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Dear Governor Daugaard:

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
DENNIS DAUGAARD, GOVERNOR

September 30, 2013

Jonathan Jarvis  
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U.S. Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street NW  
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VIA EMAIL: jon\_jarvis@nps.gov  
VIA FAX: 202.219.0910

Dear Director Jarvis,

I'm writing about the possibility of a federal government shutdown, and the effect that would have on the Mount Rushmore National Memorial.

If the federal government is unable to keep Mount Rushmore open, the State of South Dakota will provide state personnel and resources to keep the Memorial open. I am confident state government could work with the federal government and private vendors to securely and competently manage Mount Rushmore during a federal shutdown. I hope we are able to work with you and your staff to this end. I have attached to this letter some suggested means to operate Mount Rushmore during a federal government shutdown.

I hope a federal shutdown can be averted. Mount Rushmore is a national treasure and is a special location for South Dakotans and citizens across the country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis Daugaard".

Dennis Daugaard

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Enclosure

## **Keeping Mount Rushmore Open to the Public** **State of South Dakota Logistical Addendum**

**Security** – If existing federal personnel are unable to continue to provide security, state personnel will provide security.

**Parking** – It is my understanding that the contract for the operation of the parking system is held by a non-government entity called Mount Rushmore National Memorial Society, the employees of which are not federal personnel. As such, the Mount Rushmore National Memorial Society could continue to operate the parking facility.

**Visitor Center** – The visitor center would not be open for operations.

**Concessions and Gift Shop** – The concessions and gift shop at the Memorial are operated by Xanterra Parks and Resorts. The employees for Xanterra are not federal personnel, and could continue to run those operations. A shutdown to prohibit Xanterra from operating would unfairly penalize this contractor and its employees by forcing the closure of their business.

**Lighting** – I am prepared, as was done in the government shutdown of 1995, to raise private funds to pay for lighting on the Memorial for the duration of a federal shutdown.

**Highway 244** – We will keep Highway 244 open, and state and local law enforcement officials will coordinate to provide appropriate law enforcement in that area.



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Here is the final (maybe) version. If you all are okay with it, we can get it out tomorrow.  
We will also use the language when other requests come in.

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# REOPEN PARKS TO THE PEOPLE

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An estimated 700,000+ individual park experiences will now be denied every day. And it's not only the American people who will be turned away. Some 10% of all park visits are by international guests - whose spending helps the nation have a favorable balance of trade in tourism. Recent estimates are that one US job is created for every 35 inbound travelers to the USA. And national parks figure importantly in the National Strategy for Travel and Tourism, which has set a national goal of strengthening the U.S. economy by increasing the number of international visitors to 100 million by 2021. Reaching this goal will not be helped by disgruntled visitors here in the US now, denied access to parks, nor by the uncertainty being caused by the widespread publicity about US national parks being gated and closed.

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Letter to the Hon. Reid, Hon. Boehner, Hon. McConnell and Hon. Pelosi  
October 2, 2013, Page Two

This shutdown unfairly harms the American people and the businesses helping our economy to grow. It comes on the heels of significant budget reductions that have already limited opportunities for visitors, harmed the tourist economy, and strained park resources. The shutdown needs to be ended swiftly and a lesson learned. Please find a way to resolve issues on budgets and other national issues without imposing unjustified, unnecessary pain on the rest of the nation. We ask your help in making certain that the pain resulting from closures of and budget cuts for our parks and other public lands ends quickly.

Sincerely,

**National Park Hospitality Association**  
**National Parks Conservation Association**  
**US Travel Association**  
**NTA**  
**Southeast Tourism Society**  
**Destination Marketing Association International**  
**America Outdoors Association**  
**Association of Partners for Public Lands**  
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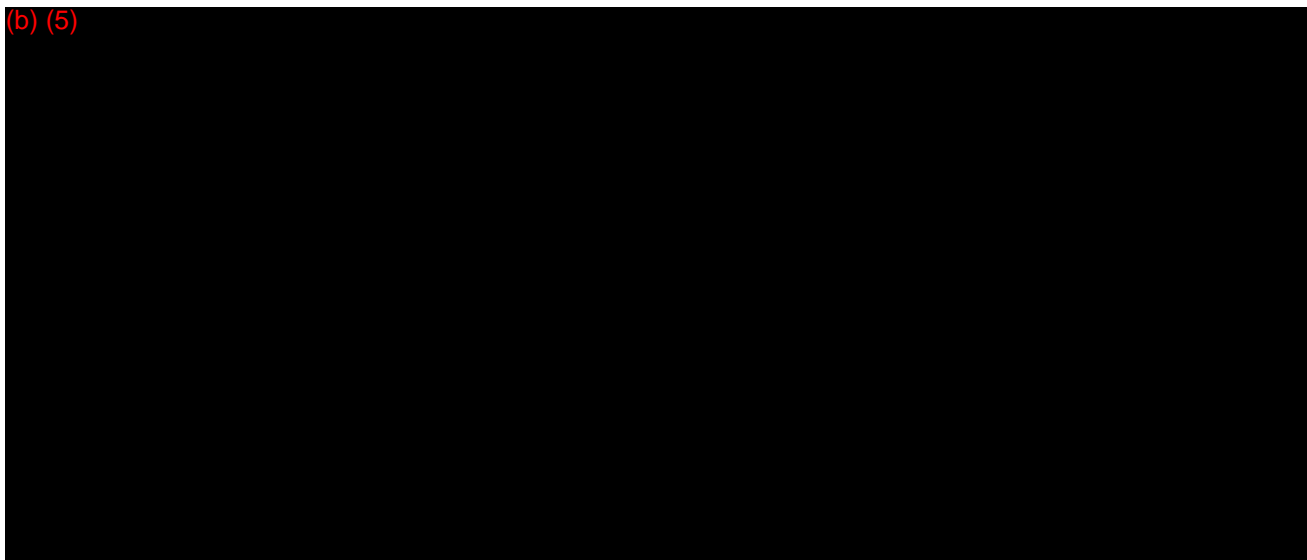
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An estimated 700,000+ individual park experiences will now be denied every day. And it's not only the American people who will be turned away. Some 10% of all park visits are by international guests - whose spending helps the nation have a favorable balance of trade in tourism. Recent estimates are that one US job is created for every 35 inbound travelers to the USA. And national parks figure importantly in the National Strategy for Travel and Tourism, which has set a national goal of strengthening the U.S. economy by increasing the number of international visitors to 100 million by 2021. Reaching this goal will not be helped by disgruntled visitors here in the US now, denied access to parks, nor by the uncertainty being caused by the widespread publicity about US national parks being gated and closed.

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Letter to the Hon. Reid, Hon. Boehner, Hon. McConnell and Hon. Pelosi  
October 2, 2013, Page Two

This shutdown unfairly harms the American people and the businesses helping our economy to grow. It comes on the heels of significant budget reductions that have already limited opportunities for visitors, harmed the tourist economy, and strained park resources. The shutdown needs to be ended swiftly and a lesson learned. Please find a way to resolve issues on budgets and other national issues without imposing unjustified, unnecessary pain on the rest of the nation. We ask your help in making certain that the pain resulting from closures of and budget cuts for our parks and other public lands ends quickly.

Sincerely,

**National Park Hospitality Association**  
**National Parks Conservation Association**  
**US Travel Association**  
**NTA**  
**Southeast Tourism Society**  
**Destination Marketing Association International**  
**America Outdoors Association**  
**Association of Partners for Public Lands**  
**American Recreation Coalition**

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## Mount Rushmore to stay open despite government shutdown, S.D. governor says

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By Cheryl K. Chumley - The Washington Times

Tuesday, October 1, 2013

Mount Rushmore will remain open to tourists and visitors, despite the U.S. government (#) shutdown, the governor of South Dakota promised.

"Mount Rushmore is a national treasure and is a special location for South Dakotans and citizens across the country," S.D. Gov. Dennis Daugaard said in a news release reported by United Press International. "I am confident state government could work with the federal government and private vendors to securely and competently manage Mount Rushmore during a federal shutdown."

The governor's plan — outlined in a letter to the National Park (#) Service — calls for state employees to step in and act as security at the monument, United Press International reported. It also diverts state funds to keep the doors open to visitors and suggests private fundraising to pay for lighting. The Republican governor also vowed to lead the private fundraising effort.

Finally, Mr. Daugaard said the visitor's center could close to save some money (#), but the gift shop and concession stands — money makers in themselves — would remain open for business.

Mount Rushmore features the heads of four presidents: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt. The monument attracted nearly 3 million visitors in 2012, despite its remote location in the Black Hills.