2):

- Shutdown Instructions, Phases 1 & 2
- All Employee email sent from DOI on Monday, September 30, 2013

The government-wide shutdown due to the lapsing of appropriations is now upon us. The continuing resolution that provided FY13 funding for NPS expired at midnight, September 30, 2013, and no FY14 spending bill or continuing resolution has yet been adopted by Congress.

Employees scheduled to work today, October 1, should report to work at their normal time and will be given up to four hours to conduct shut down activities. Within the four hour timeframe, an employee should: complete their timesheet, work with their supervisor to secure property and files, receive a furlough letter and acknowledge receipt, and conduct other activities as directed. Supervisors may make other arrangements with employees in order to accomplish these shutdown activities through other means, such as teleworking. Employees should report to work unless they have received different direction from their supervisors. Some employees will be given additional time for shutdown activities that will extend beyond the 4 hours. Your supervisor will inform you if you are one of these individuals who is needed to help with these extended shutdown efforts. Those employees designated as excepted will remain on duty. You should have been alerted as to your anticipated status – excepted or furloughed – late last week.

Please refer to the all-employee memo sent out from DOI Assistant Secretary Rhea Suh on Monday, September 30th for guidance regarding individual scenarios, such as employees who are on scheduled leave or on travel status, and for specifics regarding payroll codes and processing. That memo is attached to this correspondence for your convenience. Further HR guidance has been distributed to your HR chiefs. A host of FAQs can also be found on the following Departmental website, which will remain live during the duration of a shutdown: http://www.doi.gov/shutdown

Attached are procedures to execute an orderly shutdown of operations. The shutdown process will take place in two phases. Phase 1 includes all activities to identify excepted and non-excepted personnel, notify the public of the closure, and wind down operations to essential activities only. Phase 2 will be initiated by the Director. All events and programs must be canceled until appropriations are available.

Each region and program has designated a communications coordinator and has begun to develop a plan for distributing important information to parks and program offices. All questions and information for the duration of the shutdown should be channeled through the designated communication coordinator. In addition, employees should be encouraged to monitor media reports and the OPM website for information about the status of government operations.

Shutdown Instructions – Phases 1 and 2

Effective immediately (b) (5) [redacted] the National Park Service will take all necessary steps to close and secure national park facilities and grounds. Day use visitors will be instructed to leave the park immediately. Visitors utilizing overnight concession accommodations and campgrounds will be notified to make alternate arrangements and depart the park as part of Phase 2. Wherever possible, park roads will be closed and access will be denied. National and regional offices and support centers will be closed and secured, except where they are needed to support excepted personnel. These steps will be enacted as quickly as possible while still ensuring visitor and employee safety as well as the integrity of park resources.

Phase 1 Shutdown Procedures:

(b) (5) [redacted]

1. Confirm your previously identified personnel who are performing excepted activities. The Emergency Response Official designation on a Federal ID card is not necessarily a factor in determining excepted personnel. Rather, essential activities are defined as activities that are needed to:

    a. Provide for actions necessary to suspend or stop work on projects currently underway, consistent with instructions i-iii below. That is, contracting and finance personnel necessary to perform these duties should remain until the activities can be suspended.

    (b) (5) [redacted]

    b. Conduct essential activities to the extent that they protect life and property, including:
        i. Emergency medical care;
        ii. Activities essential to ensure continued public health and safety, including safe use of food and drugs and safe use of hazardous materials, garbage collection, drinking water, sewage treatment operation;
        iii. Direct management of projects obligated from funds that are not subject to lapse, such as multi-year appropriations from prior fiscal years. People not DIRECTLY involved in project management or necessary contracting

actions and payments for these projects will not be considered excepted or continue to work.

iv. Border and coastal protection and surveillance;
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vi. Law enforcement and disaster assistance;
vii. Activities that ensure production of power and maintenance of the power distribution system;
viii. Activities necessary to maintain protection of research property;
ix. Essential or time-sensitive support services for employees;
x. Uninterrupted command, control, and policy leadership;
xi. Maintenance of IT systems (including contracted support) critical to activities being carried out by excepted personnel (e.g., radio communication, e-mail, accounting systems, etc.);
xii. FY 13 year-end financial management activities; and
xiii. Communication with employees and the public.

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2. Prepare and issue personnel furlough papers for an indefinite period for all non-excepted employees not needed for closedown operations. Non-permanent employees are to be placed in non-pay status for an indefinite period. Take all necessary actions to assure that employees are accorded all due personnel rights. Consult Human Resources and labor relations contacts for appropriate steps.

3. Process payroll for abbreviated pay period.

4. Through appropriate media, notify public of closing of all national parks.

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Phase 2 Shutdown Procedures:

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Concession and Campsite Closedown Procedures (Phase 2):
All parks should take the following steps to secure park facilities and shut down concession and campsite operations while ensuring the safety of park visitors:

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Park superintendents should notify concessioners of these procedures and the potential implementation timeline immediately.

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From: Mendelson, Lisa <lisa_mendelson-ielmini@nps.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 01, 2013 3:34 PM
To: Robert MacLean; Michael Libby
Subject: Fwd: Nationwide Closure Determination for the NPS -- includes an exception at #10, please read closely
Attachments: image.png; Natl Park System Closure Determination and Notice 2013-10-01 (1).pdf

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We've just received a copy of the NP System Closure Determination and Notice.

Please read carefully as it applies to all of our areas.

Please note #10 which addresses 1st Amendment. Some of your parks have requests in for 1st Amendment permits.

With the exception described below for NAMA and WHHO/PRPA, all previously issued permits for special events and 1st Amendment activities scheduled to take place during the shutdown are to be cancelled.

10. This closure determination and notice does not apply to First Amendment activities in the National Mall and Memorial Parks and areas administered by the NPS Liaison to the White House in Washington, D.C., and Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Persons may continue to conduct First Amendment activities in these units in accordance with existing regulations.

Please let me know if you have any questions and I'll do my best to answer them promptly.

Thanks,

~lisa

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Office of the Director

OCT 1 2013

To: Directorate; Center Managers; Chief, U.S. Park Police

From: Director Jonathan B. Jarvis

Subject: Contingency Plan for Lapsed Appropriation

Attachments (4):
- Shutdown Instructions, Phases 1 & 2 (in memo)
- All Employee email sent from DOI on Monday, September 30, 2013 (in memo)
- NPS Closure Determination and Notice (attached separately)
- Template and Guidance for park closure signs (attached separately)

The government-wide shutdown due to the lapsing of appropriations is now upon us and we are proceeding with both Phase 1 and Phase 2 as of noon today. The continuing resolution that provided FY13 funding for NPS expired at midnight, September 30, 2013, and no FY14 spending bill or continuing resolution has yet been adopted by Congress.

Please refer to the all-employee memo sent out from DOI Assistant Secretary Rhea Suh on Monday, September 30th for guidance regarding individual scenarios, such as employees who are on scheduled leave or on travel status, and for specifics regarding payroll codes and processing. That memo is attached to this correspondence for your convenience. Further HR guidance has been distributed to your HR chiefs. A host of FAQs can also be found on the following Departmental website, which will remain live during the duration of a shutdown: http://www.doi.gov/shutdown

Attached are procedures to execute an orderly shutdown of operations. The shutdown process will take place in two phases. Phase 1 includes all activities to identify excepted and non-excepted personnel, notify the public of the closure, and wind down operations to essential activities only. I am initiating Phase 2 at noon EDT today, October 1. All events and programs must be canceled until appropriations are available.

Each region and program has designated a communications coordinator and has begun to develop a plan for distributing important information to parks and program offices. All questions and information for the duration of the shutdown should be channeled through the designated communication coordinator. We will send a contact list shortly. In addition, employees should be encouraged to monitor media reports and the OPM website for information about the status of government operations.

Shutdown Instructions – Phases 1 and 2

Effective immediately, the National Park Service will take all necessary steps to close and secure national park facilities and grounds. Day use visitors will be instructed to leave the park immediately. Visitors utilizing overnight concession accommodations and campgrounds will be notified to make alternate arrangements and depart the park as part of Phase 2. Wherever possible, park roads will be closed and access will be denied. National and regional offices and support centers will be closed and secured, except where they are needed to support excepted personnel. These steps will be enacted as quickly as possible while still ensuring visitor and employee safety as well as the integrity of park resources.

Please reference the NPS Closure Determination and Notice document, attached to this memo, as needed for compliance with regulations.

Phase 1 Shutdown Procedures:

Immediately take the following steps to shut down all activities not deemed essential that are funded by lapsing appropriation:

1. Confirm your previously identified personnel who are performing excepted activities. The Emergency Response Official designation on a Federal ID card is not necessarily a factor in determining excepted personnel. Rather, essential activities are defined as activities that are needed to:

    a. Provide for actions necessary to suspend or stop work on projects currently underway, consistent with instructions i-iii below. That is, contracting and finance personnel necessary to perform these duties should remain until the activities can be suspended.

        i. Contracting activity shutdown personnel must issue (in accordance with FAR procedures) Stop Work or Suspension of Work orders on, or Terminate for the Convenience of the Government, for contracts for goods or services that require oversight or support by personnel funded from lapsed appropriations and are not required to address emergencies involving human life, safety or protection of property. Cooperative agreements should also be suspended.

        ii. Work on contracts that are not funded by a lapsing appropriation (such as the fiscal year 2014 continuing resolution), such as projects that are fully funded, may continue, provided government oversight and access to closed facilities is not necessary to facilitate performance during the shutdown. If government oversight is required and an excepted individual is available to provide that oversight the contract may continue during a shutdown provided the shutdown is relatively brief. Your contracting officers have received guidance on determining which contracts may continue. That guidance can be found on http://www.doi.gov/shutdown

iii. New contracts should not be initiated during a lapse period unless they are required to address emergencies involving human life, safety, or protection of property.

b. Conduct essential activities to the extent that they protect life and property, including:
   i. Emergency medical care;
   ii. Activities essential to ensure continued public health and safety, including safe use of food and drugs and safe use of hazardous materials, garbage collection, drinking water, sewage treatment operation;
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3. Process payroll for abbreviated pay period.

4. Through appropriate media, notify public of closing of all national parks. Press release templates are being distributed to the parks and program offices.

5. All U.S. Government property and facilities that can be locked or secured must be, including parking lots, comfort stations, tour roads, visitor contact facilities, fee collection facilities. Any one visiting must be directed to leave the park.

6. All day-use, concession-operated visitor services and facilities are to be closed immediately; Concession operations with overnight accommodations will be allowed to remain open until notified under phase 2, below. Exceptions may be granted by park superintendents, but only if a facility is deemed essential for health or safety purposes or is needed to support ongoing, essential park operations.

7. Services offered via commercial use authorizations, whether originating within or outside of park boundaries, are also to cease operations within the park.

8. Outfitter and guide concessioner and CUAs should not commence new trips after a shutdown has been initiated.

9. Access to leased facilities is permitted. However, no recreational uses outside of the inholding/leased facility on park lands are to be permitted.

10. Parks having "thru" road systems should not attempt to close these roadways. Signs should be posted that no visitor services will be available in the park.

11. "Special Events" involving park service personnel either as participants or in crowd control must be cancelled. A special provision has been made for first amendment activities in the National Mall and Memorial Parks and areas administered by the NPS Liaison to the White House in Washington D.C., and Independence National Historic Park in Philadelphia, PA. Please refer to the NPS Closure Determination and Notice, attached to this memo transmission, for the legal record of determination. As always, law enforcement action will be taken in cases where there is a violation of NPS regulations, including if it reasonably appears that the demonstration presents a clear and present danger to the public safety, good order, or health. This includes demonstrations that either qualify under the NPS small-group permit exception or demonstrations that have submitted an application, either before or after the shutdown that were not denied.

12. Only staff involved in excepted or phasedown activities may be on duty. Other employees may not volunteer their time. This rule applies regardless of the type of appointment or funding source of the employee. Cease all volunteer programs and release all volunteers from their duties.

13. Every organization should maintain a list of excepted employees, along with justification for each employee's designation as excepted. Each organization should also keep

meticulous records regarding time employees spend on shutdown activities during the first few days, so that the time can be logged at a later date. Further, if the shutdown continues, the list of employees in furlough status may change. Excepted employees may transition to furlough status, and employees on furlough may be called back as the need arises. You do not need to continuously apprise WASO of each change in status. Rather, please keep careful records so that we can respond to OMB and DOI after the shutdown ends.

14. Cancel all travel and scheduled meetings.

Phase 2 Shutdown Procedures:

I am initiating Phase 2 activities to begin today, October 1, at 12pm EDT. It will be necessary to take the following additional steps.

1. Begin securing files and documents for transfer to Federal Records Center.

2. Specific instructions will be issued for establishing accounts for capturing costs during this period. For now, charge to your normal accounts.

3. Place signs in park areas to advise visitors about park closing and hazards of the area. Place barriers to prevent visitors from entering park. A template for the appropriate wording of the signs is attached to this memo transmission.

All parks should be in the mode of conducting no mission-related work, performing only the excepted activities listed above. Use caution and good judgment in taking any of the above listed actions.

Concession and Campsite Closedown Procedures (Phase 2):

All parks should take the following steps to secure park facilities and shut down concession and campsite operations while ensuring the safety of park visitors:

1. Visitors in all overnight accommodations and campgrounds are to be given 48 hours, starting from 6pm EDT today, October 1, to make other arrangements and leave the park. This applies to visitors in both NPS and concession-operated facilities. Concessioners may begin notifying visitors at noon, but the 48 hour clock begins at 6pm. All overnight visitors must leave the park no later than 6pm EDT Thursday, October 3.

2. Visitors on outfitter or guided trips in the back country or on a secluded river that have already departed at the start of the shutdown will be allowed to complete their trip unless there is a practical and safe way to end the excursion and leave the park.

3. Concession employees who normally live in the park may remain in the park. Concessioners may continue to provide meals and accommodations for those employees.

However, no recreational uses outside of the assigned area on park lands are to be permitted.

4. Access to privately owned boats is permitted, but use for recreational purposes within the park boundary is not allowed.

5. Access to leased facilities is permitted. However, no recreational uses outside of the inholding/leased facility on park lands are allowed.

Park superintendents should notify concessioners of these procedures and the potential implementation timeline immediately.

Deputy Director O'Dell, Comptroller Bruce Sheaffer and a few other excepted NPS officials will remain in Headquarters during this closure and are available for specific questions. I anticipate we will receive many questions and a variety of offers from other agencies and organizations to cover our costs and re-open parks, memorials, trails, roads, or other facilities. Such overtures are to be respectfully rejected. In accordance with Title 16 of the US Code, the National Park System is to be managed for the common benefit of all the people of the United States, and is funded primarily by federal appropriations to achieve this responsibility. Beyond the legal issues involved, it will not be appropriate to open some parks or some parts of parks with non-appropriated or non-federal funding while other parts of the National Park System remain closed.

I know this creates a great deal of frustration and challenges to our employees, mission, partners and visitors. We will get through this.

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National Park System Closure Determination and Notice

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 1.5, effective at 12:01 a.m. on October 1, 2013, all units of the National Park System nationwide are closed to public visitation and use, subject to the conditions and exceptions described below. This national closure determination and notice is necessitated by a lapse in funds appropriated by the United States Congress for the operation of the National Park System and will remain in effect until funding is restored. The period of time during which appropriated funds are not available may be referred to in this determination and notice as the "shutdown period."

Under 36 C.F.R. § 1.5(a) this national closure determination and notice is necessary to maintain public health and safety in units of the National Park System and to protect park resources and values during the shutdown period. Consistent with the Department of the Interior Contingency Plan, available at www.doi.gov/shutdown, only a relatively small number of "excepted personnel" will be on duty during the shutdown period. Those personnel are not sufficient to provide a full range of visitor services. Therefore, in light of the shutdown and Contingency Plan, measures less restrictive than a national closure will not suffice to maintain public health and safety and to protect park resources and values. The lapse in appropriated funds qualifies as an "emergency" under 36 C.F.R. § 1.5(b); therefore, this determination and notice does not require special rulemaking.

Condition and Exceptions:

1. National Park Service personnel who have been identified as excepted will continue to report for duty in accordance with the National Park Service Contingency Plan and as directed by their supervisors.

2. Members of the public who are currently visiting a unit of the National Park System and not staying overnight in the park must vacate the park immediately. All day-use concession-operated visitor services and facilities are to be closed immediately. Exceptions may be granted by superintendents only if a facility is deemed essential for health or safety purposes.

3. Subject to paragraph 6 below, members of the public who are currently visiting a unit of the national park system and staying overnight either in a National Park Service-operated campground or a concessioner-operated facility in the park must vacate the park by 6:00 p.m. EDT on October 3, 2013.

4. Subject to paragraph 6 below, National Park Service concessioners must suspend their operations in overnight accommodations by 6:00 p.m. EDT on October 3, 2013.

5. Subject to paragraph 6 below, holders of National Park Service commercial use authorizations must immediately cease their in-park operations.

6. The deadlines announced above do not apply to members of the public, concessioners, and holders of commercial use authorizations who are on multi-day backcountry trips that cannot be safely terminated before the end of the trip. Those individuals may continue and complete their multi-day backcountry trips in accordance with their approved permit or plan. Those individuals then must vacate the park within 12 hours after the completion of their trip.

7. This closure determination and notice does not apply to private owners of interests in real property located within the exterior boundaries of units of the National Park System. Park superintendents will continue to allow such owners reasonable access to their private property.

8. This closure determination and notice does not apply to roads that pass through units of the National Park System and provide primary access between points located outside of the parks. Members of the public may continue to use those roads during the shutdown period. However, superintendents may not expend any appropriated funds to maintain or repair those roads. Moreover, superintendents may close those roads, or portions of those roads, in accordance with 36 C.F.R. § 1.5, if such closure is warranted by weather, poor road conditions, or other circumstances.

9. All previously issued permits for special events scheduled to occur in units of the National Park System during the shutdown period are hereby cancelled. At the end of the shutdown period holders of cancelled permits may apply for a new permit. Except as provided in paragraph 10 below, all closed areas of the National Park System are also closed to First Amendment activities during the shutdown period, and any previously issued permits for First Amendment activities are hereby cancelled.

10. This closure determination and notice does not apply to First Amendment activities in the National Mall and Memorial Parks and areas administered by the NPS Liaison to the White House in Washington, D.C., and Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Persons may continue to conduct First Amendment activities in these units in accordance with existing regulations.

11. Each park superintendent must take reasonable measures to comply with 36 C.F.R. § 1.7 and to provide adequate public notice of this national closure determination and notice.

12. This national closure determination and notice will expire automatically at the end of the shutdown period.

13. Violation of this national closure determination and notice is prohibited.

Jonathan B. Jarvis

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Director

October 1, 2013
Date

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Sincerely,

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Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 9:17 AM
To: Litterst, Michael
Cc: Blake Androff; Kate Kelly; Sue Waldron; Bob Vogel; Karen Cucurullo; Jennifer Mummart
Subject: Re: Washington Post questions and answers
Attachments: WAPO questions with NAMA comments.docx

All,

Attached is NAMA's suggested changes.

Steve

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On Mon, Oct 14, 2013 at 6:28 PM, Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> wrote:
Attached are the questions posed today by WaPo reporter Darryl Fears, with draft responses to each. Some are from previously approved statement, some utilize information provided today by Karen, some are just material I wrote to get the conversation started.

Copying NAMA folks for their input, particularly from a fact-checking standpoint, to make sure everything is accurate.

Ideally, Darryl would like it back from us by 10 am. Said we'd do our best, but no promises.

Mike

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Washington Post questions and potential answers

1) **Given the importance of this memorial to men and women who risked their lives to serve the country, was any special consideration given to the impact of its temporary closure?**

The National Park Service depends on Congressional appropriations to stay open. With the lapse in appropriations, we had to close all 401 national parks and furlough more than 20,000 employees.

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2) **How much staff is required to maintain this facility on a daily basis? How does it work?**

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Regular operations NPS staff

Park rangers [redacted] (b) (7)(E) day shift, [redacted] (b) (7) evening shift, plus [redacted] (b) (7)(E) supervisors
Mechanical Operator: 1 to maintain fountains and COR for fountain contract
Laborers: 2 day, 1 for evening shift to clean restrooms, pick up trash
Gardener's: 2 day shift, 1 supervisor to maintain landscaping.

Occasional work
Special events crew: 4, set for special events and flag lowering and maintenance
Permit Management: 1
Resource Management: 1-2
Tree crew: 3-4
Contractor: Daily care of fountains

(USPP: 2)

During the shutdown:
Park Rangers: 3 rangers during daytime only, plus supervisor
Sign maker: making signs on daily basis for all sites ,1 person
Maintenance Staff: 3-4 plus supervisor to secure barricades and install signs daily for all sites

3) **NPS produces yearly reports that reflect the number of visitors to its parks, monuments and memorials, so the popularity of the WWII memorial was clear. Did veterans groups lobby NPS to keep the memorial open during the shutdown?**

No veterans groups contacted the National Park Service to keep the memorial open during the shutdown.

4) **Even if it's necessary to close the memorial, why are barriers needed? Why can't visitors simply admire the grounds?**

(b) (5)

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Subject: Re: shutdown investigation
Attachments: image001.jpg; image002.png; image003.png; image004.png; image005.png

Here is the press release the Committee Rs sent.

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Hastings, Bishop Challenge Obama Admin Over Unnecessary and Arbitrary Closures of Open-air Parks and Monuments

Letter demands removal of barricades & directs Park Service to preserve and not destroy documents related to closures as first step in Committee investigation

WASHINGTON, D.C. – House Natural Resources Committee Chairman Doc Hastings (WA-04) and Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation Chairman Rob Bishop (UT-01) today sent a letter to National Park Service Director Jonathan Jarvis regarding the Obama Administration's actions to restrict public access to the World War II Memorial and other open-air monuments, memorials and parks in Washington, D.C. These open-air sites have no doors or gates and are normally open to the public 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Such sites were not closed to the public during the last government shutdown in 1996.

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Full text of the letter:

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In response to considerable public outcry against the decision to ban veterans and others from these sites, the Park Service today reversed course and announced it will permit certain veterans groups to visit and exercise their First Amendment rights at the World War II Memorial. It remains unclear whether other veterans groups and members of the public will be allowed to visit and exercise their First Amendment rights at the other open-air memorials and sites across the capital area that are currently closed**. It is imperative that the Park Service remove the barriers and allow the American public to resume visiting these open-air memorials, monuments, and parks without further delay.**

According to news reports earlier today, a Park Service spokesperson said the White House Office of Management and Budget ordered the Park Service to take such extraordinary steps as blockading public sidewalks and access roads around these memorials, suggesting the outrageous closure decision was made in order to make the current lapse in appropriations as conspicuous and painful to the public as possible.

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It is expected that the Park Service will cooperate with the Committee's oversight by not destroying potentially responsive records and providing records to the Committee upon request.

Sincerely,

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Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 8:27 AM
To: Blake Androff
Cc: Suzanne Waldron; Michael Litterst; Kate Kelly
Subject: Re: media inquiry about closure of Independence Hall

Thanks Blake: Will send draft answers back to Sue/Mike L - then after they review they will go directly to you/Kate. Mike L. can give you background on source that I shared with him via phone, if you need it.

On Tue, Oct 15, 2013 at 8:12 AM, Blake Androff <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
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Sent: Monday, October 14, 2013 6:28 PM
To: Blake Androff; Kate Kelly; Sue Waldron; Bob Vogel; Stephen Lorenzetti; Karen Cucurullo; Jennifer Mummart
Subject: Washington Post questions and answers
Attachments: WAPO questions.docx

Attached are the questions posed today by WaPo reporter Darryl Fears, with draft responses to each. Some are from previously approved statement, some utilize information provided today by Karen, some are just material I wrote to get the conversation started.

Copying NAMA folks for their input, particularly from a fact-checking standpoint, to make sure everything is accurate.

Ideally, Darryl would like it back from us by 10 am. Said we'd do our best, but no promises.

Mike

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Washington Post questions and potential answers

1) **Given the importance of this memorial to men and women who risked their lives to serve the country, was any special consideration given to the impact of its temporary closure?**

The National Park Service depends on Congressional appropriations to stay open. With the lapse in appropriations, we had to close all 401 national parks and furlough more than 20,000 employees.

(b) (5)

[redacted]

2) **How much staff is required to maintain this facility on a daily basis? How does it work?**

(b) (5)

[redacted]

Regular operations NPS staff
Park rangers: [redacted] day shift, [redacted] evening shift, plus [redacted] supervisors
Mechanical Operator: 1 to maintain fountains and COR for fountain contract
Laborers: 2 day, 1 for evening shift to clean restrooms, pick up trash
Gardener's: 2 day shift, 1 supervisor to maintain landscaping.

Occasional work
Special events crew: 4, set for special events and flag lowering and maintenance
Permit Management: 1
Resource Management: 1-2
Tree crew: 3-4
Contractor: Daily care of fountains

(USPP: 2)

During the shutdown:
Park Rangers: 3 rangers during daytime only, plus supervisor
Sign maker: making signs on daily basis for all sites ,1 person
Maintenance Staff: 3-4 plus supervisor to secure barricades and install signs daily for all sites

3) **NPS produces yearly reports that reflect the number of visitors to its parks, monuments and memorials, so the popularity of the WWII memorial was clear. Did veterans groups lobby NPS to keep the memorial open during the shutdown?**

No veterans groups contact the National Park Service to keep the memorial open during the shutdown.

4) **Even if it's necessary to close the memorial, why are barriers needed? Why can't visitors simply admire the grounds?**

(b) (5)
[redacted]

There is more to the operation of a national park than merely opening gates and passing out maps. The reason that these historic landmarks and areas of natural splendor still exist for people to enjoy is because for nearly 100 years the National Park Service has maintained and preserved the resources of the parks and explained their significance in a way that has made people appreciate them and help us preserve them for the benefit of future generations.

5) **Can you give examples of things that might happen that would negatively impact the memorial in the absence of staff?**

(b) (5)
[redacted]

6) **What of the other memorials – Vietnam and Korea. Can veterans visit or walk through those, or are they also blocked?**

(b) (5)
[redacted]

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From: Edward Keable <edward.keable@sol.doi.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2013 2:07 PM
To: sue_waldron@nps.gov; kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov; Peggy_O'Dell@nps.gov; Maureen_Foster@nps.gov; ted.boling@sol.doi.gov; Barry.Roth@sol.doi.gov; Bob_Vogel@nps.gov; Lisa_Mendelson-Ielmini@nps.gov; Jon_Jarvis@nps.gov
Cc: mike_litterst@nps.gov; blake_androff@ios.doi.gov; randolph.myers@sol.doi.gov
Subject: Re: WWII memorial

Interesting that his questions seem to presuppose that the popularity of a site would factor into a decision on whether to keep it open during a lapse of appropriations. Of course we know that is not the case. Ed

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Sent: Monday, October 14, 2013 10:15 AM
To: Kelly, Katherine <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov>; O'Dell Peggy <Peggy_O'Dell@nps.gov>; Foster Maureen <Maureen_Foster@nps.gov>; KEABLE Ed <edward.keable@sol.doi.gov>; Boling Edward <ted.boling@sol.doi.gov>; Roth Barry <barry.roth@sol.doi.gov>; Vogel Bob <Bob_Vogel@nps.gov>; Mendelson-ielmini Lisa <Lisa_Mendelson-Ielmini@nps.gov>; Jarvis Jon <Jon_Jarvis@nps.gov>
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Adding randy

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Sent from my iPad

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> Will require through vetting by many including sol, so looping others for a heads up on this approach
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Sent: Monday, October 07, 2013 1:13 PM
To: Laura Davis; Nicole Buffa; Jonathan Jarvis; Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Suzanne Waldron; Sarah Neimeyer; Katherine Kelly; Tim Fullerton; Michael Litterst
Subject: WP: Newt Gingrich's shutdown amnesia

http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/in-the-loop/wp/2013/10/07/newt-gingrichs-shutdown-amnesia/?print=1

Newt Gingrich's shutdown amnesia

By Emily Heil, Published: October 7 at 11:32 am**E-mail the writer**

Then Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, all smiles during the 1995 shutdown. (James A. Parcell/The Washington Post)

Sunday night, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich fired off a tweet cheering on the veterans who crashed the WWII memorial despite the shutdown that's shuttered Washington's memorials and monuments.

Newt Gingrich

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@newtgingrich

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"Every veteran and their family who can should visit Washington memorials and shame Capitol police into standing down. This is petty tyranny."

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First, we're pretty sure he meant U.S. Park police, not Capitol police. (And Park officers eventually did let the vets visit to "exercise their first-amendment rights," but let's let that one go.)

Sounds like his memory might be failing him: The shuttering of National Park lands is happening pretty much the way it did during the 1995 shutdown — the very one in which Gingrich played a rather central role. The one that even in retrospect, he thought was a pretty dandy idea.

We referred back to an op-ed that Gingrich wrote in The Washington Post in 2011, when the government was on the brink of another shutdown (it was ultimately averted). In that piece, he fondly remembers the good old 1995 shutdown, trying to counter the generally-accepted idea that the incident was bad for Republicans.

"We decided to stick to our principles through a very contentious and difficult period," he wrote in 2011. "Our attempt to balance the federal budget was distorted in the news media as an effort to ruin family vacations, frustrate visitors to the nation's capital and prevent government employees from going to work."

So, let's get this straight. In 1995, "ruin[ing] family vacations and frustrat[ing] visitors" was an A-OK byproduct of principle-sticking, but now it's "petty tyranny"?

Perhaps tyranny, like beauty, is in the eye of the beholder.

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From: Androff, Blake <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 04, 2013 4:00 PM
To: Litterst, Michael
Cc: Kate Kelly; Sue Waldron
Subject: Re: Questions re memorials

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On Fri, Oct 4, 2013 at 3:56 PM, Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> wrote:
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Inquiry below from the conservative WorldNetDaily. Thoughts? (b) (5) [redacted] it might give a chance to debunk the "memorials were kept open in 1995" reports that are out there (we've got pictures). And with a staff of 300+ furloughed down to 6, it is certainly not costing more to close them off (though we don't have figures).

Mike

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From: **Art Moore** <amoore@wnd.com>
Date: Fri, Oct 4, 2013 at 3:41 PM
Subject: Questions re memorials
To: mike_litterst@nps.gov

Hello Mike,

Could you answer a couple of questions regarding the closing of the memorials on the National Mall?
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--It appears to many who have come to the Mall this week that keeping visitors away from the memorials is requiring more personnel and equipment, and presumably more cost. Is the government spending more to keep people away?

--The memorials were kept open during the 1995-96 shutdowns. What do you say to critics who suggest that the administration is choosing to shut down certain facilities for political reasons more than for practical reasons, i.e., the calculation is that it will stir public anger against Republicans? Thank you.

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To: Litterst, Michael
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To: mike_litterst@nps.gov
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Sent: Thursday, October 03, 2013 1:57 PM
To: Jon Jarvis; Peggy O'Dell; Sue Waldron; Michael Litterst; Cam Sholly; Lisa Mendelson; Bob Vogel
Subject: Fwd: FW: Oversight and Government Reform Committee - Letter
Attachments: 2013-10-03 DEI & Mica to Jarvis-NPS - Shutdown due 10-17.pdf

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To: "Maureen_foster@nps.gov" <Maureen_foster@nps.gov>
Cc: "Grimm, Tyler" <Tyler.Grimm@mail.house.gov>, "Marin, Mark" <Mark.Marin@mail.house.gov>

Maureen,

Please see the attached letter from the Chairman to Director Jarvis. Given the government shutdown please confirm receipt of this letter. If you have any questions please contact Tyler Grimm or me.

Thank you.

Drew Colliatie

Professional Staff Member

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October 3, 2013

The Honorable Jonathan B. Jarvis
National Park Service Director
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Dear Mr. Jarvis:

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is conducting oversight of the National Park Service's activities during the federal government's partial shutdown. Numerous media outlets have reported that NPS has erected barricades to keep people from entering the National World War II Memorial and other monuments.[1] In one example, veterans on an Honor Flight trip seeking access to the World War II Memorial were only able to enter the memorial after NPS barricades were removed by visitors while NPS employees stood by.[2] The World War II Memorial, located on the National Mall and flanked by the Washington Monument to the east and the Lincoln Memorial to the west, is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Access to the memorial is unimpeded by fences, barricades, or other obstructions.

The Committee is concerned with NPS's allocation of resources during this time of lapsed funding. Our concerns are heightened due to NPS's suspicious decisions during the lead-up to the sequester. This past spring the Committee uncovered evidence that NPS's budgetary decisions were designed to intentionally cause the most disruption to the public in a time of reduced funding. The Committee wrote to you on March 27, 2013, when federal departments and agencies were subject to spending reductions resulting from sequestration.[3] Information presented to the Committee suggested budget adjustments resulting in obvious hardship or displeasure for the public were chosen in lieu of more prudent measures. Specifically, the Committee received information that proposed budget adjustments submitted by an NPS official in the field to deal with sequestration impacts were rejected by NPS superiors in favor of cuts that would be more visible and disruptive.[4]

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[1] "World War II Veterans Cross Memorial Barricades Despite Shutdown," ABC *News,* October 1, 2013. Available at <http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/world-war-ii-veterans-cross-memorial-barricades-shutdown/story?id=20432719>.
[2] *Id.*
[3] Letter from Hon. Darrell Issa, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight and Gov't Reform, to Hon. Jonathan Jarvis, Director, Nat'l Park Service, Mar. 27, 2013.
[4] *Id.*

To help the Committee better understand the facts about NPS's operations during the federal government's partial shutdown, please provide the following information as soon as possible, but no later than noon on October 17, 2013.

1. All documents and communications referring or relating to NPS's decision to close all NPS-operated sites in the vicinity of the National Mall, including but not limited to those referring or relating to the barricading and closure of the National World War II Memorial, from September 1, 2013, to present.

2. Documents detailing all costs associated with the closure of all NPS-operated sites in the vicinity of the National Mall, including but not limited to costs associated with erecting barricades to impede access.

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee of the House of Representatives and may at "any time" investigate "any matter" as set forth in House Rule X.

When documents are produced to the Committee, production sets should be delivered to the Majority Staff in Room 2157 of the Rayburn House Office Building and the Minority Staff in Room 2471 of the Rayburn House Office Building. The Committee prefers, if possible, to receive all documents in electronic format. In preparing your answers to these inquiries, please answer each question individually and include the text of each question along with your response.

Should you have any questions, please contact Tyler Grimm or Drew Colliatie of the Committee staff at (202)-225-5074. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Darrell Issa
Chairman

John L. Mica
Chairman, Subcommittee on
Government Operations

cc: The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings, Ranking Minority Member

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Honorable Dennis Daugaard
Governor, State of South Dakota
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Dear Governor Daugaard:

Thank you for your letter of September 30, 2013, offering to keep open and manage Mount Rushmore National Memorial during the federal government shutdown.

National Parks are a source of pride for all Americans and serve as economic engines for local communities across the nation. We appreciate your support for Mount Rushmore, and we share your desire to reopen Mount Rushmore – and all 401 national parks – as soon as possible. However, we cannot accept this temporary offer, just as we could not in 1995 when similar offers were made.

Mount Rushmore National Memorial is one of 401 national parks in the National Park System. The National Park System is managed for the common benefit of all the people of the United States, and requires federal appropriations to fulfill its mission and responsibilities. As a result of the lapse in federal appropriations, the entire National Park System is closed and cannot be reopened until funding is restored. Beyond the legal constraints involved, it would not be feasible or appropriate to open some parks or some parts of parks while other parts of the National Park System remain closed to the public.

We continue to hope for a speedy resolution to the lapse in federal appropriation so that we may reopen Mount Rushmore and America's 400 other national parks for the enjoyment of millions of visitors.

Sincerely,

Jonathan B. Jarvis
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Sent: Monday, October 14, 2013 3:04 PM
To: Suzanne Waldron
Cc: Michael Litterst; Kate Kelly
Subject: Re: WWII memorial

Agreed but pls send clean list of Qs and proposed responses to large group for overnight review.

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On Oct 14, 2013, at 2:44 PM, Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov> wrote:

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> Assistant Director, Communications
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Understood.

1) Even if it's necessary to close the memorial, why are barriers needed? Why can't visitors simply admire the grounds?

From a practical standpoint, for a site that is always open, there needs to be a way to indicate that it is closed. If it was a house or a building, you can close and lock a door. In the case of an open-air monument, the way to indicate closure is by fencing it off.

There is more to the operation of a national park than merely opening gates and passing out maps. The reason that these historic landmarks and areas of natural splendor still exist for people to enjoy is because for nearly 100 years the National Park Service has maintained and preserved the resources of the parks and explained their significance in a way that has made people appreciate them and help us preserve them for the benefit of future generations.

2) Can you give examples of things that might happen that would negatively impact the memorial in the absence of staff?

It's uncollected trash from more than 15,000 people a day that will pile up because the employees who remove it are on furlough, mountains of garbage that ultimately dishonor the very veterans the monuments were intended to memorialize; there's the damage and stains to the granite and marble from spilled sticky soda or coffee cups which are allowed on the because the Park Ranger that greets people as they enter isn't there to remind them "no food or drink" and explain why; it's a potential increase in damage to the site from vandalism because those 300 additional sets of furloughed eyes and ears that assist with the Park Police with the security of the site.

3) What of the other memorials – Vietnam and Korea. Can veterans visit or walk through those, or are they also blocked?

Thanks again in advance for everything.

From: Michael Litterst [mailto:mike_litterst@nps.gov]
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2013 1:59 PM
To: Fears, Darryl
Subject: Re: WWII memorial

Go ahead and send them; no promises, though.

Mike

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On Oct 14, 2013, at 1:56 PM, "Fears, Darryl" <Darryl.Fears@washpost.com> wrote:

> Hi Mike, thanks for the effort. I'm really under the gun by top editors to get something today (sure you know how that is). I'll pass this note on to them. I know you're still working on answers and the holiday/shutdown makes it tough, but I have about four questions in addition to those. It was a partial list. Should I go ahead and send them?
> - Darryl
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> **From:** Litterst, Michael [mailto:mike_litterst@nps.gov]
> **Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2013 1:53 PM
> **To:** Kelly, Katherine
> **Cc:** Fears, Darryl
> **Subject:** Re: WWII memorial
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> Darryl:
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> Contact me via e-mail or the cell number belowif you need anything. Questions 2 and 3 are operational and we will need to check with the staff of the National Mall and Memorial Parks. Given today's a holiday there are even fewer employees working today than the already reduced furloughed staff, we're having trouble getting hold of the right people. We're still trying, but wanted to let you know it may be tough for today.
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On Mon, Oct 14, 2013 at 1:50 PM, Kelly, Katherine <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
Darryl - Looping you with Mike Litterst at NPS as I'll be offline for the next several hours.

On Monday, October 14, 2013, Kelly, Katherine wrote:
Hi Darryl - I'm boarding now and wanted to circle back. Can definitely make this work tomorrow; please let me know if that's possible.

On Monday, October 14, 2013, Fears, Darryl wrote:

Hi Katherine, thanks for the quick response. I'll relay this to my editors and see if they're still hard core to get this today. Call me at any time for a quick chat. Will wait to hear back from you. - Darryl

From: Kelly, Katherine [mailto:kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2013 12:05 PM
To: Fears, Darryl
Cc: doi_shutdown@ios.doi.gov; mike litterst
Subject: Re: WWII memorial

Darryl - given this is a federal holiday and we are a a skeletal staff, this is a pretty quick turnaround and Id ask in advance for some give on that deadline.

Will circle back on what we can do today - and thanks.

On Monday, October 14, 2013, Fears, Darryl wrote:

Hi,

We're trying to NPS Director Jonathan Jarvis or DOI Secretary Sally Jewell for a Q & A about the closure of the World War II Memorial during the shutdown. Given the recent unrest, including the removal of barricades at the facility by veterans this weekend, we wanted to offer our readers clarity about why this particular memorial is shuttered with all the rest, given its significance to the nation's war veterans.

Questions will include these:

1) Given the importance of this memorial to men and women who risked their lives to serve the country, was any special consideration given to the impact of its temporary closure?

2) How much staff is required to maintain this facility on a daily basis? How does it work?

3) NPS produces yearly reports that reflect the number of visitors to its parks, monuments and memorials, so the popularity of the WWII memorial was clear. Did veterans groups lobby NPS to keep the memorial open during the shutdown?

I have more questions. Please call me at 202.334.7511 or respond to this address if you prefer more questions via email. My deadline is 4 p.m. today, Monday, October 14, 2013. Thank you for your help.

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From: Bruce Sheaffer <bruce_sheaffer@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2013 1:32 PM
To: Sue Waldron
Subject: Do you have an order on mall issue

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Foster, Maureen <maureen_foster@nps.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 01, 2013 12:22 PM
To: Sue Waldron; Peggy O'Dell
Subject: Fwd: letter final, missing one attachment
Attachments: NPS Director letter shutdown FINAL.docx; NPS Shutdown sign FINAL 9.27.13 (2).pdf; NPS Shutdown Guidance Signage FINAL 9.27.13 (2).docx

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From: **Sheaffer, Bruce** <bruce_sheaffer@nps.gov>
Date: Tue, Oct 1, 2013 at 12:20 PM
Subject: letter final, missing one attachment
To: Jon Jarvis <Jon_Jarvis@nps.gov>, Maureen Foster <Maureen_Foster@nps.gov>, Robert Eaton <robert.eaton@sol.doi.gov>
Cc: Beverly Stephens <grace_stephens@nps.gov>

Here is the letter with Jon's edits -we need to attach to the email transmission three items: Sue's closure template and guidance (attached here) and the legal record of determination. Rob Eaton and Maureen Foster are reviewing the amended legal document now.

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October 1, 2013

To: Directorate, HFC & DSC Managers
From: Director
Subject: Contingency Plan for Lapsed Appropriation
Attachments (4):

- Shutdown Instructions, Phases 1 & 2 (in memo)
- All Employee email sent from DOI on Monday, September 30, 2013 (in memo)
- NPS Closure Determination and Notice (attached separately)
- Template and Guidance for park closure signs (attached separately)

The government-wide shutdown due to the lapsing of appropriations is now upon us and we are proceeding with both Phase 1 and Phase 2 as of noon today. The continuing resolution that provided FY13 funding for NPS expired at midnight, September 30, 2013, and no FY14 spending bill or continuing resolution has yet been adopted by Congress.

Please refer to the all-employee memo sent out from DOI Assistant Secretary Rhea Suh on Monday, September 30th for guidance regarding individual scenarios, such as employees who are on scheduled leave or on travel status, and for specifics regarding payroll codes and processing. That memo is attached to this correspondence for your convenience. Further HR guidance has been distributed to your HR chiefs. A host of FAQs can also be found on the following Departmental website, which will remain live during the duration of a shutdown: http://www.doi.gov/shutdown

Attached are procedures to execute an orderly shutdown of operations. The shutdown process will take place in two phases. Phase 1 includes all activities to identify excepted and non-excepted personnel, notify the public of the closure, and wind down operations to essential activities only. I am initiating Phase 2 at noon EDT today, October 1. All events and programs must be canceled until appropriations are available.

Each region and program has designated a communications coordinator and has begun to develop a plan for distributing important information to parks and program offices. All questions and information for the duration of the shutdown should be channeled through the designated communication coordinator. We will send a contact list shortly. In addition, employees should be encouraged to monitor media reports and the OPM website for information about the status of government operations.

Shutdown Instructions – Phases 1 and 2

Effective immediately, the National Park Service will take all necessary steps to close and secure national park facilities and grounds. Day use visitors will be instructed to leave the park immediately. Visitors utilizing overnight concession accommodations and campgrounds will be notified to make alternate arrangements and depart the park as part of Phase 2. Wherever possible, park roads will be closed and access will be denied. National and regional offices and support centers will be closed and secured, except where

they are needed to support excepted personnel. These steps will be enacted as quickly as possible while still ensuring visitor and employee safety as well as the integrity of park resources.

Please reference the NPS Closure Determination and Notice document, attached to this memo, as needed for compliance with regulations.

Phase 1 Shutdown Procedures:

Immediately take the following steps to shut down all activities not deemed essential that are funded by lapsing appropriation:

1. Confirm your previously identified personnel who are performing excepted activities. The Emergency Response Official designation on a Federal ID card is not necessarily a factor in determining excepted personnel. Rather, essential activities are defined as activities that are needed to:

    a. Provide for actions necessary to suspend or stop work on projects currently underway, consistent with instructions i-iii below. That is, contracting and finance personnel necessary to perform these duties should remain until the activities can be suspended.
        i. Contracting activity shutdown personnel must issue (in accordance with FAR procedures) Stop Work or Suspension of Work orders on, or Terminate for the Convenience of the Government, for contracts for goods or services that require oversight or support by personnel funded from lapsed appropriations and are not required to address emergencies involving human life, safety or protection of property. Cooperative agreements should also be suspended.
        ii. Work on contracts that are not funded by a lapsing appropriation (such as the fiscal year 2014 continuing resolution), such as projects that are fully funded, may continue, provided government oversight and access to closed facilities is not necessary to facilitate performance during the shutdown. If government oversight is required and an excepted individual is available to provide that oversight the contract may continue during a shutdown provided the shutdown is relatively brief. Your contracting officers have received guidance on determining which contracts may continue. That guidance can be found on http://www.doi.gov/shutdown
        iii. New contracts should not be initiated during a lapse period unless they are required to address emergencies involving human life, safety, or protection of property.

    b. Conduct essential activities to the extent that they protect life and property, including:
        i. Emergency medical care;

ii. Activities essential to ensure continued public health and safety, including safe use of food and drugs and safe use of hazardous materials, garbage collection, drinking water, sewage treatment operation;
iii. Direct management of projects obligated from funds that are not subject to lapse, such as multi-year appropriations from prior fiscal years. People not DIRECTLY involved in project management or necessary contracting actions and payments for these projects will not be considered excepted or continue to work.
iv. Border and coastal protection and surveillance;
v. Protection of federal lands, buildings, waterways, equipment, and other property owned within the National Park System;
vi. Law enforcement and disaster assistance;
vii. Activities that ensure production of power and maintenance of the power distribution system;
viii. Activities necessary to maintain protection of research property;
ix. Essential or time-sensitive support services for employees;
x. Uninterrupted command, control, and policy leadership;
xi. Maintenance of IT systems (including contracted support) critical to activities being carried out by excepted personnel (e.g., radio communication, e-mail, accounting systems, etc.);
xii. FY 13 year-end financial management activities; and
xiii. Communication with employees and the public.

NOTE: Staffing will be held to the very minimum for the performance of essential functions. This will ordinarily be only law enforcement personnel, at a staffing level that allows for reactive emergency response commensurate with levels of park operations under the shutdown. Wildland fire personnel required for active fires or for monitoring areas currently under a fire watch will remain on duty. However, in certain instances maintenance and IT personnel may be required for systems that normally require 24 hour monitoring or periodic maintenance, without which the system would shut down. Emergency responders, including Fire Management, EMS, and Law Enforcement personnel, not required for essential activities will be placed on furlough but may be called back to duty if an emergency situation arises.

2. Prepare and issue personnel furlough papers for an indefinite period for all non-excepted employees not needed for closedown operations. Non-permanent employees are to be placed in non-pay status for an indefinite period. Take all necessary actions to assure that employees are accorded all due personnel rights. Consult Human Resources and labor relations contacts for appropriate steps.

3. Process payroll for abbreviated pay period.

4. Through appropriate media, notify public of closing of all national parks. Press release templates are being distributed to the parks and program offices.

5. All U.S. Government property and facilities that can be locked or secured must be, including parking lots, comfort stations, tour roads, visitor contact facilities, fee collection facilities. Any one visiting must be directed to leave the park.

6. All day-use, concession-operated visitor services and facilities are to be closed immediately; Concession operations with overnight accommodations will be allowed to remain open until notified under phase 2, below. Exceptions may be granted by park superintendents, but only if a facility is deemed essential for health or safety purposes or is needed to support ongoing, essential park operations.

7. Services offered via commercial use authorizations, whether originating within or outside of park boundaries, are also to cease operations within the park.

8. Outfitter and guide concessioner and CUAs should not commence new trips after a shutdown has been initiated.

9. Access to leased facilities is permitted. However, no recreational uses outside of the inholding/leased facility on park lands are to be permitted.

10. Parks having "thru" road systems should not attempt to close these roadways. Signs should be posted that no visitor services will be available in the park.

11. "Special Events" involving park service personnel either as participants or in crowd control must be cancelled. A special provision has been made for first amendment activities in the National Mall and Memorial Parks and areas administered by the NPS Liaison to the White House in Washington D.C., and Independence National Historic Park in Philadelphia, PA. Please refer to the NPS Closure Determination and Notice, attached to this memo transmission, for the legal record of determination. As always, law enforcement action will be taken in cases where there is a violation of NPS regulations, including if it reasonably appears that the demonstration presents a clear and present danger to the public safety, good order, or health. This includes demonstrations that either qualify under the NPS small-group permit exception or demonstrations that have submitted an application, either before or after the shutdown that were not denied.

12. Only staff involved in excepted or phasedown activities may be on duty. Other employees may not volunteer their time. This rule applies regardless of the type of appointment or funding source of the employee. Cease all volunteer programs and release all volunteers from their duties.

13. Every organization should maintain a list of excepted employees, along with justification for each employee's designation as excepted. Each organization should also keep meticulous records regarding time employees spend on shutdown activities during the first few days, so that the time can be logged at a later date. Further, if the shutdown continues, the list of employees in furlough status may change. Excepted employees may transition to furlough status, and employees on furlough may be called back as the need arises. You do not need to continuously apprise WASO of each change in status. Rather,

please keep careful records so that we can respond to OMB and DOI after the shutdown ends.

14. Cancel all travel and scheduled meetings.

Phase 2 Shutdown Procedures:

I am initiating Phase 2 activities to begin today, October 1, at 12pm EDT. It will be necessary to take the following additional steps.

1. Begin securing files and documents for transfer to Federal Records Center.

2. Specific instructions will be issued for establishing accounts for capturing costs during this period. For now, charge to your normal accounts.

3. Place signs in park areas to advise visitors about park closing and hazards of the area. Place barriers to prevent visitors from entering park. A template for the appropriate wording of the signs is attached to this memo transmission.

All parks should be in the mode of conducting no mission-related work, performing only the excepted activities listed above. Use caution and good judgment in taking any of the above listed actions.

Concession and Campsite Closedown Procedures (Phase 2):

All parks should take the following steps to secure park facilities and shut down concession and campsite operations while ensuring the safety of park visitors:

1. Visitors in all overnight accommodations and campgrounds are to be given 48 hours, starting from 6pm EDT today, October 1, to make other arrangements and leave the park. This applies to visitors in both NPS and concession-operated facilities. Concessioners may begin notifying visitors at noon, but the 48 hour clock begins at 6pm. All overnight visitors must leave the park no later than 6pm EDT Thursday, October 3.

2. Visitors on outfitter or guided trips in the back country or on a secluded river that have already departed at the start of the shutdown will be allowed to complete their trip unless there is a practical and safe way to end the excursion and leave the park.

3. Concession employees who normally live in the park may remain in the park. Concessioners may continue to provide meals and accommodations for those employees. However, no recreational uses outside of the assigned area on park lands are to be permitted.

4. Access to privately owned boats is permitted, but use for recreational purposes within the park boundary is not allowed.

5. Access to leased facilities is permitted. However, no recreational uses outside of the inholding/leased facility on park lands are allowed.

Park superintendents should notify concessioners of these procedures and the potential implementation timeline immediately.

Deputy Director O'Dell, Comptroller Bruce Sheaffer and a few others will remain in Washington during this closure and are available for specific questions. I anticipate we will receive many questions and a variety of offers from other agencies and organizations to cover our costs and re-open parks, memorials, trails, roads, or other facilities. Such overtures are to be respectfully rejected. In accordance with Title 16 of the US Code, the National Park System is to be managed for the common benefit of all the people of the United States, and is funded by federal appropriations to achieve this responsibility. Therefore it will not be appropriate to open some parks or some parts of parks with non-appropriated or non-federal funding while other parts of the National Park System remain closed.

I know this creates a great deal of frustration and challenges to our employees, mission, partners and visitors. We will get through this.

Attachment 2 – All-Employee Memo issued from DOI Assistant Secretary Rhea Suh Monday 9/30/2012

TO: All Department of the Interior Employees

FROM: Rhea Suh, Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget

SUBJECT: Guidance Concerning Efforts To Plan For A Potential Lapse In Appropriations

I want to provide you with important information and guidance concerning efforts to plan for and address a potential lapse of appropriations and government shutdown on Tuesday, October 1, 2013.

While the Administration believes that a lapse in funding should not occur, we have a responsibility to the public and to our employees to do everything possible to prepare for a potential shutdown.

These are challenging times – and we understand that these circumstances are challenging to you and your family. A lapse in government activities could impose hardships on you, your families, and the people we serve. We hope that Congress acts quickly to prevent a shutdown and pass a continuing resolution. In the meantime, we want you to know that we are doing everything we can to prepare for a potential shutdown. We will provide you with as much information as possible.

The information, guidance and resources outlined below cover the most important information that you will need to know over these next few days. I encourage you to read it, to print out the Shutdown Checklist for Furloughed Employees, and to make note of telephone numbers you can call and websites you can visit to help keep you updated on the latest information.

Employee Status during a Funding Lapse

If a shutdown occurs, most of our agency's staff will be furloughed. This is not a reflection on the value or importance of our employees' work.

A limited number of employees will designated as "exempt" or "excepted." Employees who fall into these specialized categories have been apprised of their designation. Exempt employees will continue to work because they are funded from non-lapsing appropriations. Excepted employees will continue to work, despite lapsing appropriations, in order to protect life and property.

A set of general questions and answers can be found on http://www.doi.gov/shutdown

Shutdown Notification

If there is a lapse in appropriations on Tuesday, October 1, 2013 and we have direction to proceed with shutdown, the following applies:

Employees should report to work at their normal time and will be given up to four hours to conduct shut down activities. Within the four hour timeframe, an employee should complete their timesheet, work with their supervisor to secure property and files, receive a furlough letter and acknowledge receipt, and conduct other activities as directed. Supervisors may make other arrangements with employees in order to accomplish these shutdown activities through other means, such as teleworking. Employees should report to work unless they have received different direction from their supervisors. Some employees will be given additional time for shutdown activities that will extend beyond the 4 hours. Your supervisor will inform you if you are one of these individuals that is needed to help with these extended shutdown efforts.

A set of human resources questions and answers can be found on http://www.doi.gov/shutdown

Shutdown Activities

All employees will be required to complete a series of shutdown activities. Employees must use their time for shutdown activities only, not to work on any non-shutdown projects, tasks, activities or respond to emails. Shutdown activities include:

- Accessing your email.
- Reading your furlough notice and affirming to your supervisor that you did receive it.
- Changing your voicemail message to indicate you will be out of the office for an unspecified time.
- Changing and enabling your email "out of office" message.
- Securing your work documents appropriately.
- Completing your time card.
- Securing your work station and securing government property.

A checklist of shutdown activities with additional guidance is included at the end of this message.

Telework

Employees who have been approved to telework on Tuesday, October 1 should complete as many shutdown activities as possible (please see attached checklist) before they leave work on Monday, September 30, including completing their timecards, so that on Tuesday, October 1, their responsibilities will be to read their furlough email notification and affirm to their supervisor that they did receive it.

Time and Attendance

In the event of a government shutdown, employees should record their actual hours for the current pay period, 2013-21, as you normally would for the time periodSeptember 22-30, 2013.

· For employees who are not exempt or excepted and would be furloughed – record the balance of the pay period, October 1-5, against the Furlough pay code (pay code 103). Employees should keep track of hours spent on shutdown activities. Amended time sheets will be completed after operations resume.

· For excepted employees who will remain on duty to protect life and property - record the balance of the pay period, October 1-5, against the Furlough pay code (pay code 103). Excepted employees should keep track of their time outside of the system.

· For employees who are exempt and will continue to work because they are paid from non-lapsing appropriations – report all hours worked as you normally would.

A set of questions and answers on this are at the end of this document.

Employee Pay

October 1, 2013 is a regular payday covering the pay period ending Saturday, September 21,

2013. Employees will be paid on schedule for their hours worked during that pay period. If a shutdown occurs, all employees can expect to be paid on Tuesday, October 15, 2013 for hours worked from September 22, 2013 through September 30, 2013.

All employees will be paid for actual time spent conducting shutdown activities (for most employees this will be no more than 4 hours) after the Congress enacts an appropriation or a continuing resolution.

During the shutdown, exempt employees will be paid for actual hours worked in subsequent pay periods every two weeks. Excepted employees will be paid for actual hours worked during the shutdown upon the next regular payday following passage of a funding bill. Congress will determine if furloughed employees will be paid subsequent to enactment of an appropriation or continuing resolution.

Use of Electronic Equipment

Please keep in mind that employees are prohibited from working while furloughed, including using agency owned computers, mobile devices, and using remote access service to access email or other applications. You should turn off all devices and secure and store government equipment.

Leave

If you have been previously approved to take leave on Tuesday, October 1, and there is a shutdown, your leave will be cancelled. You are expected to report to your duty station unless

you have made alternative arrangements with your supervisor. If there is no shutdown or the government reopens and you had pre-existing leave plans, you should contact your supervisor to ensure your leave approval is still in place or if you are needed to return to work.

Travel

All employees should refrain from beginning official travel leading up to a possible shutdown and should not be traveling during the shutdown, with certain exclusions.

· Exempt employees who are funded through non-lapsing appropriations may travel with the appropriate approvals from their supervisor.

· Excepted employees who need to travel to protect life and property should do so with the approval of their supervisor. If there is a shutdown, please check with your supervisor to find out if you should immediately return to your duty station or remain in travel status.

· Employees who would be furloughed and are on travel when the shutdown occurs, must return to their duty station as soon as possible.

· Employees assigned overseas are not considered to be in travel status because their overseas location is considered their permanent station.

· Employees on extended TDY travel where a detail personnel action (SF52) was issued and funded should not return to their home location unless instructed by their supervisor.

A set of travel questions and answers can be found on http://www.doi.gov/shutdown

Access to Buildings and Facilities

The Main Interior Building (MIB) and South Interior Building (SIB) will be closed to the public throughout the shutdown, although employees who are exempt or excepted will have access. Employees that are furloughed will be able to access the credit union and should check-in at the guard desk

The cafeteria in MIB will be closed. The snack bars in MIB and SIB will be open.

All ramps to the MIB garage will be open on October 1, 2013. Commencing October 2, 2013, only Ramps A and D will be open in MIB.

Parking will be available during the shutdown for those employees that have parking permits for MIB, SIB and the Federal Reserve if they are exempt or excepted.

Transit Subsidy

The transit subsidy has already been loaded onto the electronic media and will be available to employees on October 1, 2013. Employees are authorized to use the subsidy for October 1, 2013 and excepted and exempt employees can use the subsidy during the duration of the shutdown. On call staff can use the subsidy it if they are called back to work.

All unused subsidy media will be swept back by DOT at the end of the month.

Agency Services

In October 1, 2013, the shuttles to MIB are expected to be operating. During a government shutdown, after October 1, there will be no shuttle services to MIB and SIB. During the shutdown there will be limited custodial and mail service and the health unit and fitness center will be closed. The MIB child day care center will be closed throughout the duration of the shutdown.

Information Resources

There are a number of resources available where you can get further shutdown information and status updates. Shutdown information can be found onhttp://www.doi.gov/shutdown

In addition, furlough guidance can also be found at the Office of Personnel Management website at www.opm.gov/furlough. You are also encouraged to listen to the news media to obtain information on the status of government funding and whether a shutdown is necessary.

Shutdown Checklist for Furloughed Employees

· Meet with your supervisor to obtain additional necessary details and guidelines about shutdown procedures.

· Provide information about where your supervisor can reach you in the event the government reopens – home phone, personal cell phone, relative phone, etc.

· Access your email and read your furlough notice and affirm to your supervisor that you have received it. Instructions can be found athttp://googl/tN1PRt.

· Change your voicemail message. Suggested language for employee voicemail:

> "I am out of the office for the duration of the government shutdown. I will not be checking messages, but will return your call upon my return to the office."

· Change and enable your email "out of office" message. Suggested message:

> "I am out of the office for the duration of the government shutdown. I will not be checking messages, but will return your email upon my return to the office."

· Secure your work documents appropriately so they are not left out in the open.

- Turn off and put away devices, phones, laptops, etc. for safekeeping.
- Throw out any perishable food.
- Remove or store any personal items for safekeeping.
- Complete your time card
- Turn off the lights and lock the door when you leave (presuming there are no other occupants in the office).

FAQ'S FOR ENTRY OF TIME & ATTENDANCE DURING GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

SEPTEMBER 27, 2013

1. I have received notice that I will be furloughed (not excepted) during the government shutdown. How do I enter my time and attendance?

For the current pay period, 2013-21, *through September 30*, report all hours worked, leave taken, etc., as you normally would (only for September 22-30).

The remainder of the October 1-5 period should be recorded against the Furlough pay code (pay code 103). Employees should keep track of the time they spent on shutdown activities. Amended timesheets will be completed after government operations resume to reflect actual time spent on shutdown activities.

2. I have received notice that I have been excepted from the furlough. How do I enter my T&A?

For the current pay period, 2013-21, *through September 30*, report all hours worked, leave taken, etc., as you normally would (for September 22-30).

For the balance of the pay period (October 1-5), hours should be recorded against the Furlough pay code.

Excepted personnel should keep track off-line the hours worked for later submission of an amended timesheet when Congress enacts an appropriation bill.

3. I have received notice that I am exempt from the furlough. How do I enter my T&A?

Exempt personnel are funded by a non-lapsing appropriation, and therefore you report all hours worked or leave taken as you normally would.

4. What if I am furloughed, but it's only for a few days?

If Congress enacts an appropriation bill and an employee Returns to Duty anytime between October 1 – October 5, 2013 (in pay period 2013-21), timesheets would need to be "unverified" to allow for update for actual hours worked and/or furlough hours. Normal T&A processing procedures would then be followed.

5. What if the furlough lasts longer than this pay period, 2013-21, which ends on October 5?

Exempt employees will continue to record their actual time worked.

For excepted personnel, hours should continue to be recorded against the pay code 103 (furlough hours). Excepted personnel should continue to keep track off-line the hours worked for later submission of an amended timesheet when Congress enacts an appropriation bill.

IBC will assume that timesheets not submitted by October 23 (for the pay period ending October 20), should be charged to pay code 103 (furlough hours).

Because of the federal government shutdown, this National Park Service facility is closed.

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Shutdown Guidance: Signage

The following message will be posted at all parks and facilities (attached as a sign).

- Because of the federal government shutdown, this National Park Service facility is closed.

Source: WASO Communications

Updated September 27, 2013

Young, Deirdre R

From: Kelly, Katherine <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 8:27 PM
To: mike litterst; Suzanne Waldron
Cc: Androff, Blake J
Subject: Re: Darryl's piece is up

http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/seven-reasons-why-the-national-parks-service-closed-the-world-war-ii-memorial/2013/10/15/a3df8584-35d5-11e3-be86-6aeaa439845b_story.html

Seven reasons why the National Parks Service closed the World War II Memorial

By Darryl Fears, Tuesday, October 15, 6:38 PM

Are some World War II veterans angry that the memorial created in their honor is off limits because of the partial government shutdown? You bet they are. The old warriors and their friends stormed passedbarriers at the site Sunday, carried a few of the gates to the White House and tussled with police.

Now, some Republicans are accusing the Obama administration of political theater — of deliberately keeping the memorial closed to punctuate the pain caused by the shutdown and federal worker furloughs. Administration officials deny that, and counter that the Republicans were largely responsible for the shutdown in the first place.

As National Park Service Director Jonathan Jarvis prepares for a grilling before House Republicans on Wednesday, he and other officials say the park service has had no choice but to padlock the National World War II Memorial, one of the most popular venues on the Mall. Here, they say, is why:

1. They don't have the manpower to keep it open. The shutdown forced the park service to furlough about 20,000 workers, including the 300 who work at National Mall and Memorial Parks sites. Jarvis said his skeleton crew is working "diligently to try and ensure" that visitors are allowed to assemble at the sites and even stage a protest if they want. But that's not enough for some war veterans, who say they might not get another chance to thoroughly explore the memorials of their choice.

2. WWII veterans who visit Washington aren't the only veterans affected. The USS Arizona site in Hawaii, which commemorates the 1941 bombing of Pearl Harbor by the Japanese, also is closed. So are the Korean and Vietnam war memorials. There's no money to pay employees to keep a constant eye on visitors, Jarvis said.

3. Congress made them do it. The House and Senate "charged the National Park Service with the preservation and protection" of the sites, Jarvis said. He did not answer why a few rangers couldn't be assigned to highly popular sites — especially ones for aging war veterans. Instead, he said, the

workers have to protect the sites whether they're open or not. And considering that a vandal splattered green paint on the Lincoln Memorial this summer, vigilance is a major priority, he said.

4. Not all visitors can be trusted. A surprising number of acts of vandalism occur even when the parks are open — more than 2,000 a year on average. On top of that, rangers have to remind people not to eat and drink at sites, and also not to climb onto granite cornerstones and stone columns for a better view and risk falling.

5. Skeleton crews are thin. During the shutdown, only 12 workers are responsible for surveying the Mall's memorials and monuments, including the Jefferson Memorial, Washington Monument, Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial and Lincoln Memorial. On the other hand, while it's not a tragedy for younger visitors to miss seeing those sites, the same can't necessarily be said for men in their 90s who want to see the WWII memorial.

6. It's more than just a visit; it's an event. On the average October day, more than 13,000 people show up at the WWII memorial, about the same number of people who attend the average DC United soccer match. Those visitors help comprise the 3.7 million yearly visitors, according to an analysis of park service statistics by the National Parks Conservation Association. They come in bunches, elderly men and women crossing 17th Street where cars turn off the busy Rock Creek Parkway. With no one to watch their comings and goings, park officials say they get nervous.

7. After 9/11, America is still uptight. Jarvis didn't bring up the 2001 attack, but his spokesman did. Twelve years later, government workers are antsy about protecting sites. However unlikely it is that a terrorist would take advantage of the shutdown to damage the sites, the National Park Service has to be prepared, according to the spokesman, Michael Litterst.

On Tue, Oct 15, 2013 at 8:26 PM, Kelly, Katherine <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
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From: Bob Vogel <bob_vogel@nps.gov>
Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2013 1:09 PM
To: Blake Androff
Cc: Suzanne Waldron; Jennifer Mummart; lisa_mendelson-ielmini@nps.gov; Kate P Kelly
Subject: Re: Request for AP

Jennifer Mummart is our contact. Thanks everyone!

On Oct 13, 2013, at 1:07 PM, Blake Androff <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

> Great. Just tell me contact I can refer people for Mall events.
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> Blake Androff
> Deputy Director of Communications
> U.S. Department of the Interior
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> On Oct 13, 2013, at 1:05 PM, Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov> wrote:
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> > This has become amuch bigger event with barricades moved from mall to wh.
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> > Park uspp working in restoring order so do not want us getting crosswise with that
> >
> > Sent from my iPhone
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> > On Oct 13, 2013, at 1:02 PM, Blake Androff <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
> >
> > > Sue - who is handling incoming? I think it's fine to say that USPP will retrieve the barricades and will replace them at the memorials. The memorial and Mall remains closed but vets / families are being allowed access.
> > >
> > > Blake Androff
> > > Deputy Director of Communications
> > > U.S. Department of the Interior
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> > > On Oct 13, 2013, at 12:55 PM, Jennifer Mummart <jennifer_mummart@nps.gov> wrote:
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> > > > FYI and response (?)
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> > > > ---
> > > > **From**: Zongker, Brett [mailto:bzongker@ap.org]
> > > > **Sent**: Sunday, October 13, 2013 08:46 AM
> > > > **To**: Mike_Litterst@nps.gov <Mike_Litterst@nps.gov>; Jennifer_Mummart@nps.gov <Jennifer_Mummart@nps.gov>

Subject: Request for AP

Hi Mike and Jennifer,

I understand there has been a protest and removing of barriers at the World War II Memorial this morning. Could one or both of you give me some details on how the National Park Service is responding? Will the memorial remain open for the time being?

Thanks,
Brett

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From: Bob Vogel <bob_vogel@nps.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 07, 2013 9:01 AM
To: Waldron, Suzanne
Cc: Androff, Blake; Jennifer Mummart; Edward Keable; Kate Kelly; Edward Boling; Barry Roth; Randolph Myers; Peggy O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Mike Litterst; Jon Jarvis
Subject: Re: Icon Shutdown Unified Command Update #3

This works for NAMA

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On Oct 7, 2013, at 8:57 AM, "Waldron, Suzanne" <sue_waldron@nps.gov> wrote:

see if this works for everyone

WWII – NAMA veterans memorial statement – 10/7 8:45

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On Sat, Oct 5, 2013 at 6:53 PM, Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov> wrote:
Just spoke with blake. Adding in a piece that got inadvertently left out. Will send around in the morning

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 5, 2013, at 5:37 PM, "Androff, Blake" <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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On Sat, Oct 5, 2013 at 4:03 PM, Edward Keable <edward.keable@sol.doi.gov> wrote:

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That said, your statement looks fine to me.

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To: Edward Keable <edward.keable@sol.doi.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Icon Shutdown Unified Command Update #3

Ed - just heard you are the solicitor on duty this weekend - so asking for your review of this statement ...

thanks

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From: **Suzanne Waldron** <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
Date: Sat, Oct 5, 2013 at 12:14 PM
Subject: Re: Icon Shutdown Unified Command Update #3
To: Margaret O'Dell <peggy_o'dell@nps.gov>
Cc: Jon Jarvis <Jon_Jarvis@nps.gov>, Rachel Jacobson <Rachel_Jacobson@ios.doi.gov>, Mike Litterst <Mike_Litterst@nps.gov>, Bob Vogel <Bob_Vogel@nps.gov>, Randolph Myers <randolph.myers@sol.doi.gov>, Edward Boling <ted.boling@sol.doi.gov>, Kate Kelly <Kate_Kelly@ios.doi.gov>, Blake Androff <Blake_Androff@ios.doi.gov>

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> > > **To:** "Margaret O'Dell" <peggy_o'dell@nps.gov>
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Command Update #3

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From: Bob Vogel <bob_vogel@nps.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 03, 2013 9:07 PM
To: Sholly, Cam; Suzanne Waldron; Karen Cucurullo; Stephen Lorenzetti
Subject: Re: Updated statement

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On Oct 3, 2013, at 8:42 PM, "Sholly, Cam" <cam_sholly@nps.gov> wrote:

I think it looks really good.

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On Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 8:11 PM, Blake Androff <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
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From: Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 03, 2013 1:34 PM
To: Jonathan Jarvis; Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Bruce Sheaffer; Kate Kelly; Blake Androff; Sue Waldron
Subject: Fwd: Parks Service contact?

Attached letter from Rep. Issa asking for documents related to decision to closing WWII Memorial.

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From: **Andrew Restuccia** <ARestuccia@politico.com>
Date: Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 1:01 PM
Subject: RE: Parks Service contact?
To: "Litterst, Michael" <mike_litterst@nps.gov>

And do you have any response to this letter from Chairman Issa?

http://oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/2013-10-03-DEI-Mica-to-Jarvis-NPS-Shutdown-due-10-17.pdf

He specifically says, "Information presented to the Committee suggested budget adjustments resulting in obvious hardship or displeasure for the public were chosen in lieu of more prudent measures. Specifically, the Committee received information that proposed budget adjustments submitted by an NPS official in the field to deal with sequestration impacts were rejected by NPS superiors in favor of cuts that would be more visible and disruptive."

Andrew Restuccia
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From: Litterst, Michael [mailto:mike_litterst@nps.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 03, 2013 11:11 AM
To: Andrew Restuccia
Subject: Re: Parks Service contact?

Andrew:

In lieu of an interview, following is the NPS statement on the matter:

National Park Service Spokeswoman Carol Johnson - Statement on Closure of World War II and other national memorials in DC

The National Park Service depends on Congressional appropriations to stay open. With the lapse in appropriations, we had to close all 401 national parks and furlough more than 20,000 employees.

Without staff or funding to ensure the safety of visitors, the security of the memorials, and the continued operation and maintenance of park facilities, the memorials on the National Mall – just like Yellowstone and the Grand Canyon – are closed.

The Honor Flights are being granted access to the WWII memorial to conduct First Amendment activities in accordance with National Park Service regulations applicable to the National Mall and Memorial Parks. This is consistent with the DOI Closure Determination and Notice issued on October 1, 2013.

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On Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 10:08 AM, Andrew Restuccia <ARestuccia@politico.com> wrote:

Hi Michael.

I'm working on a follow-up story to the political fight over the closure of the WWII memorial. Is it possible to get somebody from NPS on the phone today to knock down some of these Republican allegations?

Andrew Restuccia

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Sent: Thursday, October 03, 2013 10:06 AM
To: Andrew Restuccia; Michael Litterst

Cc: Kate_Kelly@ios.doi.gov; jessica_kershaw@ios.doi.gov; Tim_Fullerton@ios.doi.gov
Subject: Re: Parks Service contact?

+Mike Litterst w/ NPS

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Hey guys.

Who is a good contact at the National Park Service that isn't furloughed?

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From: Blake Androff <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2013 8:00 PM
To: Laura Davis; Nikki Buffa; Jon Jarvis; Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Suzanne Waldron; Michael Litterst; Edward Keable; Jack Haugrud; Bob Vogel; Carol Johnson; Stephen Lorenzetti; Robert Maclean; Cam Sholly
Subject: Fwd: Daily Briefing by the Press Secretary

Relevant excerpt on WWII from daily briefing:

Q When you talk about theatrics, one of the flashpoints in this has become what happened yesterday and it's something that played out again today, apparently, at the World War II Memorial here in Washington. Rather than just airing -- there's allegations from Republicans that the White House, broadly speaking, somehow ordered this, put up barricades to prevent veterans from getting there. Rather than going through all of that, can you please tell us from the podium what is your version of what happened?

MR. CARNEY: The government shut down when the House Republicans decided to shut it down.

And every House Republican who has decried any impact from this shutdown as if they were surprised that it would happen clearly didn't pay attention when every agency of the federal government posted on their websites on Friday what would happen if the government were shut down, including the closing of national memorials and national parks.

On the very night that they voted to shut down the government, some of the most vocal critics of this particular matter were quoted saying, "We got what we wanted." Well, apparently you did.

Look, we honor our World War II veterans, and I would point you to the decisions made and the actions being taken by the Department of the Interior and the National Park Service to ensure that these Honor Flight participants are able to have access to that memorial. But the fact is when you shut down the government you shut down a lot of services, you lay off a lot of people, and there are bad consequences to that.

So if any member of Congress who got in front of a television camera to try to get some attention on this issue spent half that time on the floor of the House voting to open the government, we wouldn't have a problem.

Q But so can you explain, are there some -- the Honor veterans, are they now allowed to see the memorial? You said there are accommodations being made. If on one hand you're saying, look, the

government shut down, tough luck, the Republicans haven't voted to open it, but then on the other hand you're saying, we are making accommodations, what is really happening then?

MR. CARNEY: Well, Department of the Interior and the National Parks Service obviously are the sources for more specific information. But the DOI has made an accommodation for the Honor Flights and will grant access to the World War II Memorial. The DOI has granted a permit for the veterans that is consistent with the existing closure order. DOI will remain in contact with the Honor Flight organization to ensure that veterans scheduled to travel to D.C. are provided access to the memorial.

My understanding is that the closure order provides a process for accepting First Amendment activities on the National Mall and memorial parks in D.C. and in Philadelphia. And, again, for more detail on that process that is going to allow access for these veterans and heroes I would refer you to DOI and the National Park Service.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: White House Press Office <noreply@messages.whitehouse.gov>
Date: October 2, 2013 at 7:48:59 PM EDT
To: <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Daily Briefing by the Press Secretary
Reply-To: <noreply@messages.whitehouse.gov>

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James S. Brady Press Briefing Room

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MR. CARNEY: Thank you for being here. Before I you're your questions let me offer a few things. First, the President, earlier today, had another update on the shutdown and the issue of the need to raise the debt ceiling. Again, the participants in that meeting were Secretary of the Treasury Jack Lew, Director of the Office of Management and Budget Sylvia Burwell, and Deputy Chief of Staff Alyssa Mastromonaco.

The President, as you know, met with members of the Financial Services Forum -- the President and the Vice President did. And I think you had an opportunity to hear from some of them at the stakeout not long ago, and I hope you took note of what was said.

Furthermore, the President will meet with the four leaders of Congress at 5:30 p.m. today in the Oval Office, with the Vice President. Secretary of the Treasury Jack Lew will, in that meeting, brief the leaders on what were the impacts of the threat of default in 2011 and the economic imperative for Congress to act to raise the debt ceiling without the threat of default, and without delay and drama, shortly.

With that, I'll take your questions.

Q Any coverage on that?

MR. CARNEY: It's a meeting with the leaders.

Q No photo op?

MR. CARNEY: I don't have anything for you on that, Mark.

Q Thanks, Jay. The meeting today, is that something we should be looking at as a negotiation on the government shutdown, or is this more about the President gathering these leaders in the Oval Office to just tell them what we've heard from him publicly over the last few days?

MR. CARNEY: I think I can answer your question this way: A negotiation in the Washington sense traditionally implies a give-and-take, tradeoffs, demands, if you give me this I'll take that -- I'll give you that. The President's approach from the beginning in this is that he's asking for nothing -- nothing -- from Republicans. He is attaching zero demands to the general proposition that Congress should simply open the government, keep it open. He's asking for nothing, he is making no demands, he is attaching no partisan strings to his request that Congress fulfill its responsibility to ensure that the

United States does not default on its obligations for the first time in our long history.

So, in that sense, no, the President is not going to sit down and start asking for puts and takes. He's not going to engage in that kind of negotiation because he does not want to hold -- or have held the openness of the government, the functioning of the government, or the world and American economy hostage to a series of demands.

What the President is asking the Congress to do, what the President is asking Republicans in the House to do is quite literally the least they could do. He is asking them to extend funding at the levels set in the previous fiscal year to keep the government open. That's the least they could do.

And the Speaker of the House should hold a vote on that proposition and see what happens. If he is convinced that a majority, that all of his Republicans in his conference will vote no to opening the government, to a clean CR -- in Washington-speak -- to just a bill that opens the government and funds it at the levels that it has been funded for the previous year, then we'll see what we do then.

But my guess is, and the estimation of numerous observers and members of Congress of the Republican Party is that if John Boehner, the Speaker of the House, who has this power alone, put on the floor of the House a bill to fund the government, to open it up without partisan strings attached, it would pass overwhelmingly.

I think you know that's true. I think every member of Congress knows it's true. And it reflects the simple fact that, unfortunately, the Speaker won't do that because he is responding to the demands of one faction of one party, in one house, of one branch of government -- and everyone is paying the price of that decision.

Q So that position of the President is pretty well-known at this point. So if he's not budging off of that going into this meeting, what's the purpose of having the congressional leaders here?

MR. CARNEY: Look, the President said and he is true to his word that he would be having conversations with the leaders of the Congress about the essential need to keep the government open -- or now, in this case, to reopen the government -- and to ensure that we do not default. And he will have that conversation.

Look, we all realize this has put the Republicans -- they've gotten themselves in a box here in the House and it has

put them in a difficult position and they're under a lot of pressure, a lot of it applied by Republicans, and there's a simple way out. Do the democratic thing -- pass a bill, see if it can win a majority. Put a bill on the floor, see if a majority votes yes. Be surprised and delighted by the fact that a number of your own Republicans would vote yes -- by some estimates, quite a number of them. Take that as a win, and move on.

And then we can ensure that the government doesn't -- rather, that the economy doesn't default, the United States doesn't default; we raise the debt ceiling in an orderly fashion without drama and delay. And then we can go about debating and discussing and negotiating our budget priorities: How do we move forward? How do we fund the government in a way that assures that our economy continues to grow, that the jobs that have been created thus far in this recovery -- 7.5 million private-sector jobs -- are added to as quickly as possible with more private-sector jobs? And put to vote different propositions about how we should do that -- have negotiations, discussions. Put it to a vote.

But do not -- I mean, it is profoundly undemocratic for one faction of one party to say, I didn't get what I wanted through the normal legislative process, I didn't get what I wanted through the Supreme Court, I didn't get what I wanted when the American people nationally voted, and so I will, therefore, hold the government hostage and the economy hostage in order to achieve my aims. I don't think that's good for our democracy and it's certainly not good for our economy.

And I think you heard Lloyd Blankfein, the head of the Financial Services Forum, say that you cannot use U.S. obligations to repay its debt as a cudgel. And there's a consensus -- this is, again, quoting him based on reports I've seen -- I was not out at the stakeout -- but there's a consensus that we shouldn't do anything to hurt this recovery. And that's a consensus among CEOs who might not otherwise all agree politically with the President, because this isn't about -- shouldn't be about partisan politics. We keep the government open. We pay our bills.

Q Can we just move on to the Asia trip?

MR. CARNEY: Oh, come on. I was just getting started. (Laughter.)

Q You'll have plenty of opportunity, I'm sure. The cancellation of the two stops was presented as sort of a logistical decision. And I'm wondering if there's also any concern here about just the optics of having the President be

abroad during a shutdown, and when the final decision on the Indonesia and Brunei legs needs to be made by.

MR. CARNEY: Well, you're right that it was a logistical decision related to the shutdown, and it was because of where assets were and people were, and the fact that they had not been deployed to those two countries, which were scheduled to be at the backend of the trip and, therefore, because of the shutdown, it made it logistically necessary to cancel those two stops. We had assets and personnel in the first two countries, and as of now we continue to -- we intend to have the President make that trip, because it is important --

Q Does the President intend to make that trip whether or not the government is shut down on Saturday?

MR. CARNEY: Again, I'm not going to spin ahead to Saturday, and we'll obviously evaluate this as each day goes by. If the Speaker were to do what I just talked about, the government would be up and running by dinnertime.

So there remains the opportunity here for that hypothetical to be moot, and we hope that it is, because it's an important responsibility of a President to travel and conduct foreign policy, to conduct discussions about economic growth and investment in the United States, in our economy, that creates jobs.

The two summits that are taking place in Indonesia and Brunei offer opportunities, both economic opportunities and security opportunities, to the United States. And that's why a trip like this for any President is useful and important to the American economy and the American people.

So I can't give you a prediction about what things will look like Saturday, except to say that I hope the majority has an opportunity to speak in the House of Representatives.

Q Jay, why did the President wait until the second day of the shutdown to call this meeting with congressional leaders?

MR. CARNEY: The second day? Well, he spoke with the Speaker not long ago. He's made clear his views. What we've seen over the past 10 days is the Republicans being quite involved with their own internal politics and with digressions in the Senate and dictates from one body to the other about what the proper course of action should be. And the President, again, has had discussions with leaders. He looks forward to the discussion today.

But, unfortunately, as I mentioned yesterday, he does not -- despite the awesome power and responsibility of the presidency

of the United States -- have the power to order up a simple vote to see if it gets a majority on the floor of the House of Representatives. That is a power that the Speaker of the House has in our democracy, and he should exercise it. And I think he would be surprised by, based on reports from Republicans, what the outcome would be. He might even be able to claim he got a majority of his majority, or something close to it.

So we won't know unless he does it. What we're absolutely sure would happen is that a majority of the House of Representatives would vote to open the government in five minutes, if given the opportunity.

Q Jay, if the President was willing to let the government shut down in response to House Republican demands to alter the Affordable Care Act, would he be willing to let the country go into default instead of --

MR. CARNEY: I completely have to dispute the way you framed that question. He's not willing -- he is not the party to this that is making extraneous partisan demands. He's asking for nothing from the Republicans. He thinks it would be wrong -- as I said the other day, he could, if you were playing that game, that small game, that game that does not look at the interest of the United States but looks at partisan interests, he would attach -- he'd say, you know what, we need to -- this is my opportunity, even though I haven't built a consensus yet for it, to eliminate, for example, the subsidies for oil and gas companies that taxpayers pay.

You know that's been something he thinks is the right thing to do. You know that that's something he's asked Congress to vote on. You know that's something that Republicans have rejected and successfully prevented from becoming law that he could sign. But if he took the Republican tactic, and basically tried to circumvent normal democratic process here, he would say, I'm not going to open the government -- I would refuse to sign a clean -- I wouldn't sign a clean CR. I would only sign it if it had my partisan demands attached to it, or my personal principled demands attached to it.

But he won't do that. He will not play the game that Republicans are playing, which is a game that has as its principal victims hardworking Americans who are home now, wondering when they get to go back to work, wondering if they'll ever get paid for this time off -- and then, even more frightening, folks out there, including the CEOs who were here today, wondering what the world economy and the American economy would look like if we defaulted for the first time. Because we know one thing: It would not look pretty. The impacts would be catastrophic, according to the IMF and others. But since it has never happened, we don't know quite how catastrophic it would

be. And we do not want to and we should not even contemplate trying to find out.

Q On the Asia trip, would it be -- would the President not go if the government is still shut down? What would cause him to either decide to go or not go?

MR. CARNEY: Well, as I said to Julie, we don't believe that's a decision that needs to be made now. That's speculation, as there's an opportunity for the House Speaker to place on the floor now, hold a vote, see how the majority responds, see how the majority votes. And if it, as we expect, votes to open the government, without partisan strings attached, then your question is answered. So we'll see.

Mara.

Q I just have a question. Up until now, you've said the President is willing to negotiate on the budget, and he's even willing to entertain ideas for improving the Affordable Care Act. Why shouldn't we see these talks as that kind of negotiation, as opposed to negotiating on the things you don't want to negotiate?

MR. CARNEY: Because they're not about that. He will not negotiate -- he will not offer concessions to Republicans in exchange for not tanking the economy.

Q I understand that --

MR. CARNEY: So today's meeting is about the need to open the government and the need to ensure that we do not default. And the President has made clear that he is happy and willing, as he has been all year round -- all year long, to engage in serious conversations and negotiations with Republican lawmakers who want to find common ground on our budget challenges -- absolutely willing to. What he is not willing to do is negotiate under the threat of default, or under the threat of continuing to shut down the government.

Congress has a responsibility to open the government. Again, Republicans have had ample opportunity to repeal, defund, delay, dismantle, undermine the Affordable Care Act. Ample opportunity. And they have taken advantage of that opportunity and voted -- I've lost count -- 40-plus times. Each time, they have not succeeded. But hope springs eternal, I guess, and they can keep doing it. But one way to do it, as I think some people wrote about today, is to continue to argue your case, take it to the people, see what they say when they vote in the next election, see what they say when they vote in the next presidential election, and then pass legislation.

But just because you can't get what you want through the American democratic process doesn't mean you should subvert that process to achieve what you want, when you're a minority within one party and one house of one branch of government. It's just wrong. It's bad. The American people don't deserve this.

Q But the serious conversations that you're willing to have, is that what's going to happen today? Or does a clean CR have to be passed before those serious conversations can begin?

MR. CARNEY: Correct. Correct.

Q Okay.

MR. CARNEY: The President is not going to negotiate about how we can come to an agreement on our budget challenges, how we can come to an agreement about funding necessary priorities to ensure that we grow our economy and ensure that the middle class is protected and expanding, ensure that our kids are getting the best education possible, and then ensure that we reduce our deficit in a responsible way -- as we have been doing, by the way, since President Obama took office.

The President has been willing to do that all year long, and he has reached out, as you guys reported on, repeatedly to Republicans who have been -- at least who suggested they were open to finding that common ground, who suggested they were open to making the same kind of compromises that the President proved he was willing to make.

But he won't negotiate -- on behalf of the American people and the economy, he will not negotiate under threat of continuing to keep the government shut down or defaulting on our obligations for the first time.

The precedent here, when it comes to default, would be monumental and monumentally bad for the future of the American economy. Imagine what this process would look like if every time the debt ceiling needed to be raised, a minority of one party's representation of one house could dictate to the President of whichever party demands they couldn't achieve through the congressional process, the legislative process, and if they didn't get what they wanted, they'd tank the world economy. It's the wrong thing to do.

Q -- that it happened in tandem --

MR. CARNEY: No.

Q -- while they're threatening a shutdown or a default.

MR. CARNEY: Again, Mara -- and I know you know this -- there has been one occasion in our history, since the debt ceiling was in place, when a participant to negotiations used the real and tangible threat of default as part of those negotiations in raising the debt ceiling, and that was in 2011. And we saw the consequences, and they were concrete and they were very negative. And that was simply the threat of default.

Prior to that, the debt ceiling was raised without the threat of default, without drama or delay. And that is how it should be -- because it's too serious a matter to suggest that we should leave open to question around the world whether the United States of America will pay its bills; whether treasuries that investors buy or sovereign governments buy are ever going to be repaid.

Q Are you saying that the President wouldn't accept a solution to reopen the government that doesn't deal with the debt ceiling issue at the same time?

MR. CARNEY: I don't think I said that. I said -- look, if the House voted today, if John Boehner decided to let the majority speak and vote and be heard, and they voted today to open the government, as I'm sure they would, then they ought to move very quickly to ensure that the debt ceiling was raised without drama and delay.

Our position has not been to negotiate the mechanics by which they do it. They should just do it without making any threats and without attaching partisan demands to it.

Q Do you have anything on these U.S. diplomats who were expelled from Venezuela?

MR. CARNEY: I do. First of all, we completely reject the Venezuelan government's allegations that U.S. diplomats were in any way involved in some type of conspiracy to destabilize the Venezuelan government. Our officials were conducting normal diplomatic engagement. And as we've said many times, we maintain regular contact with people across the Venezuelan political spectrum.

This action by the Venezuelan government is clearly an effort to distract from its domestic problems and is not a serious way for a country to conduct its foreign policy. As the State Department has said, the United States has taken reciprocal action by declaring three Venezuelan officials persona non grata, including the Venezuelan chargé d'affaires and a second secretary at their embassy here in Washington, and the Venezuelan consul in Houston.

I'd refer you to the State Department for further details about the actions we've taken.

We would like to reach the point where we are able to make progress on areas of mutual interest like counter-narcotics, counterterrorism, and economic and commercial ties. But getting there would require a demonstration of seriousness on the part of the Venezuelan government in Caracas.

Q A whole lot of non-shutdown questions related to health care -- it's sort of a big deal, too, actually.

MR. CARNEY: Yes, it sure is.

Q New York said that they're looking into abnormally high traffic on their site yesterday -- 10 million page hits in a state with only 20 million people. Is there any evidence or concern that either state or federal exchanges have been the victims of hacking campaigns, perhaps in an attempt to stymie them or --

MR. CARNEY: Oh, I have not heard that. I mean, I would refer you, obviously, to New York for whatever they may be looking at, and to HHS. I think what we are confident of is that the high volume we've seen around the country, the 4.7 million unique visitors in the first 24 hours to healthcare.gov reflects the extreme interest in the opening of the marketplaces and the opening of the opportunity for individuals to shop for and select affordable health insurance for the first time.

So as I said yesterday, it's a first-class problem. There's no question that the volume was so high and continues to be so high that that has caused some delays, but it is related to -- those delays are, in our view, related to the high volume. And we are working on them to ensure that they're fixed and the process becomes more and more smooth for visitors to the website every day.

Q In a similar vein, the people who cover health care for us tell me that this morning there were still long wait times at exchanges. What is the level of concern, or is there any concern that this will discourage people, especially young adults who are key to the success of the problem and who, at least some think, would be more easily discouraged by that?

MR. CARNEY: Well, I'd say two things. It is, as I mentioned, a good problem to have that interest in these first two days exceeds what we anticipated. And we have an extremely competent team that developed a very user-friendly website and they are working on these problems every day, and the process gets improved every day.

It's important to remember, in answer to your question, that this is a six-month process and we're in the second day. There are something like 180 days left for people to enroll. And anybody who experienced difficulties or delays in getting on the site yesterday or browsing or enrolling should know that they can enroll any time from today through December and still have their insurance kick in on January 1st. That's the earliest that insurance will kick in.

So for these first several months when people enroll, they are enrolling for the opportunity to have their insurance available on January 1st. And then the entire enrollment process lasts six months.

So we welcome the interest. We think it's reflective of the fact that there are millions of Americans out there who want better options, more affordable options for health care coverage, and the Affordable Care Act is providing that, and these marketplaces are providing it.

If you're an individual and you're looking at these -- you go on healthcare.gov and you check out the plans available in your state for you, there are, on average, more than 50 options. So take some time to review them. And everyone should make a considered choice about what plan is right for them and what plan fits their finances, and what subsidies are available to them if they have low incomes. That's how the process is supposed to work.

And I think it's worth noting that this is what, at least putatively, this fight is about, right? Shut down the government, they say -- the House Republicans -- if you don't deprive these 4.7 million Americans who at least had an interest in healthcare.gov in the first 24 hours, and the millions of Americans who have the opportunity to purchase affordable health insurance for the first time, of that opportunity. That's their position.

And this has been litigated and debated. I saw one senator, one well-known senator of the Republican Party who said Obamacare hasn't been debated. I don't know where he was when this debate went on for months on Capitol Hill. And it has, since passage, of course, continued and been the subject of election debates and legislative actions and judicial actions and Supreme Court action. So I think it's been debated.

And it is certainly entirely appropriate and fine with the President and the rest of us if opponents of Obamacare want to continue to press their case through the normal legislative process. That's how our democracy works. You take a position, you try to get that position adopted by as many people as you can in your legislative body, and you see if you can succeed in

changing the law. And if you can't, you go back to the drawing board; you try to continue to build support for it. And then you have more elections and you try to have more people who see it your way elected. And then you try to have a President who sees it your way elected.

That's how it works. But just because you didn't get what you wanted at the polls and you didn't get what you wanted out of Congress, and you didn't get what you wanted out of the Supreme Court, it is not the right thing to do to then say, well, then because I have this unique power and influence over my Speaker, I'm going to tank the economy. I'm going to shut down the government.

That's what they're arguing. That's their position. And that's why there is so much heat on Republicans now. That's why so much of the story we're seeing now is Republicans saying, this is bad for the American people, bad for the middle class, bad for the economy, and bad for the Republican Party.

Kristen.

Q Jay, thanks. Going back to this meeting -- if the President is not going to negotiate, as you have said, what will he say or what can he say today during this meeting to move this process forward and try to break this stalemate?

MR. CARNEY: He will, I'm sure, express what I have just expressed, which is his concern about the impacts of a shutdown, his concern about the devastating impacts of even the threat of default and the catastrophic impacts of default itself. And he will, I think, ask the leaders to consider the fact that he's making no demands of them in this process; he's attaching no demands to any proposed legislation that would open the government at current levels -- like, these are not levels that the President set or that the President asked for. These are current levels of spending, no increases. And he's asking for the Congress to simply authorize the Treasury to pay the bills that the Congress has already charged.

I mean, this would be like -- on default -- and I've thought about this a lot lately -- you make a purchase on your credit card. The moment you do that, because you have a contract with the credit card company, you have incurred debt. The bill comes due in a month, and if you don't pay that bill you have defaulted. But in paying that bill, you have not incurred new debt. You are simply paying what you owe.

And Congress has authorized spending both through annual discretionary appropriations and through mandatory programs, and because of those legal obligations that Congress has established, we have debts that we must pay. And Congress is

proposing -- the House Republicans are proposing that if they don't get to take insurance away from millions of Americans, they won't let the United States pay its bills.

Q But, Jay, the President has made those arguments and the process hasn't moved forward. So I guess the question is what's going to be different about this conversation?

MR. CARNEY: Again, we can't force House Republicans to vote the way we think they should. The President can, and he will, make the case for why it's the right and responsible thing to do. He will make clear to them his willingness -- his yearlong willingness, his presidency-long willingness -- to sit down and try to find compromise with Republicans on budget priorities and ways to reduce our deficit in a responsible manner. But he won't allow the American economy and the American middle class to be held hostage to the partisan demands of a minority within one House of one branch of government.

Q Jay, is it appropriate for the President and members of Congress to still be getting paid while 800,000 workers have been furloughed?

MR. CARNEY: The law stipulates how this works. Our view is the government ought to be open. The government ought to be open.

Q The President could step forward and say, I'm going to withhold my pay while this shutdown continues.

MR. CARNEY: Let's be clear about how -- it's important to understand this is not like the furloughs caused by -- in previous issues. People who are excepted and who are working are not paid, but they are guaranteed that they will be paid. Elected members, I believe, are guaranteed that they will be paid or are currently being paid by law. Then there are those who are being furloughed across the government, and of course, it would take an act of Congress for them to be paid for the time that they were laid off because of the shutdown -- or they were furloughed because of the shutdown. And we certainly hope Congress would do that.

But it is -- our view is the shutdown ought to end right now, when John Boehner puts to a vote a clean CR and gets a substantial majority with both Republicans and Democrats voting aye. And then they should, as part of that, make sure that those who don't know whether they'll be paid are made whole again. And if it happens today, that's great. If it happens tomorrow, that's great. But in any case, we would envision that as the right thing to do.

Q I just think that part of the frustration with Washington revolves around that point. I understand what you're saying, but I know that you're aware of the fact that some people are concerned about making ends meet while their pay is being withheld. So what would you say to those people who say Washington is not working so why are we the ones who are suffering?

MR. CARNEY: Well, I would say that that's why it's so important for Congress to do the right thing and attach no partisan demands to a simple vote to open the government, and ensure that those hundreds of thousands of hardworking Americans -- neighbors and fellow worshipers, friends who are on the sidelines of our kids' baseball and soccer games -- have the security of knowing that the paycheck is coming.

Q I just have one more on Jamie Dimon. He has been meeting with the DOJ to work out a deal over his bank's dealings during the financial crisis. Is there any concern about a conflict of interest with President Obama meeting with him today?

MR. CARNEY: I would refer you to the Department of Justice. Obviously he was here as part of the Financial Services Forum, which was in town and --

Q Does the President have any concern about that?

MR. CARNEY: Again, he met with the President as part of this group of CEOs from the financial services industry.

Q Jay, House Republicans are willing to vote funding to reopen national parks, museums, memorials, veterans' payments and the D.C. government. Why is the White House against it? Why not take what you can get?

MR. CARNEY: Because that's not how this works. It's a gimmick and it is unsustainable and it's not serious. And the lack of seriousness in their approach has been demonstrated again and again and again, and this is yet the latest iteration of that.

If they think that those functions ought to be open, vote to open the government. We're not asking anything from them, Democrats are not asking anything from them in return for making that simple vote. They ought to -- the people that Kristen was just talking about, let's send them back to work. They're our neighbors. They're our friends. They go to church and synagogue with us. They're good people who deserve the security of being able to work for their families and knowing they can pay the bills.

And all the various effects of the shutdown, both large and small, both serious and just inconvenient, can be resolved in a minute if the Speaker of the House holds a vote. What's he afraid of? Is he afraid that 250, 300 members of the House of Representatives will vote to open the government without partisan strings attached, without the insistence of the tea party that they get to dismantle a law that's passed both houses and been signed and upheld by the Constitution and litigated in an election? What is the fear here? What is the problem with simply allowing members of the House to vote on opening the government -- the whole government?

Q Well, Speaker Boehner says one of the issues you haven't addressed is the fairness issue, that some people and some groups have been getting waivers and delays on their mandates in Obamacare, but individuals haven't. If he brings that up at the meeting today what will the President tell him?

MR. CARNEY: Well, first of all, that suggestion, as we've discussed for a long time, is absurd. Speaker Boehner and the folks who are trying to undo and kill Obamacare any way they can are not interested in improving it or delaying it to make it better. They're interested in doing what they've said all along, which is to repeal it, get rid of it. There's that.

But the fact is the Affordable Care Act is here to stay. It is being implemented as we speak. For the past three years, the benefits of the Affordable Care Act have already been felt by millions of Americans -- by seniors, by families who have their kids up to the age of 26 now on their insurance policies, by millions of Americans who have gotten rebates from insurance companies because of the provision within the Affordable Care Act that makes it the law that these insurance companies spend a certain percentage of those premiums on health care and not on CEOs' salaries and advertising and other administrative costs.

So you know that's a ruse; we know that's a ruse. The President is certainly interested in having discussions about how to improve the Affordable Care Act to make it better, as it provides insurance options for the first time to millions of Americans. But the call to delay the individual responsibility provision, the individual mandate, that's an attempt to get rid of Obamacare -- because everyone knows who knows anything about how the system works that provision is essential to ensuring that every member in your family who has a preexisting condition cannot be told by the insurance companies that they're out of luck.

Remember the consequences of this policy position. And we can debate it, and we should in elections and on the floor of the House and Senate, through the normal means. But it is

completely inappropriate to try to get what you could not get through the normal democratic process by threatening the faith and credit of the United States, or threatening to keep the government shut down.

Q Jay, did you not open the door, though, to that piecemeal approach that Mark is referring to when the President signed into law allowing men and women in uniform to be paid while this happens? Now the Republicans are saying, well, then why not also pay out veteran benefits and other things? You did open the door at least a little bit to some people being paid.

MR. CARNEY: The President believes, as obviously virtually everyone in Congress believes, that our men and women in uniform need the reassurance that we here in Washington have their backs, just like they have ours, and that is why he signed that bill.

There is no question that there are problems created by the government being shut down. There is no question that there are inconveniences and real hardship. And if Republicans are sincerely concerned about those problems they have an option here, which is to vote to open the government -- full stop. Just do it. The theatrics and the gimmicks only cause delay when the option is available to put a simple bill on the floor that keeps the government open at spending levels set in the previous fiscal year.

So they didn't shut the government down over those spending levels a week ago. They didn't say a month ago, this is unacceptable; we're shutting it down. So why this week? Why are the spending levels from last year suddenly so unacceptable that they'd shut the government down with all the negative consequences thereof? Because they are on an ideological crusade and because the party has been hijacked by a faction within it.

And I say that quoting Republicans. I say that not to score a point, but to make an observation that I think is widely held here by people of both parties and people who are independent observers. And it has a negative impact on the normal functioning of our democracy.

Q When you talk about theatrics, one of the flashpoints in this has become what happened yesterday and it's something that played out again today, apparently, at the World War II Memorial here in Washington. Rather than just airing -- there's allegations from Republicans that the White House, broadly speaking, somehow ordered this, put up barricades to prevent veterans from getting there. Rather than going through all of that, can you please tell us from the podium what is your version of what happened?

MR. CARNEY: The government shut down when the House Republicans decided to shut it down.

And every House Republican who has decried any impact from this shutdown as if they were surprised that it would happen clearly didn't pay attention when every agency of the federal government posted on their websites on Friday what would happen if the government were shut down, including the closing of national memorials and national parks.

On the very night that they voted to shut down the government, some of the most vocal critics of this particular matter were quoted saying, "We got what we wanted." Well, apparently you did.

Look, we honor our World War II veterans, and I would point you to the decisions made and the actions being taken by the Department of the Interior and the National Park Service to ensure that these Honor Flight participants are able to have access to that memorial. But the fact is when you shut down the government you shut down a lot of services, you lay off a lot of people, and there are bad consequences to that.

So if any member of Congress who got in front of a television camera to try to get some attention on this issue spent half that time on the floor of the House voting to open the government, we wouldn't have a problem.

Q But so can you explain, are there some -- the Honor veterans, are they now allowed to see the memorial? You said there are accommodations being made. If on one hand you're saying, look, the government shut down, tough luck, the Republicans haven't voted to open it, but then on the other hand you're saying, we are making accommodations, what is really happening then?

MR. CARNEY: Well, Department of the Interior and the National Parks Service obviously are the sources for more specific information. But the DOI has made an accommodation for the Honor Flights and will grant access to the World War II Memorial. The DOI has granted a permit for the veterans that is consistent with the existing closure order. DOI will remain in contact with the Honor Flight organization to ensure that veterans scheduled to travel to D.C. are provided access to the memorial.

My understanding is that the closure order provides a process for accepting First Amendment activities on the National Mall and memorial parks in D.C. and in Philadelphia. And, again, for more detail on that process that is going to allow

access for these veterans and heroes I would refer you to DOI and the National Park Service.

Q Last thing. James Clapper was on the Hill today at a hearing about NSA issues, and was asked by I think Senator Grassley whether or not the country is safe right now during the shutdown. He said, "I don't feel that I can make such a guarantee to the American people. It will be much more difficult to make a guarantee as each day of this shutdown goes by." So I want to get your perspective. Is the country less safe now, or is this James Clapper trying to scare people to put pressure on Republicans?

MR. CARNEY: I would just point you to the testimony of the head of the DNI. What we have said --

Q But how does he back that up? Are we less safe?

MR. CARNEY: Well, I'm not the person charged with making that assessment, so I would refer you to the --

Q But does the Commander-in-Chief believe that we are less safe?

MR. CARNEY: The Commander-in-Chief believes that we ought to open the government, and that there are bad impacts, some of them quite serious, some of them just inconveniences, from a partisan decision to shut the government down over pique about the fact that they haven't been able to do away with the Affordable Care Act.

We're focused on trying to undo this, trying to make clear that there's a simple way to do that, which is to have a vote and let the majority in the House decide, so that we don't have to, a day from now or a week from now, or hopefully two or three weeks from now, not have a discussion about what has been the result, what have been the consequences of a prolonged shutdown.

Jon.

Q And just to button up that, Clapper also said 70 percent of intel analysts have been furloughed. I mean, that's got to be a real concern, or a real national security concern.

MR. CARNEY: Well, again, every agency has provided information, as I understand it, about what happens with a shutdown. And I would refer you to each agency, again, for those agencies to make assessments about what the immediate effects of shutdown are. I don't have any more information on that than certainly the Director provided.

Q And just to follow on what Mara was talking to you about -- I just want to be clear and understand the parameters of what's negotiable and what's not. The President would be willing to negotiate on a yearlong budget, right? So if we went in -- if this negotiation with members of Congress -- congressional leaders coming in here were to negotiate a yearlong budget, for the rest of the year -- none of this six-week stuff, but a yearlong budget -- I'm sure there would be some give-and-take -- could you negotiate that and then slap on the raising the debt ceiling and be done with it? And the Republicans could pretend they were negotiating on debt ceiling, but as far as you would be concerned, you'd really be talking about the yearlong budget?

MR. CARNEY: Look, the issue here is holding up the threat of default if you don't get what you want. And that is absolutely reckless and irresponsible. And as others have pointed out in discussions we've had about efforts by Republicans to say it's somehow commonplace to make that threat and has been over our history, there's no question there's been different means by which the debt ceiling has been raised attached to different bills. So I'm not going to speculate about the mechanics of doing it. Our concern is just that it get done without drama or delay and without the threat of default. So that's one.

Two, we have already -- the Republicans in the House have already -- we are living under shutdown. They have already shut down the government. Maybe in some idealized Washington of 2013 we could negotiate a yearlong budget compromise in an hour or two. But the fact is the Congress needs, the Republicans need to open the government and remove the threat of default so that we can get about the business -- which I'm sure will be contentious but hopefully successful if everybody is sincere in their efforts -- to negotiate a longer budget deal.

And whether it's -- how long it is and what it contains obviously will be decided by the process itself. But right now, the Republicans have shut down the government. Right now, we're roughly two weeks away from the first default in our history. The Republicans need to do the responsible thing. The President is not asking anything in return for them fulfilling these basic responsibilities. And then we can, and the President looks forward to, having discussions and debates and negotiations about how we move forward.

Q If they agree to do this six-week deal, you're right back where we are now in six weeks. I mean, doesn't it make sense to say, okay, let's do it all right now, let's do a yearlong budget?

MR. CARNEY: Not under threat of continued shutdown and not under threat of default.

Q So you're not open to that debate right now? You want the debt ceiling raised and --

MR. CARNEY: There is no scenario under which it would be anything but bad for the economy to hold the economy hostage to the threat of default while you're involved in negotiations over trying to get what you want in a long-term budget deal. That's the kind of damage to the economy that we can't afford. We saw what happened in 2011. It's reckless and irresponsible. It's wrong.

The sad part of it is, is that obviously there are some members on the Hill who think it's good for their personal politics, it's good for them in their districts, and that's all they seem to care most about. But there's no question that at the broad level, nationally, it's terrible. It's terrible for the economy. It's terrible for the middle class.

Q Just to be crystal-clear, we should not consider today's meeting a negotiation?

MR. CARNEY: Not in the sense that the President would make any demands on Congress in return for their willingness to simply do their jobs.

Carol.

Q I just want to clarify two things. So the President's position is he won't negotiate around the CR and that the House has to pass a clean CR and then he'll be willing to negotiate, but then he also won't negotiate on the debt ceiling. So I'm trying to get -- are you saying that any negotiations for something larger wouldn't be able to happen until after the debt ceiling was dealt with, not just the CR?

MR. CARNEY: I mean, again, how this plays out obviously depends on the actions that the Congress takes. But it is absolutely the President's position that he won't negotiate under threat of default or continued shutdown of the government budget priorities -- because the Republicans are interested in holding the economy hostage and the middle class hostage to try to achieve through that process what they could not achieve through Congress in the past, through the courts, or through the ballot box.

And having said that, the President is and has been, and has demonstrated that he is, willing to have negotiations about what steps we should take to fund our government in a way that allows us to invest in the future, protect the middle class,

attract businesses to the United States, and reduce our deficit in a responsible and balanced way.

And the proof of that willingness is in the budget that he proposed, which everyone here acknowledged when you covered, I believe -- well, there are probably a few people who didn't -- but almost everybody here acknowledged when he released it was a serious document that represented compromises; that wasn't a wish list of partisan priorities, but was a demonstration of the President's willingness to try to meet Republicans on common ground.

And he hopes that Republicans will meet him there. But he's not willing to negotiate over Republican demands to collapse the world economy if they don't do away with affordable health insurance for the American people.

Q Right. So it's fair to say that the President will not sit down and have those larger negotiations until there is a clean CR and a debt limit increase?

MR. CARNEY: Again, I think it's fair to say that the President will not negotiate over Congress's responsibility to pay our bills. And he will not make any demands of them. I mean, I think that it's -- turn the prism a little bit here, because the only party here that's making demands associated with opening the government, the only party here that's making demands associated with paying our bills is the Republican Party, and more narrowly, the tea party.

President Obama is not asking for Republicans to, again, do away with the tax subsidies, the tax breaks that the oil and gas industry get in return for opening the government. He's not asking them to pass background checks, something he believes passionately and in a principled way is the right thing to do. But he does not believe that the right way to achieve that goal is by holding the economy hostage.

Q Right. And one other thing on James Clapper. He said that the shutdown seriously damages our ability to protect the safety and security of the country. And separately from believing that the House should pass a clean CR, is the White House willing to take any steps to address this particular concern?

MR. CARNEY: Again, as I said earlier, the experts in all of these agencies can address what the impacts are of the shutdown.

Q I mean, the President has said that national -- the security of the American people is his number-one priority.

MR. CARNEY: It is.

Q So if you have James Clapper saying that the current shutdown seriously damages the ability to protect the country --

MR. CARNEY: What the President is highly confident of is that if John Boehner were to allow a majority to vote on a clean CR, or to allow the House to vote at all on a clean CR to open the government this afternoon, there would be no more negative impacts.

Q Isn't that essentially saying that his top priority is actually the shutdown and not the national security of the country?

MR. CARNEY: No, it's not. And the President is, of course, taking every step necessary as President to ensure the security of the American people.

There are consequences to shutdown, and they extend far beyond closures of parks and memorials or other things that we've heard a lot about. And they affect those hundreds of thousands of people who have been furloughed and aren't getting a paycheck and don't know if and when they will. And that's bad for the government, for the normal functioning of government that provides services to the American people around the country, and it's obviously bad for those families.

Jim.

Q Jay, so if the President is going to stick to his position, and the Speaker of the House is going to come over here and stick to his position, what's the point of having a meeting?

MR. CARNEY: Well, the Republicans keep saying they want to negotiate, they want to meet, why isn't the President meeting with them. He is meeting with them. He has called them. He has, again, met with and spoken with Speaker Boehner quite a bit during the time that John Boehner has been Speaker of the House, often, in earlier days, quietly and --

Q That weren't read out to the press I guess.

MR. CARNEY: Precisely. For a variety of reasons, and you can surmise what they might be or who put them forward.

But the fact of the matter is it's not about taking -- the President's only position is that the government ought to be open. The President's only position is that the full faith and credit of the United States must be maintained. He's not asking the Republicans for anything in return for them doing their

jobs. He's not attaching any partisan or personal agenda item to that responsibility.

And so it's like -- the position the Republicans have had -- and it was articulated by the Speaker at one point earlier this week -- is that, give us what we want, or we'll shut down the government. And you can't -- the opposite is not true. The President hasn't asked for anything.

And it's not a concession to the President of the United States, regardless of his or her party, to open the government. It's not a concession to the President of the United States, whether he or she is a Republican or a Democrat, to pay our bills and not default and not trash our economy. That's not a concession.

Q And is it possible that what we might see happen over the next week or so is that essentially a continuing resolution will be packaged together with an increase to the debt ceiling? Is that sort of the deal that potentially could happen in the coming days? Is that something that might be discussed this afternoon?

MR. CARNEY: Again, I'm not going to speculate about how Congress goes about ensuring that we don't default except to say that they have to get about the business of ensuring that we don't default.

Q Does that sound like a good thing to the President, though, something like that?

MR. CARNEY: Again, I'm not going to -- again, the mechanics of how they do the right thing I'll leave to them as long as they do the right thing. And the right thing is not to threaten default.

Q And to follow Kristen's question about the President's pay, the Attorney General, Eric Holder, said he would cut his own pay earlier this week. Why doesn't the President just do the same?

MR. CARNEY: Again, obviously individuals can make decisions, and I don't have anything for you on the President at this time. But I think it's important to understand that when the shutdown happens, there are excepted employees who have to work and they are guaranteed in the future that they'll be paid for that work. And then there are those who are furloughed and they will not ever get paid unless Congress acts to -- for the time that they were furloughed unless Congress -- as I understand it -- unless Congress acts, as it has in the past, in previous shutdowns, I believe, to make them whole.

So it's a little different from -- for example, because of the sequester and the furloughs associated with that where people took -- people who were excepted and had to work but took pay cuts that were mandated as part of that.

Q And on the Asia trip, just very quickly, the President and President Putin, who will be out in Asia for this trip as well, in Bali for that summit, I was just curious, the President and President Putin have had this sort of almost debate over American exceptionalism in recent weeks. What does it say about American exceptionalism if the President goes overseas while the government is shut down and is at the risk of defaulting on its debts?

MR. CARNEY: Again, the government is shut down today. By a simple decision of the Speaker of the House to allow the House to vote to open the government, it could be open tomorrow. So you're throwing out a hypothetical that we don't know will come to pass.

And as I said earlier in answering questions about the President's trip and the scheduling changes to it, we'll evaluate the rest of the trip that's still on the schedule as each day goes by.

Q Thanks, Jay.

MR. CARNEY: David, last one.

Q Jay, a couple on immigration. The White House endorsed the Senate's comprehensive immigration bill. As we all know, you've been urging Speaker Boehner to bring that forward for a vote and saying it would pass if it was voted on on the House floor. Today House Democrats introduced their own version of a bill that stripped out a lot of the strongest border security language out of that. They're saying it's time to move in a different direction, try to gain traction on a different kind of plan. I'm wondering if the White House endorses either that -- I don't know if you've seen that bill that the House Democrats --

MR. CARNEY: I haven't seen that bill. We certainly support passage of the bill that the Senate passed. We support comprehensive immigration reform.

As you know, the bill that the Senate -- did I say the House? I meant the Senate -- that the Senate passed. The bill that the Senate passed obviously wasn't word-for-word the way the President would write it and it contained significant increases in funding for border security and other measures that were aimed at border security, so much so that I think John McCain at the time said -- Senator John McCain, Republican of

Arizona, at the time said that anybody who is opposing this bill on the argument that it doesn't address the issue of border security is not being sincere -- and I'm paraphrasing because it's been a long time since I've seen the quote, but I think he would accept that paraphrase -- because the Senate bill does address in substantial way border security and builds on the enormous strides that we've made in the last five years on border security.

Again, I don't have specific --

Q But House Democrats seem to be saying, that's dead here, we've got to try something else. Do you endorse that idea --

MR. CARNEY: Well, again, I don't -- I think that it is up -- I would encourage the Speaker of the House, similarly, to put the Senate on the -- it's already passed the Senate. Put the Senate bill on the floor of the House and see how it does. A lot of Republicans believe that passing that bill and allowing comprehensive immigration reform to become the law of the land would not only do significant good things for our economy and for our businesses and for the middle class, but would do some political good for the Republican Party.

I bet if he -- I haven't looked at this in a while, but if he put that bill on the floor of the House, it would get a majority and significant numbers of Republicans. So I don't want to --

Q Are you saying the House Democrats should not be doing what they're doing?

MR. CARNEY: Again, David, you keep trying to ask me about a bill I said I haven't seen. What I'm saying is the House ought to pass comprehensive immigration reform.

Q Final thing. For the President, though, I think he almost 11 months ago now in his first news conference after winning reelection, he said we've got to seize the moment on immigration. Is the moment gone? And is the President going to get back to talking about this in any substantial way in the next --

MR. CARNEY: The moment isn't gone. We saw remarkable things happen in the Senate. We saw a substantial bipartisan majority pass comprehensive immigration reform that meets the principles laid out there by the President -- not word-for-word what he would have necessarily written himself, but it meets his standard, and he would sign it. And we have called on the House to act.

And I think perhaps as the Republican Party sees its approval in the eyes of the public continue to dip, and Congress sees its approval in the eyes of the public continue to dip, that maybe they want to take some action to address that problem. And once they go about the business of reopening the government, and once they make sure that we will not default in a responsible way without drama and delay, they could take up comprehensive immigration reform and do themselves some good.

Thanks very much.

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Mike, thanks for this response. I understand the sensitivity of what you're facing, considering tomorrow's testimony. However, I wanted to re-ask the question about the barriers. Must they be there? Reading the more interesting answer in the response, the background information, I'm assuming there's a concern that someone could deface the memorial the same as someone defaced the Lincoln Memorial, a totally acceptable answer. But I need an answer. Also, how do I attribute the background stuff? It's great perspective. Why must it even be on background? - Darryl

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Darryl:

Following is a statement from Director Jarvis and some background in response to the questions you posed regarding the World War II Memorial. I hope there is some material here that will be of use. Again, my apologies for the delay; your patience in this most unusual of situations is greatly appreciated.

Mike

Statement of Jonathan B. Jarvis, Director of the National Park Service:

Due to the lapse in Congressional appropriations, we had to close all 401 national parks and furlough nearly 20,000 National Park Service employees, including 300 at National Mall and Memorial Parks.

From the first day of the government shutdown, we have been concerned about the impact of national park closures on the visitors, on our partners, on the economies of our neighboring communities, and on our employees.

Congress has charged the National Park Service with the preservation and protection of the country's natural, historic, and cultural resources for the benefit of future generations – a requirement in law that exists whether the national parks are open or shut down.

The National Park Service has been entrusted with the care of many memorials to honor those who have fought and died for our nation. From Valley Forge to Gettysburg to the USS Arizona to the memorials on the National Mall, we are proud of the special relationship that we have always had with America's veterans who know that we will be here to protect and preserve these places that commemorate their sacrifices.

The visits of America's World War II veterans to the memorial are pilgrimages that many of them will only make once. We have worked diligently to try and ensure that no Honor Flight group, veteran or their family has been turned away from visiting the veterans' memorials during the government shutdown. Likewise, those also engaging in First Amendment activities may visit the memorial.

We continue to call on Congress to act swiftly to enact appropriations for the entire government so that we can re-open all 401 national parks for the American people.

On background:

These memorials – like most national parks across the country – are closed due to a lapse in funding by Congress. First Amendment activities are continued to be allowed as authorized under regulation within the National Mall and Memorial Parks.

National parks usually welcome approximately 700,000 visitors per day in October.

On a normal day, there are 300 National Mall and Memorial Park employees on duty. The rangers are on site to provide eyes and ears for the U.S. Park Police, enhance visitor experience by sharing the history of the war,

keep the grounds and restrooms clean, maintain the landscape and fountains, and oversee special events that happen almost daily.

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To: Fears, Darryl
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Darryl:

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(So, having asked that – not too obnoxious, I hope, I'll ask this: if states are paying to open and staff parks/monuments across the nation, will park service workers be paid twice once if Congress authorizes payments for furloughed employees. How would that work?)

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Sent: Monday, October 14, 2013 3:30 PM
To: Blake Androff
Cc: Suzanne Waldron; Kate Kelly
Subject: Re: WWII memorial

Talked to Darryl and explained we just don't have the people at hand today to address his questions because of the holiday. Told him we would try and get him responses tomorrow morning.

I'll compile everything into one document and send it around.

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> Agreed but pls send clean list of Qs and proposed responses to large group for overnight review.
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>> Laborers: 2 day, 1 for evening shift to clean restrooms, pick up trash
>> Gardener's: 2 day shift, 1 supervisor to maintain landscaping.
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>> Occasional work
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>> Special events crew: 4, set for special events and flag lowering and maintenance
>> Permit Management: 1
>> Resource Management: 1-2
>> Tree crew: 3-4
>> Contractor: Daily care of fountains
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>> USPP: 2
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>> During the shutdown:
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>> Park Rangers: 3 rangers during daytime only, plus supervisor
>> Sign maker: making signs on daily basis for all sites ,1 person

Maintenance Staff: 3-4 plus supervisor to secure barricades and install signs daily for all sites

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And for his third question - did any vets groups lobby or contact us before the shutdown to keep the memorials open?

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> Hope this helps
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> NPS staff
> Park rangers (b)(7)(E) day shift, (b)(7)(E) evening shift, plus (b)(7)(E) supervisors
> Mechanical Operator: 1 to maintain fountains and COR for fountain contract
> Laborers: 2 day, 1 for evening shift to clean restrooms, pick up trash
> Gardener's: 2 day shift, 1 supervisor to maintain landscaping.
>
> Occasional work
>
> Special events crew: 4, set for special events and flag lowering and maintenance
> Permit Management: 1
> Resource Management: 1-2
> Tree crew: 3-4
> Contractor: Daily care of fountains
>
> USPP: 2
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> During the shutdown:
>
> Park Rangers: 3 rangers during daytime only, plus supervisor
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From: Mummart, Jennifer <jennifer_mummart@nps.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2013 9:40 AM
To: Suzanne Waldron; Michael Litterst
Cc: Lisa Mendelson
Subject: Concern from a superintendent

Just received this note (I have permission to share, but I edited slightly to keep confidences), which I think represents how many people are feeling:

Between the rodents at NACE that the Mayor had to step in (which may be correct, don't know) and staff at GWMP [supposedly] stating "to make life as difficult for people as we can" and not paying any federal dollars to Claude Moore Farm for 30 years, to being referred to as "National Park Service thugs" and "US Forest Rangers in Yellowstone" is demoralizing, incorrect and killing the reputation of our agency! Where are we with the positive fact correcting press? The 23K employees, visitors and supporters have got to be reading these articles too! Urgh...My frustration unleashed, thanks for listening.

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From: Kershaw, Jessica <jessica_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2013 5:29 PM
To: Haze, Pam
Cc: Michael Litterst; Suzanne Waldron; Amy Holley; Kate Kelly; Blake Androff; Emily Beyer; Hugh Vickery
Subject: Re: Press Request: WashPo, Editorial Writer Jo-Ann Armao

Thanks for helping to close the loop here, Pam!

On Thu, Oct 17, 2013 at 4:03 PM, Haze, Pam <pam_haze@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
the contingency plans were prepared by the bureaus and approved by the Department's Office of Policy, Management and Budget and by the Solicitor. OMB was consulted on the plans.

On Thu, Oct 17, 2013 at 2:50 PM, Kershaw, Jessica <jessica_kershaw@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
Mike/Sue & Pam/Amy -

I just spoke with Jo-Ann Armao, an editorial writer at the Post.

She indicated that the Board is working up on an opinion piece related to yesterday's NPS hearing as (and I quote) "we were appalled at the necessity of the hearing." She mentioned that she remembers the shutdown of '95 and covered it then and was shocked by the argument made on the Hill that somehow NPS was setting a precedent with its actions.

She has two questions - I can take care of the second but for #1 - I need a reminder:

1) She wants to confirm the process by which the NPS shutdown contingency plan (which she has read she says) was approved. (b) (5) [redacted]
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2) She was looking for a rush transcript to clarify her understanding of some of the JJ's responses - I plan to provide the Lexus copy to her shortly.

Thanks in advance for the reminder,
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Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2013 4:04 PM
To: Kershaw, Jessica
Cc: Michael Litterst; Suzanne Waldron; Amy Holley; Kate Kelly; Blake Androff; Emily Beyer; Hugh Vickery
Subject: Re: Press Request: WashPo, Editorial Writer Jo-Ann Armao

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Sue -

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I don't know if she'll bite but it might be worth the offer. She asked for the rush transcript rather quickly so I think she's writing for either tomorrow or the weekend.

Let me know what you think...

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