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**Fwd: shutdown procedures**

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To: Barb Maynes <barb\_maynes@nps.gov>

Thu, Oct 24, 2013 at 10:20 AM

For FOIA 2.

Colin

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From: **Colin Smith** <colin\_smith@nps.gov>  
Date: Sun, Sep 29, 2013 at 3:43 PM  
Subject: Re: shutdown procedures  
To: "Leite, George" <george\_leite@nps.gov>

George leave them closed for now and we'll assess tomorrow

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 29, 2013, at 3:07 PM, "Leite, George" &lt;george\_leite@nps.gov&gt; wrote:

The North Fork and Graves Creek Road closed over the weekend due to storms and falling trees. I think we should leave them closed through Monday night. Then go move forward on clearing them if the budget passes.

George

On Thu, Sep 26, 2013 at 10:31 AM, Smith, Colin &lt;colin\_smith@nps.gov&gt; wrote:

All,

Attached is the shutdown plan for the NPS.

Though I think Congress will act to avoid a shutdown, here's some preliminary planning info.

All of the permanent LE rangers at OLYM are designated essential and will be working in a shutdown (that said, we should be able to allow the leave that people have already had approved).

Dispatch will also be up and running. Other employees will be sent home, but could be called in if necessary. Our assumption is that the NSARA would be cancelled and Walker would return to the park, and if the shutdown runs long enough we would need to cancel the EMT refresher.

If they don't solve this by Tuesday morning then we would start shutting down visitor access.  
This would mean:

Locking gates (or barricades) at:

Staircase  
Deer Park  
Hurricane  
Elwha  
Sol Duc  
Ozette  
Mora  
Hoh  
Graves Creek  
North Fork

We will probably do a soft closure at first (Phase 1 in the plan) so campers and backcountry users can get out of the park, then after a couple of days we would lock things up.

Obviously we cannot lock gates at 101, East Beach or Camp David Jr at the Lake, or North Shore at Quinault or 101 at Kalaloch. We would need to allow access by homeowners at Ozette.

I know this is a pain in the rear for everyone, and the uncertainty sucks, but we'll get through it.

If it looks like this is actually going to happen, we'll have a lot more conversation on Monday.

Let me know if you have questions.

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