Watts, Christopher <christopher_watts@nps.gov>

Fwd: Glen Echo Closure

1 message

Romero, Alex <alex_romero@nps.gov> Fri, May 2, 2014 at 8:24 AM
To: Christopher Watts <christopher_watts@nps.gov>

Thank you,
Alexcy Romero
Superintendent
George Washington Memorial Parkway
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---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: James, Jon <jon_james@nps.gov>
Date: Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 9:26 AM
Subject: Re: Glen Echo Closure
To: "Romero, Alex" <alex_romero@nps.gov>

Alex,

Jon J. (we know him as the " NPS Director") stated explicitly in one of his communications today (10-2) that partners will offer to keep things open for us, but we must respectfully refuse their offers.

I agree we wait to answer David D.'s questions after the furloughs have ended and everyone is back to work.

Thanks!

J.J.

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Alex and JJ and others who may face similar questions --- you need no further research on this.

Here are 3 points anyone with partners asking similar questions can use now:

<u>The Director has been clear, as recently as late yesterday:</u>
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(2) We are a national park system and our employees operate the national park system. We have no funds to operate regular daily visitor operations.

(3) We are VERY aware of the impacts that small and other businesses face but are not in a position to carve out exceptions.

Questions? just shout, thanks.

~Lisa

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FY 14 shutdown - operating costs for parks re-opened with state funds

state	per day cost	amount wired to NPS	beginning date per agreement	actual date park began to re-open	state paid for x days	park opened for x days	days state should be reimbursed	amount NPS will return to states
AZ	$93,000.00	$651,000.00	10/12/2013	10/12/2013	7	5	2	$186,000.00
CO	$40,300.00	$362,700.00	10/11/2013	10/11/2013	9	6	3	$120,900.00
NY*	$61,600.00	$492,800.00	10/12/2013	10/13/2013	8	4	4	$246,400.00
SD	$15,200.00	$152,000.00	10/14/2013	10/14/2013	10	3	7	$106,400.00
TN	$60,100.00	$300,500.00	10/16/2013	10/16/2013	5	1	4	$240,400.00
UT	$166,572.08	$1,665,720.80	10/11/2013	10/11/2013	10	6	4	$666,288.32
TOTAL		$3,624,720.80						$1,566,388.32

Re: 2 statements

Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> Tue, Oct 1, 2013 at 4:22 PM
To: "Androff, Blake" <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: Suzanne Waldron <Sue_Waldron@nps.gov>, Katherine Kelly <Kate_Kelly@ios.doi.gov>, Tim Fullerton <tim_fullerton@ios.doi.gov>

Sue's at a meeting with the Directorate now getting approval on the WWII statement. Maureen was going to draft a response to SD about Rushmore this afternoon; not sure where that is; copying her for update.

Mike

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Mike Litterst
Chief Spokesperson (acting)

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On Tue, Oct 1, 2013 at 4:18 PM, Androff, Blake <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
Sorry - hit send before looping Tim and Kate.

On Tue, Oct 1, 2013 at 4:18 PM, Androff, Blake <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
Do we have draft statements for:

(1) WWII Memorial / Honor Flights?

(2) Using state / private resources to take over fed parks?

Thanks!

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Re: Mt. Rushmore

Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> Tue, Oct 1, 2013 at 6:55 PM
To: John Eligon <eligon@nytimes.com>

John:

Obviously we won't have anything today. Things move much slower with only so few people in the office; perhaps tomorrow.

Mike

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On Tue, Oct 1, 2013 at 2:04 PM, John Eligon <eligon@nytimes.com> wrote:
Thanks. For planning purposes, do you expect a response by today?

John Eligon
The New York Times
Kansas City Correspondent
816-298-6729 (office)
646-808-4276 (cell)

On Oct 1, 2013, at 1:01 PM, "Litterst, Michael" <mike_litterst@nps.gov> wrote:

John:

We have received the request and are working on a response. I'll be in touch when we have responded to the governor.

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On Tue, Oct 1, 2013 at 12:25 PM, Eligon, John <eligon@nytimes.com> wrote:
Thanks Jessica. Michael, can you please give me the NPS's position on this? Will you all be honoring this request?

Thanks
John

On Tue, Oct 1, 2013 at 10:43 AM, Kershaw, Jessica <jessica_kershaw@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
Hi John -

I'm looping you with Mike Litterst, Chief Spokesman for the National Park Service to better help you with this request.

Jessica

On Tue, Oct 1, 2013 at 10:28 AM, Eligon, John <eligon@nytimes.com> wrote:
Hi Ms. Kershaw

Hope you are well. I understand that Gov. Dennis Daugaard has sent Director Jarvis a letter asking that Mt. Rushmore remain open. I wanted to check in on the status of the governor's request. Will you all allow the park to remain open, as per his offer to provide security and other services?

Thanks
John

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John Eligon

Midwest Correspondent

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October 3 media inquiries

Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 6:07 PM
To: Sue Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>

Here are the majority (I think).

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- ABC News (national): reaction to letters from Hastings, Issa
- WWL-TV (New Orleans): how shutdown might affect hurricane prep in Gulf
- Washington Time: concession properties that are open and marina closures
- Greenwire: oil and gas production at parks during shutdown
- National Parks Traveler: oil and gas production at parks during shutdown
- National Parks Traveler: website shutdown policies
- Lubbock Avalanche-Journal: Honor Flights and World War II Memorial
- Arizona News Radio: update on Grand Canyon (forwarded to Maureen Oltrogge)
- New York Times: Mt Rushmore offer from S.D. (response pending approval of statement)
- New York Times: NPS ordered closure of Wisconsin state parks (Solicitor investigating)
- Politico: response to Issa letter
- The Bryan Times (Ohio): Honor Flights and WWII Memorial
- Capitol City Project: closure of parking lots on GWMP (forwarded to Jennifer Mummart)
- Fox News Channel: Claude Moore Farm closure (forwarded to Jennifer Mummart)

Re: Statement on donation offers

Androff, Blake <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov> Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 5:30 PM
To: "Litterst, Michael" <mike_litterst@nps.gov>
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Defer to Pam on the letter going through OMB.

NYT deadline isn't until tomorrow afternoon so we have time so let's wait.

On Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 5:22 PM, Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> wrote:
I'm getting ready to respond to the NY Times inquiry you forwarded about Rushmore and was planning to send a copy of the letter we sent to the gov. But having second thoughts, since the statement is on the way to OMB. What's your thought - ok to send the letter, or does it need OMB clearance as well?

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Sent from my iPhone

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Re: Money from RNC for WWII Memorial

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To: "Litterst, Michael" <mike_litterst@nps.gov>
Cc: Margaret O'Dell <peggy_o'dell@nps.gov>, Maureen Foster <maureen_foster@nps.gov>, Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>, Androff Blake <Blake_Androff@ios.doi.gov>, Kelly Kate <Kate_Kelly@ios.doi.gov>, Jennifer Mummart <Jennifer_Mummart@nps.gov>, Superintendent Bob Vogel <Bob_Vogel@nps.gov>

For what it's worth, on donations I'd love to be able to add in a line about how once the government is back up running, they could contact the Trust for the National Mall or the Park Service to make a donation to support the park. Bada-bing.

On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 9:51 PM, Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> wrote:
Just got off the phone with Catherine Reynolds, the CBS producer. She asked me off the bat, as she did in the e-mail, to confirm that what she had read in the Post was true - that the reason we were declining was because we didn't have the staff to review/process the offer. I pointed out that the Post story contained considerably more information about why we declined. I said that while staffing was a contributing factor, it certainly was not a primary reason. I told her that we view the National Park System as just that - a single entity and that with everything shut down, we do not think it feasible or appropriate to selectively open some parks while others remain closed.

She seemed happy and satisfied with the response, and appreciative of a call this late. She did ask a follow-up on the staffing issue about whether or not we even have people available to process such requests, and I told her that the vast majority of our administrative staffs are on furlough.

I told her we would have a formal statement on the issue of donations/offers to open specific parks. She would like to receive it, but did say they are working on a piece right now for Thursday's CBS This Morning.

Mike

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On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 9:34 PM, Margaret O'Dell <peggy_o'dell@nps.gov> wrote:
Sounds reasonable to me.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 2, 2013, at 9:06 PM, Maureen Foster <maureen_foster@nps.gov> wrote:

Just to reiterate that the NPS did not accept donations to keep any park open--not specific to this park.

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On Oct 2, 2013, at 9:04 PM, Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov> wrote:

Worked for SD but no reference to it for RNC unless someone has seen their offer!
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Sue Waldron
Assistant Director, Communications
National Park Service

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 2, 2013, at 9:02 PM, Maureen Foster <maureen_foster@nps.gov> wrote:

> We need to add the sentence from the final version that talks about 1995. That is a useful point. (I can't figure how to copy on the iPhone tonight.).
>
> Maureen D. Foster
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>
> On Oct 2, 2013, at 8:46 PM, Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov> wrote:
>
>> Ok looping in kate et al for awareness
>>
>> Mike you take lead on this. can you get back to catherine and see if we can tamp this down for tonight?
>>
>> If not here's a shot at a statement based on rushmore letter that others will have to weigh in on BEFORE we offer it to her.
>>
>> "National Parks are a source of pride for all Americans and share the desire to reopen the World War II Memorial – and all 401 national parks – as soon as possible, however, we cannot accept the RNC offer.
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>> The 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 befeasible or appropriate to open some parks or some parts of parks while other parts of the National Park System remain closed to the public.
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>> Sue Waldron
>> Assistant Director, Communications
>> National Park Service
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>> Sent from my iPad
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>> On Oct 2, 2013, at 8:09 PM, Maureen Foster <maureen_foster@nps.gov> wrote:
>>
>>> I think that we can use the language in the SD letter.
>>>
>>> Maureen D. Foster
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>>> On Oct 2, 2013, at 7:58 PM, Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov> wrote:
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>>>> Who said we didnt have staff to review the donation as the reason!
>>>>
>>>> A statement is about done on the offer from south Dakota

to open rushmore it will be the base for every other answer

Looping maureen and peggy on to see if we can use what we have on this

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 2, 2013, at 7:23 PM, Carol Johnson <carol_b_johnson@nps.gov> wrote:

> I'm completely out of the loop on this one (thank god) Any takers?
>
> Sent from my iPhone
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> Begin forwarded message:
>
> > **From:** "Reynolds, Catherine" <ReynoldsC@cbsnews.com>
> > **Date:** October 2, 2013, 7:20:32 PM EDT
> > **To:** "'Carol Johnson - National Park Service (Carol_B_Johnson@nps.gov)'" <Carol_B_Johnson@nps.gov>
> > **Subject: Money from RNC for WWII Memorial**
> >
> > Hi Carol. Hope all is well. I'm working on one of our government shutdown stories that will include the RNC's offer to donate money to reopen the WWII Memorial. I just saw a report in the Washington Post that says the Park Service is declining the offer because there's not enough staff to review the offer. I'm just looking to confirm this information for our story. Thanks so much for your help!
> >
> > Catherine
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> > *Catherine Reynolds*
> >
> > *Producer*
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> > *CBS This Morning*
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> > *o: 202-457-4370 c: 646-479-0131*
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> > *@reynoldscat*
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Re: Draft response to SD governor

Laura Davis <laura_davis@ios.doi.gov> Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 7:56 AM
To: "Litterst, Michael" <mike_litterst@nps.gov>
Cc: "Foster, Maureen" <maureen_foster@nps.gov>, "Haugrud, Kevin" <jack.haugrud@sol.doi.gov>, "Kelly, Katherine" <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov>, "Androff, Blake" <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov>, Edward Keable <edward.keable@sol.doi.gov>, Randolph Myers <randolph.myers@sol.doi.gov>, Sue Waldron <Sue_Waldron@nps.gov>

Thanks very much Mike.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 3, 2013, at 7:20 AM, "Litterst, Michael" <mike_litterst@nps.gov> wrote:

Attached is the letter from Governor Daugaard.

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On Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 7:03 AM, Laura Davis <laura_davis@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
Thanks Maureen and everyone. Can someone send me the incoming from the Gov? Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 2, 2013, at 6:13 PM, "Foster, Maureen" <maureen_foster@nps.gov> wrote:

okay. I will run it by the folks down here and try to get it out tomorrow.

Maureen D. Foster
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On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 6:12 PM, Haugrud, Kevin <jack.haugrud@sol.doi.gov> wrote:
Look good to me.

On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 5:54 PM, Kelly, Katherine <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
Here are some thoughts from Blake and me.

On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 5:39 PM, Haugrud, Kevin <jack.haugrud@sol.doi.gov> wrote:
Blake, as we discussed here is a revised draf(b) (5) [redacted]

On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 5:10 PM, Haugrud, Kevin <jack.haugrud@sol.doi.gov> wrote:
Kate or Blake, could you give me a call to discuss. 208-4507

On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 4:48 PM, Kelly, Katherine <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
Adding Laura, and piling on to Blake's suggestion:

(b) (5) [redacted]

On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 4:46 PM, Androff, Blake <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
(b) (5) [redacted]

On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 4:41 PM, Edward Keable

<edward.keable@sol.doi.gov> wrote:

I'm good. Ed

From: Haugrud, Kevin [mailto:jack.haugrud@sol.doi.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2013 01:13 PM
To: Myers, Randolph <randolph.myers@sol.doi.gov>
Cc: Kelly, Katherine <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov>; Keable, Edward <edward.keable@sol.doi.gov>; Foster, Maureen <maureen_foster@nps.gov>; Blake Androff <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Draft response to SD governor

Randy and Ed have not had the chance to weigh in on my edits, but attached is a version with my suggested edits.

On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 3:42 PM, Myers, Randolph <randolph.myers@sol.doi.gov> wrote:

A few minutes ago I forwarded my suggested revision to Jack and Ed.

Randy

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On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 3:30 PM, Kelly, Katherine <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

We have a number of pending press requests for which this language will be relevant. Looking at a 4pm deadline, please.

On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 3:11 PM, Myers, Randolph <randolph.myers@sol.doi.gov> wrote:

I just met with Jack Haugrud who is providing me with draft language Barry and Ted earlier prepared. Once I have had a chance to see it, I'll be able to finish my review of the draft NPS reply to Governor Daugaard.

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On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 3:00 PM, Keable, Edward <edward.keable@sol.doi.gov> wrote:
Randy has been taking a look at it and was touching base with Jack a moment ago. Ed

On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 2:03 PM, Foster, Maureen <maureen_foster@nps.gov> wrote:
Any movement on this letter??

Thanks.

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On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 9:14 AM, Keable, Edward <edward.keable@sol.doi.gov> wrote:
Adding Randy Myers.

Randy,

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[redacted]

Thanks,

Ed

On Tue, Oct 1, 2013 at 5:42 PM, Foster, Maureen <maureen_foster@nps.gov> wrote:

Here are the incoming and the draft response.

Please get me any comments.

Thanks.

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TODAY'S DATE: 9/30/2013

PAGES (including cover sheet): 3

TO: Jonathan Jarvis, National Park Service Director

RE: Mount Rushmore National Memorial

FAX NUMBER: 202.219.0910

FROM: Governor Dennis Daugaard/Nila Novotny

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September 30, 2013

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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,

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard

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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.

Statement in response to offers of support to open parks

Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> Fri, Oct 4, 2013 at 5:48 PM
To: Michael Caldwell <mike_caldwell@nps.gov>, Jane Ahern <jane_ahern@nps.gov>, Lisa Mendelson <lisa_mendelson-ielmini@nps.gov>, Jennifer Mummart <Jennifer_Mummart@nps.gov>, William Reynolds <william_f_reynolds@nps.gov>, Patricia Trap <patricia_trap@nps.gov>, Patricia Rooney <patty_rooney@nps.gov>, Colin Campbell <colin_campbell@nps.gov>, Patricia Neubacher <patty_neubacher@nps.gov>, John Quinley <john_quinley@nps.gov>, Craig Dalby <craig_dalby@nps.gov>, "mike_litterst@nps.gov" <mike_litterst@nps.gov>, Jeffrey Compton <shane_compton@nps.gov>, Shawn Benge <shawn_benge@nps.gov>, Sam Whittington <sam_whittington@nps.gov>, Bruce Sheaffer <bruce_sheaffer@nps.gov>, Lena McDowall <lena_mcdowall@nps.gov>, Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>, Robert Maclean <robert_maclean@nps.gov>, Jonathan Jarvis <jon_jarvis@nps.gov>, Margaret O'Dell <peggy_o'dell@nps.gov>, Michael Alvarez <michael_alvarez@nps.gov>, Joel Hard <joel_hard@nps.gov>, Charles Cuvelier <charles_cuvelier@nps.gov>, Patrick Breen <patrick_breen@nps.gov>, Cam Sholly <cam_sholly@nps.gov>, Maureen Foster <maureen_foster@nps.gov>
Cc: Kate Kelly <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov>, Blake Androff <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov>, Tim Fullerton <tim_fullerton@ios.doi.gov>

As discussed on the call this afternoon, attached is the approved statement for replying to inquiries about offers of donated funds/services to reopen individual parks or parts of parks. Feel free to refer those inquiries to our office; if parks supply the statement to local media, please ensure I am copied so we can track what inquiries are coming in.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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Statement of Mike Litterst, National Park Service Acting Chief Spokesperson:

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Fwd: With Federal Wallet Closed, States Agonize Over Opening Their Own

Kelly, Katherine <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov> Fri, Oct 4, 2013 at 4:33 PM
To: mike litterst <Mike_Litterst@nps.gov>, Suzanne Waldron <Sue_Waldron@nps.gov>, laura davis <Laura_Davis@ios.doi.gov>, jon jarvis <Jon_Jarvis@nps.gov>, Ted Boling <Ted.Boling@sol.doi.gov>, "Androff, Blake J" <Blake_Androff@ios.doi.gov>, "O'Dell, Peggy" <peggy_o'dell@nps.gov>

Here's the NYTimes story we were discussing.

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From: **Nicole Buffa** <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
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To: Kate P Kelly <Kate_Kelly@ios.doi.gov>, Blake Androff <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov>

http://www.nytimes.com/2013/10/05/us/with-federal-wallet-closed-states-agonize-over-opening-their-own.html?_r=1&

By ADAM NAGOURNEY and RICHARD PÉREZ-PEÑA

Published: October 4, 2013

LOS ANGELES – With no end in sight to the federal government shutdown, governors across the nation are struggling with a cascade of tough decisions about when and whether to step in with state funds to keep an ever-growing list of shuttered parks and programs operating until the deadlock is resolved.

Here in California, Gov. Jerry Brown, a Democrat, said the state, already recovering from a steep economic decline, would not intervene to keep its vast network of national parks, like Yosemite, open to the public until the Washington impasse had ended.

But in South Dakota, Gov. Dennis Daugaard, a Republican, has pleaded, so far unsuccessfully, with the Interior Department for permission to use state funds to keep open the Mount Rushmore National Memorial, a symbol of his state and one of its top tourist draws. “Mount Rushmore is just a wonderful tourist destination and clearly the most significant attraction for tourism in South Dakota,” Mr. Daugaard said in an interview.

In Indiana, Gov. Mike Pence, also a Republican, is using state funds to keep 244 National Guard members on hand in case of an emergency. Similarly, in Colorado, Gov. John W. Hickenlooper, a Democrat, diverted state funds to keep the National Guard on the job, continuing its clean-up work after the floods that swept across his state last month.

And in Massachusetts, Thomas Weber, the state commissioner of early education and care, said the state would keep the Community Action Head Start program, serving 350 children, going for the next couple of weeks by advancing state funds from the group's existing grant. Massachusetts is one of 15 states that supplement federal grants to the Head Start program.

"We thought it was worth providing the advance," he said. "It really would have been devastating to the program to close."

The decisions so far involve mostly high-profile programs receiving federal support that have been immediately imperiled, among them parks, Head Start programs that provided nutrition and education for low-income 3- and 4-year olds, law enforcement on Indian reservations and the National Guard.

The decisions and difficulties promise to grow more complicated and more polarizing if the shutdown extends and federal poverty programs administered by the states – in particular heating assistance and child nutrition programs – begin running dry.

The Head Start program is looming as a particular source of pressure for governors and their states. There are thousands of Head Start grants, typically starting at the beginning of the month, meaning that on Nov. 1 more programs around the country are going to run out of money.

Yasmina S. Vinci, executive director of the National Head Start Association, said 19,000 children from low-income families had lost or were at risk of losing services in 11 states because of the shutdown.

A federal government shutdown invariably poses all kinds of political and financial challenges to the states, as was demonstrated during the series of shutdowns in the 1990s.

But officials said the situation is markedly worse this time for two reasons. For one, the states are coming off the worst economic downturn since the Depression, which left many of their budgets battered and their rainy-day accounts depleted. And the polarization in Washington has complicated the calculations of state executives more than ever, with Democratic governors having little incentive to take steps to blunt the effect of what polls suggest is an unpopular move by Congressional Republicans.

The result has been a bewildering crosscurrent of forces as governors respond to events in Washington in decidedly different ways, weighing political, provincial and ideological considerations.

The shutdown of the national park system has proved to be particularly disruptive so far – creating waves of anxiety in regions where the parks are central to states' economies and identities. In Arizona, business leaders have raised $150,000 so far to try to keep open at least one viewing site over the Grand Canyon.

But the Department of Interior has rebuffed such offers. Republicans said they view that as an attempt by the Democratic White House to keep pressure up on Republicans in Congress, but administration officials said they

were legally bound from using private or even state funds to selectively open parks.

"It's really unfortunate that the federal government shutdown is affecting the ability of citizens to see this icon of democracy," said Mr. Daugaard, the governor of South Dakota. "The state is willing to help."

He said he was also looking to use state funds to pay for police patrols of Indian reservations and, if necessary, to provide heating care assistance normally financed by Washington.

By contrast, Gov. Jan Brewer of Arizona, a Republican elected with Tea Party support, initially said she would not – or could not – do anything to keep open Grand Canyon National Park, taking a decidedly different tack from former Gov. Fife Symington, a Republican, who in 1995 sought to use the National Guard to keep it open, before resorting to collecting private donations.

"I don't know if the Grand Canyon is a priority for the state of Arizona," she told KNAU, the Arizona Public Radio station earlier this week. "We have a lot of priorities out here like our national guardsmen and our children and people who will be hurting desperately if we don't get something done."

Her spokesman, Andrew Wilder, said the governor had talked to federal officials about using state money and been rebuffed.

"So the bottom line is this: the Grand Canyon is Arizona's most treasured attraction and a major source of tourism dollars," he said in an e-mail. "Governor Brewer, along with all Arizonans, wants to see the national park reopen as soon as possible. But the canyon is funded and operated by the federal government – and its gates are closed because there's a failure of leadership in Washington, D.C."

Mike Litterst, a spokesman for the National Park Service, said the entire national park system was closed and could not be reopened until financing is restored. "Beyond the legal constraints involved, it would not be appropriate or feasible to open some parks or some parts of parks while other parts of the national park system remain closed to the public," Mr. Litterst said.

California is coming off a severe economic downturn and facing huge long-term debt. Asked if there was any chance the state would divert resources to stop federal programs from shutting down, Evan Westrup, Mr. Brown's press secretary, said, "One-word answer: No."

In the weeks ahead, states will have to decide whether they want to step in for programs like Women, Infants and Children, known as W.I.C., which provides nutrition services for children. Officials said the federal money in the pipeline for that program would last about two weeks; the State of Washington posted a notice on Tuesday saying it had enough money for just nine more days of assistance.

"We have enough resources to get to the middle of October, and after that, it's anybody's guess what happens," T. Eloise Foster, secretary of budget and management of the state of Maryland said of the nutrition program.

The state has not stepped in with its own resources on anything yet. And if it does, state officials say they are not clear on whether the federal government will repay the state afterward."I am reluctant to say anything about what would happen in Washington," Ms. Foster said.

Reporting was contributed by John Eligon from Kansas City, Jack Healy from Denver, Kit Seelye from Boston, and Motoko Rich and Jennifer Preston from New York.

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Donations statement

Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> Fri, Oct 4, 2013 at 3:39 PM
To: Jennifer Mummart <Jennifer_Mummart@nps.gov>

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Reynolds, William <william_f_reynolds@nps.gov> Fri, Oct 4, 2013 at 3:38 PM
To: Suzanne Waldron <Sue_Waldron@nps.gov>, Michael Litterst <Mike_Litterst@nps.gov>
Cc: Maureen Foster <maureen_foster@nps.gov>, Shawn Benge <shawn_benge@nps.gov>

Sue, wanted to make sure you saw these, especially the letter to the Secretary.
Is it safe to assume that WASO will respond to the letter on behalf of the Secretary. i don't think anyone is feeding DTS right now, so we probably need to manage it outside the system. (perhaps a similar letter as the one sent to SD?)
Bill

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National Park Service Southeast Region
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2 attachments

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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release
October 3, 2013

The Federal Government's decision to shut down the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and, in particular, Cades Cove and the Foothills Parkway, will have a tremendous impact on the citizens of Blount County. This is the peak time for Park visits by tourists from all over our country. For Washington to allow this to happen is absolutely wrong and irresponsible. If they are unable to agree and cooperate on both sides of the aisle in Washington, let us at the local level cooperate and partnership to do what needs to be done to keep this country running. We, in Blount County, are offering solutions.

Blount County Mayor Ed Mitchell will hold a press conference on Friday, October 4, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. at the entrance of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in Blount County.

Questions can be directed by the Blount County Mayor's Office at 273-5700.

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October 3, 2013

Secretary Sally Jewell
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
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Dear Secretary Jewell:

I do not have to describe in detail the magnitude of what the local economy in Blount County stands to lose with the Great Smoky National Park being closed during this Government shutdown.

What would we have to do in Blount County to contract with our National Park Service employees responsible for Cades Cove and the Foothills Parkway? These are two very important areas to the citizens of Blount County.

Is there a possibility that we could pay those employees with local resources and allow Cades Cove and Foothills Parkway to remain open?

If this is not an option, would the Department of Interior and the National Park Service allow us to provide with local resources the security, the emergency services and the overall oversight and supervision required to allow those areas of the National Park in Blount County to be open for tourism.

As this matter is of utmost urgency in Blount County, I look forward to hearing back from you immediately.

With kindest regards,

Ed Mitchell
Blount County Mayor

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cc: Senator Bob Corker
Senator Lamar Alexander
Congressman John Duncan, Jr.
Mayor Michael Talley, City of Townsend
Mayor Greg McClain, City of Maryville
Mayor Mark Johnson, City of Alcoa
Jerome Moon, Chairman, Blount County Board of Commissioners

RE: WSJ deadline request

Audi, Tammy <Tammy.Audi@wsj.com> Fri, Oct 4, 2013 at 2:31 PM
To: "Shutdown, DOI" <doi_shutdown@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: Michael Litterst <mike_litterst@nps.gov>

Hi there, thanks. Hi Mike, if you're able to talk I'm at: 424-204-4819

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From: blake_androff@ios.doi.gov [mailto:blake_androff@ios.doi.gov] **On Behalf Of** Shutdown, DOI
Sent: Friday, October 04, 2013 2:31 PM
To: Audi, Tammy
Cc: Michael Litterst
Subject: Re: WSJ deadline request

Looping Mike Litterst with the National Park Service.

On Fri, Oct 4, 2013 at 2:22 PM, Audi, Tammy <Tammy.Audi@wsj.com> wrote:

Hi there, I'm working on a story about state and local efforts to re-open national parks using private and local government money. In Arizona, the state and local community near the Grand Canyon has offered to pay to re-open a portion of the Grand Canyon with state, private and local funds. They say the federal government has told

them no. Is that true? If so, why?

And more broadly: has the federal government gotten this offer from other states, groups, governments to pay to re-open other parks? What your response to those offers?

Thanks and allbest,

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Re: reporter's inquiry

Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> Fri, Oct 4, 2013 at 12:53 PM
To: "Shutdown, DOI" <doi_shutdown@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: "Perez-Pena, Richard" <rpp@nytimes.com>

Richard:

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Regarding your question about the National Park Service ordering Wisconsin state parks closed, no one in our office is aware that such an order went out. I have reached out to our Midwest Regional Office that oversees the Wisconsin parks to see if they can provide any information. I will provide you an update when I hear back from them. However, as Blake cautioned, due to the furlough, we have limited staff who can assist us with research.

Mike

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On Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 3:38 PM, Shutdown, DOI <doi_shutdown@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
Looping Mike Litterst with the National Park Service for additional information.

Due to the shutdown most of the NPS staff has been furloughed and we have limited resources so thanks in
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advance for your patience as we try to get you answers.

On Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 3:35 PM, Perez-Pena, Richard <rpp@nytimes.com> wrote:

Not sure about a deadline. Probably tomorrow afternoon.

What's happening in South Dakota seems pretty straightforward - the governor wants to keep Mt. Rushmore open.

Wisconsin I'm murkier on. The local reporting there says these are state parks, so why would the Feds order them closed?

Thanks

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On Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 3:33 PM, Shutdown, DOI <doi_shutdown@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Hi Richard --

The National Park Service will respond to the Governor's offer. Happy to get you answers once that happens, but what's your drop dead deadline?

Best,

Blake

On Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 3:23 PM, Perez-Pena, Richard <rpp@nytimes.com> wrote:

Hi - the governors of South Dakota and Wisconsin apparently want to keep some federal park sites up and running, using state resources. I'd like to talk with someone about whether that is or isn't feasible, and why, and whether Interior has given them answers.

Thanks,

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Re: Press Inquiry - RNC funding offer for WWII memorial

Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> Fri, Oct 4, 2013 at 12:25 PM
To: "Koenig, Bryan" <Bryan.Koenig@turner.com>
Cc: "Shutdown, DOI" <doi_shutdown@ios.doi.gov>

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On Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 11:49 AM, Koenig, Bryan <Bryan.Koenig@turner.com> wrote:

Thank you

From: blake_androff@ios.doi.gov [mailto:blake_androff@ios.doi.gov] **On Behalf Of** Shutdown, DOI
Sent: Thursday, October 03, 2013 11:47 AM
To: Koenig, Bryan
Cc: Michael Litterst
Subject: Re: Press Inquiry - RNC funding offer for WWII memorial
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Looping you with Mike Litterst from NPS.

On Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 10:43 AM, Koenig, Bryan <Bryan.Koenig@turner.com> wrote:

Good morning, my name is Bryan Koenig, I'm with CNN's Political Ticker. I'm following up on yesterday's announcement by the Republican National Committee that they were offering to pay for guards at the World War II memorial. Will the Parks department be taking them up on it? Please feel free to call me at (202) 575-2852.

Thank you,

Bryan Koenig

Re: Statement on donation offers

Waldron, Suzanne <sue_waldron@nps.gov> Fri, Oct 4, 2013 at 11:22 AM
To: "Androff, Blake" <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov>, Peggy O'Dell <Peggy_O'Dell@nps.gov>, Jon Jarvis <Jon_Jarvis@nps.gov>, Bruce Sheaffer <Bruce_Sheaffer@nps.gov>, Beverly Stephens <grace_stephens@nps.gov>
Cc: "Litterst, Michael" <mike_litterst@nps.gov>, Maureen Foster <Maureen_Foster@nps.gov>, Pam Haze <Pam_Haze@ios.doi.gov>, Katherine Kelly <Kate_Kelly@ios.doi.gov>

just heard from Blake - this statement is good to go - (b) (5) [redacted] so would read:

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On Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 5:30 PM, Androff, Blake <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
Defer to Pam on the letter going through OMB.

NYT deadline isn't until tomorrow afternoon so we have time so let's wait.

On Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 5:22 PM, Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> wrote:
I'm getting ready to respond to the NY Times inquiry you forwarded about Rushmore and was planning to send a copy of the letter we sent to the gov. But having second thoughts, since the statement is on the way to OMB. What's your thought - ok to send the letter, or does it need OMB clearance as well?

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On Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 4:52 PM, Androff, Blake <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
I sent this over to OMB for clearance. Hopefully will have an answer soon, but I also want to confirm that the letter was sent to the SD Gov BEFORE we respond to the media.

——— Forwarded message ———
From: **Davis, Laura** <laura_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 4:28 PM
Subject: Re: Statement on donation offers
To: "Androff, Blake" <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: Nicole Buffa <Nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>, Margaret O'Dell <Peggy_O'Dell@nps.gov>, Maureen Foster <Maureen_Foster@nps.gov>, Jonathan Jarvis <Jon_jarvis@nps.gov>, Kevin Haugrud <Jack.Haugrud@sol.doi.gov>, Edward Boling <ted.boling@sol.doi.gov>, Pam Haze <Pam_Haze@ios.doi.gov>, Suzanne Waldron <Sue_Waldron@nps.gov>, Michael Litterst <Mike_Litterst@nps.gov>, Katherine Kelly <Kate_Kelly@ios.doi.gov>

Good here. Thanks.

On Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 4:24 PM, Androff, Blake <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
NPS getting additional requests for comment on whether they will accept donation offers to open parts of parks or individual parks.

Draft statement based on the SD letter. Please let me know if you have any suggested edits.

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Re: Were Grand Canyon and Carlsbad Cavern opened in 1995-1996 shutdown using donations?

Foster, Maureen <maureen_foster@nps.gov> Fri, Oct 4, 2013 at 8:55 AM
To: "Androff, Blake" <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: Suzanne Waldron <Sue_Waldron@nps.gov>, Michael Litterst <Mike_Litterst@nps.gov>, Katherine Kelly <Kate_Kelly@ios.doi.gov>, Pam Haze <Pam_Haze@ios.doi.gov>, Denise Flanagan <Denise_Flanagan@ios.doi.gov>, Adrianne Moss <Adrianne_Moss@ios.doi.gov>

It was sent yesterday

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On Fri, Oct 4, 2013 at 8:47 AM, Androff, Blake <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
Pam – Looping NPS. I thought Maureen said this letter was sent last night. Can someone clarify?

-------- Forwarded message --------
From: **Haze, Pam** <pam_haze@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Fri, Oct 4, 2013 at 8:18 AM
Subject: Re: Were Grand Canyon and Carlsbad Cavern opened in 1995-1996 shutdown using donations?
To: "Crutchfield, Craig" <Craig_Crutchfield@omb.eop.gov>
Cc: "Denise A. Flanagan (Denise_Flanagan@ios.doi.gov)" <Denise_Flanagan@ios.doi.gov>, "Adrianne Moss (Adrianne_Moss@ios.doi.gov)" <Adrianne_Moss@ios.doi.gov>, "Blake Androff (Blake_Androff@ios.doi.gov)" <Blake_Androff@ios.doi.gov>, "Burnett, Ben" <Benjamin_Burnett@omb.eop.gov>, "Hoef, Jennifer E." <Jennifer_E._Hoef@omb.eop.gov>

We are holding on the letter - (b) (5) [redacted]

On Fri, Oct 4, 2013 at 8:02 AM, Haze, Pam <pam_haze@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
Craig we are going to send this letter this morning. Wanted to make sure you are aware.

On Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 6:10 PM, Crutchfield, Craig <Craig_Crutchfield@omb.eop.gov> wrote:

I vividly recall the Arizona governor's offer to use the National guard to keep open Grand Canyon, but I did not recall that park being opened again during the second shutdown of 1995-96 through the use of donated funds, as the article below suggests.

(b) (5) [redacted] (b) (5) [redacted]

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN: Obama admin dusts off Clinton's 1995 playbook

Robin Bravender and Emily Yehle, E&E reporters

Published: Thursday, October 3, 2013

Gridlock engulfed Capitol Hill, the gates at Grand Canyon were locked, and federal workers went home, wondering if they'd make their mortgage payments.

It was 1995.

The current federal shutdown is looking eerily like the scene nearly two decades ago, when the Clinton administration faced off against then-House Speaker Newt Gingrich. Then, like now, there was widespread outcry about access to national parks, federal workers fretted over getting their paychecks, and Democratic agency heads hunkered down – blaming it all on the GOP-led House.

Some of the headlines from the winter of 1995-96 might sound familiar.

"National parks shut down" was a Nov. 17, 1995, story from United Press International. "Budget impasse halts cleanup at Superfund sites," said a Jan. 5, 1996, story in the *Journal of Commerce*. A Jan. 6, 1996, headline in the Newark, N.J., *Star-Ledger* said, "Idled federal workers face own budget ills."

While the political disagreement was the same then as now – Republicans wanted to cut the budget, and even used the debt ceiling as leverage – the details differed. In 1995, House Republicans had a regular spending bill they wanted to pass, and the White House didn't like the cuts. This time around, politicians are fighting over an Obamacare rider; the stopgap funding bill is along for the ride.

But when it comes to PR, the Obama administration appears to be taking a page out of President Clinton's 1995 playbook.

Then – as now – the national parks were used as a poster child to tug on heartstrings across America and highlight the perils of the shutdown. Park rangers herded tourists out of Yosemite, Grand Canyon and Yellowstone and locked the gates in November under the first of two shutdowns in 1995. It sparked such an outcry that when the next shutdown began in December, Arizona and New Mexico found money to keep the Grand Canyon and Carlsbad Caverns national parks open.

The administration's strategy: Hunker down and blame the GOP as outrage grows over the lack of federal services. So far, agency heads have canceled their speaking plans and aren't launching any public relations offensives to rail against the shuttering of their offices.

EPA chief Gina McCarthy has had no public meetings since the shutdown began three days ago,

according to her public schedule, and she canceled a speaking event scheduled for today. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell canceled her plans to travel to the Society of Environmental Journalists conference this week, and she's been working out of the agency's Washington headquarters, according to an agency spokeswoman.

Top agency officials took a similar approach the last time around.

"My recollection is that Carol [Browner] and all other political appointees at EPA were not engaged in public activities during the shutdown," said David Gardiner, who served as EPA's policy chief during the Clinton administration. "We were at EPA working on keeping the place running during the shutdown and not traveling or doing public activities."

Gardiner said one of then-EPA Administrator Browner's most pressing activities at the time was recording regular updates for employees who called in to check on the status of the shutdown.

But that strategy started to change as shutdowns became commonplace.

On the eve of the second shutdown in 1995, Vice President Al Gore visited a water treatment plant in Maryland to hammer the Republican budget for threatening water quality. Joined by Browner, he listed cuts to wastewater treatment funding, environmental programs and state drinking water funds.

"Safe, clean water is the first line of defense in protecting public health, protecting our children and our families, and protecting the basic values that are fundamental to the American quality of life," Gore said, according to a press release at the time. "We must not allow the Republican budget to roll back the progress of the past 25 years."

And at the end of December 1995, as the second shutdown continued, EPA officials started to speak out about the perils posed by Superfund sites that faced funding shortfalls.

"We're very concerned about the one-quarter of Americans who live within 4 miles of a Superfund site," Browner told Reuters in late December. EPA was on the cusp of halting work at sites except those that posed an "imminent threat" to public health or the environment.

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Re: NEWS: President Obama Can/Should Find Way To Open Grand Canyon As Before

Androff, Blake <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov> Fri, Oct 4, 2013 at 8:46 AM
To: "Litterst, Michael" <mike_litterst@nps.gov>
Cc: Kate Kelly <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov>, Sue Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>

Yes - the letter to the SD Gov was just helped by PMB this AM for further discussion with the lawyers. Will loop everyone.

On Fri, Oct 4, 2013 at 8:44 AM, Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> wrote:
Just a reminder - if we could get that donations statement back from OPM, it would help for situations like this.

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Subject: Fwd: NEWS: President Obama Can/Should Find Way To Open Grand Canyon As Before

Colin, Heads up!
Not sure if this will make it out of the state but wanted to give you the latest push today.

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THURSDAY OCTOBER 3, 2013

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Unacceptable. Gov. Symington and Pres. Clinton Found A Way. Obama And Brewer Must Find A Way To Get Grand Canyon Open

'Mr. Obama Tear Down These Barack-cades'

(TUSAYAN, Ariz.) Red Feather Properties, which has been serving tourists in northern Arizona for nearly a century, is calling on the Obama administration to reconsider its rejection of third party funds to keep the Grand Canyon open. The South-Rim based company is also asking Governor Brewer to reconsider her statement that that 'The Grand Canyon is not a priority."

Red Feather Properties is urging both sides to find a way to use private donations, state funds or local governments to keep this national treasure open while Washington sorts out its budget battles. The South-Rim based company has already pledged $25,000.

During a government shutdown in 1995, then-Governor Fife Symington worked with Bill Clinton and used state resources and private donations to keep the Grand Canyon partially open.

However Governor Brewer's spokesman told Capitol Media Services Jan Brewer does not intend to repeat Symington's efforts."This isn't 1995,' said press aide Andrew Wilder. "We are not in a position to craft a situation like was done in 1995."

Perhaps that's because the Obama administration has rejected the use of third party funds to keep the Canyon, and other national parks, open.

Red Feather Properties Manager Clarinda Vail said, "If neither side is going to make an attempt, then nothing is going to get done. Thousands of tourists from around the world come here every day to see the Grand Canyon. What kind of impression does it give them when they travel here and find out its closed? Even worse, what are the long-term impacts as people plan their vacations and are forced to wonder whether bickering in Washington DC will prompt another closure of this national treasure."

In addition, the federal Government has closed Highway 64 at the Grand Canyon National Park to keep tourists from getting a passing glance of the Canyon.

Vail says she doesn't blame the local National Park employees because the policies are being established in Washington DC.

Meanwhile the adjacent Town of Tusayan is suffering economically.

It's Mayor, Greg Bryan, worked with Vail to present the third party donation plan, only to be turned down.

Vail added, "The President needs to take down the Barack-cades that not only block the way to a national treasure but also block a funding source that our local community is willing to provide."

Red Feather Properties is pledging $25,000 to help keep the Grand Canyon open and is urging business owners around the State of Arizona and around the United States to do the same. Other options include utilizing funds from the adjacent Town of Tusayan, Arizona State Parks' funds or an emergency legislative solution.

Red Feather Properties owns and operates the Red Feather Lodge in Tusayan and owns a number of commercial properties in Tusayan and has been serving tourists in Northern Arizona for nearly a century.

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Re: RNC donation offer

Mummart, Jennifer <jennifer_mummart@nps.gov> Mon, Oct 7, 2013 at 8:44 AM
To: Jeremy Herb <jherb@thehill.com>
Bcc: mike_litterst@nps.gov

Good morning Jeremy,

My apologies for the delay. I am providing a National Park Service statement that pertains to not only the RNC's offer to pay for guards, but also to other similar offers received throughout the national park system. -- Thanks, Jennifer

Statement of Mike Litterst, National Park Service Acting Chief Spokesperson:

America's 401 national parks are a source of pride for all Americans and serve as important economic engines for local communities across the nation and we appreciate the generous offers of support and temporary assistance to reopen various individual parks around the country.

There are 401 national parks that comprise the National Park System, which 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 that funding, the entire National Park System is closed and cannot be reopened until funding is restored. Beyond the legal constraints involved, it would not be appropriate or feasible to open some parks or some parts of parks while other parts of the National Park System remain closed to the public.

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On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 11:23 PM, Jeremy Herb <jherb@thehill.com> wrote:
Hi Jennifer, I'm hoping you can send a statement in response to the RNC's offer to pay for guards for the World War II memorial. Thanks, Jeremy

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Latest partnership/donations statement

Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> Mon, Oct 7, 2013 at 8:39 AM
To: Jennifer Mummart <Jennifer_Mummart@nps.gov>

Just to make sure you've got the most recent. (b) (5) [redacted]

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Gov. Brewer letter - difference between Grand Canyon and Cape Cod donation

Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> Mon, Oct 7, 2013 at 4:01 PM
To: Kate Kelly <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov>, Blake Androff <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov>

How's this:

The comparison of the current situation at Grand Canyon National Park (and the other 400 national parks) with what happened at Cape Cod National Seashore earlier this year is comparing apples and oranges. Grand Canyon is currently closed (b) (5) [redacted] because there has been no appropriation provided to operate the park for this fiscal year. In March, Cape Cod National Seashore was open, with a budget provided through the appropriations process, there was just a not enough money in that appropriation to open the Province Lands Visitor Center (a situation that was resolved through a generous donation by the Friends of Cape Cod National Seashore).

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To: "Litterst, Michael" <mike_litterst@nps.gov>
Cc: Kate Kelly <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov>, Kevin Haugrud <Jack.Haugrud@sol.doi.gov>, Edward Boling <ted.boling@sol.doi.gov>, Barry Roth <BARRY.ROTH@sol.doi.gov>

My thoughts below.

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Edward Boling <ted.boling@sol.doi.gov> Mon, Oct 7, 2013 at 4:43 PM
To: "Androff, Blake" <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: "Litterst, Michael" <mike_litterst@nps.gov>, Kate Kelly <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov>, Kevin Haugrud <Jack.Haugrud@sol.doi.gov>, Barry Roth <BARRY.ROTH@sol.doi.gov>

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Kelly, Katherine <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov> Mon, Oct 7, 2013 at 4:48 PM
Cc: "Androff, Blake" <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov>, "Litterst, Michael" <mike_litterst@nps.gov>

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Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> Mon, Oct 7, 2013 at 4:55 PM
To: "Kelly, Katherine" <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: "Androff, Blake" <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov>

Ha - good catch!

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Haugrud, Kevin <jack.haugrud@sol.doi.gov> Mon, Oct 7, 2013 at 4:57 PM
To: Edward Boling <ted.boling@sol.doi.gov>
Cc: "Androff, Blake" <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov>, "Litterst, Michael" <mike_litterst@nps.gov>, Kate Kelly <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov>, Barry Roth <BARRY.ROTH@sol.doi.gov>

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On Mon, Oct 7, 2013 at 4:43 PM, Edward Boling <ted.boling@sol.doi.gov> wrote:
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Androff, Blake <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov> Mon, Oct 7, 2013 at 5:02 PM
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Cc: Edward Boling <ted.boling@sol.doi.gov>, "Litterst, Michael" <mike_litterst@nps.gov>, Kate Kelly <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov>, Barry Roth <BARRY.ROTH@sol.doi.gov>

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FW: Letter from Arizona Governor Jan Brewer and Legislative Leaders to President Obama

Phil Taylor <ptaylor@eenews.net> Mon, Oct 7, 2013 at 10:14 AM
To: "Litterst, Michael" <mike_litterst@nps.gov>

Hi Mike. I'd like to follow up on this letter sent late last week to the Park Service from Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer. I was wondering what the agency's position was on allowing some units to reopen using state or private donations in the absence of federal appropriations. Brewer says Arizona would be able to scrounge up state or private funds to reopen the Grand Canyon. Would that be possible?

Brewer compares today's shut down of the Grand Canyon with the closure of a visitors center at Cape Cod National Seashore. The seashore's visitors center was allowed to reopen with the help of a donation from a friends groups and the governor argues the same should be true of the Grand Canyon.

Thanks for your help.

Phil

From: Governor's Office Press Release [mailto:pr@az.gov]
Sent: Friday, October 04, 2013 11:31 PM
Subject: Letter from Arizona Governor Jan Brewer and Legislative Leaders to President Obama

Tonight, Governor Jan Brewer, Arizona House Speaker Andy Tobin and Arizona Senate President Andy Biggs sent the attached letter to President Barack Obama to request his leadership to immediately fund America's National Parks – including the Grand Canyon – or, at the very least, make it possible for state and private funding to reopen National Parks as has been done during previous shutdowns and budget shortfalls.

Regards,

Andrew

Andrew Wilder

Director of Communications

Office of Arizona Governor Janice K. Brewer

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Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> Mon, Oct 7, 2013 at 5:03 PM
To: Phil Taylor <ptaylor@eenews.net>
Bcc: Blake Androff <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov>, Kate Kelly <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov>

Phil:

My apologies for the tardy reply on your e-mail. With inquiries coming in at seemingly record numbers and the five people that would normally help respond on furlough, my response time is not what I would normally expect it to be.

With regards to the National Park Service accepting donations to open some parks or parts of some parks, our position is as follows, attributable to me:

"America's 401 national parks are a source of pride for all Americans and serve as important economic engines for local communities across the nation and we appreciate the generous offers of support and temporary assistance to reopen various individual parks around the country.

There are 401 national parks that comprise the National Park System, which 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 that funding, the entire National Park System is closed and cannot be reopened until funding is restored. Beyond the legal constraints involved, it would not be appropriate or feasible to open some parks or some parts of parks while other parts of the National Park System remain closed to the public.

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The comparison of the current situation at Grand Canyon National Park (and the other 400 national parks that are currently closed due to the government shutdown) with what happened at Cape Cod National Seashore earlier this year is comparing apples and oranges. Grand Canyon is currently closed because there has been no appropriation provided to operate the park for this fiscal year. In March, Cape Cod National Seashore was open, with a budget provided through the appropriations process. In that instance, supplemental funds were donated through a generous contribution by the Friends of Cape Cod National Seashore to provide additional visitor services in the opened park.

Hope this helps. Let me know if you have further questions or need additional information.

Mike

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Phil Taylor <ptaylor@eenews.net> Tue, Oct 8, 2013 at 9:30 AM
To: "Litterst, Michael" <mike_litterst@nps.gov>

Thanks, Mike. This is god to have.

From: Litterst, Michael [mailto:mike_litterst@nps.gov]
Sent: Monday, October 07, 2013 5:03 PM
To: Phil Taylor
Subject: Re: FW: Letter from Arizona Governor Jan Brewer and Legislative Leaders to President Obama

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STATE OF ARIZONA

JANICE K. BREWER
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

October 4, 2013

The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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Dear Mr. President:

As the Governor and legislative leaders of a state that is home to one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World – Grand Canyon – we write to request your leadership to immediately fund America's National Parks or, at the very least, make it possible for state and private funding to reopen National Parks, which has been done during previous shutdowns and budget shortfalls.

The Grand Canyon is more than Arizona's most treasured natural landmark – it is a global attraction and driving source of national and international tourism. A recent National Park Service study shows that, in 2011 alone, visitors to Grand Canyon National Park generated more than $467 million and supported nearly 7,400 jobs. As Arizona is no less exposed to the current unstable and struggling national economy than any other state, we cannot afford to turn away this kind of revenue. To do so will unnecessarily devastate the employment of thousands of Arizonans who depend on the Grand Canyon – especially when there is a common-sense alternative.

On behalf of the people of Arizona, and all who cherish the Grand Canyon as a premier world travel destination, we call upon you to fulfill the federal obligation to fund Grand Canyon National Park. We understand that, if it reaches your desk, you have promised to veto House Joint Resolution 70, which provides federal funding for America's national parks. We ask that you either reconsider this position, or direct the National Park Service to allow states like Arizona to reopen the national parks using state and private funding.

Though not an ideal solution, state and private funds are available to be used for this purpose. And it is legally possible as demonstrated in the past. In 1995, a combination of state and private dollars was used to reopen Grand Canyon National Park. In March of this year, the National Park Service granted Cape Cod National Seashore the authority to accept private dollars to prevent

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closures related to the sequester (letter enclosed). The Grand Canyon should not be held hostage in this budget battle.

Mr. President, our federal government is shut down because of a failure of leadership in Washington, and the citizens of states like Arizona are left bearing the burden. You have the opportunity to ease that burden by allowing major economic and historic attractions, like Grand Canyon National Park, to remain operational. We hope that you will reopen our National Parks or allow us to do it ourselves.

We look forward to your swift response.

Sincerely,

Janice K. Brewer

Janice K. Brewer
Governor

Andy Biggs
President, Arizona State Senate

Andy Tobin
Speaker, Arizona House of Representatives

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Harry Reid, Senate Majority Leader
The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Senate Minority Leader
The Honorable John Boehner, Speaker of the House
The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, House Minority Leader
Arizona Congressional Delegation

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March 29, 2013

Memorandum

To: Deputy Regional Director, Northeast Region

From: Superintendent, Cape Cod National Seashore

Subject: Donation offer to open Province Lands Visitor Center on a reduced schedule

The proposed closure of the Province Lands Visitor Center (PLVC) as part of the Cape Cod National Seashore (CACO) sequestration plan has been upsetting to the greater Cape Community and has received a lot of attention in the press. The $376,000 reduction in our FY '13 remaining budget and the reduction of staff by 22 seasonal employees, forced us to consider this closure as part of our plan. Recently, we were approached by the Friends of Cape Cod National Seashore offering to donate funds to open the PLVC for at least a partial summer season.

The PLVC is one of two CACO visitor centers. The Salt Pond Visitor Center is open twelve months and is located in Eastham in the southern end of the seashore. The PLVC is a seasonal visitor center, open May 1 – October 31 in recent years (previous budget cuts have already reduced the shoulder seasons) and serves 261,000 visits/year. PLVC staff provides information/orientation, issue passes and beach fire permits, present interpretive programs, handle call volume typical of a Chamber of Commerce office, and offer a range of movies and deck talks. Visitors have a distant view of whales from the observation decks and exhibits include an interactive NOAH exhibit with real-time tracking of maritime traffic and North Atlantic Right Whales via sound buoys. This is also a seasonal Eastern National sales outlet which grosses approximately 1/3 of their total summer sales. The PLVC staff has developed a partnership with the Provincetown tourism community including the Office of Travel and Tourism, the 100 year old Pilgrim Monument, the Chamber of Commerce, the Provincetown Business Guild, and the tour bus community. The SPVC can get up to 15 busses/day. These functions will all be lost with the planned closure.

In addition, the PLVC provided an important resource protection and visitor safety function because of its location at the head of the 7.2 mile Province Lands Bike Trail, and hiking trails through the parabolic dunes and the Dune Shacks of the Peaked Hill Bars Historic District. The bike trail was the first bike trail constructed by the NPS in the early 1960's. The trail was completely renovated recently with LIC and ARRA funds. PLVC staff regularly helps direct visitors and provides important safety information about the trail. They are often first responders to bike accidents and assist Rangers in locating bike riders on the challenging winding trail. (Bike accidents are the number one cause of visitor injuries at CACO. We have embarked on an aggressive bike safety program and continue to upgrade our trails and count on seasonal staff to implement this program.)

We have determined that a reduced schedule of Memorial Day – Labor Day for five days/week would be possible with the generous donation from Friends of Cape Cod National Seashore. A reduced schedule for seven days/week during the same time frame might be possible with a slight increase in funding from Friends as well. They would strive to provide the higher funding level for a 7 day operation but cannot commit to it presently. These funds would pay for 3 additional seasonal rangers that are not currently included in our sequestration plan, necessitating an increase to our current seasonal hiring spreadsheet. Staffing and supervision would be covered by permanent staff. This reduced operation would be focused primarily on Information/Orientation, visitor safety, and critical resource protection. It would not allow for the full range of interpretive services normally offered. It would allow for the Eastern National Operation to recoup the majority of their projected annual sales at this location.

I'm requesting approval to make a significant change to the CACO Sequestration Plan submitted in January based on the generous offer by a very passionate and dedicated Friends Group. This proposal constitutes a substantial change to our financial position that would enable us to offer this critical service to the public. If approved, hiring can take place in time to open this facility on the reduced schedule beginning May 27, 2013. Thank you for your consideration.

Approved X

Disapproved _____

Have any other governors asked to reopen National Parks with state funds?

Howard Berkes <HBerkes@npr.org> Tue, Oct 8, 2013 at 3:23 PM
To: "Litterst, Michael" <mike_litterst@nps.gov>

Thanks!

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Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> Tue, Oct 8, 2013 at 3:25 PM
To: Kate Kelly <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov>, Blake Androff <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov>

More from NPR reporter...

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Response to Utah's request to reopen closed National Park areas with state and private funds...

Howard Berkes <HBerkes@npr.org> Tue, Oct 8, 2013 at 2:03 PM
To: "Litterst, Michael" <mike_litterst@nps.gov>

Hi Michael.

What is the NPS response to the request from the Governor of Utah (see below) to authorize "Utah to use state and private funds to re-open" shuttered National Park areas?

Please respond ASAP.

Thanks…

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Oct. 8, 2013

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Governor Urges President to Re-open Utah's National Parks, Monuments

SALT LAKE CITY – Utah Governor Gary R. Herbert today formally requested President Obama re-open the state's five national parks, several national monuments, historic sites and recreation areas.

In his Oct. 8, 2013, letter to Obama, Governor Herbert said the shutdown of Utah's national parks, monuments and other federal facilities is "devastating individuals and businesses that rely on these areas for their livelihood."

If the President won't free up federal funds to maintain and operate Utah's national parks and monuments, Governor Herbert asked him to authorize Utah to use state and private funds to re-open them to the public.

"It is within the power and authority of the Executive Branch to allow the national parks and monuments to be reopened. We have a solution in place. We just need, literally, the keys to the gates. I cannot overstate that time is of the essence," the Governor continued in the letter.

In addition, the Governor included emergency declarations from several Utah counties that highlight the dire economic situation as result of the shutdown.

October is a peak month for tourism in many parts of Utah. The economic impact of the federal government shutdown on the state is approximately $100 million.

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Any reason based on the current Utah situation I can't respond to this with our established statement on accepting assistance from states/communities?

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Waldron, Suzanne <sue_waldron@nps.gov> Tue, Oct 8, 2013 at 2:04 PM
To: Kate Kelly <Kate_Kelly@ios.doi.gov>, Blake Androff <Blake_Androff@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: Mike Litterst <Mike_Litterst@nps.gov>

want to make sure GRCA has it for the brian williams thing this afternoon

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Re: 12:30pm MST NBC Nightly News request re: GRCA

Waldron, Suzanne <sue_waldron@nps.gov> Tue, Oct 8, 2013 at 2:18 PM
To: Laura Joss <laura_joss@nps.gov>
Cc: David Uberuaga <dave_uberuaga@nps.gov>, Mike Litterst <Mike_Litterst@nps.gov>, Peggy O'Dell <Peggy_O'Dell@nps.gov>, Maureen Foster <Maureen_Foster@nps.gov>, Jon Jarvis <Jon_Jarvis@nps.gov>, Bruce Sheaffer <Bruce_Sheaffer@nps.gov>

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Waldron, Suzanne <sue_waldron@nps.gov> Tue, Oct 8, 2013 at 2:29 PM
To: David Uberuaga <dave_uberuaga@nps.gov>, Laura Joss <laura_joss@nps.gov>
Cc: Mike Litterst <Mike_Litterst@nps.gov>

dave - the statement on acceptance of donations below is still good

another thought that seems to resonate is that closing parks is not in our DNA - our mission is to keep them open, protected and welcome visitors

let us know how it goes

——— Forwarded message ———

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National Park Service statement on offer to operate Great Smoky Mountains National Park with local resources

Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> Tue, Oct 8, 2013 at 9:14 AM
To: jonathan.serrie@foxnews.com

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Serrie, Jonathan <Jonathan.Serrie@foxnews.com> Tue, Oct 8, 2013 at 9:16 AM
To: "Litterst, Michael" <mike_litterst@nps.gov>

Perfect. Thanks so much, Mike.

JS

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Re: URGENT - Statement tonight?

Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> Wed, Oct 9, 2013 at 8:02 PM
To: "Kelly, Katherine" <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: Blake Androff <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov>, Sue Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>

I talked to Kate Cannon and told her she's off the hook (she said she was "bitterly disappointed," with a laugh).

We've got three reporters waiting on the statement (Matt at the Trib, NPR, and a local tv station). Should I let them know we won't be having a statement tonight after all? They're coming up on deadline (NPR is already past).

Mike

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On Wed, Oct 9, 2013 at 7:51 PM, Kelly, Katherine <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
Ok - cut Kate loose.

Will circle back on stmt

On Wednesday, October 9, 2013, Litterst, Michael wrote:
Sounds like a number of things are changing, and rapidly, on the Utah front. The two counties are standing down about the 8:00 am opening, and I just learned from Bruce that there is now discussion going on about accepting funds from Utah to open the parks (which I suspect could be what led to the stand down).

Is it still likely that a statement is coming out tonight, especially one that strongly condemns an action that maybe is on the path to being resolved? We'd like to cut Kate Cannon loose if we think it might not happen

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Sec Letter to Gov Parnell

Androff, Blake <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov> Wed, Oct 9, 2013 at 6:22 PM
To: Laura Davis <Laura_davis@ios.doi.gov>, Nicole Buffa <Nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>, Rachel Jacobson <Rachel_Jacobson@ios.doi.gov>, Jonathan Jarvis <Jon_jarvis@nps.gov>, Dan Ashe <d_m_ashe@fws.gov>, Margaret O'Dell <Peggy_O'Dell@nps.gov>, Maureen Foster <Maureen_Foster@nps.gov>, Suzanne Waldron <Sue_Waldron@nps.gov>, Michael Litterst <Mike_Litterst@nps.gov>, Betsy Hildebrandt <betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov>, Bruce Decker <bruce_decker@fws.gov>, Matthew Huggler <Matthew_Huggler@fws.gov>, Sarah Neimeyer <Sarah_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>, Neil Kornze <nkornze@blm.gov>, Celia Boddington <cbodding@blm.gov>
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Attached is the letter that was sent to Gov Parnell's office re: FWS, NPS and BLM access in Alaska.

We will share the letter with the handful of reporters who have been following this issue.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

Blake

From: "Howarth, Robert" <robert_howarth@ios.doi.gov>
Date: October 9, 2013, 5:23:59 PM EDT
To: mike.nizich@alaska.gov, kip.knudson@alaska.gov
Cc: "Director, OES Fay Iudicello" <fay_iudicello@ios.doi.gov>, Terri Johnson <terri_johnson@ios.doi.gov>, Sarah Neimeyer <sarah_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>, Nicole Buffa <nikki_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Letter from Secretary of the Interior

Good evening Mr. Nizich and Mr. Knudson. Please find attached a letter from Secretary Jewell to Governor Parnell in response to his October 4 letter.

Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Regards,

Rob Howarth

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The Honorable Sean Parnell
Governor of Alaska
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Governor Parnell:

Thank you for your phone call and follow-up letter on October 4, 2013. I fully appreciate your concern regarding access to National Wildlife Refuges, National Parks and Preserves, and public lands during this difficult period of government shutdown. We continue to hope for a speedy resolution to the lapse in Federal appropriations so that we may reopen all of these lands for the use and enjoyment of Alaskans and visitors to your State.

As we discussed during our conversation, due to the lapse in funds appropriated by the United States Congress for the operation of the National Park System and the National Wildlife Refuge System, a nationwide closure has been implemented to maintain public health and safety and to protect park and refuge resources during the shutdown period. Consistent with the legal limitations on spending in the absence of appropriations and the Department of the Interior's Contingency Plans, available at www.doi.gov/shutdown, only a relatively small number of personnel are on duty during the shutdown period. Those personnel are not sufficient to provide a full range of public and resource protection services. Therefore, in light of the shutdown and Contingency Plan, measures less restrictive than a national closure are not sufficient to maintain public health and safety and to protect park and refuge resources.

While nationwide closures have had to be implemented, the park and refuge closures in Alaska fully respect the unique provisions set forth in the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA). Consistent with our regulations implementing ANILCA, the park and refuge closures in Alaska will expire automatically at the end of the shutdown period or no later than October 31, 2013. Also specific to Alaska, the closures in both parks and refuges allow for the continuation of subsistence uses and access to in-holdings authorized by ANILCA. In addition, members of the public, concessioners, and holders of commercial use authorizations who were already on multi-day backcountry trips that could not be safely terminated immediately when the closure occurred have been allowed to continue and complete their multi-day backcountry trips in accordance with their approved permit or plan.

Moreover, the park and refuge closures do not apply to private and public owners of property or other valid existing rights located within the exterior boundaries of units of the National Wildlife Refuge System or National Park System. Park and refuge managers will continue to allow such owners reasonable access to their private property. Also, this closure does not apply to State

roads and highways or roads that pass through units of the National Park System or National Wildlife Refuge System, which provide primary access between points located outside of the refuges or parks. Members of the public may continue to use those roads during the shutdown period. However, park and refuge managers are limited in their ability to maintain or repair those roads and managers may close those roads or portions of those roads if such closure is warranted by weather, poor road conditions, or other circumstances. In short, the park and refuge closures are consistent with each other, are authorized under the ANILCA regulations addressing emergency closures, and fully respect the rights granted under ANILCA.

As we also discussed, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) operates under significantly different statutes and management structure than do the Fish and U.S. Wildlife Service and the National Park Service. On public lands managed by the BLM, the BLM has closed and secured visitor centers and facilities. Visitor activities that require a permit may be canceled or postponed. Contracted operations such as trash collection and facilities cleaning have been suspended. Where practical, areas will be posted with signs that state that no patrols, maintenance or other management activities will be provided (including emergency or rescue services provided by BLM). Concessions and some commercial outfitter and guide special recreation permits can continue operations as long as they do not need BLM field monitoring and regulatory oversight and are not operating in sites that have been closed.

I hope this letter has helped to clarify the closure decisions necessitated by the lapse in appropriations on lands administered by the Department of the Interior. As an avid outdoor enthusiast and former business leader dependent on access to public lands for customers, I fully appreciate that the Federal Government shutdown has an economic impact on communities, businesses, and individuals. My colleagues throughout the Department of the Interior are anxious to get back to work—serving the public, fulfilling the need for scientific support, and supporting Alaska Natives and American Indians. I join you in wanting this unfortunate situation to end!

Sincerely,

Sally Jewell

RE: Media Inquiry - Smoky Mtns. Natl Park - Blount Co, TN

Jason Baggett <jbaggett@jrn.com> Wed, Oct 9, 2013 at 4:16 PM
To: "Litterst, Michael" <mike_litterst@nps.gov>

Thanks Mike.

Hang in there. Appreciate all you do.

From: Litterst, Michael [mailto:mike_litterst@nps.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 2:34 PM
To: Shutdown, DOI
Cc: Jason Baggett
Subject: Re: Media Inquiry - Smoky Mtns. Natl Park - Blount Co, TN

Jason:

I do not know at this time whether a formal response has been provided to the mayor, but following is the National Park Service position on such offers:

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I will let you know if I am able to find out whether a formal reply has been made.

Mike

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On Wed, Oct 9, 2013 at 3:15 PM, Shutdown, DOI <doi_shutdown@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Looping you in with Mike Litterst with the National Park Service.

On Wed, Oct 9, 2013 at 2:51 PM, Jason Baggett <jbaggett@jrn.com> wrote:

Hello,

Just wanted to follow up on a story from the Eastern part of Tennessee.

The Mayor of Blount county says he's sent a request to DOI to open portions of the Smokey Mtns. Natl. Park on the local government's dime.

Some local media are reporting the request was **denied**.

However, some are reporting he's still waiting for a response.

Can you tell me which is accurate?

I'll paste below the AP wire story to help with details.
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Thank you,

Jason W. Baggett

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MARYVILLE, Tenn. (AP) -- An East Tennessee mayor is asking the federal government to allow Blount County to take on the financial responsibility of reopening portions of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

October is one of the busiest times of the year for the park, which was closed during the partial government shutdown.

Blount County Mayor Ed Mitchell told The Daily Times (http://bit.ly/16q2JY3) on Friday that he sent the request to Department of Interior Secretary Sally Jewell. He said the letter asks whether the county can take on reopening parts of the park for tourism at no cost to the federal government.

He said the park's closure is having a "tremendous impact" on residents and businesses, many of whom cater to tourists.

Mitchell says he hopes to get a quick response.

Information from: The Daily Times, http://www.thedailytimes.com

AP-WF-10-05-13 2030GMT

UPDATE to Utah statement

Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> Wed, Oct 9, 2013 at 3:28 PM
To: Kate Kelly <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov>, Blake Androff <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov>

If you could, swap out "...- men and women who are trained to inform visitors about potential hazards..." for "men and women who are trained in overseeing the complex operation of national parks..."

The former sounds a little too simple, like it's just someone at a visitor center telling people to watch out for snakes or the like.

Mike

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Re: PA Response

Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov> Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 9:59 PM
To: "Ahern, Jane" <jane_ahern@nps.gov>, Maureen Foster <Maureen_Foster@nps.gov>, Peggy O'Dell <Peggy_O'Dell@nps.gov>, Bruce Sheaffer <Bruce_Sheaffer@nps.gov>
Cc: Michael Caldwell <mike_caldwell@nps.gov>, Michael Litterst <mike_litterst@nps.gov>

Thanks jane. Looping others

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 10, 2013, at 9:15 PM, "Ahern, Jane" <jane_ahern@nps.gov> wrote:

Gov. Tom Corbett's office says it doesn't have the money to reopen national parks as it uses the little free cash it has to keep social services programs running amid a partial federal government shutdown.

http://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/local/Pa-Short-Cash-to-Open-National-Parks-227274371.html

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To: kcbsnewsdesk@cbs.com

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Sandoval won't use state money to open National Parks

Christie Vanover <christie_vanover@nps.gov> Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 6:27 PM
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LAS VEGAS SUN

Sandoval won't use state money to open national parks

By Anjeanette Damon

Thursday, Oct. 10, 2013 | 2:52 p.m.

Gov. Brian Sandoval won't follow suit with Utah and three other states that are seeking to reopen national parks with state funds as the federal government shutdown heads into Day 11.

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Sandoval's spokeswoman Mary-Sarah Kinner said today that Nevada doesn't have the resources to open federal parks such as Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area.

"As the governor has said in previous statements, Nevada is already making critical funding decisions on programs such as food stamps, unemployment insurance, programs for women, infants and children, and dozens of others," Kinner told the Sun. "These are critical programs that hundreds of thousands of Nevadans rely upon every day. With so many Nevadans facing real consequences, the state simply cannot afford to reopen federal parks at this time."

In an emergency cabinet meeting earlier this week, senior state officials told Sandoval the state is on the brink of ending such programs as food stamps and unemployment benefits because of the partial federal government shutdown. Food stamp recipients won't receive benefits starting Nov. 1, if the shutdown persists. And while money is available to pay unemployment benefits, the state is almost out of money to pay state workers who process those claims.

Other states, citing the economic blow dealt by the closures, are trying to re-open their national parks. According to the AP, Utah Gov. Gary Herbert has said his state has resources that could be used to operate the parks if federal funding is not available. Governors of South Dakota, Arizona and Colorado have made similar requests.

Hundreds of people have lined up outside Red Rock Canyon just outside of Las Vegas since Oct. 1, when the federal government closed the gates on the park due to the shutdown. Some park-goers have been cited, according to the Las Vegas Review-Journal.

But it's not all grim news in Nevada, though. Park-goers still can visit Nevada's parks, Kinner said.

"Nevada state parks, however, are open and experiencing record visitation," she said.

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Re: Media Alert: Business Leaders, Community Hopeful Grand Canyon Will Re-Open Following Pledges Of Non-Federal Aid And Protests Seeking A Temporary Solution

Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 6:23 PM
To: "Oltrogge, Maureen" <maureen_oltrogge@nps.gov>

Exactly!

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On Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 6:08 PM, Oltrogge, Maureen <maureen_oltrogge@nps.gov> wrote:
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On Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 3:03 PM, Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> wrote:
Thanks. Got another identical question since. I'll wait until Bruce gives us the green light on figures before giving it out, though.

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On Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 5:45 PM, Oltrogge, Maureen <maureen_oltrogge@nps.gov> wrote:
He has made the statement that it takes approximately $112,000 a day to run the park.

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On Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 2:36 PM, Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> wrote:
Nice! Thanks for the heads up.

I did just get off the phone with the Arizona Republic who asked how much it costs each day to run the park. Said I didn't know and she said the superintendent had said a little over $100,000 to run part of the park. I replied that he was certainly in a good position to know the costs, but that since I didn't have access to the numbers I couldn't confirm or refute his figure.

Mike

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On Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 5:24 PM, Oltrogge, Maureen <maureen_oltrogge@nps.gov> wrote:
Thought I'd share this with you. Hope your doing well. I know your probably getting a lot of calls. Take care - Mo
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Subject: Media Alert: Business Leaders, Community Hopeful Grand Canyon Will Re-Open Following Pledges Of Non-Federal Aid And Protests Seeking A Temporary Solution
To: maureen_oltrogge@nps.gov

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South Rim Community, Businesses Hopeful The Grand Canyon Can Re-open Following Announcement From Department Of Interior

(TUSAYAN, Ariz.) Businesses in northern Arizona that depend on tourism from the Grand Canyon are breathing a sigh of relief following the Interior Department's announcement that it will consider the use of non-federal funds to operate national parks including the Grand Canyon.

Local businesses have pledged at least $196,000 in addition to more than $200,000 from the adjacent Town of Tusayan, plus the State of Arizona has also expressed a willingness to help.

The private donation effort was launched by Red Feather Properties Manger Clarinda Vail, who got the ball rolling with an initial pledge of $25,000.

Vail stated, "Our Town, our region, and our State backed the people who depend on the Grand Canyon for their livelihoods at a time of crisis. I remain hopeful that a deal can be reached so this crisis can indeed be eased. The Grand Canyon is a national treasure and its closure is a national tragedy that can be avoided."

The decision follows a protest at the Canyon led by Vail. She was joined by more than 75 people including community leaders, business owners and their employees, and disappointed tourists.

Vail added, "This crisis is not over. Businesses and residents continue to suffer a financial hardship. But for the first time in almost two weeks, we have reason to be optimistic."

Red Feather Properties owns and operates the Red Feather Lodge in Tusayan and owns a number of commercial properties in Tusayan and has been serving tourists in Northern Arizona for nearly a century. Tusayan is adjacent to the South Rim bordering the Grand Canyon National Park.

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Fwd: RELESAE: Statement on Federal Decision to Reopen National Parks

Oltrogge, Maureen <maureen_oltrogge@nps.gov> Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 6:17 PM
To: Dave Uberuaga <dave_uberuaga@nps.gov>, Diane Chalfant <diane_chalfant@nps.gov>, Bill Wright <bill_wright@nps.gov>, Kirby-Lynn Shedlowski <kirbylynn_shedlowski@nps.gov>, Deborah Brenchley <debbie_brenchley@nps.gov>, William Vandergraff <bil_vandergraff@nps.gov>, Michael Litterst <mike_litterst@nps.gov>

See Board of Supervisor's Attached Statement.

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From: **Gonzalez, Nathan** <ngonzalez@coconino.az.gov>
Date: Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 3:09 PM
Subject: RELESAE: Statement on Federal Decision to Reopen National Parks
To:

Good afternoon,

Attached an pasted below is a statement from the Coconino County Board of Supervisors on the federal government's decision to allow states to fund the reopening of National Parks. As many of you know, Coconino County is home to the Grand Canyon and Glen Canyon/Lake Powell.

Thanks,

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The following is a statement from the Coconino County Board of Supervisors:

"The Coconino County Board of Supervisors supports today's decision by the federal government to allow state officials to finance the reopening of our National Parks shuttered by the government shutdown. We urge Gov. Jan Brewer to work with our federal partners to reopen our state's National Parks as quickly and orderly as possible.

"The closure of the Grand Canyon National Park, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and Lake Powell has greatly impacted local businesses and families throughout Coconino County. Each day these areas remain closed millions in tourism dollars are lost.

The Board has sent letters to our Congressional delegation detailing how the shutdown continues to impact the County, our residents, businesses and local tourism industry. The County will continue to work with our federal, state and local officials to help minimize the impact of the shutdown to our residents."

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Waldron, Suzanne <sue_waldron@nps.gov> Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 5:24 PM
To: Peggy O'Dell <Peggy_O'Dell@nps.gov>, Jon Jarvis <Jon_Jarvis@nps.gov>, Maureen Foster <Maureen_Foster@nps.gov>, Bruce Sheaffer <Bruce_Sheaffer@nps.gov>, Mike Litterst <Mike_Litterst@nps.gov>, Cam Sholly <Cam_Sholly@nps.gov>, Raymond Vela <David_Vela@nps.gov>, Lena McDowall <Lena_McDowall@nps.gov>, Beverly Stephens <grace_stephens@nps.gov>

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Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 5:03 PM
To: "Conder, Chuck" <Chuck.Conder@turner.com>

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On Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 4:05 PM, Conder, Chuck <Chuck.Conder@turner.com> wrote:

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Can we chat briefly about any activity in this area.

Thanks,
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Chuck Conder

Producer-CNN Los Angeles Bureau

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Re:

Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 4:59 PM
To: "Simon, Richard" <Richard.Simon@latimes.com>

Rich:

Yes, we have been contacted by several states about providing assistance to reopen parks; this afternoon, the Department issued the following statement in response:

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On Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 4:35 PM, Simon, Richard <Richard.Simon@latimes.com> wrote:

Hi Mike. I hear states are offering to help pay for reopening some of the parks. Has the department issued a policy on that? Rich
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Richard Simon

Los Angeles Times Washington Bureau

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RE: DOI Statement

Audi, Tammy <Tammy.Audi@wsj.com> Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 4:17 PM
To: "Litterst, Michael" <mike_litterst@nps.gov>

Ah—thank you! we were confused. Much appreciated.

From: Litterst, Michael [mailto:mike_litterst@nps.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2013 4:17 PM
To: Audi, Tammy
Subject: Fwd: DOI Statement

Tammy:

When we spoke earlier, I gave you incorrect information about the four states that Secretary Jewell has had conversations with about reopening the parks. I should have given you South Dakota, Utah, Colorado, and Arizona (I had incorrectly given you New Mexico).

Mike

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From: "Litterst, Michael" <mike_litterst@nps.gov>
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Subject: DOI Statement
To: "Audi, Tammy" <Tammy.Audi@wsj.com>
Cc:

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To: "Conder, Chuck" <Chuck.Conder@turner.com>

Chuck:

I'm in a meeting; call you in about an hour.

Mike

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Re: national parks-offers to reopen

Androff, Blake <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov> Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 3:48 PM
To: "Litterst, Michael" <mike_litterst@nps.gov>
Cc: Katherine Kelly <Kate_Kelly@ios.doi.gov>

Thanks.

On Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 3:33 PM, Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> wrote:
Talked to her and answered her general questions. She had a specific question about a letter supposedly sent from Secretary Jewell to Arizona which they claim not to have gotten, and wanted to know what things were being discussed between the Secretary and the states as far as operational items needed to open. I said those were question for the Department and she said she has your number.

Mike

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Date: Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 3:19 PM
Subject: national parks-offers to reopen
To: "mike_litterst@nps.gov" <mike_litterst@nps.gov>

Hi Mike.

Can you call me when you're free. Would like to get some information specific to Grand Canyon National Park following Interior's announcement that it would consider offers from states to reopen national parks. I'm at 928-213-5740.

Thanks.
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RE: Mike, re: Wall Street Journal inquiry

Alanna Sobel <asobel@nationalparks.org> Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 3:35 PM
To: "Litterst, Michael" <mike_litterst@nps.gov>

Got it and this is what you gave Tammy?

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On Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 3:31 PM, Alanna Sobel <asobel@nationalparks.org> wrote:

I meant to ask – can you please tell me what statement you gave her? Just helpful to know when preparing Neil. Thanks!!

Alanna Sobel

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From: Litterst, Michael [mailto:mike_litterst@nps.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2013 3:04 PM
To: Alanna Sobel
Subject: Re: Mike, re: Wall Street Journal inquiry

She called me and I gave her the statement; also put her in touch with the Department. She's happy!

Strange days indeed.

Mike

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On Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 2:58 PM, Alanna Sobel <asobel@nationalparks.org> wrote:
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Got it – thanks so much for getting back to me so quickly. Totally agree re: logistics of the plan – we wouldn't discuss that with media – thanks! I'll keep you posted on our end – please keep me posted - thanks!

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Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2013 2:31 PM
To: Alanna Sobel
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Unfortunately, I don't have anything I can send you. I talked to Marjorie this morning - we've been trying to get our talking points approved through the proper channels without success.

I believe Sue talked to Neil earlier this afternoon about the proposal, but I don't know what they discussed. If WSJ has questions about the logistics of this plan, they really need to talk to Interior (who released the statement) or us.

Mike

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On Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 2:25 PM, Alanna Sobel <asobel@nationalparks.org> wrote:

Mike,

Hope you're holding up well during these hectic times!

Wanted to touch base with you bc Tammy Audi at Wall Street Journal just asked me "Did you see the news just now that some states will be allowed to pay to reopen the parks? Can Neil talk about the challenges of that effort, and how it might unfold as some of these parks reopen?" I know that Marjorie has asked for NPS' talking points in general – would it be possible for you to please email us those talking points asap today and also any additional information you can provide re: Tammy's question. Please let me know. Many thanks for your help!!

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DOI Statement: Opening parks with state donate money

Ahern, Jane <jane_ahern@nps.gov> Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 2:34 PM
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Cc: Michael Litterst <mike_litterst@nps.gov>

From NPS Acting Chief Spokesperson Mike Litterst:

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Re: DOI Statement - opening parks with state donated money

Oltrogge, Maureen <maureen_oltrogge@nps.gov> Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 2:28 PM
To: "Litterst, Michael" <mike_litterst@nps.gov>
Cc: Kirby-Lynn Shedlowski <kirbylynn_shedlowski@nps.gov>, Dave Uberuaga <dave_uberuaga@nps.gov>, Bill Wright <bill_wright@nps.gov>

Thanks Mike - that's helpful

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On Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 11:25 AM, Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> wrote:
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On Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 2:24 PM, Oltrogge, Maureen <maureen_oltrogge@nps.gov> wrote:
Is there any direction for parks starting to get media calls on this statement? Do we refer them all to DOI?

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Fwd: CNN Inquiry - on deadline

Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 2:23 PM
To: Blake Androff <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov>

Laura Koran - CNN

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From: **Litterst, Michael** <mike_litterst@nps.gov>
Date: Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 1:05 PM
Subject: Re: CNN Inquiry - on deadline
To: "Koran, Laura" <Laura.Koran@turner.com>
Cc: DOI Shutdown <doi_shutdown@ios.doi.gov>

Laura:

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On Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 12:59 PM, Koran, Laura <Laura.Koran@turner.com> wrote:

Hi Mike,

I'm writing to see if the Park Service has any guidance on reports that some national parks will be allowed to reopen if states can cover the costs associated.

Thanks!

Laura

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RE: Administration approval for state funding to reopen National Parks

Howard Berkes <HBerkes@npr.org> Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 2:10 PM
To: "Litterst, Michael" <mike_litterst@nps.gov>

Thanks

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From: Litterst, Michael [mailto:mike_litterst@nps.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2013 12:09 PM
To: Howard Berkes
Subject: Re: Administration approval for state funding to reopen National Parks

From the Department of the Interior:

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On Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 2:06 PM, Howard Berkes <HBerkes@npr.org> wrote:

Do you have anything on this, Mike?

12:45 AP 2 w V1202 BC-US--APNewsAlert BULLETIN

Feds tell governors some national parks could reopen if they use state money for operations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Feds tell governors some national parks could reopen if they use state money for operations.

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Re: Interior statement

Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 1:50 PM
To: Don Kauffman <DKauffman@sbgtv.com>

The following was put out by the Department of the Interior about a half hour ago:

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On Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 1:40 PM, Don Kauffman <DKauffman@sbgtv.com> wrote:

Mike,

Do you have a statement related to the new developments?

Don Kauffman | Executive Producer KUTV 2 News
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From: Litterst, Michael [mailto:mike_litterst@nps.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 7:12 PM
To: Brian Maffly
Cc: SaltLakeNews
Subject: Re: Interior statement

Gentlemen:

I had been told to expect a statement by 9 pm EDT on the situation in Utah between the National Park Service and the localities about opening the parks. I don't have anything yet nor do I have an update on whether we will get one tonight. I know you're working against deadline so I just wanted to give you an update.

Mike

On Oct 9, 2013 7:08 PM, "Brian Maffly" <bmaffly@mail.sltrib.com> wrote:

Hi MIke, could you also send the statement to the TV station cc'ed here. I owe them a favor and they haven't been able to reach anyone at NPS.

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On Oct 9, 2013, at 4:34 PM, Litterst, Michael wrote:

Thanks, Brian. We'll send it to you as soon as we get it.

FYI - Kate Kelly in Secretary Jewell's office said she's also been contacted by Tommy Burr in the DC bureau; he's working on the story as well.

Mike

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On Wed, Oct 9, 2013 at 6:25 PM, Brian Maffly <bmaffly@mail.sltrib.com> wrote:

Hi, Mike: here is my contact info, as well as my colleagues Brett Prettyman and Sheila McCann. As soon as the Park Service has a statement on the Utah situation, i hope you can email it to all of us. Thanks!

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RE: statement

Phil Taylor <ptaylor@eenews.net> Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 1:35 PM
To: "Litterst, Michael" <mike_litterst@nps.gov>

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To: Phil Taylor
Subject: statement

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To: Dan Hottle <dan_hottle@nps.gov>

Just saw Al's note that he'll be gone starting this afternoon. Here's the latest and greatest from DC that you may get questions on.

Mike

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AP - Feds to let states pay to open parks

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Full story...

Feds to let states pay to open parks

By By Matthew Daly October 10, 2013

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration said Thursday it will allow states to use their own money to reopen some national parks that have been closed because of the government shutdown.

Governors in at least four states have asked for authority to reopen national parks within their borders because of the economic impacts caused by the park closures.

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell said the government will consider offers to pay for park operations, but will not surrender control of national parks to the states.

Utah Gov. Gary Herbert has said his state has resources that could be used to operate the parks if federal funding is not available. Governors of South Dakota, Arizona and Colorado have made similar requests.

October is a peak month for tourism in many parts of the West.

Herbert said in a letter Tuesday to President Barack Obama that the shutdown of national parks has been "devastating" to individuals and businesses that rely on park operations for their livelihood. Utah is home to five national parks, including Zion, Bryce and Arches, which attract visitors from around the world.

"The current federally mandated closure is decimating the bottom line of bed-and-

breakfast business owners and operators in Torrey (Utah), outfitters at Bryce Canyon City and restaurant owners in Moab," Herbert wrote.

He estimated the economic impact of the federal government shutdown on Utah at about $100 million.

Blake Androff, a spokesman for Jewell, said the Interior Department will consider agreements with governors who "indicate an interest and ability to fully fund National Park Service personnel to re-open national parks in their states."

Decisions about which parks to reopen and for how long have not been made, Androff said.

Figures compiled by a coalition of retired park service workers indicate that some 700,000 people a day would have been visiting the parks and that the surrounding areas are losing $76 million in visitor spending per day.

The park service said it is losing $450,000 per day in revenue from entrance fees and other in-park expenditures, such as campground fees and boat rentals.

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Salt Lake Tribune - Brian Maffly; and CNN

Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 1:18 PM
To: Blake Androff <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov>, Kate Kelly <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov>

Just got a call from Brian Maffly, the reporter we were talking to last night. I gave him the statement, he said he heard that Secretary Jewell had already spoken with the governor of Utah and others. I confirmed that she had spoken to several governors that had expressed interest in opening parks (he didn't ask which ones) and referred him to you at the generic 6416 number. If you didn't hear from him, I don't know if you want to reach out since we were planning to give him something last night.

Also got a call from CNN. I sent them the statement; no further questions from them yet.

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Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 1:12 PM
To: Brian Maffly <bmaffly@mail.sltrib.com>

Statement of Interior Spokesman Blake Androff

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Statement

Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 1:07 PM
To: Jennifer Mummart <Jennifer_Mummart@nps.gov>

Official release and guidance coming from Peggy or Maureen shortly...

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Re: close hold - final statement

Androff, Blake <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov> Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 12:47 PM
To: "Litterst, Michael" <mike_litterst@nps.gov>
Cc: "Kelly, Katherine" <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov>

Interior Spokesman Blake Androff

On Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 12:45 PM, Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> wrote:
When we send this out, should it be just "Statement of the Department of the Interior," or should it have someone's name associated with it?

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On Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 11:56 AM, Kelly, Katherine <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
This will be live around 1pm. Please keep close hold; we will share the AP story when it pops.

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Re: tick tock

Waldron, Suzanne <sue_waldron@nps.gov> Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 12:45 PM
To: "Neimeyer, Sarah" <sarah_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: "Kelly, Katherine" <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov>, mike litterst <Mike_Litterst@nps.gov>, "Androff, Blake J" <Blake_Androff@ios.doi.gov>, Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>, tim fullerton <tim_fullerton@ios.doi.gov>, Pam Haze <pam_haze@ios.doi.gov>

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On Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 12:22 PM, Neimeyer, Sarah <sarah_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
+ Pam. She'll need to do the Approps outreach.

On Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 12:02 PM, Kelly, Katherine <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
Sharing this with you, Sarah, Nikki and Tim.

Tim - I'll send you something to get up on the web... And Sarah, we already talked about you being on the hook for notifications.

Donations Announcement Tic/Tock

12:30 – NPS Regional call – Jon/Peggy
- Share approved statement and **internal** Q&A
- Regions/Parks allowed to provide **statement** to states, local partners & media
  - Details – as known will be posted on DOI.gov/shutdown – send media there first
  - All media questions on statement directed to Mike

12:45 - Congressional notifications - Sarah
- House/Senate auth/approps committees
- House/Senate leadership
- Members who have contacted NPS/DOI about this

Partner Notifications – national & local outreach with statement
- NPHA and thru it (many) Concessioners
- NPF and thru it Friends Groups
- APPL and thru it Cooperating Associations
- Education partners
- Retirees
- NPCA

State Notifications – outreach to Governor's Offices
- Thru National Governors Association

1pm — AP/Matt Daly story - Blake

1:30 – statement emailed to reporters – Blake/Mike

- Outreach to those consistently covering story – Blake/Mike
  - Salt Lake Tribune
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- posted on DOI.gov/shutdown - Tim

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Waldron, Suzanne <sue_waldron@nps.gov> Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 9:57 AM
To: Kate Kelly <Kate_Kelly@ios.doi.gov>, Blake Androff <Blake_Androff@ios.doi.gov>, Mike Litterst <Mike_Litterst@nps.gov>

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Comms Info for Parks that are Re-opening under donation agreement

Waldron, Suzanne <sue_waldron@nps.gov> Fri, Oct 11, 2013 at 8:02 PM
To: Colin Campbell <colin_campbell@nps.gov>, Mary Risser <mary_risser@nps.gov>, Patricia Trap <patricia_trap@nps.gov>, Michael Caldwell <mike_caldwell@nps.gov>
Cc: Sue Masica <Sue_Masica@nps.gov>, Patricia Neubacher <patty_neubacher@nps.gov>, Lisa Mendelson <lisa_mendelson-ielmini@nps.gov>, Peggy O'Dell <Peggy_O'Dell@nps.gov>, Jon Jarvis <Jon_Jarvis@nps.gov>, Maureen Foster <Maureen_Foster@nps.gov>, Bruce Sheaffer <Bruce_Sheaffer@nps.gov>, Lena McDowall <Lena_McDowall@nps.gov>, Cam Sholly <Cam_Sholly@nps.gov>, Raymond Vela <David_Vela@nps.gov>, Blake Androff <Blake_Androff@ios.doi.gov>, Kate Kelly <Kate_Kelly@ios.doi.gov>, Jeffrey Compton <shane_compton@nps.gov>, Mike Litterst <Mike_Litterst@nps.gov>, Jody Lyle <jody_lyle@nps.gov>, Jennifer Mummart <jennifer_Mummart@nps.gov>, Patricia Rooney <patty_rooney@nps.gov>, Jane Ahern <jane_ahern@nps.gov>, William Reynolds <william_f_reynolds@nps.gov>, Craig Dalby <craig_dalby@nps.gov>

All:

Been a lot of activity today so wanted to put stuff in one spot for your ease of sharing with your parks that are re-opening.

News Releases: Parks are free to send out the national release to their state and local media. Those releases have been forwarded to you as they went out and will be posted on doi.gov/shutdown (when the server is back up!)

Talking Points: to help with the inevitable questions, attached are some talking points and a brief statement that can be tailored to the specifics of each park.

Q&A: We've been collecting the questions that have come up over the last 24 hours and have answeerd those in the attached document. There will be more questions as folks get into the actual re-opening process. Please pass those along and we will add them to the list.

Recreation.gov reservations: See questions 21-26 in theg Q&A document. Rec.gov will be sending an email to all people holding a reservation in your park for the re-opened period to let them know that theire reservation is still valid.

Park websites: ADIR is unblocking the websites for each re-opened park. This is taking some time but is underway. The NPS.gov splash page is being updated with new text that inlcudes links to the open parks.

Media Questions: You are free to talk about the factual effects of the shutdown on the park and your partners. If you get questions about the agreements that you want to kick back here please do so.

I'll be around all weekend - in the office some and watching email, or call my cell at [redacted] if we there is anything we can do to help. Mike Litterst, the acting chief spokesman, is off duty for a couple of days and will be back in on monday.

Hang in there!

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Donations to Reopen National Parks – Questions & Answers

1. **Why is the National Park Service now willing to accept donations to reopen the parks?**
   Responding to the economic impacts that the closures are having on many communities, the National Park Service will consider financial agreements with the governors of states that demonstrate an interest and ability to provide full funding to reopen national parks located in their states.

2. **The National Park Service had previously stated that it would not accept donations to reopen individual parks. What changed?**
   We recognize the severe impact and economic hardship this shutdown is causing, especially as it drags on. We know how much our gateway communities and our partners and their employees are hurting. This is the best solution to a very bad situation. 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.

3. **If the states are paying the bills, will they be operating the parks?**
   No. Funds provided by the states will be used to pay for operation of the sites by National Park Service staff, who are trained in overseeing the complex operation of national parks, who understand the unique resources and their risks, and who have the experience to ensure the safety of our visitors. The re-opened parks will look and function as they do under normal operations.

4. **Will the states be reimbursed for their donation?**
   No. The Antideficiency Act prohibits agencies from incurring obligations that are in advance of, or that exceed, an appropriation from Congress. It would require an act of Congress to authorize any type of reimbursement.

   A reimbursement would be provided in the event where a state had wired the donation, for example, for 10 days and the government re-opened after five days. The state would receive back the remaining balance.

5. **The community of Tusayan outside the Grand Canyon has raised $200,000 to open Grand Canyon National Park. Does this mean you'll now accept their donation?**
   Due to limited resources during the shutdown, NPS will focus efforts on entering agreements with states. Local government, individuals, organizations and businesses are encouraged to work directly with the states regarding donations.

6. **Does this opportunity to re-open apply to all 401 national parks?**
   Yes.

7. **Can part of a park be opened? For example, just Old Faithful at Yellowstone?**
   No. Funding must be provided for the entire operation of the park.

8. **Why the requirement to open an entire park**?

The parks are staffed at the appropriate level to provide visitor services and protect the resources.

On background:
Many National Park Service employees have multiple roles in the park. A person collecting fees at the entrance station may be giving an interpretive program and staffing the visitor center. It is impractical, if not impossible, to determine which employees are needed to open just a part of the park.

Additionally, as we have seen in the first 10 days of the shutdown, visitors are eager enough to see parts of the park that are closed that they will remove barricades and enter closed areas, endangering themselves and staff that may be required to go rescue them in the event of an accident.

9. **Is there a minimum length of time to open with donations?**
Yes, four days. Anything shorter does not make sense because of the logistics involved in opening and closing most parks.

10. **Have you received any inquiries from states yet? If so, who?**
Yes, we have heard interest from several states… Discussions are in the early stages.

11. **How much money are we talking about to open, for example, Grand Canyon?**
The National Park Service will calculate costs for specific parks as requested by the state. Costs will be determined based on the normal staffing levels at a park on a daily basis.

12. **The National Park Service website is down and most offices are closed because of the furlough? How can I find out which parks will be opening?**
As agreements to open parks are reached, we will post them on www.doi.gov/shutdown. We will also work with states to notify local communities.

13. **I don't have enough money to open a park, but how can I show my support for national parks?**
The National Park Foundation is a congressionally-chartered organization that is the official fundraising partner of the National Park Service and enriches America's national parks through private support, not just through the shutdown but for the long-term. Individuals who wish to financially support the parks can do so through the National Park Foundation at www.nationalparks.org.

14. **For parks that open, will concession operations (hotels, restaurants, snack bars, shops, etc.) be available in those parks as well?**
Concessioners in parks that are opened through donations will be given the opportunity to open.

15. **Will campgrounds be open?**

Campgrounds managed by concessioners will be given the opportunity to operate. Campgrounds managed by the NPS will open on a case-by-case basis based on seasonal considerations.

16. How much notice will there be to the public before a park reopens?
We intend to give as much notice as possible, given the limited resources.

17. Will backcountry and wilderness areas of parks be open as well?
Whatever is normally open this time of year will be open *unless* winterization has already occurred.

18. Will parks that charge an entrance fee be collecting fees?
Consistent with how parks normally operate, fees will be collected. Fees do not pay for the day-to-day operation of the park; rather, they are a source of funds for special projects, including construction, special events, and more.

19. What about parks that cross state lines?
The matter will be considered in consultation with the relevant governors.

20. How long will it take the National Park Service to mobilize staff to reopen a park?
This depends on the complexity of park operations, but could occur as quickly as a day after the agreement is finalized.

21. I have a reservation in Recreation.gov for a campsite at one of the parks that has been re-opened. Will the reservation be honored even though the website is down?

Yes. Reservations that start or end during shutdown will only be cancelled after the end date of the reservation. If the park is only open for a portion of the reservation, customers can still come to the park and use their existing reservation for the portion of the time that the park is open. Customers not able to use their entire reservation are eligible for partial refunds.

22. I have a reservation in Recreation.gov at one of the parks that has been re-opened but now I have made other plans. Can I still get a refund even though the park is open?
Yes. Any unused reservations during the shutdown will be refunded. Customers do not need to request a refund, it will happen automatically. This includes refunds for partial reservations (as stated in question above).

23. Can I make a new campground reservation on Recreation.gov?
No. Recreation.gov is unavailable for reservations during the shutdown. Recreation.gov will start taking reservations when the government is funded and open for business.

24. I cancelled my reservation on Recreation.gov when I heard the parks were closed. Can I reinstate my reservation now that the park is open?

No. You can try to get a campsite on a first come, first served basis in the parks that have been re-opened.

25. **How does park staff get access to incoming camper and tour information?**
Park staff can go to https://orms.reserveamerica.com to access the Field Manager and Venue Manager applications. You will be able to pull the reports you are accustomed to using for daily operations. You may also process first come first served transactions as you have done in the past.

26. **My reservation is for six nights, but the park is only going to be open on the weekend? Can I stay for my full reservation?**
No.

27. **What about multiple-day trips (raft, backcountry permits?)**
If a park is able to issue permits, it will only be for the period of time the park will be open.

28. **Will alternative transportation systems be operating?**
This will be decided on a park-by-park basis.

29. **I would like to have a wedding (or other special event) in an open park. Can I get a Special Use Permit?**
This will be decided on a park-by-park basis.

30. **Are First Amendment demonstrations allowed now in parks that are open?**
Yes.

Employee specific Q&A

1. **How do we account for time for those parks re-opened?**
You will receive specific guidance.

2. **What is the status of employees called back to work in re-opened parks?**
Employees will be "excepted."

Talking Points (10/11/13)
For Parks Re-opening under a donation agreement

Statement
Thanks to a generous donation(s) from the people of **XXXX** the National Park Service is temporarily re-opening **XXXX** National Park and welcoming visitors once again. Closing national parks is not in our DNA so we are glad to be back at work – even for a few days – serving the American people and welcoming visitors to their national park. The economic impact of closing this park has been extremely tough on our gateway communities, local businesses, neighbors, and partners so we are glad to be able to work with the State of **XXX** to get the park open.

Talking Points

Thanks to a donation from the people of XXXX the National Park Service is temporarily re-opening XXXX National Park and welcoming visitors once again.

- Donations will allow the park to be open from **XXX** to **XXXX**
- All park areas that are usually open in October are open (or be specific about what is or is not open)
- The park is one of **XXX** in the state that will re-open under the agreement between the NPS and the state

We are glad to be back at work – even temporarily – serving the American people and welcoming visitors to their national park.

- The agreement ensures that the professional men and women of the NPS who have the experience to provide for the safety of visitors and the protection of park resources are on duty.

XXX National Park is one of 401 national parks across the country that closed on October 1 with the lapse in Congressional appropriations.

- Here, that meant that **XXXXX** employees were furloughed along with more than 20,000 National Park Service employees nationwide.
- Our park partners have also been affected (# of concession, cooperating association, etc employees laid off)
- The closure of this park has had these effects:
  - **XXXX** of people who normally visit daily in October
  - **$$$** Economic benefit of park visitation

These economic impacts have been serious for our gateway community, local businesses, our neighbors and our partners, and, have been growing even more grim as the government shutdown persists.

- As a result the National Park Service agreed to work with the state to re-open the park with donated funds.
- This is only a temporary solution

If asked:

The agreement funds provides **$XXXX** to run this park (all **XX** parks). 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.

Background:
The Antideficiency Act prohibits agencies from incurring obligations that are in advance of, or that exceed, an appropriation from Congress. During the shutdown, the National Park Service has closed and secured national park facilities and grounds and suspended all activities except for those essential to respond to emergencies involving the safety of human life or the protection of property.

National Park Service Enters Agreement with State of New York to Re-open Statue of Liberty

Androff, Blake <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov> Fri, Oct 11, 2013 at 7:28 PM
To: blake_androff@doi.gov
Bcc: Mike_Litterst@nps.gov

Date: October 11, 2013
Contact: DOI_Shutdown@ios.doi.gov

National Park Service Enters Agreement with State of New York to Re-open Statue of Liberty

Park Service is in the process of negotiating similar agreements with other states

The National Park Service today announced that it has entered into an agreement with the State of New York that will allow Statue of Liberty National Monument to re-open and temporarily operate during the government shutdown.

Due to the lack of appropriations from Congress, the Department of the Interior was forced to close all national parks across the country last week and furlough more than 20,000 National Park Service employees who ensure the safety of visitors and the security of the resources.

Responding to the economic impacts that the park closures are having on many communities and local businesses, Secretary of the Interior Jewell announced yesterday that she will consider agreements with Governors who indicate an interest and ability to fully fund National Park Service personnel to re-open national parks in their states.

"This is a practical and temporary solution that will lessen the pain for some businesses and communities in New York during this shutdown," said Secretary Sally Jewell. "We want to re-open all of our national parks as quickly possible for everyone to enjoy and call on Congress to pass a clean continuing resolution to open the government."

Under the terms of the agreement, New York will donate funds to the National Park Service for the sole purpose of enabling National Park Service employees to re-open and manage Statue of Liberty National Monument.

The agreement funds the park for a period of six days, running from October 12 through October 17 at the donated amount of $369,300.

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Re: NYDN deadline query - Statue of Liberty/NY State report

Androff, Blake <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov> Fri, Oct 11, 2013 at 4:57 PM
To: "Waldron, Suzanne" <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
Cc: "Litterst, Michael" <mike_litterst@nps.gov>, Kate Kelly <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov>, Michael Caldwell <mike_caldwell@nps.gov>, Jane Ahern <jane_ahern@nps.gov>

Do we have the press release?

On Fri, Oct 11, 2013 at 4:56 PM, Waldron, Suzanne <sue_waldron@nps.gov> wrote:
on phone with sol and maureen and soudns like its imminent

On Fri, Oct 11, 2013 at 4:48 PM, Androff, Blake <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
Got it - just confirming that discussions are underway.

On Fri, Oct 11, 2013 at 4:43 PM, Waldron, Suzanne <sue_waldron@nps.gov> wrote:
blake you got this?

think all we can say is that discussions are underway?

On Fri, Oct 11, 2013 at 4:40 PM, Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> wrote:

Just finding this (been in a cellular black hole for a couple of hours). For your consideration to respond.

--------- Forwarded message ---------
From: "Straw, Joseph" <jstraw@nydailynews.com>
Date: Oct 11, 2013 2:53 PM
Subject: NYDN deadline query - Statue of Liberty/NY State report
To: "mike_litterst@nps.gov" <mike_litterst@nps.gov>
Cc:

Dear Mike:

Hi, I hope you're holding up alright.

I am contributing today to an article about the Cuomo Administrations reported work to facilitate reopening of Liberty Island and the Statue of Liberty during the shutdown.

Are you able to provide any on-the-record comment or procedural background on whether the NPS is collaborating with other stakeholders to that end, and if so where things stand and when the park might reopen?

Deadline is 6 p.m.

Thanks,

Joe

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New York Daily News

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Fwd: National Park Service Enters Agreement with State of Utah to Re-open Eight National Parks

Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> Fri, Oct 11, 2013 at 4:20 PM
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Date: Oct 11, 2013 2:15 PM
Subject: National Park Service Enters Agreement with State of Utah to Re-open Eight National Parks
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Cc:

Date: October 11, 2013
Contact: DOI_Shutdown@ios.doi.gov

National Park Service Enters Agreement with State of Utah to Re-open Eight National Parks

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The National Park Service today announced that it has entered into an agreement with the State of Utah that will allow eight national parks in the state to re-open and temporarily operate during the government shutdown.

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U.S. Department of the Interior
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BISON CONNECT

Fwd: National Park Service Enters Agreement with State of Colorado to Re-open Rocky Mountain National Park

Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> Fri, Oct 11, 2013 at 4:19 PM
To: Karen Langley <klangley@post-gazette.com>

-------- Forwarded message --------
From: "Androff, Blake" <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Oct 11, 2013 4:15 PM
Subject: National Park Service Enters Agreement with State of Colorado to Re-open Rocky Mountain National Park
To: "Blake Androff" <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov>
Cc:

Date: October 11, 2013
Contact: DOI_Shutdown@ios.doi.gov

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BISON CONNECT

Re: Allowing states to pay for park operations

Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> Fri, Oct 11, 2013 at 4:18 PM
To: Karen Langley <klangley@post-gazette.com>

It is correct. We have already entered into agreements with Utah and Colorado to reopen parks in those states. I will forward you those announcements separately.

Mike

On Oct 11, 2013 3:39 PM, "Karen Langley" <klangley@post-gazette.com> wrote:
Hi Mike,

I read this AP story yesterday:

"WASHINGTON – WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration says it will allow states to use their own money to reopen some national parks that have been closed because of the government shutdown.

Governors in at least four states have asked for authority to reopen national parks within their borders because of the economic impacts caused by the park closures.

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell said in a letter Thursday to governors in Utah and other states that the government will consider offers to pay for park operations, but will not surrender control of national parks to the states.

Utah Gov. Gary Herbert has said his state has resources that could be used to operate the parks if federal funding is not available. Governors of South Dakota, Arizona and Colorado have made similar requests."

Could you tell me if this information is correct? Do you have a copy of the letter? And was it only sent to the governors of Utah, South Dakota, Arizona and Colorado? Is the administration saying it will allow states to use their own money to reopen parks, or just that it is considering saying yes to such offers?

Thanks again for your assistance.

Karen

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Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
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Desk: 717-787-2141
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Androff, Blake <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov> Fri, Oct 11, 2013 at 4:15 PM
To: Blake Androff <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov>
Bcc: Mike_Litterst@nps.gov

Date: October 11, 2013
Contact: DOI_Shutdown@ios.doi.gov

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Call from NPR reporter

Dalby, Craig <craig_dalby@nps.gov> Fri, Oct 11, 2013 at 2:51 PM
To: Patricia Neubacher <patty_neubacher@nps.gov>, Palmer Jenkins <chip_jenkins@nps.gov>, Scott Wanek <scott_wanek@nps.gov>, Michael Litterst <mike_litterst@nps.gov>

Heads up -- I just had a call from a reporter with the northwest office of NPR. He was asking if I knew if MORA or other parks in Washington were going to open, and how much MORA's operating costs were. I referred him to Blake Androff.

Craig Dalby
Chief, Public Information
Pacific West Region
National Park Service
206-220-4261

Fwd: Can I get a copy of the agreement between Utah and DOI

Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> Fri, Oct 11, 2013 at 2:42 PM
To: Maureen Foster <maureen_foster@nps.gov>, Alyssa Baltrus <alyssa_baltrus@nps.gov>

Maureen:

Can you help Zion with this?

--------- Forwarded message ---------
From: "Alyssa Baltrus" <alyssa_baltrus@nps.gov>
Date: Oct 11, 2013 1:21 PM
Subject: Can I get a copy of the agreement between Utah and DOI
To: "Michael Litterst" <mike_litterst@nps.gov>
Cc:

IMR told me that you might be able to help me.

Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

Re: WSJ request

Androff, Blake <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov> Fri, Oct 11, 2013 at 2:22 PM
To: "Litterst, Michael" <mike_litterst@nps.gov>
Cc: Kate Kelly <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov>, Sue Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>

I just sent her the press release. We should be good.

On Fri, Oct 11, 2013 at 2:22 PM, Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> wrote:

+ kate and sue

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From: "Audi, Tammy" <Tammy.Audi@wsj.com>
Date: Oct 11, 2013 2:04 PM
Subject: WSJ request
To: "Litterst, Michael" <mike_litterst@nps.gov>, "Androff, Blake" <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov>
Cc:

Hi guys—any response to the deal struck to reopen Utah National Parks? Also: any other deals struck with any other states at this point? Please let me know soonest. Thanks so much.

Allbest,

Tammy Audi

The Wall Street Journal

Staff Reporter

Los Angeles Bureau

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Re: CNN Story on Opening Utah Parks

Waldron, Suzanne <sue_waldron@nps.gov> Fri, Oct 11, 2013 at 12:10 PM
To: Michael Litterst <mike_litterst@nps.gov>
Cc: "Shedlowski, Kirby-Lynn" <kirbylynn_shedlowski@nps.gov>, Maureen Oltrogge <maureen_oltrogge@nps.gov>, David Uberuaga <dave_uberuaga@nps.gov>, Blake Androff <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov>, Kate Kelly <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov>, Tim Fullerton <tim_fullerton@ios.doi.gov>

yes it's official

On Fri, Oct 11, 2013 at 10:52 AM, Michael Litterst <mike_litterst@nps.gov> wrote:
Kirby:

Seen similar reports elsewhere, but i haven't seen anything from our folks verifying But I'm out of the office for today and don't know what may have developed overnight. i'm forwarding to Sue and the DOI comms folks for the latest or if there's guidance.

Mike

Mike Litterst
Chief Spokesperson (Acting)
National Park Service
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Washington, D.C. 20240
202-513-0354 -office
202-306-4166 - mobile

On Oct 11, 2013, at 10:39 AM, "Shedlowski, Kirby-Lynn" <kirbylynn_shedlowski@nps.gov> wrote:

Just checking to see if it is official via WASO- http://www.cnn.com/2013/10/11/us/utah-parks-reopen/index.html?hpt=hp_t1

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(no subject)

Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> Fri, Oct 11, 2013 at 11:45 AM
To: Maureen Foster <maureen_foster@nps.gov>

Puerto Rico is interested in getting information about reopening their park. Rather than send me an email I could forward, he sent it to me in the form of 12 text messages! Gist is they want costs and process for "minimum staff" (no admin staff) to open part of San Juan NHS. I told him to email you. You'll hear from a Samuel Cepeda.

Re: Any statement from NPS or DOI on the deal signed with Utah to reopen Parks in the state?

Blake Androff <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov> Fri, Oct 11, 2013 at 11:31 AM
To: Michael Litterst <mike_litterst@nps.gov>
Cc: Kate Kelly <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov>

Thanks. Will connect with him.

Blake Androff
Deputy Director of Communications
U.S. Department of the Interior

On Oct 11, 2013, at 11:25 AM, Michael Litterst <mike_litterst@nps.gov> wrote:

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Howard Berkes <HBerkes@npr.org>
Date: October 11, 2013 10:57:58 AM EDT
To: "'Litterst, Michael'" <mike_litterst@nps.gov>
Subject: Any statement from NPS or DOI on the deal signed with Utah to reopen Parks in the state?

Beyond what was sent yesterday before the deal was actually signed?

Howard Berkes | Rural Affairs Correspondent | National Public Radio

hberkes@npr.org

202-513-3410 (from DC or anywhere)

801-486-3874 (from Utah or anywhere)

801-598-9372 (cell)

Re: Any statement from NPS or DOI on the deal signed with Utah to reopen Parks in the state?

Michael Litterst <mike_litterst@nps.gov> Fri, Oct 11, 2013 at 11:26 AM
To: Howard Berkes <HBerkes@npr.org>

If there's been an announcement from DOI or NPS, I haven't seen it, though i'm out of the office today, monitoring remotely. I forwarded your message to the DOI communications office.

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On Oct 11, 2013, at 10:58 AM, Howard Berkes <HBerkes@npr.org> wrote:

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> **Howard Berkes | Rural Affairs Correspondent | National Public Radio**
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BISON CONNECT

Another thought on our employees...

Michael Litterst <mike_litterst@nps.gov> Sun, Oct 13, 2013 at 7:26 PM
To: Sue Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>

I talked to two NPS employees on Thursday about the reopening plan who were outraged that we were going to allow the states to operate the parks. They were both greatly relieved and much more on board when i explained the states were only providing the money and that having the NPS operate the parks was a non-negotiable part of the deal. Many online comments i've seen have that same concern. We'll have to hammer home the "we ensured that only NPS professionals, familiar with complex park operations, were entrusted with the resources" messaging.

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Copy of the Agreement Between Utah and DOI

Baltrus, Alyssa <alyssa_baltrus@nps.gov> Sun, Oct 13, 2013 at 1:24 PM
To: Laura Joss <laura_joss@nps.gov>, Colin Campbell <colin_campbell@nps.gov>, Billy Shott <billy_shott@nps.gov>, Rena Fugate <rena_fugate@nps.gov>, Mary Risser <mary_risser@nps.gov>
Cc: Cynthia Purcell <cindy_purcell@nps.gov>, Jock Whitworth <jock_whitworth@nps.gov>, Holly Baker <holly_baker@nps.gov>, Michael Litterst <mike_litterst@nps.gov>, David Webster <dave_webster@nps.gov>, Lori Rome <lori_rome@nps.gov>, Maureen Oltrogge <maureen_oltrogge@nps.gov>, Daphne Sewing <daphne_sewing@nps.gov>, Kathleen Gonder <kathleen_gonder@nps.gov>

Here is a copy of the signed donation agreement between Utah and DOI.

Found it on the Washington Post website.

Take good care,
Aly

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Aly Baltrus
Chief of Interpretation and Visitor Services
Zion National Park
435-772-0160

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Donation Agreement
Between the
National Park Service, United States Department of the Interior
and the
State of Utah

This agreement (hereinafter "Agreement") is entered into by and between the National Park Service (hereinafter "NPS"), an agency of the United States Department of the Interior, acting through its Director, and the State of Utah (hereinafter "State"), acting through its Governor. This Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions under which the State may donate funds to the NPS, and under which the NPS may accept donated funds, in order to enable the NPS to reopen and temporarily operate and manage identified units of the National Park System during the period in which federally appropriated funds are not available (hereinafter the "shutdown period"). Throughout this Agreement the NPS and the State may be referred to jointly as "the parties."

Article I - Background

Whereas, 13 units of the National Park System (i.e., individual areas of land or water administered by the Secretary of the Interior through the NPS for park, monument, historic, parkway, recreational, or other purposes) are located entirely or partially in the State of Utah;

Whereas, the visitors to those units, through their economic activity, play a vital role in the economies and well-being of the towns and cities located near the units and in the economy of the State as a whole;

Whereas, those 13 units include Arches National Park, Bryce Canyon National Park, Canyonlands National Park, Capitol Reef National Park, Cedar Breaks National Monument, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, Natural Bridges National Monument, and Zion National Park;

Whereas, the federal Anti-Deficiency Act, 31 U.S.C. § 1341, prohibits federal employees from making or authorizing an expenditure or obligation exceeding an amount available in an appropriation or fund for the expenditure or obligation or involving the federal government in a contract or obligation for the payment of money before an appropriation is made unless authorized by law;

Whereas, as a result of a lapse in funds appropriated by the United States Congress for the operation of the National Park System, all 13 units of the National Park System in the State were closed to public use and visitation effective at 12:01 a.m. EDT on October 1, 2013;

Whereas, absent alternative funding, the 13 units of the National Park System located in the State will remain closed until Congress appropriates funds for the operation of the National Park System and the shutdown period ends;

Whereas, the NPS's cadre of trained professional personnel is uniquely qualified to operate, maintain, and protect the natural and cultural resources and visitor-use facilities in the 13 units of the National Park System located in the State;

Whereas, the State desires to donate funds to the NPS for the sole purpose of enabling the NPS to reopen to public use and visitation the 8 units identified above and in Exhibit A to this Agreement and to operate and manage those units during part or all of the shutdown period;

Whereas, 16 U.S.C. § 6 authorizes the Secretary of the Interior, in her administration of the NPS, to accept moneys which may be donated for the purposes of the National Park System;

Whereas, the NPS desires to accept the State's donation of funds on the terms and conditions described in this Agreement;

Now, therefore, the parties agree as follows:

Article II - Statement of Agreement

A. The State agrees as follows:

1. For the sole purpose of enabling the NPS to reopen to public use and visitation the 8 units that are identified above and in Exhibit A to this Agreement, the State will donate to the NPS, for each day that each unit is open to public use and visitation during the shutdown period, the amount of money listed in Exhibit A. The amount of money listed in Exhibit A for each unit includes all normal costs of operating and managing the identified units, calculated on a per-day basis (beginning at 12:01 a.m. local time and ending at 11:59 p.m. local time each calendar day), including direct and indirect personnel costs.

2. The State will accomplish the donation through an electronic funds transfer to the United States Treasury donation account provided by the NPS. The State understands and agrees that, in order to avoid a violation of the federal Anti-Deficiency Act, the money must be transferred and deposited in accordance with NPS instructions before the NPS may reopen any units identified in Exhibit A.

3. The State initially intends to donate to the NPS enough money to reopen, operate, and manage the 8 units identified in Exhibit A for a period of ten days beginning at 12:01 a.m. local time on Friday, October 11, 2013, and ending at 11:59 p.m. local time on Sunday, October 20, 2013. The amount required to reopen, operate, and manage those 8 units for ten days is $1,665,720.80.

4. If the State desires to donate additional amounts to keep those 8 units open beyond Sunday, October 20, 2013, then the State will transfer additional amounts to the NPS through subsequent electronic funds transfers. The parties understand and agree that because of the costs of mobilizing and demobilizing NPS personnel, the NPS will accept, at a minimum, a donation sufficient to operate and manage the 8 units for two calendar days, i.e., $333,144.16.

5. If the State desires for the NPS to operate and manage the 8 units after Sunday, October 20, 2013, then the State must transfer to the NPS at least two days of operating costs by the close of business Eastern Daylight Time on Friday, October 18, 2013. Because the shutdown of any park takes two days, the NPS will commence park shutdown unless the State maintains a two-day balance in the donation account at all times.

B. The NPS agrees as follows:

1. Upon verification that State-donated funds have been deposited in the appropriate United States Treasury account, the NPS will promptly reopen the units identified in Exhibit A and will operate and manage each of those units until the funds donated for a particular unit are depleted or until the United States Congress has appropriated funds for the operation of the National Park System, whichever comes first. The parties understand and agree that if the State-donated funds are depleted before Congress appropriates funds for the operation of the National Park System, then the NPS must and will immediately close the units to public use and visitation.

2. The NPS will not obligate or expend any State-donated funds for any purpose other than reopening, operating, and managing the units identified in Exhibit A to this Agreement. More particularly, the NPS will not obligate or expend any State-donated funds for capital improvements to federally owned or operated facilities or for other-than-routine maintenance of those facilities.

C. The parties further agree as follows:

1. If the United States Congress appropriates funds for the operation of the National Park System before the funds donated to the NPS by the State are fully obligated, then the NPS will refund to the State the unobligated balance of the State-donated funds. Moreover, if the United States Congress appropriates funds and expressly directs the NPS to reimburse the State for State-donated funds previously obligated or expended by the NPS, then the NPS will promptly take action to do so.

2. Notwithstanding the execution of this Agreement, the State has no obligation to donate any funds to the NPS.

3. The parties' representatives who are signing this Agreement warrant that they have full authority to bind their respective parties to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Article III - Term of Agreement

This agreement will be effective on the date of final signature and will continue in effect for 30 days thereafter, until the enactment into law of either an annual appropriations bill for NPS or a bill or joint resolution that continues the availability of appropriated funds for NPS pending the enactment of an annual appropriation act for NPS or until terminated in accordance with article VIII below, whichever comes first.

Article IV - Designated Representatives

All notices and other written communications regarding this agreement will be sent via email and first-class mail to the following designated representatives of the parties:

For the NPS:
Director
National Park Service
United States Department of the Interior
Room 3112
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240
Telephone: (202) 208-4621
Telefax: (202) 208-7889
Email: jon.jarvis@nps.gov

For the State:
Governor Gary R. Herbert
State of Utah
c/o John A. Pearce, General Counsel
Utah State Capitol, Suite 200
P.O. Box 14220
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-2220
Telephone: (801) 538-1504
Email: jpearce@utah.gov

Article V - Prior Approval

Not applicable.

Article VI - Reports

Not applicable.

Article VII - Property Utilization

Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the parties, any property furnished by one party to the other will remain the property of the furnishing party.

Article VIII - Modification and Termination

This agreement may be modified only by a written instrument executed by the parties.

Either party may terminate this agreement for any reason by providing the other party with 24 hours' advance written notice of its intention to do so. If either party provides the other party with notice of its intention to terminate, then the parties' representatives will communicate promptly to discuss the reasons for the notice and to try to resolve their differences amicably.

Article IX - Standard Clauses

A. Civil Rights

During the performance of this agreement, the participants agree to abide by the terms of USDI-Civil Rights Assurance Certification, non-discrimination, and will not discriminate against any person because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The participants will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

B. Officials Not to Benefit

No member of or delegate to Congress or resident Commissioner shall be admitted to any share or part of this agreement or to any benefit that may arise therefrom, but this provision shall not be construed to extend to this agreement if made with a corporation for its general benefit.

C. No Third-Party Beneficiaries

Nothing in this agreement is intended to grant any rights or provide any benefits to any third-party.

D. Compliance with Applicable Laws

This Agreement and performance hereunder is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and government policies, whether now in force or hereafter enacted or promulgated. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as in any way impairing the general powers of the NPS for supervision, regulation, and control of its property under such applicable laws, regulations, and management policies. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed inconsistent with or contrary to the purpose or intent of any Act of Congress.

E. Merger

This Agreement, including its attachments, is the sole and entire agreement of the parties.

F. Counterparts

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original (including copies sent to a party by facsimile or email transmission) as against the party signing such counterpart, but which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

Article X - Authorizing Signatures

In witness hereof, the following authorized representatives of the parties have signed their names on the dates indicated, thereby executing this agreement.

For the National Park Service:

Jonathan B. Jarvis

Name (signature)

Director, National Park Service

Title

10/11/2013

Date

For the State of Utah:

Gary R. Herbert

Name (signature)

Governor, State of Utah

Title

10/10/2013

Date

Re: Ny1 News Inquiry

Barry Roth <barry.roth@sol.doi.gov> Sun, Oct 13, 2013 at 11:53 AM
To: Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
Cc: "Warren, John" <john_warren@nps.gov>, O'Dell Peggy <Peggy_O'Dell@nps.gov>, Foster Maureen <Maureen_Foster@nps.gov>, Sheaffer Bruce <Bruce_Sheaffer@nps.gov>, Boling Edward <ted.boling@sol.doi.gov>, KEABLE Ed <edward.keable@sol.doi.gov>, "Ahern, Jane" <jane_ahern@nps.gov>, Blake Androff <Blake_Androff@ios.doi.gov>, Mike Litterst <Mike_Litterst@nps.gov>, Kate Kelly <Kate_Kelly@ios.doi.gov>, David Luchsinger <david_luchsinger@nps.gov>, Joshua Laird <Joshua_Laird@nps.gov>, "Mike_Caldwell@nps.gov" <Mike_Caldwell@nps.gov>

(b) (5) [redacted]

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

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 13, 2013, at 11:43 AM, Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov> wrote:

> John looping others - (b) (5) [redacted]
>
> Sue Waldron
> Assistant Director, Communications
> National Park Service
>
> Sent from my iPad
>
> On Oct 13, 2013, at 11:26 AM, "Warren, John" <john_warren@nps.gov> wrote:
>
>> FYI: Governor Cuomo chose to make his 11 AM announcement in Battery Park City, an NYC park with a good view of the Statue, but not where visitors board ferries. Nothing took place on NPS turf (Liberty Island) and we did not attend.
>>
>> Also: I note that the press release from DOI states that the dates we will be open are Oct. 12-17. It actually took us a day longer than that to reopen, so the dates are now October 13-18. Maybe the PR on the web could be tweaked? DOI press release is here: http://www.doi.gov/news/pressreleases/national-park-service-enters-agreement-with-state-of-new-york-to-re-open-statue-of-liberty.cfm
>>
>> I have added the info about the park being open for six days to the alerts on the STLI

and ELIS webpages, using the DOI PR for basic language. Employees on the social media team have added the message to the STLI Facebook page as well.

John Harlan Warren
cell (b) (6) [redacted]

On Sat, Oct 12, 2013 at 11:38 AM, Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov> wrote:

Being a part of the opening announcement would be great. Stick to the tpts we sent and make them
Work for your park

Dave uberauga is participating with az guv at grand canyon event this morning
Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 12, 2013, at 10:18 AM, "Ahern, Jane" <jane_ahern@nps.gov> wrote:

Sue: I've asked Dave Luchsinger to bring John Warren back from furlough status (he is currently back at GATE and not at STLI but since GATE remains closed and we need a PR contact at STLI...). I want to be sure John is clear on what you/Peggy and DOI want from the park on the local front for the press event the Governor is going to hold. John will be the park POC. He will need guidance, direction. I've attached the first of what will be MANY press requests to film the reopening. I will forward John all the material you sent yesterday to TPs etc.

JOHN: I have a series of general TPs and Q&As from Sue Waldron's shop that I will forward to you immediately. Let's wait for more guidance from Sue and DOI about the press event. Since we are not officially reopened until tomorrow I suspect the event will be then, but you will be our eyes and ears locally. Sue and DOI are in communications with the Governor's Office.

Jane

——— Forwarded message ———
From: **John Warren** <john_warren@nps.gov>
Date: Sat, Oct 12, 2013 at 9:52 AM
Subject: Fwd: Ny1 News Inquiry
To: David Luchsinger <david_luchsinger@nps.gov>
Cc: Jane Ahern <Jane_Ahern@nps.gov>

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From: "Kaner, Yan" <yan.kaner@ny1news.com>
Date: October 12, 2013, 8:14:40 AM EDT
To: "'John_Warren@nps.gov"
<John_Warren@nps.gov>
Subject: Ny1 News Inquiry

Hi John,

How are you? Sorry to bother you on a weekend. Trying to see if I can have a camera crew today on the statue of liberty.. since it is reopening today. Let me know if this is possible. Also if anyone is aval to speak with us on camera.

Thank you!

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Fwd: Georgia National Parks and Historic Sites

Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> Mon, Oct 14, 2013 at 7:00 PM
To: richard.elliot@wsbtv.com

Richard:

Your request was forwarded to this office by the Department of the Interior.

I am not aware that the Georgia governor's office has contacted us regarding the state's 10 National Park Service sites (listed below). If and when we receive a formal request, we will determine the costs to reopen the sites in the state and communicate them to the governor's office.

Mike

Andersonville National Historic Site
Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area
Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park
Cumberland Island National Seashore
Fort Frederica National Monument
Fort Pulaski National Monument
Jimmy Carter National Historic Site
Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park
Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site
Ocmulgee National Monument

NOTE: Chattahoochee National Forest is administered by the U.S. Forest Service
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Re: Arkansas Questions

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To: "Sarah D. Wire" <swire@arkansasonline.com>

Sarah:

The use of National Park Service employees, professionals trained in the complex operations of national parks and the preservation of their natural and historic resources, was a non-negotiable requirement of the offer. There is no option to use state employees (or anyone else, for that matter) to run the parks.

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On Mon, Oct 14, 2013 at 1:51 PM, Sarah D. Wire <swire@arkansasonline.com> wrote:
Thanks Mike. Was there any request to use state employees to staff national parks instead of having the state make a donation?

On Oct 14, 2013, at 1:49 PM, "Litterst, Michael" <mike_litterst@nps.gov> wrote:

Sarah:

As of close of business on Friday, there had been no request received from the Arkansas governor's office (today is a federal holiday for Columbus Day, so there is no one to receive any requests today). If and when we receive a formal request, we will determine the costs to reopen the sites in the state and communicate them to the governor's office.

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Re: National Parks

Michael Litterst <mike_litterst@nps.gov> Mon, Oct 14, 2013 at 2:22 PM
To: Blake Androff <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: Suzanne Waldron <Sue_Waldron@nps.gov>, Kate Kelly <Kate_Kelly@ios.doi.gov>

I presume, but would want to confirm with Bruce Sheaffer (costs fluctuate over time as seasonal employees are added/subtracted, winter weather arrives, etc).

Mike

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On Oct 14, 2013, at 2:19 PM, Blake Androff <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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U.S. Department of the Interior

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Date: October 14, 2013 at 2:18:25 PM EDT
To: Blake Androff <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: RE: National Parks

IF the shutdown lasts beyond Saturday (I hope it doesn't), would the price of $93,000/day be the same operating cost the state would have to front if it chooses to keep the park open for additional time?

SK

From: Blake Androff [mailto:blake_androff@ios.doi.gov]

Sent: Monday, October 14, 2013 11:17 AM
To: Shawn Kline
Subject: Re: National Parks

Correct. You would have to check with her office if they want to find other ones.

Blake Androff

Deputy Director of Communications

U.S. Department of the Interior

On Oct 14, 2013, at 2:01 PM, Shawn Kline <Shawn.Kline@cbs5az.com> wrote:

Blake,

Any word as to other National Parks in Arizona?

The money Gov. Brewer gave to the Dept. of Interior only addresses Grand Canyon Nat'l Park, correct?

Shawn Kline

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Fwd: Have we heard from Arkansas about providing funds to reopen their parks?

Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> Mon, Oct 14, 2013 at 1:24 PM
To: Margaret O'Dell <peggy_o'dell@nps.gov>, Maureen Foster <maureen_foster@nps.gov>

Responding to reporter request below, saying she's heard they have contacted us.

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Kelly, Katherine <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov> Mon, Oct 14, 2013 at 12:28 PM
To: Michael Litterst <mike_litterst@nps.gov>
Cc: Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>, Androff Blake <Blake_Androff@ios.doi.gov>, Foster Maureen <Maureen_Foster@nps.gov>, O'Dell Peggy <Peggy_O'Dell@nps.gov>, Sheaffer Bruce <Bruce_Sheaffer@nps.gov>

Yes, pls

On Monday, October 14, 2013, Michael Litterst wrote:
Check. Do you want me to respond?

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On Oct 14, 2013, at 11:04 AM, Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov> wrote:

Looping all

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On Oct 14, 2013, at 10:50 AM, "Kelly, Katherine" <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

That's right; happy to connect on costs with the gov't - (b)(5) [redacted]

On Monday, October 14, 2013, Suzanne Waldron wrote:
Looping maureen and bruce. Believe we have been saying that we will only respond to requests from states (possibly cities but that may have fallen away) to run costs.

Mike is back in the saddle today so copying him as well

Sue Waldron
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On Oct 14, 2013, at 10:11 AM, Blake Androff <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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Re: TN. Governor has announced

Shawn Benge <shawn_benge@nps.gov> Tue, Oct 15, 2013 at 6:23 PM
To: "Litterst, Michael" <mike_litterst@nps.gov>

Thanks Mike!

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On Oct 15, 2013, at 6:19 PM, "Litterst, Michael" <mike_litterst@nps.gov> wrote:

Shawn:

Just went out moments ago (attached).

Mike

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On Tue, Oct 15, 2013 at 6:15 PM, Shawn Benge <shawn_benge@nps.gov> wrote:
Mike--could you please let me know when the press release been issued with copy.

Greatly appreciated!

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Androff, Blake" <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov>
Date: October 15, 2013, 5:38:05 PM EDT
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Cc: Shawn Benge <shawn_benge@nps.gov>, Michael Litterst
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<Mike_Litterst@nps.gov>, Sue Waldron <Sue_Waldron@nps.gov>, Kate Kelly <Kate_Kelly@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: TN. Governor has announced

Mike --

Please queue up the Tennessee press release so we are ready to hit send as soon as JBJ signs the agreement.

Thanks!

Best,

Blake

On Tue, Oct 15, 2013 at 5:34 PM, Foster, Maureen <maureen_foster@nps.gov> wrote:

The director has not yet signed the agreement. I can't give the go yet.

I will let you know when it is signed.

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On Tue, Oct 15, 2013 at 5:33 PM, Shawn Benge <shawn_benge@nps.gov> wrote:

Maureen

Tn governor has announced. Press trucks setting outside GRSM headquarters. R we close to getting approval to talk with press and acknowledge our plans to open tomorrow?

I'm about to get o

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<Tennessee NP - Press Release.docx>

Date: October 15, 2013
Contact: DOI_Shutdown@ios.doi.gov

National Park Service Enters Agreement with State of Tennessee to Re-open Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Park Service is in the process of negotiating similar agreements with other states

The National Park Service today announced that it has entered into an agreement with the State of Tennessee that will allow Great Smoky Mountains National Park to re-open and temporarily operate during the government shutdown.

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Re: FW: News Release - National Park Service Enters Agreement with State of Tennessee to Re-open Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> Tue, Oct 15, 2013 at 7:40 PM
To: "Androff, Blake" <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: Maureen Foster <maureen_foster@nps.gov>, Bruce Sheaffer <bruce_sheaffer@nps.gov>, Sue Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>, Tim Fullerton <tim_fullerton@ios.doi.gov>, Katherine Kelly <Kate_Kelly@ios.doi.gov>, Edward Boling <ted.boling@sol.doi.gov>, Nicole Buffa <Nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>

NC is not listed in the agreement.

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On Tue, Oct 15, 2013 at 7:13 PM, Androff, Blake <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
+Tim and SOL

I'm fine with updating the release online to reflect the donation from NC, (b) (5) [redacted]

[redacted]

On Tue, Oct 15, 2013 at 7:08 PM, Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> wrote:
From North Carolina, about the Tennessee press release. Thoughts?

(b) (5) [redacted].

Mike

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To: "mike_litterst@nps.gov" <mike_litterst@nps.gov>, "DOI_Shutdown@ios.doi.gov" <DOI_Shutdown@ios.doi.gov>

Hey Mike –

We agreed with TN to contribute to this as well. We put in 75,000 – are you able to update your release as I'm not getting questions from our reporters here in NC on why we aren't included with this release.

Ryan

Ryan Tronovitch

Deputy Communications Director

Office of Governor Pat McCrory

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From: Waggoner, Martha [mailto:MWaggoner@ap.org]
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 6:40 PM
To: Tronovitch, Ryan
Subject: FW: News Release - National Park Service Enters Agreement with State of Tennessee to Re-open Great Smoky Mountains National Park

From: National Park Service [mailto:news@meltwaterpress.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 6:20 PM
To: Waggoner, Martha
Subject: News Release - National Park Service Enters Agreement with State of Tennessee to Re-open Great Smoky Mountains National Park

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To: "Waggoner, Martha" <MWaggoner@ap.org>
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Martha:

The agreement to reopen Great Smoky Mountains National Park was executed between the National Park Service and the State of Tennessee. North Carolina may have contributed money to Tennessee, but I am unable to confirm that by what is in the formal agreement; you would need to check with the governor's office on the source of the funds they provided to the National Park Service. In any event, the agreement is for five days only.

Mike

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On Oct 15, 2013, at 6:39 PM, "Waggoner, Martha" <MWaggoner@ap.org> wrote:

> I got the news release about the park reopening for five days, which mentions only Tennessee's donation. NC also donated another $75,000. How will that money be used – for other activities during the five days or for a sixth day?
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> Thanks for your help
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Re: Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Androff, Blake <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov> Tue, Oct 15, 2013 at 7:49 PM
To: "Litterst, Michael" <mike_litterst@nps.gov>
Cc: "DOI_Shutdown@ios.doi.gov" <DOI_Shutdown@ios.doi.gov>

fine w/ me

On Tue, Oct 15, 2013 at 7:48 PM, Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> wrote:

Blake:

Are you ok with this response:

The agreement to reopen Great Smoky Mountains National Park was executed between the National Park Service and the State of Tennessee. North Carolina may have contributed money to Tennessee, but I am unable to confirm that by what is in the formal agreement; you would need to check with the governor's office on the source of the funds they provided to the National Park Service. In any event, the agreement is for five days only.

Mike

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On Tue, Oct 15, 2013 at 6:39 PM, Waggoner, Martha <MWaggoner@ap.org> wrote:

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RE: Grand Canyon/shutdown

Lee, Michelle <Michelle.Lee@arizonarepublic.com> Wed, Oct 16, 2013 at 6:38 PM
To: "Litterst, Michael" <mike_litterst@nps.gov>

Thank you.

From: Litterst, Michael [mailto:mike_litterst@nps.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2013 3:37 PM
To: Lee, Michelle
Subject: Re: Grand Canyon/shutdown

Once an appropriations bill is passed, there will be federal funds immediately available for the operation of the National Park Service.

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On Wed, Oct 16, 2013 at 6:34 PM, Lee, Michelle <Michelle.Lee@arizonarepublic.com> wrote:

Hi Mike – I'm working on a story on deadline about the Arizona governor paying to keep the Grand Canyon open for an additional 9 days past the initial timeframe established with the DOI. If there is a deal reached in Congress, what is the process to pay for the canyon using federal funds? How long would that process take?

I'm at 602-316-8828.

Thank you,
Michelle

Michelle Ye Hee Lee

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Re: Question from Media

Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> Wed, Oct 16, 2013 at 6:34 PM
To: "Shedlowski, Kirby-Lynn" <kirbylynn_shedlowski@nps.gov>
Cc: Maureen Oltrogge <maureen_oltrogge@nps.gov>, Bruce Sheaffer <bruce_sheaffer@nps.gov>, Beverly Stephens <grace_stephens@nps.gov>

Entrance fees are not used to pay for operational costs, so the $93,0000 should be the stand alone figure for what it costs to operate the park.

Copying the comptroller's office for their take to be sure. Bruce/Grace - am I correct?

Mike

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On Wed, Oct 16, 2013 at 6:21 PM, Shedlowski, Kirby-Lynn <kirbylynn_shedlowski@nps.gov> wrote:

Hi Mike

I got these questions from Capitol Media Services in Phoenix.

on that $93,000 figure, is that total operating costs ABOVE the gate receipts? or is the $93,000 operating costs against which admissions are used to offset?

Since the figure of 93,000 came from Washington- do you have any guidance on how to answer this question?

Thanks,

Kirby

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Kirby-Lynn Shedlowski
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Re: Official AZ News Release on Opening

Oltrogge, Maureen <maureen_oltrogge@nps.gov> Wed, Oct 16, 2013 at 2:55 PM
To: Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
Cc: "Litterst, Michael" <mike_litterst@nps.gov>, Kirby-Lynn Shedlowski <kirbylynn_shedlowski@nps.gov>, Margaret O'Dell <peggy_o'dell@nps.gov>, Maureen Foster <maureen_foster@nps.gov>, Kate Kelly <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov>, Blake Androff <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov>, Tim Fullerton <tim_fullerton@ios.doi.gov>

http://azgovernor.gov/dms/upload/PR_101613_GrandCanyonContinuedFunding.pdf

From the Governor's official web site.

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On Wed, Oct 16, 2013 at 11:51 AM, Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov> wrote:
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Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 16, 2013, at 2:49 PM, "Litterst, Michael" <mike_litterst@nps.gov> wrote:

Interesting. Not sure we've been notified (and hopefully it won't be needed).

Thanks, Maureen and Kirby; looping in others.

Mike

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On Wed, Oct 16, 2013 at 2:30 PM, Oltrogge, Maureen <maureen_oltrogge@nps.gov> wrote:
Kirby pulled this off of the state's site.

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From: **Shedlowski, Kirby-Lynn** <kirbylynn_shedlowski@nps.gov>
Date: Wed, Oct 16, 2013 at 11:26 AM
Subject: Fwd: Official AZ News Release on Opening
To: Maureen Oltrogge <maureen_oltrogge@nps.gov>

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From: **Shedlowski, Kirby-Lynn** <kirbylynn_shedlowski@nps.gov>
Date: Wed, Oct 16, 2013 at 11:25 AM
Subject: Official AZ News Release on Opening
To: David Uberuaga <dave_uberuaga@nps.gov>, Diane Chalfant <diane_chalfant@nps.gov>, Laura Joss <laura_joss@nps.gov>, Rena Fugate <Rena_Fugate@nps.gov>, Bruce Sheaffer <bruce_sheaffer@nps.gov>, Bill Wright <bill_wright@nps.gov>

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Governor Jan Brewer: Arizona to Keep Grand Canyon Open Amid Continued Federal Inaction

Governor authorizes state funding for additional 9 days

PHOENIX – Governor Jan Brewer today announced the State of Arizona will continue funding Grand Canyon National Park in light of the continued federal government shutdown.

"Grand Canyon's importance to Arizona's tourism industry and overall economy cannot be ignored," said Governor Brewer. "While I am pleased the state is able to ensure the Canyon remains open during this critical season, it is well past time for the federal government to end this shutdown and pay its bills. We are doing our job. It's time the President and Congress do theirs."

On Friday, the governor negotiated an agreement to reopen Grand Canyon for up to at least seven days using state and local monies. Under the terms of the agreement, the State of Arizona is paying $93,000 per day to the National Park Service to fully fund park operations. Governor Brewer today authorized the use of state dollars from the Arizona Office of Tourism to continue funding the Canyon for up to an additional nine days, through October 27, if the federal budget stalemate in Washington persists. If the shutdown ends prior to then, Arizona will be refunded for any unspent days.

Visitors to Arizona's national parks have spent an average of $2.5 million a day during October in recent years – $1.2 million per day at Grand Canyon National Park alone.

The State of Arizona will seek support from members of its congressional delegation to authorize federal reimbursement of any state dollars expended to fund park operations during the shutdown.

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Re: Smoky Mountain National Park Reopening

Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> Mon, Oct 28, 2013 at 10:31 AM
To: Michelle Ann Neeley <neeleyma@live.unc.edu>

Michelle:

My apologies for the delay in responding to your inquiry. We were flooded with inquiries with the reopening of the parks and your request slipped in the process. Answers are below, directly underneath your questions. I hope this is reaching you when it can still be of use; please let me know if you have any additional questions or need further information.

Mike

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On Wed, Oct 16, 2013 at 1:49 PM, Michelle Ann Neeley <neeleyma@live.unc.edu> wrote:

Okay thank you!

Here are my questions:

1. I just heard that the Great Smoky Mountain National Park is being reopened for five days with funds from Tennessee and North Carolina, will they ever get that money back?

The funds were donated and we can only reimburse the states if Congress expressly directs us to do so through legislation. The continuing resolution that funded the reopening of the federal government and the National Park Service does not provide the needed directive."

1. If the shutdown continues for much longer, does the National Park Service have a plan to reopen more parks so the local economies don't suffer as much?

The park that opened were done so because the states they were located in provided the funding to do so. We would have opened parks for any state that indicated an interest and ability to fully fund National Park Service

personnel to re-open national parks in their states.

1. How many people are out of work from the park closures?

Approximately 20,000 National Park Service employees were furloughed as a result of the lapse in Congressional appropriations. Additionally, more than 12,000 concession employees at national parks across the country were affected.

1. Do you have an estimate of the amount of money the park service is losing as a result of the closures?

Across the National Park Service, about $450,000 per day in revenue was lost, including park entrance fees and other activities, such as campground fees, backcountry permits, boat rentals & more.

1. Are the parks still being maintained?

Approximately 3,000 National Park Service employees were excepted from the furlough to provide essential services, including the protection of life and property. Basic maintenance of essential systems was provided, but not to the standards that our full staffing levels allow.

Thank you so much for helping me!
Best,
Michelle Neeley

From: Michael Litterst <mike_litterst@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2013 1:01 PM
To: Michelle Ann Neeley
Subject: Re: Smoky Mountain National Park Reopening

Michelle:

Due to the overwhelming number of requests being sent to this office, combined with shutdown furloughs to the other six members of my staff, I am unable to accommodate the vast majority of interview requests. If you can send me your questions, I'll try to respond in writing.

Mike

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On Oct 16, 2013, at 10:13 AM, Michelle Ann Neeley <neeleyma@live.unc.edu> wrote:

Hello Mr. Litterst,

My name is Michelle Neeley and I am a journalism student at UNC-Chapel Hill. I am writing a FAQ piece about the government shutdown and I would love to get information and opinions about the shutdown's effects from you. If you could speak with me sometime this week, or put me in contact with someone else that could be helpful, I would greatly appreciate it!

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Michelle Neeley

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Re: Puerto Rico is moving forward

Laura Davis <laura_davis@ios.doi.gov> Wed, Oct 16, 2013 at 1:20 PM
To: "Foster, Maureen" <maureen_foster@nps.gov>
Cc: Nicole Buffa <nikki_buffa@ios.doi.gov>, Blake Androff <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov>, Sarah Neimeyer <sarah_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>, Pam Haze <pam_haze@ios.doi.gov>, Michael Litterst <Mike_Litterst@nps.gov>, Bruce Sheaffer <Bruce_Sheaffer@nps.gov>, Peggy O'Dell <Peggy_O'Dell@nps.gov>, Jon Jarvis <Jon_Jarvis@nps.gov>, Robert Eaton <robert.eaton@sol.doi.gov>, Edward Boling <ted.boling@sol.doi.gov>

Thanks Maureen.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 16, 2013, at 12:44 PM, "Foster, Maureen" <maureen_foster@nps.gov> wrote:

All:

Puerto Rico has forwarded a draft of the agreement back to us; it is now with SOL for review. They made a number of changes to the template so those difference will have to be resolved.

They would like to have the agreement signed today so that the park could open tomorrow. However, no promises have been made.

Just wanted to give you this heads up.

Maureen

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Re: Draft Ford's Theatre press release for review

Kelly, Katherine <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov> Wed, Oct 16, 2013 at 10:20 AM
To: "Haugrud, Kevin" <jack.haugrud@sol.doi.gov>
Cc: Ted Boling <Ted.Boling@sol.doi.gov>, "Androff, Blake J" <Blake_Androff@ios.doi.gov>, "nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>, laura davis <Laura_Davis@ios.doi.gov>, Margaret O'Dell <peggy_o'dell@nps.gov>, Maureen Foster <maureen_foster@nps.gov>, mike litterst <Mike_Litterst@nps.gov>, Suzanne Waldron <Sue_Waldron@nps.gov>

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On Wednesday, October 16, 2013, Haugrud, Kevin wrote:

Maureen transmitted the proposal to the District, and we will need to find out from her or Peggy whether the district has responded yet. It is definitely not a done deal yet. The last two paragraphs may need to be rewritten. (b) (5) [redacted] I'm copying Maureen and Peggy so they can hopefully fill in some details.

On Wed, Oct 16, 2013 at 9:06 AM, Kelly, Katherine <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Pls see attached draft release. Slightly different version considering the dc situation. Ted and Jack, can you review and approve this morning?

Also, any sense of timing here?

Thanks

——— Forwarded message ———
From: **Litterst, Michael**
Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2013
Subject: Ford's Theatre press release for review
To: Kate Kelly <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov>

Since you and Blake will likely be out when we get the ok to release this, figure it's best to send it now for your review. Changes from previous versions (b) (5) [redacted].

Mike

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Date: October 16, 2013
Contact: DOI_Shutdown@ios.doi.gov

National Park Service Enters Agreement with District of Columbia to Re-open Ford's Theatre

Park Service is in the process of negotiating similar agreements to open other parks

The National Park Service today announced that it has entered into an agreement with the District of Columbia that will allow Ford's Theatre National Historic Site to re-open and temporarily operate during the government shutdown.

Due to the lack of appropriations from Congress, the Department of the Interior was forced to close all national parks across the country last week and furlough more than 20,000 National Park Service employees who ensure the safety of visitors and the security of the resources.

Responding to the economic impacts that the park closures are having on many communities and local businesses, Secretary of the Interior Jewell announced last Thursday that she will consider agreements with Governors who indicate an interest and ability to fully fund National Park Service personnel to re-open national parks in their states. In the case of the District of Columbia, which doesn't have a Governor, the National Park Service has made the agreement with the Executive Office of the Mayor.

"This is a practical and temporary solution that will lessen the pain for some businesses in the District during this shutdown," said Secretary Sally Jewell. "We want to re-open all of our national parks as quickly possible for everyone to enjoy and call on Congress to pass a clean continuing resolution to open the government."

Under the terms of the agreement, the District of Columbia will donate funds to the National Park Service for the sole purpose of enabling National Park Service employees to re-open and manage Ford's Theatre National Historic Site.

The agreement funds the park for a period of five days, running from October 16 through October 20 at the donated amount of (b) (5)

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RE: Glen Echo statement

Beth Parker <Beth.Parker@foxtv.com> Wed, Oct 16, 2013 at 9:00 AM
To: Michael Litterst <mike_litterst@nps.gov>

HI, Mike:

Will you please keep me posted if things progress on this issue today? Just want to make sure we're on top of it.

Thanks!

Beth Parker

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From: Michael Litterst [mailto:mike_litterst@nps.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 4:35 PM
To: Beth Parker
Subject: Re: Glen Echo statement

Beth:

Here's a statement on Glen Echo, attributable to me.

"The National Park Service is in discussions with the State of Maryland about using state funds to reopen Glen Echo Park using National Park Service personnel. We have provided a dollar figure to the state for the cost of daily operations, which would include normal National Park Service staffing and operations at the site including visitor services and interpretive programs, grounds maintenance, custodial work and patrols and law enforcement by the United States Park Police."

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On Oct 15, 2013, at 4:29 PM, Beth Parker <Beth.Parker@foxtv.com> wrote:

Any luck, Mike? Sorry to pest.
Beth

Sent from my Motorola Smartphone on the Now Network from Sprint!

----Original message----

From: "Litterst, Michael" <mike_litterst@nps.gov>
To: Beth Parker <Beth.Parker@FOXTV.COM>
Sent: Tue, Oct 15, 2013 15:19:32 AST
Subject: Re: Channel 5 DC request asap

Hi, Beth!

Good to hear from you. Checking on Glen Echo Park and should have something for you shortly.

Mike

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On Tue, Oct 15, 2013 at 2:56 PM, Beth Parker <Beth.Parker@foxtv.com> wrote:

Hello, Mike:

Trying to find out if you guys have any comment regarding the Montgomery County Executive saying they plan to reopen Glen Echo Park with or without federal blessing. Working on a story on deadline for this afternoon.

Thanks!

Beth Parker

Fwd: Arkansas Democrate-Gazette - State plan reopen national parks nixed

Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> Wed, Oct 16, 2013 at 8:17 AM
To: Sue Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>, Kate Kelly <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov>, Blake Androff <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov>, Tim Fullerton <tim_fullerton@ios.doi.gov>, Margaret O'Dell <peggy_o'dell@nps.gov>, Maureen Foster <maureen_foster@nps.gov>

State plan to reopen national parks nixed

MICHAEL R. WICKLINE AND SARAH D. WIRE Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

LITTLE ROCK — The federal government has rejected an Arkansas plan to use state employees to staff and reopen national parks, a National Park Service spokesman said Monday.

The plan was nixed on the same day that state universities announced their latest furlough plans, as Arkansas continued to cope with the budget impasse in Washington.

Officials estimated that 590 state employees have already been idled by the federal budget freeze.

National parks, monuments and federal agencies were barricaded and closed Oct. 1 after Congress failed to agree on a plan to temporarily fund the federal government. That includes Arkansas' seven national parks; Arkansas Post National Memorial; Buffalo National River; Central High School National Historic Site; Clinton Birthplace National Historic Site; Fort Smith National Historic Site; Hot Springs National Park; and Pea Ridge National Military Park.

Late last week the U.S. Department of the Interior, which runs national parks, offered to let states make a "donation" to the department to pay for reopening and running national parks while the government is shutdown.

Several states accepted the federal government's offer. South Dakota spent $152,000 to open Mount Rushmore National Memorial through Oct. 23, according to the Interior Department. Arizona spent $651,000 to open the Grand Canyon through Oct. 18. New York paid $369,300 to open the Statue of Liberty until Oct. 17. Colorado paid $362,700 to open Rocky Mountain National Park until Oct. 20.

Gov. Mike Beebe offered to use employees from the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and the state Parks and Tourism Department to staff national parks in Arkansas instead of paying the federal government.

"That way there would be no additional cost," his spokesman Matt DeCample said. "We felt we had the manpower within state government to at least have enough of a skeleton crew at those national parks so they could be reopened."

That's not an option, National Park spokesman Mike Litterst said.

"The use of National Park Service employees, professionals trained in the complex operations of national parks and the preservation of their natural and historic resources, was a non-negotiable requirement of the offer," he said. "There is no option to use state employees (or anyone else, for that matter) to run the parks."

Litterst said the National Park Service won't calculate what opening Arkansas' parks would cost until asked by Beebe.

DeCample called the Park Service response unfortunate.

"I think we had a very commonsense solution to the problem in Arkansas, but if they won't let us do it there's nothing else we can do," he said.

State Parks and Tourism Director Richard Davies said Arkansas wanted to open the Buffalo National River in northwest Arkansas and Hot Springs National Park.

Davies said it wouldn't be difficult to have Parks Department employees unlock gates and patrol the national parks.

"But the park services isn't willing to do that. The only way the Department of the Interior is willing to handle it is the state has to write them a check in advance. I don't know that any one around here is going to write them a check," Davies said.

DeCample said the governor can't justify paying to open national parks while furloughing state employees who receive some of their pay from the federal government.

"We don't have the money to put those people back to work so we certainly don't have the money to reopen those parks, as important as they are to tourism to our state," he said.

Hot Springs Advertising and Promotion Commission CEO Steve Arrison said the city is so entwined with the National Park that it had to at least inquire if the state could afford to reopen part of the park.

"This isn't political for us, it is just economic. We're losing thousands of dollars a day," Arrison said. "We can't get those days back, we can't get that revenue back."

Hot Springs will be fine for a while, said Don Harper, who co-owns the Quapaw Baths and Spa on bathhouse row. He said the number of tourists has barely dropped.

"Hot Springs is a charming place including the park, but it can stand on its own," Harper, 62, said. "It really hasn't been as disastrous as if we were a satellite town near a national park."

Out at the Buffalo River, Ben Milburn, 33, of St. Joe, kept a handful of his staff on for maintenance, but largely closed his float trip company, Buffalo River Outfitters, when the government shut down. He normally closes at the end of October, but laid off eight employees a month earlier than planned.

"People don't have anything to do," Milburn said. "Our whole area here economically depends on that river. There's no telling how much revenue is being lost."

If the state wants to help tourism-based businesses, Milburn says it should buy ads promoting the river instead of using its money at season's end to subsidize the National Park Service.

"If I were the state I wouldn't pay them a dime," Milburn said.

The shutdown of the federal government enters its third week today as a result of an impasse in Congress.

The state Department of Finance and Administration estimated about 590 state employees were on furlough Monday, including 376 at the state Military Department, 62 at the state Department of Human Services, 55 at the state Department of Environmental Quality, 35 at the state Department of Health and 18 at the state Department of Labor, according to the finance department.

The finance department' estimate of about 590 furloughed state employees came several hours after Gov. Mike Beebe told reporters that he had been advised about 1,090 state employees were on furlough.

Richard Weiss, director of the finance department, said the number of furloughed state employees was cut

Monday largely because the number of furloughed employees at the state Department of Health had been cut from 521 to 35, after state officials learned the Women, Infants and Children program had enough federal funding for the rest of this month.

Beebe said said it's "ludicrous that that the federal government can't get this problem solved.

"There is no reason why they can't resolve this. It is sad," he said.

The University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service announced Monday that it's asking its 75 county offices to suspend use of 96 temporary clerical employees starting Wednesday as a cost-savings measure.

Like other state agencies, the Cooperative Extension Service is obtaining certification from the finance department "to determine whether we can use previously authorized federal funds to prevent furloughs," said Tony Windham , who heads the UA Cooperative Extension Service.

The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences is notifying 23 employees that they will be furloughed, starting Wednesday, a spokesman for UAMS said.

Arkansas State University said it's informed 11 full-time staff members and 15 graduate assistants that they will be furloughed starting Wednesday if the federal government shutdown doesn't end.

Four other full-time employees will have salary reductions because parts of their compensation is financed through federal funds, ASU said in a news release.

The University of Arkansas at Fayetteville said as many as 100 University of Arkansas employees could be furloughed this week as the result of the shutdown of the federal government.

University officials said said they are working to reduce the number of affected employees as much as possible.

The University of Arkansas at Little Rock has identified 245 employees who are funded wholly or partly from federal funds, according to UALR spokesman Judy Williams.

It's unclear how many of them will be furloughed.

"A final review and determination may not be completed until the end of the day (today)," Williams said.

Nine working students and two graduate assistants financed through federal grants at the Central Arkansas University have been on furlough since last Saturday, said Diane Newton, UCA's vice president for finance and administration.

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Fwd: NEWS: President Obama Can/Should Find Way To Open Grand Canyon As Before

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> Not sure if this will make it out of the state but wanted to give you the latest push today.
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Unacceptable. Gov. Symington and Pres. Clinton Found A Way. Obama And Brewer Must Find A Way To Get Grand Canyon Open 'Mr. Obama Tear Down These Barack-cades'

(TUSAYAN, Ariz.) Red Feather Properties, which has been serving tourists in northern Arizona for nearly a century, is calling on the Obama administration to reconsider its rejection of third party funds to keep the Grand Canyon open. The South-Rim based company is also asking Governor Brewer to reconsider her statement that that 'The Grand Canyon is not a priority."

Red Feather Properties is urging both sides to find a way to use private donations, state funds or local governments to keep this national treasure open while Washington sorts out its budget battles. The South-Rim based company has already pledged $25,000.

During a government shutdown in 1995, then-Governor Fife Symington worked with Bill Clinton and used state resources and private donations to keep the Grand Canyon partially open.

However Governor Brewer's spokesman told Capitol Media Services Jan Brewer does not intend to repeat Symington's efforts."This isn't 1995,'

said press aide Andrew Wilder. "We are not in a position to craft a situation like was done in 1995."

Perhaps that's because the Obama administration has rejected the use of third party funds to keep the Canyon, and other national parks, open.

Red Feather Properties Manager Clarinda Vail said, "If neither side is going to make an attempt, then nothing is going to get done. Thousands of tourists from around the world come here every day to see the Grand Canyon. What kind of impression does it give them when they travel here and find out its closed? Even worse, what are the long-term impacts as people plan their vacations and are forced to wonder whether bickering in Washington DC will prompt another closure of this national treasure."

In addition, the federal Government has closed Highway 64 at the Grand Canyon National Park to keep tourists from getting a passing glance of the Canyon.

Vail says she doesn't blame the local National Park employees because the policies are being established in Washington DC.

Meanwhile the adjacent Town of Tusayan is suffering economically. It's Mayor, Greg Bryan, worked with Vail to present the third party donation plan, only to be turned down.

Vail added, "The President needs to take down the Barack-cades that not only block the way to a national treasure but also block a funding source that our local community is willing to provide."

Red Feather Properties is pledging $25,000 to help keep the Grand Canyon open and is urging business owners around the State of Arizona and around the United States to do the same. Other options include utilizing funds from the adjacent Town of Tusayan, Arizona State Parks' funds or an emergency legislative solution.

Red Feather Properties owns and operates the Red Feather Lodge in Tusayan and owns a number of commercial properties in Tusayan and has been serving tourists in Northern Arizona for nearly a century.

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Just a reminder - if we could get that donations statement back from OPM, it would help for situations like this.

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Fwd: Government shut down - PLEASE LET PEOPLE RAFT THROUGH GRAND CANYON!

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Fwd: Were Grand Canyon and Carlsbad Cavern opened in 1995-1996 shutdown using donations?

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Subject: Re: Were Grand Canyon and Carlsbad Cavern opened in 1995-1996 shutdown using donations?

We are holding on the letter - (b) (5) [redacted]

On Fri, Oct 4, 2013 at 8:02 AM, Haze, Pam <pam_haze@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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> On Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 6:10 PM, Crutchfield, Craig <Craig_Crutchfield@omb.eop.gov> wrote:
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> > I vividly recall the Arizona governor's offer to use the National guard to keep open Grand Canyon, but I did not recall that park being opened again during the second shutdown of 1995-96 through the use of donated funds, as the article below suggests.
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GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN: Obama admin dusts off Clinton's 1995 playbook

Robin Bravender and Emily Yehle, E&E reporters

Published: Thursday, October 3, 2013

Gridlock engulfed Capitol Hill, the gates at Grand Canyon were locked, and federal workers went home, wondering if they'd make their mortgage payments.

It was 1995.

The current federal shutdown is looking eerily like the scene nearly two decades ago, when the Clinton administration faced off against then-House Speaker Newt Gingrich. Then, like now, there was widespread outcry about access to national parks, federal workers fretted over getting their paychecks, and Democratic agency heads hunkered down -- blaming it all on the GOP-led House.

Some of the headlines from the winter of 1995-96 might sound familiar.

"National parks shut down" was a Nov. 17, 1995, story from United Press International. "Budget impasse halts cleanup at Superfund sites," said a Jan. 5, 1996, story in the Journal of Commerce. A Jan. 6, 1996, headline in the Newark, N.J., Star-Ledger said, "Idled federal workers face own budget ills."

While the political disagreement was the same then as now -- Republicans wanted to cut the budget, and even used the debt ceiling as leverage -- the details differed. In 1995, House Republicans had a regular spending bill they wanted to pass, and the White House didn't like the cuts. This time around, politicians are fighting over an Obamacare rider; the stopgap funding bill is along for the ride.

But when it comes to PR, the Obama administration appears to be taking a page out of President Clinton's 1995 playbook.

Then -- as now -- the national parks were used as a poster child to tug on heartstrings across America and highlight the perils of the shutdown. Park rangers herded tourists out of Yosemite, Grand Canyon and Yellowstone and locked the gates in November under the first of two shutdowns in 1995. It sparked such an outcry that when the next shutdown began in December, Arizona and New Mexico found money to keep the Grand Canyon and Carlsbad Caverns national parks open.

The administration's strategy: Hunker down and blame the GOP as outrage grows over the lack of federal services. So far, agency heads have canceled their speaking plans and aren't launching any public relations offensives to rail against the shuttering of their offices.

EPA chief Gina McCarthy has had no public meetings since the shutdown began three days ago, according to her public schedule, and she canceled a speaking event scheduled for today. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell canceled her plans to travel to the Society of Environmental Journalists conference this week, and she's been working out of the agency's Washington headquarters, according to an agency spokeswoman.

Top agency officials took a similar approach the last time around.

"My recollection is that Carol [Browner] and all other political appointees at EPA were not engaged in public activities during the shutdown," said David Gardiner, who served as EPA's policy chief during the Clinton administration. "We were at EPA working on keeping the place running during the shutdown and not traveling or doing public activities."

Gardiner said one of then-EPA Administrator Browner's most pressing activities at the time

was recording regular updates for employees who called in to check on the status of the shutdown.

But that strategy started to change as shutdowns became commonplace.

On the eve of the second shutdown in 1995, Vice President Al Gore visited a water treatment plant in Maryland to hammer the Republican budget for threatening water quality. Joined by Browner, he listed cuts to wastewater treatment funding, environmental programs and state drinking water funds.

"Safe, clean water is the first line of defense in protecting public health, protecting our children and our families, and protecting the basic values that are fundamental to the American quality of life," Gore said, according to a press release at the time. "We must not allow the Republican budget to roll back the progress of the past 25 years."

And at the end of December 1995, as the second shutdown continued, EPA officials started to speak out about the perils posed by Superfund sites that faced funding shortfalls.

"We're very concerned about the one-quarter of Americans who live within 4 miles of a Superfund site," Browner told Reuters in late December. EPA was on the cusp of halting work at sites except those that posed an "imminent threat" to public health or the environment.

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October 3, 2013

Secretary Sally Jewell
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Dear Secretary Jewell:

I do not have to describe in detail the magnitude of what the local economy in Blount County stands to lose with the Great Smoky National Park being closed during this Government shutdown.

What would we have to do in Blount County to contract with our National Park Service employees responsible for Cades Cove and the Foothills Parkway? These are two very important areas to the citizens of Blount County.

Is there a possibility that we could pay those employees with local resources and allow Cades Cove and Foothills Parkway to remain open?

If this is not an option, would the Department of Interior and the National Park Service allow us to provide with local resources the security, the emergency services and the overall oversight and supervision required to allow those areas of the National Park in Blount County to be open for tourism.

As this matter is of utmost urgency in Blount County, I look forward to hearing back from you immediately.

With kindest regards,

Ed Mitchell
Blount County Mayor

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cc: Senator Bob Corker
Senator Lamar Alexander
Congressman John Duncan, Jr.
Mayor Michael Talley, City of Townsend
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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release
October 3, 2013

The Federal Government's decision to shut down the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and, in particular, Cades Cove and the Foothills Parkway, will have a tremendous impact on the citizens of Blount County. This is the peak time for Park visits by tourists from all over our country. For Washington to allow this to happen is absolutely wrong and irresponsible. If they are unable to agree and cooperate on both sides of the aisle in Washington, let us at the local level cooperate and partnership to do what needs to be done to keep this country running. We, in Blount County, are offering solutions.

Blount County Mayor Ed Mitchell will hold a press conference on Friday, October 4, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. at the entrance of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in Blount County.

Questions can be directed by the Blount County Mayor's Office at 273-5700.

Shutdown Impacts as of October 7, 2013

National Park Service

- Arizona Governor Jan Brewer has offered to use state money to keep the Grand Canyon open in a letter sent to the President, October 5.

- Press reports continue to cover visitor defiance of closed park barricades, recently citing a trend of family vacationers crossing barricades at Mt. Rushmore, Zion National Park, the Badlands, visitors along the Mount Vernon bike path in the Washington D.C area, and anglers along the barricaded fishing access sites along the Bighorn Reservoir.

- The inability of closed sites to address incidents during the shutdown was highlighted at Acadia National Park, where a 69 year old woman fell and hurt herself while hiking and could not hike out. All four rangers on duty and five search and rescue volunteers assisted in carrying the woman out to get her care.

- Blount County (TN) Mayor Ed Mitchell has offered county resources to open portions of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, in particular, Cades Cove and the Foothills Parkway.

- Washington D.C. Mayor Vincent Gray has ordered municipal trash collectors to service trash cans on National Park Service sites in the area to control vermin, for the duration of the shutdown. The city will not enter park areas which have been barricaded such as the National Mall.

- The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is defying a closure directive from the National Park Service to close down several state parks that receive federal funding – Devil's Lake and Interstate state parks, the northern unit of the Kettle Moraine State forest and the state's portion of the Horicon Marsh. The State has decided that parks partly funded by the federal government would stay open to the public.

- The management of the Avon Pier indicated they would resume business on Saturday, October 5, despite direction from the National Park Service to close because they are on NPS land. Because the pier's entrance ramp starts inside the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, it is considered a concession of the Park Service and was ordered to close.

- The Roanoke Island Historical Association, operator of The Lost Colony's annual Halloween-themed fundraiser, Psychopath, notified the National Park Service of their intent to move forward with the series of events on October 5.

- The City of Salem has addressed closure of the NPS Salem Visitor Center during the month of October's "Haunted Happening" by setting up a makeshift visitor center and bringing in portable toilets.

Fish and Wildlife Service

- Alaska Governor Sean Parnell objected to the closure of federal refuge areas to hunting and fishing citing inconsistencies with the way in which the shutdown was handled for NPS and BLM areas in the State. Secretary Jewell will send a letter to Gov. Parnell to clarify that NPS and FWS areas are closed for commercial hunting, but consistent with ANILCA will remain open for subsistence purposes.

- The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources reopened a boat launch barricaded by the Fish and Wildlife Service on the Mississippi River at Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien because it was on federal land. State officials cited legal authority to remove the barricades because of an agreement Wisconsin has had with the federal government since 1961.

Bureau of Land Management

- Despite closure notices, BLM Arizona reports continued visitation to "The Wave," a unique sandstone rock formation near the Utah border. The BLM normally admits visitors via a lottery system with just 20 permitted each day. BLM Arizona is concerned about visitor safety -- 2 people died there earlier this year -- and potential vandalism. BLM law enforcement has issued about 40 citations but is trying to use a soft touch to enforce closure.

- BLM Montana reports an attempted break in at the Missouri Breaks National Monument Interpretive Center in Fort Benton, which houses a number of valuable artifacts including a historical rifle owed by Chief Joseph valued at about one million dollars. This and other valuable artifacts have been moved to other locations for the duration of the shutdown.

- The Notice of Availability of the FEIS for Pan Gold Mine, Midway Gold, Nevada, will not be published in the Federal Register until government reopens, which will delay the start of the mining operation and associated jobs.

- Right of Way permitting for a natural gas power line across Southwestern Alaska needed to power the Donlin Gold Mine in Western Alaska is delayed. The ROW involves approximately 130 miles of BLM managed lands. As of Oct. 1 all work on the EIS which was in the alternative development phase by BLM staff, has ceased. The Donlin Mine is located on Native Corporation land, it has reserves of approximately 30 million ounces of gold and will produce 1 million ounces a year. The mine forecasts employment of 800 to 1200 full time jobs in an area where there are few employment opportunities.

Office of Surface Mining

- Texas-based electric utility Luminant Energy contacted OSM about paying the company's AML reclamation fees, which are required under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA). Due to the shutdown, Luminant cannot access OSM's website to calculate what the company owes in AML fees. Failure to pay AML fees in a

timely manner is a violation of SMCRA that subjects the violator to penalties and blocks the violator from receiving new permits. Luminant has indicated if it remains unable to access the relevant website for another week or so, the company may not be able to pay its fees on time. OSM anticipates that other mine operators will be in a similar position the longer the shutdown continues.

Bureau of Reclamation

- The Bureau of Reclamation has postponed a full scale exercise planned for October 16, for Folsom Dam, a NCI site located in Folsom, Calif. The exercise will be rescheduled for the spring. Reclamation is the only Federal agency involved in the FSE while there are a number of local and state agencies, emergency responders and participants.

FY 14 shutdown - operating costs for parks re-opened with state funds

state	per day cost	amount wired to NPS	beginning date per agreement	actual date park began to re-open	state paid for x days	park opened for x days	days state should be reimbursed	amount NPS will return to states
AZ	$93,000.00	$651,000.00	10/12/2013	10/12/2013	7	5	2	$186,000.00
CO	$40,300.00	$362,700.00	10/11/2013	10/11/2013	9	6	3	$120,900.00
NY*	$61,600.00	$492,800.00	10/12/2013	10/13/2013	8	4	4	$246,400.00
SD	$15,200.00	$152,000.00	10/14/2013	10/14/2013	10	3	7	$106,400.00
TN	$60,100.00	$300,500.00	10/16/2013	10/16/2013	5	1	4	$240,400.00
UT	$166,572.08	$1,665,720.80	10/11/2013	10/11/2013	10	6	4	$666,288.32
TOTAL		$3,624,720.80						$1,566,388.32

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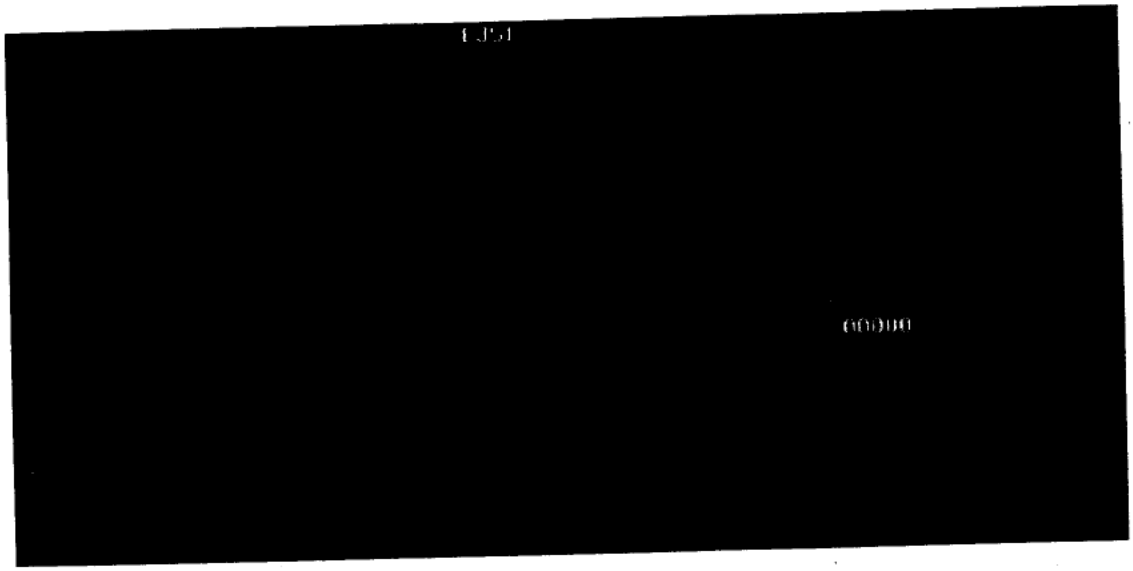
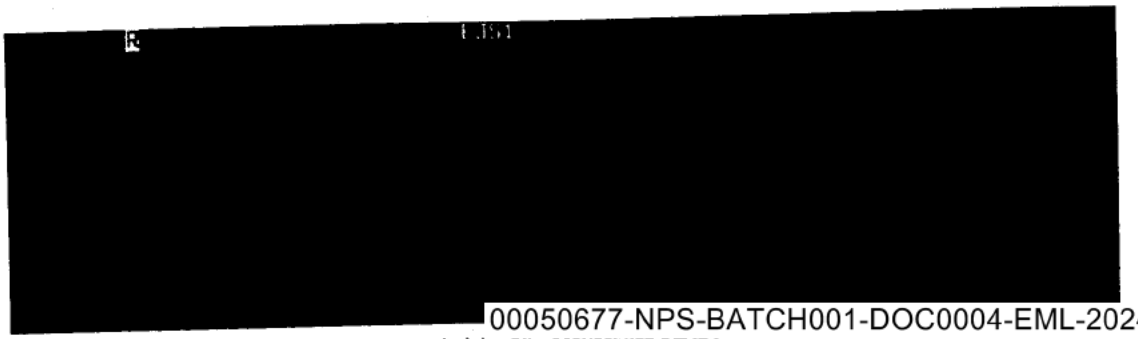
the end of your quest

Sat, Oct 5, 2013 at 6:39 PM

Bruce Sheaffer (b) (6) [redacted]
To: jon_jarvis@nps.gov
Cc: peggy_O'dell@nps.gov, Bruce_Sheaffer@nps.gov

OK... here are the screen prints from february, march and april 1996 accounting records. finding this stuff was made difficult because the donation came through doi, not directly. to ups I think I had to do this because I had no one in finance at that time. So, you will see that there are 4 donations.. the first is for Carlsbad for $65,625, the second is for grand canyon for $370,125 and the 2 for independence for $11,690 and $5,010.. Note the comment lines say repayment or refund... we never obligated any of these funds, just returned them to the states, city... So there your go, we did agree to take a donation, but as I said, we never executed the donation because the shutdown ended. I hope you can print this for your administrative record and memoirs. It was no small task to dig this stuff out...





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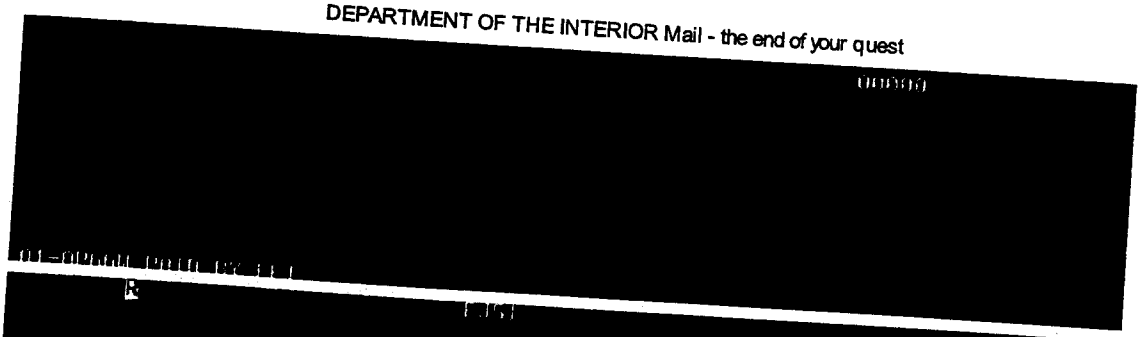

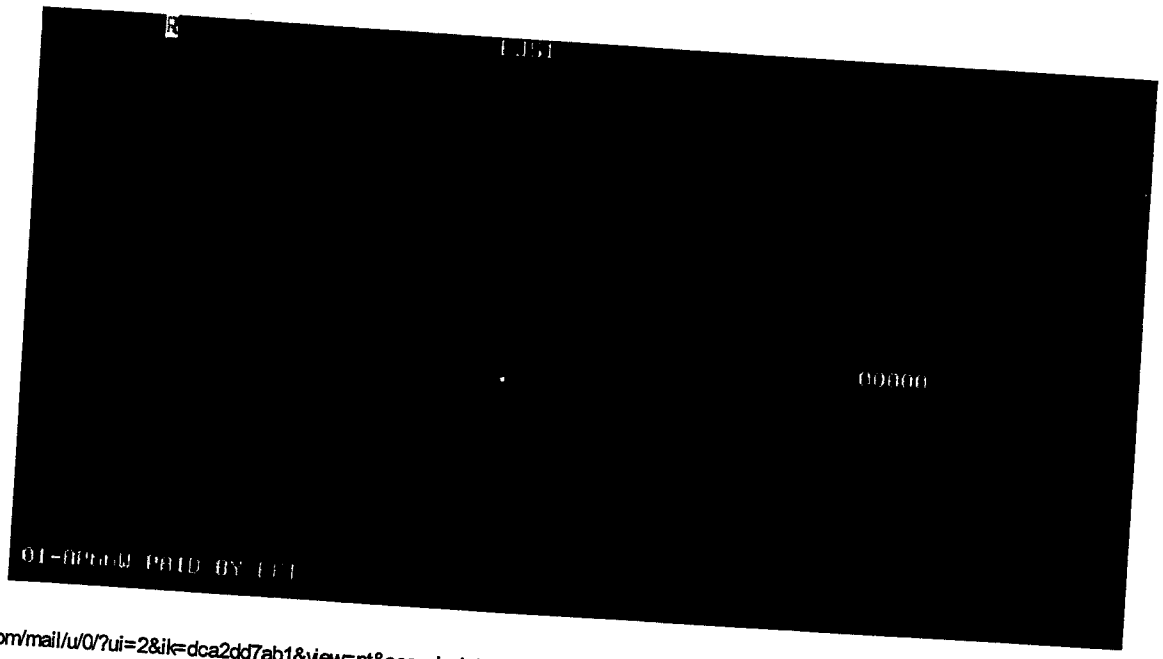

STATE OF ARIZONA

JANICE K. BREWER
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

October 4, 2013

The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As the Governor and legislative leaders of a state that is home to one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World – Grand Canyon – we write to request your leadership to immediately fund America's National Parks or, at the very least, make it possible for state and private funding to reopen National Parks, which has been done during previous shutdowns and budget shortfalls.

The Grand Canyon is more than Arizona's most treasured natural landmark – it is a global attraction and driving source of national and international tourism. A recent National Park Service study shows that, in 2011 alone, visitors to Grand Canyon National Park generated more than $467 million and supported nearly 7,400 jobs. As Arizona is no less exposed to the current unstable and struggling national economy than any other state, we cannot afford to turn away this kind of revenue. To do so will unnecessarily devastate the employment of thousands of Arizonans who depend on the Grand Canyon – especially when there is a common-sense alternative.

On behalf of the people of Arizona, and all who cherish the Grand Canyon as a premier world travel destination, we call upon you to fulfill the federal obligation to fund Grand Canyon National Park. We understand that, if it reaches your desk, you have promised to veto House Joint Resolution 70, which provides federal funding for America's national parks. We ask that you either reconsider this position, or direct the National Park Service to allow states like Arizona to reopen the national parks using state and private funding.

Though not an ideal solution, state and private funds are available to be used for this purpose. And it is legally possible as demonstrated in the past. In 1995, a combination of state and private dollars was used to reopen Grand Canyon National Park. In March of this year, the National Park Service granted Cape Cod National Seashore the authority to accept private dollars to prevent

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closures related to the sequester (letter enclosed). The Grand Canyon should not be held hostage in this budget battle.

Mr. President, our federal government is shut down because of a failure of leadership in Washington, and the citizens of states like Arizona are left bearing the burden. You have the opportunity to ease that burden by allowing major economic and historic attractions, like Grand Canyon National Park, to remain operational. We hope that you will reopen our National Parks or allow us to do it ourselves.

We look forward to your swift response.

Sincerely,

Janice K. Brewer
Governor

Andy Biggs
President, Arizona State Senate

Andy Tobin
Speaker, Arizona House of Representatives

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Harry Reid, Senate Majority Leader
The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Senate Minority Leader
The Honorable John Boehner, Speaker of the House
The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, House Minority Leader
Arizona Congressional Delegation

TOWN OF TUSAYAN at the south entrance to Grand Canyon National Park

October 5, 2013

Dear Director Jarvis:

As Mayor of Tusayan, Arizona, I am writing on behalf of the Tusayan Town Council to detail our action on October 3, 2013 to appropriate $200,000 in emergency funding to the National Park Service to assist in reopening the Grand Canyon National Park. As you may be aware from media reports, local businesses impacted by the park's closure also have committed more than $150,000 for the effort.

Grand Canyon Superintendent David Uberuaga attended a council meeting and said the National Park Service cannot legally accept any third party funding because "this is a fundamental core operation of the federal government provided for by government appropriations of the U.S. Congress."

It is the Town's contention that there is clear legal authority for such a donation. In 1995, then-Secretary Babbitt worked with stakeholders in Arizona to arrange a donation from the state. Just last year, the Department of Interior accepted a $7.5 million private donation to refurbish the Washington Monument.

According to a recent Associated Press news story, the Grand Canyon National Park generates $1.3 million a day in economic activity to Arizona communities, including Tusayan. During the current closure, the park is losing $55,000 a day in revenue, according to its own figures. Tourist-related businesses such as hotels, restaurants, Colorado River tours, air tours, campgrounds and others represent the backbone of an industry that serves people from all over the world.

The Town of Tusayan has committed the financial resources to keep the park open during the shutdown, and we hope to meet with the appropriate representatives of the Department of Interior to discuss what that process might look like.

We understand the federal government shutdown puts agencies in an extremely difficult position to provide basic functions to Americans, and that is the spirit in which our approved donation was made. Despite our disappointment with Superintendent Uberuaga's dismissal of our offer, I can assure you that the outpouring of support we have received in Tusayan since our action crosses party lines and all segments of local politics. In short, no one in Arizona opposes the effort to reopen the Grand Canyon.

As this is a timely issue for our community, we would appreciate your prompt consideration of request, and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
DENNIS DAUGAARD, GOVERNOR

September 30, 2013

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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,

Dennis Daugaard

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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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Fax Number – 605.773.4711

TODAY'S DATE: 9/30/2013

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TO: Jonathan Jarvis, National Park Service Director

RE: Mount Rushmore National Memorial

FAX NUMBER: 202.219.0910

FROM: Governor Dennis Daugaard/Nila Novotny

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Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2013 3:31 PM
To: Myers, Randolph
Cc: Keable, Edward; Foster, Maureen; Blake Androff; Kevin Haugrud
Subject: Re: Draft response to SD governor

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Adding Randy Myers.

Randy,

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Subject: Re: Draft response to SD governor
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Here are some thoughts from Blake and me.

On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 5:39 PM, Haugrud, Kevin <jack.haugrud@sol.doi.gov> wrote:

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On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 5:10 PM, Haugrud, Kevin <jack.haugrud@sol.doi.gov> wrote:
Kate or Blake, could you give me a call to discuss. 208-4507

On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 4:48 PM, Kelly, Katherine <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
Adding Laura, and piling on to Blake's suggestion:

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On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 4:46 PM, Androff, Blake <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 4:41 PM, Edward Keable <edward.keable@sol.doi.gov> wrote:
I'm good. Ed

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From: Roth, Barry <barry.roth@sol.doi.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 01, 2013 12:24 PM
To: Foster, Maureen; Rob Eaton; Edward Boling
Subject: Fwd: fyi: [redacted]

Maureen, Haugrud would like Rob and me to review for legal whatever statement/letter you are saying on donations and state operations before we go. We agree with Bruce it is policy with legal implications.

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From: **Boling, Edward** <ted.boling@sol.doi.gov>
Date: Tue, Oct 1, 2013 at 12:20 PM
Subject: Re: fyi: (b) (5) [redacted]
To: "Roth, Barry" <barry.roth@sol.doi.gov>

Contact Maureen. I've heard it discussed and (b) (5) [redacted]

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On Tue, Oct 1, 2013 at 12:12 PM, Roth, Barry <barry.roth@sol.doi.gov> wrote:
Do you know about the donation statement/letter and state operations. Or do i contact Maureen?

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On Tue, Oct 1, 2013 at 12:09 PM, Edward Boling <ted.boling@sol.doi.gov> wrote:
OK - Jon will sign

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 1, 2013, at 11:50 AM, "Myers, Randolph" <randolph.myers@sol.doi.gov> wrote:

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Randy

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Hi all,

Please see attached. I tried to capture all of the changes we discussed and agreed on.

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Sent: Friday, October 11, 2013 3:48 PM
To: Maureen Foster; Margaret O'Dell; Jon Jarvis
Subject: Fwd: NPS deal

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Paul Tetreault <pault@fords.org>
Date: October 11, 2013, 3:36:46 PM EDT
To: "Vogel, Bob" <bob_vogel@nps.gov>
Subject: FW: NPS deal

Bob,

Please let me know if this is what you are looking for and if we can get some response from this today or tomorrow.

Paul

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Paul R. Tetreault
Director
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From: Douglas Wilson
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Evening performances by Ford's Theatre Society in the historic Ford's Theatre currently consume minimal federal resources. National Park Service administration and the rangers that assist with interpretation in the Theatre and in the Petersen House work during the hours of 8:00-5:30. Our evening performances start no earlier than 7:30 p.m. As patrons begin arriving, the Ford's Theatre Society staff is on hand to provide house management services in both the Society's lobby space and the Theatre. Ford's Theatre Society works with a roster of civilian volunteers who assist patrons with seating and emergencies as well as to help enforce NPS regulations regarding food, drink, and gum in the historic Theatre. All running crew, actors, and stage management are also Ford's Theatre Society employees paid by the Society.

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Sent: Thursday, October 03, 2013 9:21 AM
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From: Foster, Maureen <maureen_foster@nps.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2013 7:58 PM
To: Lena McDowall
Subject: Fwd: NPS deal

Didn't see you on this.

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From: **Bob Vogel** <bob_vogel@nps.gov>
Date: Fri, Oct 11, 2013 at 3:48 PM
Subject: Fwd: NPS deal
To: Maureen Foster <Maureen_Foster@nps.gov>, Margaret O'Dell <peggy_o'dell@nps.gov>, Jon Jarvis <Jon_Jarvis@nps.gov>

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** Paul Tetreault <pault@fords.org>
> **Date:** October 11, 2013, 3:36:46 PM EDT
> **To:** "Vogel, Bob" <bob_vogel@nps.gov>
> **Subject: FW: NPS deal**
>
> Bob,
>
> Please let me know if this is what you are looking for and if we can get some response from this today or tomorrow.

Paul

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Paul R. Tetreault

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From: Douglas Wilson
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2013 3:31 PM
To: Paul Tetreault
Subject: NPS deal

Evening performances by Ford's Theatre Society in the historic Ford's Theatre currently consume minimal federal resources. National Park Service administration and the rangers that assist with interpretation in the Theatre and in the Petersen House work during the hours of 8:00-5:30. Our evening performances start no earlier than 7:30 p.m. As patrons begin arriving, the Ford's Theatre Society staff is on hand to provide house management services in both the Society's lobby space and the Theatre. Ford's Theatre Society works with a roster of civilian volunteers who assist patrons with seating and emergencies as well as to help enforce NPS regulations regarding food, drink, and gum in the historic Theatre. All running crew, actors, and stage management are also Ford's Theatre Society employees paid by the Society.

Expenses that are incurred by NPS during Ford's Theatre Society performances are guard services and utilities. While there could be some incremental heating, cooling, and electrical expense because of the number of people in the space and the lighting of

performances, most guard and utility expenses are incurred by NPS whether Ford's Theatre Society is hosting performances or not.

In the spirit of continued cooperation between the Society and NPS, the Society would agree, during this protracted government shutdown, to reimburse the National Park Service for the incremental utility costs associated with Ford's Theatre Society performances that take place in the Theatre. I'm sure we can agree on a baseline expense based on utility costs thus far during the shutdown, so that the Society's incremental costs can be determined.

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From: Vogel, Bob <bob_vogel@nps.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 3:07 PM
To: Margaret O'Dell; Jonathan Jarvis; Maureen Foster; Steve Whitesell; Lisa Mendelson; Stephen Lorenzetti; Karen Cucurullo
Subject: Fwd: FW: UPDATE: FORD'S THEATRE REOPENS OCT. 16
Attachments: FORDS_REOPENING_10.16.ShutdownUpdate.pdf

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From: **Kristin Fox** <kfox@fords.org>
Date: Tue, Oct 15, 2013 at 3:00 PM
Subject: FW: UPDATE: FORD'S THEATRE REOPENS OCT. 16
To: "Bob_Vogel@nps.gov" <Bob_Vogel@nps.gov>

Hi Bob,

Attached is the press release that FTS released this afternoon. We want to make sure that you had the final copy. Also, we want to make sure that we cut you a check this afternoon. Should it be made out to the National Park Service?

Thanks

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 15, 2013

Ford's Theatre Society Announces Ford's Theatre National Historic Site Will Reopen Wednesday, October 16, 2013

Private Donor Donates $25,000 in Emergency Funding to Reopen Site

Daytime Visits and Performances of *The Laramie Project* Resume October 16

WASHINGTON, D.C.—**Paul R. Tetreault**, director of Ford's Theatre Society, announced that the **Ford's Theatre National Historic Site (FOTH) will reopen Wednesday, October 16, thanks to $25,000 in emergency funding provided by a key trustee, Ronald O. Perelman**. The site will reopen for daytime visits at 9a.m. on Wednesday, and **performances of** *The Laramie Project* **will resume** at 7:30 p.m. that evening. *The Laramie Project* runs through Oct. 27; all remaining tickets for performances are $25.

The agreement to reopen the site, which has been closed since Oct. 1, developed over the Columbus Day weekend in conversations between Tetreault and the National Park Service (NPS). After several states agreed to provide funding to reopen parks in their jurisdictions, Tetreault and NPS began exploring how a similar agreement might work for FOTH. In the spirit of continued cooperation between the Society and the National Park Service, the Society agreed to find funding to pay for park operations normally funded by NPS in four-day increments. The $25,000 gift will enable the Society to reopen the site for the next eight days.

"For 45 years, Ford's Theatre Society has been honored to operate Ford's Theatre in a public-private partnership with the National Park Service," **Tetreault said**. "For the last 15 days, both NPS and the Society have been exploring ways to reopen this important historic site to the public. Thanks to the generosity of Ronald O. Perelman, we have found a way to pay NPS's expenses for the next eight days. We look forward to welcoming our patrons back to *The Laramie Project* as well as our daytime programming. While we are pleased that we have found a short-term solution, we sincerely hope that the shutdown ends soon, as private dollars cannot replace the government's role at Ford's Theatre National Historic Site in the long term."

Ronald O. Perelman, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of MacAndrews and Forbes Holdings Inc., is the Founding Sponsor of the Ford's Theatre Society's *Lincoln Legacy Project*; he also serves on the Society's Board of Trustees. *The Lincoln Legacy Project* is a multi-year programming effort to generate dialogue around the issues of tolerance, equality and acceptance. *The Laramie Project* is at the core of this year's *Lincoln Legacy* programming.

During the recent shutdown, performances of *The Laramie Project* were relocated to First Congregational United Church of Christ, just up the street.

"Though the shutdown has been painful, we have been amazed by the generosity of Rev. Sidney Fowler and the members of First Congregational, who have opened their beautiful space to us for more than a week of performances," **Tetreault said**. "We were honored to be in their space, and we look forward to future collaborations with our neighbors."

Ford's Theatre Society (FTS) is a private non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and does not use any federal funding nor federal employees for its programming.

The Laramie Project
By Moisés Kaufman and Members of the Tectonic Theater Project
Directed by Matthew Gardiner
Part of *The Lincoln Legacy Project*
Through October 27, 2013 * All Remaining Tickets Are $25
The Laramie Project presents a deeply complex portrait of a community's response to the 1998 murder of Matthew Shepard, a young gay man living in Laramie, Wyoming. In a series of poignant reflections, the residents of Laramie react to the hate crime and surrounding media storm with anger, bewilderment and sorrow. The play portrays the seismic and deeply personal impact Matthew's death had on this small town while also demonstrating the power of the human spirit to triumph over bigotry and violence. Fifteen years later, Matthew Shepard's story still reverberates, urging us on with its clarion call to confront the destructive power of bullying and hate, in all forms. *The Laramie Project* is the third offering in the multi-year *Lincoln Legacy Project*—an effort to generate dialogue around issues of tolerance, equality and acceptance. Experience the story that TIME Magazine calls "a pioneering and powerful stage event."

Special Exhibition- *Not Alone: The Power of Response*
Second Floor Gallery: Center for Education and Leadership (514 Tenth Street NW)
Through November 3, 2013
Following Matthew Shepard's attack in 1998, complete strangers from all over the world, moved by the horrific circumstances of Matthew's death, reached out to his parents, Judy and Dennis Shepard, to share their condolences, outrage, grief, love and support. *Not Alone: The Power of Response* pairs artist Jeff Sheng's *Where Matthew Lay Dying*, a hauntingly beautiful composite photograph of the fence outside Laramie—taken from Matthew's perspective—with a selection of the letters sent to the Shepard family in order to explore the themes of empathy, community response and personal responsibility.

Walking Tour:
Investigation: Detective McDevitt
written by Richard Hellesen
directed by Mark Ramont
runs March through October
On the night of April 14, 1865, Detective James McDevitt was on duty at the Washington Metropolitan Police headquarters, a half-block from Ford's Theatre. Just before 10:30, frantic witnesses rushed in with horrifying news: President Lincoln had been shot at the theatre. Join Detective McDevitt as he revisits the sites and reexamines the clues from the investigation into the Lincoln Assassination Conspiracy. *Investigation: Detective McDevitt* lasts approximately two hours and makes at least eight stops throughout the story. The distance walked is approximately 1.6 miles from Ford's Theatre to the White

House. Wear comfortable shoes. Tickets are currently available for dates through October 26, 2013. Spring 2014 dates will be announced in January 2014.

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Daytime Visits to the Ford's Theatre Campus

Patrons can visit the Ford's Theatre National Historic Site (Museum, Theatre and Petersen House) and Center for Education and Leadership starting at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, October 16. Tickets for October 16 through October 20 will be available for free on a walk-up basis.

National Park Service and Ford's Theatre Society Partnership

Since Ford's Theatre's reopening in 1968, more than 100 years after the April 14, 1865, assassination of President Abraham Lincoln, it has been one of the most visited sites in the nation's capital. Operated through a partnership with the National Park Service and Ford's Theatre Society, Ford's Theatre has enthralled visitors because of its unique place in United States history, and its mission to celebrate the legacy of Abraham Lincoln and explore the American experience through theatre and education. The NPS and FTS work together to present the Theatre's nearly one million annual visitors with a high quality historical and cultural experience.

Ford's Theatre Society

The Ford's Theatre Society was founded under the guidance of executive producer **Frankie Hewitt**, who, during her 35-year tenure, established Ford's as a living, working theatre producing performances that highlighted the diversity of the American experience. Since the arrival of **Paul R. Tetreault** as Director, critics and the theatregoing public have recognized Ford's for the superior quality of its artistic programming. With works from the nationally acclaimed *Big River* to the world premieres of *Meet John Doe*, *The Heavens Are Hung In Black*, *Liberty Smith* and *Necessary Sacrifices*, Ford's Theatre is making its mark on the American theatre landscape. Under the leadership of **Wayne R. Reynolds**, Board of Trustees Chairman Emeritus (Chairman 2007 to 2012), the mission of Ford's Theatre Society expanded to include education as a central pillar. This expansion led to the creation and construction of the Center for Education and Leadership, which opened in February 2012. Currently, under the leadership of Board of Trustees Chairman **Eric A. Spiegel**, Ford's enters a second phase of strategic planning to ensure the organization's place as a national destination for exploring Lincoln's legacy and the American experience through the intersection of history, performance and education.

For more information on Ford's Theatre and the Ford's Theatre Society, please visit www.fords.org.

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From: Kelly, Katherine <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2013 4:49 PM
To: Androff, Blake
Cc: Edward Keable; Kevin Haugrud; Randolph Myers; Maureen Foster; laura davis
Subject: Re: Draft response to SD governor

Adding Laura, and piling on to Blake's suggestion:

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On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 4:46 PM, Androff, Blake <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 4:41 PM, Edward Keable <edward.keable@sol.doi.gov> wrote:
I'm good. Ed

From: Haugrud, Kevin [mailto:jack.haugrud@sol.doi.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2013 01:13 PM
To: Myers, Randolph <randolph.myers@sol.doi.gov>
Cc: Kelly, Katherine <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov>; Keable, Edward <edward.keable@sol.doi.gov>; Foster, Maureen <maureen_foster@nps.gov>; Blake Androff <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Draft response to SD governor

Randy and Ed have not had the chance to weigh in on my edits, but attached is a version with my suggested edits.

On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 3:42 PM, Myers, Randolph <randolph.myers@sol.doi.gov> wrote:
A few minutes ago I forwarded my suggested revision to Jack and Ed.
Randy

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On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 3:30 PM, Kelly, Katherine <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
We have a number of pending press requests for which this language will be relevant. Looking at a 4pm deadline, please.

On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 3:11 PM, Myers, Randolph <randolph.myers@sol.doi.gov> wrote:
I just met with Jack Haugrud who is providing me with draft language Barry and Ted earlier prepared. Once I have had a chance to see it, I'll be able to finish my review of the draft NPS reply to Governor Daugaard.
Randy

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On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 3:00 PM, Keable, Edward <edward.keable@sol.doi.gov> wrote:
Randy has been taking a look at it and was touching base with Jack a moment ago. Ed

On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 2:03 PM, Foster, Maureen <maureen_foster@nps.gov> wrote:
Any movement on this letter??

Thanks.

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On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 9:14 AM, Keable, Edward <edward.keable@sol.doi.gov> wrote:
Adding Randy Myers.

Randy,

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Thanks,

Ed

On Tue, Oct 1, 2013 at 5:42 PM, Foster, Maureen <maureen_foster@nps.gov> wrote:
Here are the incoming and the draft response.

Please get me any comments.

Thanks.

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From: Foster, Maureen <maureen_foster@nps.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 03, 2013 9:53 AM
To: Lisa Mendelson
Subject: Fwd: Fw: Washington Post question about the WWII memorial

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From: **Jennifer Mummart** <jennifer_mummart@nps.gov>
Date: Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 8:25 PM
Subject: Fw: Washington Post question about the WWII memorial
To: lisa_mendelson-ielmini@nps.gov, Sue_Waldron@nps.gov, mike_litterst@nps.gov, maureen_foster@nps.gov, Peggy_O'Dell@nps.gov
Cc: carol_b_johnson@nps.gov, bob_vogel@nps.gov

Hi Peggy, Maureen, Lisa, Sue, and Mike,

Here is what I sent to Juliet. (b) (5)
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Jennifer

From: Eilperin, Juliet L [mailto:Juliet.Eilperin@washpost.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2013 02:19 PM
To: Mummart, Jennifer <jennifer_mummart@nps.gov>
Cc: mike_litterst@nps.gov <mike_litterst@nps.gov>
Subject: RE: Washington Post question about the WWII memorial

Perfect, thanks so much.

Juliet Eilperin

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From: Mummart, Jennifer [mailto:jennifer_mummart@nps.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2013 5:14 PM
To: Eilperin, Juliet L
Cc: mike_litterst@nps.gov
Subject: Re: Washington Post question about the WWII memorial

Dear Juliet,

We have received quite a few offers from states, localities, and businesses to pay for or provide support to re-open national parks. This is evidence of how much these places mean to people, and we take that very seriously. We have declined all of these offers because we are a national system operated by the National Park Service, which now, of course, lacks funds for daily operations. And, also, as you mention, if we were up and running, there would be an official process by which we accept and appropriately account for donations.

So, while we truly appreciate the offers of support, and the spirit in which they are intended, they are not offers we can accept.

Thanks,

Jennifer

Jennifer Mummart

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On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 5:08 PM, Eilperin, Juliet L <Juliet.Eilperin@washpost.com> wrote:

Dear Mike and Jennifer,

I just had a quick question about the RNC's offer to underwrite the operations of the WW II memorial for 30 days—is that even possible, isn't there a procedure for private contributions to park units, and restrictions on how they operate during a shutdown?

Thanks, you can reach me by email, or at one of the two numbers below (I will be leaving the office by 5:30).

Best,

Juliet

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From: DIR@nps.gov
Sent: Tuesday, October 01, 2013 1:45 PM
To: Maureen Foster
Subject: Attached Image
Attachments: 0192_001.pdf

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
DENNIS DAUGAARD, GOVERNOR

September 30, 2013

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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,

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard

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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.

From: Boling, Edward <ted.boling@sol.doi.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 01, 2013 12:46 PM
To: Foster, Maureen
Cc: Barry Roth
Subject: Re: Attached Image

Thanks - do you have a draft response?

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On Tue, Oct 1, 2013 at 12:43 PM, Foster, Maureen <maureen_foster@nps.gov> wrote:
Letter from SD 2 pages (with 2 blank pages -- oops)

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From: Laura Davis <laura_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 03, 2013 7:03 AM
To: Foster, Maureen
Cc: Haugrud, Kevin; Kelly, Katherine; Androff, Blake; Edward Keable; Randolph Myers; Sue Waldron; Michael Litterst
Subject: Re: Draft response to SD governor

Thanks Maureen and everyone. Can someone send me the incoming from the Gov? Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 2, 2013, at 6:13 PM, "Foster, Maureen" <maureen_foster@nps.gov> wrote:

okay. I will run it by the folks down here and try to get it out tomorrow.

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On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 6:12 PM, Haugrud, Kevin <jack.haugrud@sol.doi.gov> wrote:
Look good to me.

On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 5:54 PM, Kelly, Katherine <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
Here are some thoughts from Blake and me.

On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 5:39 PM, Haugrud, Kevin <jack.haugrud@sol.doi.gov> wrote:
Blake, as we discussed here is a revised draft that attempts to make it a bit stronger without getting into the specifics.

On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 5:10 PM, Haugrud, Kevin <jack.haugrud@sol.doi.gov> wrote:
Kate or Blake, could you give me a call to discuss. 208-4507

On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 4:48 PM, Kelly, Katherine <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
Adding Laura, and piling on to Blake's suggestion:

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On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 4:46 PM, Androff, Blake <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
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Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2013 01:13 PM
To: Myers, Randolph <randolph.myers@sol.doi.gov>
Cc: Kelly, Katherine <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov>; Keable, Edward <edward.keable@sol.doi.gov>; Foster, Maureen <maureen_foster@nps.gov>; Blake Androff <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Draft response to SD governor

Randy and Ed have not had the chance to weigh in on my edits, but attached is a version with my suggested edits.

On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 3:42 PM, Myers, Randolph <randolph.myers@sol.doi.gov> wrote:
A few minutes ago I forwarded my suggested revision to Jack and Ed.
Randy

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On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 3:30 PM, Kelly, Katherine <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
We have a number of pending press requests for which this language will be relevant. Looking at a 4pm deadline, please.

On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 3:11 PM, Myers, Randolph <randolph.myers@sol.doi.gov> wrote:
I just met with Jack Haugrud who is providing me with draft language Barry and Ted earlier prepared. Once I have had a chance to see it, I'll be able to finish my review of the draft NPS reply to Governor Daugaard.

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On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 3:00 PM, Keable, Edward <edward.keable@sol.doi.gov> wrote:
Randy has been taking a look at it and was touching base with Jack a moment ago. Ed

On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 2:03 PM, Foster, Maureen <maureen_foster@nps.gov> wrote:
Any movement on this letter??

Thanks.

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On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 9:14 AM, Keable, Edward <edward.keable@sol.doi.gov> wrote:
Adding Randy Myers.

Randy,

(b) (5)

[redacted]

Thanks,

Ed

On Tue, Oct 1, 2013 at 5:42 PM, Foster, Maureen <maureen_foster@nps.gov> wrote:
Here are the incoming and the draft response.

Please get me any comments.

Thanks.

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Sent: Thursday, October 03, 2013 4:24 PM
To: Laura Davis; Nicole Buffa; Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Jonathan Jarvis; Kevin Haugrud; Edward Boling; Pam Haze
Cc: Suzanne Waldron; Michael Litterst; Katherine Kelly
Subject: Statement on donation offers

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From: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 03, 2013 4:26 PM
To: Androff, Blake
Cc: Laura Davis; Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Jonathan Jarvis; Kevin Haugrud; Edward Boling; Pam Haze; Suzanne Waldron; Michael Litterst; Katherine Kelly
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From: Boling, Edward <ted.boling@sol.doi.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 03, 2013 4:31 PM
To: Davis, Laura
Cc: Androff, Blake; Nicole Buffa; Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Jonathan Jarvis; Kevin Haugrud; Pam Haze; Suzanne Waldron; Michael Litterst; Katherine Kelly
Subject: Re: Statement on donation offers

Good here too.

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Sent: Thursday, October 03, 2013 4:53 PM
To: Suzanne Waldron; Michael Litterst; Maureen Foster
Cc: Pam Haze; Katherine Kelly
Subject: Fwd: Statement on donation offers

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From: Jonathan Jarvis <jon_jarvis@nps.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 03, 2013 4:54 PM
To: Androff, Blake
Cc: Laura Davis; Nicole Buffa; Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Kevin Haugrud; Edward Boling; Pam Haze; Suzanne Waldron; Michael Litterst; Katherine Kelly
Subject: Re: Statement on donation offers

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From: Maureen Foster <maureen_foster@nps.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 03, 2013 5:02 PM
To: Androff, Blake
Cc: Suzanne Waldron; Michael Litterst; Pam Haze; Katherine Kelly
Subject: Re: Statement on donation offers

Letter has been sent.

Maureen D. Foster
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From: Haze, Pam <pam_haze@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 03, 2013 5:06 PM
To: Maureen Foster
Subject: Re: Statement on donation offers

can I get a copy

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Sent: Thursday, October 03, 2013 5:30 PM
To: Litterst, Michael
Cc: Suzanne Waldron; Maureen Foster; Pam Haze; Katherine Kelly
Subject: Re: Statement on donation offers

Defer to Pam on the letter going through OMB.

NYT deadline isn't until tomorrow afternoon so we have time so let's wait.

On Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 5:22 PM, Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> wrote:
I'm getting ready to respond to the NY Times inquiry you forwarded about Rushmore and was planning to send a copy of the letter we sent to the gov. But having second thoughts, since the statement is on the way to OMB. What's your thought - ok to send the letter, or does it need OMB clearance as well?

Mike

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Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2013 9:34 PM
To: Maureen Foster
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Subject: Re: Money from RNC for WWII Memorial

Sounds reasonable to me.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 2, 2013, at 9:06 PM, Maureen Foster <maureen_foster@nps.gov> wrote:

> Just to reiterate that the NPS did not accept donations to keep any park open--not specific to this park.
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> On Oct 2, 2013, at 9:04 PM, Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov> wrote:
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> > Worked for SD but no reference to it for RNC unless someone has seen their offer!
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> > Sue Waldron
> > Assistant Director, Communications
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> > On Oct 2, 2013, at 9:02 PM, Maureen Foster <maureen_foster@nps.gov> wrote:
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> > > We need to add the sentence from the final version that talks about 1995. That is a useful point. (I can't figure how to copy on the iPhone tonight.).
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> > > Maureen D. Foster
> > > National Park Service
> > > 202.208.5970
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> > > On Oct 2, 2013, at 8:46 PM, Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov> wrote:
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> > > > Ok looping in kate et al for awareness

Mike you take lead on this. can you get back to catherine and see if we can tamp this down for tonight?

If not here's a shot at a statement based on rushmore letter that others will have to weigh in on BEFORE we offer it to her.

"National Parks are a source of pride for all Americans and share the desire to reopen the World War II Memorial – and all 401 national parks – as soon as possible, however, we cannot accept the RNC offer.

The 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 befeasible 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 America's 401other national parks for the enjoyment of millions of visitors.

Sue Waldron
Assistant Director, Communications
National Park Service

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On Oct 2, 2013, at 8:09 PM, Maureen Foster <maureen_foster@nps.gov> wrote:

> I think that we can use the language in the SD letter.
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> Maureen D. Foster
> National Park Service
> 202.208.5970

On Oct 2, 2013, at 7:58 PM, Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov> wrote:

> Who said we didnt have staff to review the donation as the reason!
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> A statement is about done on the offer from south Dakota to open rushmore it will be the base for every other answer
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> Looping maureen and peggy on to see if we can use what we have on this
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> On Oct 2, 2013, at 7:23 PM, Carol Johnson <carol_b_johnson@nps.gov> wrote:
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>> I'm completely out of the loop on this one (thank god) Any takers?
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