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From: Waldron, Suzanne <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 6:59 PM
To: Risser, Mary
Cc: Shedlowski, Kirby-Lynn; Maureen Oltrogge; Maureen Foster; David Uberuaga; Laura Joss
Subject: Re: From NPS.gov: Cost of Operations

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Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2013 9:48 AM
To: Jonathan Jarvis
Cc: Suzanne Waldron; Androff, Blake; O'Dell Peggy; Foster Maureen; Lyle Jody; Kelly Kate
Subject: Re: Stories

I am unaware of the 112,000. I talked to the superintendent dave uberaba and our calculations were in agreement. It includes cost of operations at the level of last October.

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 12, 2013, at 8:10 AM, Jonathan Jarvis <jon_jarvis@nps.gov> wrote:

> I am fairly sure the difference is that full funding would have included the north rim of the canyon which is now closed for the season.
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
> On Oct 11, 2013, at 10:28 PM, Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov> wrote:
>
> > First i heard of it, we need bruce to weigh in, he's the guy with the numbers
> >
> > Sue Waldron
> > Assistant Director, Communications
> > National Park Service
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> > Sent from my iPad
> >
> > On Oct 11, 2013, at 10:22 PM, "Androff, Blake" <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
> >
> > > What accounts for the difference in price?
> > >
> > > On Fri, Oct 11, 2013 at 10:07 PM, Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov> wrote:
> > > In Arizona, Republican Gov. Jan Brewer balked at spending about $112,000 a day for a full reopening of the Grand Canyon. She said a partial reopening would be much cheaper while allowing tourists to visit and businesses to benefit.
> > >
> > > "The daily cost difference is enormous, especially without assurances that Arizona will be reimbursed," said Andrew Wilder, a spokesman for Brewer.
> > >
> > > In the end, Arizona agreed to pay the Park Service $651,000 to keep the Grand Canyon open for seven days. The $93,000 a day is

less than the $112,000 the federal government had said was needed to fund park operations each day.

Sue Waldron
Assistant Director, Communications
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Sent from my iPad

On Oct 11, 2013, at 9:51 PM, "Androff, Blake" <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

> I don't see that - can you paste the text you are referring to?
>
> On Fri, Oct 11, 2013 at 9:50 PM, Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov> wrote:
> Note this one calls grand canyon a "partial" opening???
>
> http://www.startribune.com/politics/national/227337681.html?page=2&c=y
>
> http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2013/10/11/utah-national-parks-reopen-government-shutdown/2966785/
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> http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/interior-allows-almost-a-dozen-iconic-national-parks-to-reopen-with-state-funding/2013/10/11/b010aa82-3296-11e3-8627-c5d7de0a046b_story.html
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From: Michael Litterst <mike_litterst@nps.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2013 2:23 PM
To: Blake Androff
Cc: Suzanne Waldron; Kate Kelly
Subject: Re: National Parks

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

Mike Litterst
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National Park Service
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> Begin forwarded message:
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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**
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From: Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
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Sent from my iPhone

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Looping all

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From: Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2013 10:42 AM
To: Blake Androff; Foster Maureen; Sheaffer Bruce; Litterst Mike
Cc: Kate Kelly; O'Dell Peggy
Subject: Re: Georgia National Parks and Historic Sites

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From: Reidenbach, Dennis <dennis_reidenbach@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2013 8:25 AM
To: Peggy O'Dell; Bruce Sheaffer; Maureen Foster; Sue Waldron; Barry Roth
Cc: Gay Vietzke; John Piltzecker; Jane Ahern
Subject: Fwd: Two Questions from WASO Regarding STLI Opening

All,

As a follow up to yesterday's 4:00 call here is the information provided by Dave Luchsinger:

Visitation: Note that visitation was up all three days (Sun, Mon, Tues) compared to the same relative days last year, so the state should be pleased that they got the desired results.

Saturday costs: As I mentioned on the call, since the agreement was finalized late Friday, the first order of business was to see if the guard contracts could be mobilized in time for a Saturday opening. Once it became clear that couldn't happen, everyone began working under the assumption that there would be a Sunday a.m. opening. To that end, David did not mobilize any of the STLI staff on Saturday so there weren't any indirect costs on that end. The guard contractor and USPP then treated the Sunday opening like any other day (turning on the equipment, etc) prior to opening the screening facility to the public. There were no additional costs by the contractor or USPP (according to the Supt) on Saturday. The only other indirect costs we had was for the contracting officer to direct the contractor back to work and that was minimal (and something we prepared for as we knew we had to do that when the shutdown ended)

Would be glad to discuss further as appropriate.

Dennis

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **Piltzecker, John** <john_piltzecker@nps.gov>
Date: Wed, Oct 16, 2013 at 6:54 AM
Subject: Re: Two Questions from WASO Regarding STLI Opening
To: David Luchsinger <david_luchsinger@nps.gov>
Cc: Dennis Reidenbach <dennis_reidenbach@nps.gov>, Jane Ahern <jane_ahern@nps.gov>

Thanks Dave. Much appreciated.

John

On Tue, Oct 15, 2013 at 9:49 PM, David Luchsinger <david_luchsinger@nps.gov> wrote:
Good evening John. Here are the counts with last year and then this
year. Sunday-9931 in '12 and 10,215 in '13
Monday- 8329 in '12 and 10,347 in '13
Tuesday-8900 in '12 and 9347 in '13

As far as Saturday was concerned, we did not bring in anyone. We
accomplished everything early on Sunday before we opened. We work very
well in crisis management mode. Hope this helps. Have a great night.

Dave

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 15, 2013, at 4:50 PM, "Piltzecker, John" <john_piltzecker@nps.gov> wrote:

> Dave:
>
> Congratulations on your reopening. We had two questions that came up during today's WASO/DOI call:
>
> Can you provide visitation numbers for Sunday and Monday (and Tuesday if you have them)?
>
> Did the park incur any costs beyond the already exempted employees and USPP on Saturday in preparation for Sunday's opening?
>
> Dennis needs to relay this info tomorrow. Any help would be appreciated. Thanks.
>
> John
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Young, Deirdre R

From: Mary Risser <mary_risser@nps.gov>
Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2013 7:11 PM
To: Suzanne Waldron
Cc: Patricia Trap; Michael Caldwell; Kyle Patterson
Subject: Re: Release of visitor stats

Sue,

Thanks so much for tracking that down for us! We appreciate all you are doing!

Mary

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 13, 2013, at 5:07 PM, Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov> wrote:

> Rocky asked if they could give media the visitation numbers for the
> reopening. Answer is yes if anyone else gets same question
>
> Sent from my iPhone

Young, Deirdre R

From: Bruce Sheaffer <bruce_sheaffer@nps.gov>
Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2013 6:30 PM
To: Maureen Foster
Cc: Suzanne Waldron; Peggy O'Dell; Kate Kelly; Blake Androff
Subject: Re: Visitation Stats

I see no reason to not release them. I would (b) (5) [redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 13, 2013, at 6:27 PM, Maureen Foster <maureen_foster@nps.gov> wrote:

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> > > **To:** Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
> > > **Cc:** Kyle Patterson <kyle_patterson@nps.gov>
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> > > Subject: Visitation Stats

To: Rich Fedorchak <rich_fedorchak@nps.gov>, Vaughn Baker <Vaughn_Baker@nps.gov>, Mark Magnuson <Mark_Magnuson@nps.gov>, Rich Browne <Rich_Browne@nps.gov>, Mary Risser <mary_risser@nps.gov>, Ben Bobowski <Ben_Bobowski@nps.gov>

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Thank you!

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From: Michael Litterst <mike_litterst@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2013 9:18 PM
To: Shedlowski, Kirby-Lynn
Cc: Maureen Oltrogge
Subject: Re: Question from Media

Kirby:

Based on Bruce Sheaffer's confirmation a few minutes ago, I would respond with:

National Park Service entrance fees are not used to pay for operational costs of the parks. The $93,0000 is the total of what it costs to operate the park.

Mike

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202-306-4166 - mobile

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

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From: Bruce Sheaffer <bruce_sheaffer@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2013 9:08 PM
To: Litterst, Michael
Cc: Shedlowski, Kirby-Lynn; Maureen Oltrogge; Beverly Stephens
Subject: Re: Question from Media

You are correct

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 16, 2013, at 6:34 PM, "Litterst, Michael" <mike_litterst@nps.gov> wrote:

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From: Michelle Jamrisko (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) <mjamrisko@bloomberg.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 5:43 PM
To: mike_litterst@nps.gov; blake_androff@ios.doi.gov
Subject: Re: Shutdown questions
Attachments: NPSPowerfulEcoEnginLocCommSuppJobs-2-25-13.pdf; News release - NPS shutdown.pdf

Thanks much Mike, this is definitely very helpful.
Wondering also if we can chat tomorrow about specific instances of disruption at the parks -- I've heard about looting, vandalism, etc. Would you be able to point me to such incidents as a way of illustrating how the shutdown is interrupting security operations?

Cheers,
Michelle

Michelle Jamrisko
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----- Original Message -----
From: mike_litterst@nps.gov
To: blake_androff@ios.doi.gov
Cc: MICHELLE JAMRISKO (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:)
At: Oct 15 2013 17:41:35

Michelle:

I've attached a copy of the press release issued at the start of the shutdown, which provides an overview of the effects and impact of the shutdown of the national parks, including some of the data you've requested. I don't have an answer for your first question, however, the National Park Service generates approximately $178 million per year in revenue from our fee program, which includes daily entrance fees, passes, campground fees, tour and other fees.

I've also attached a press release from last February that details the economic impact national parks have on the national economy, as well as the local communities around parks. There's a link to the full document, but unfortunately the website is down because of the shutdown. If you're interested, I can provide you economic impact figures for each of the individual Utah parks.

Hope this material is enough to get you started. Let me know if I can provide additional information or answer any questions.

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On Tue, Oct 15, 2013 at 3:12 PM, Androff, Blake <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
Hi Michelle --

Great to hear from you. Yes, I moved over to DOI in June 2012. No more trains, planes and automobiles for me.

I'm looping in Mike Litterst with the National Park Service who can hopefully track down some of this info. Given the limited staff resources during the shutdown, thanks in advance for your patience with the delays in getting information.

Best,

Blake

On Tue, Oct 15, 2013 at 3:07 PM, Michelle Jamrisko (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) <mjamrisko@bloomberg.net> wrote:
Hi Blake,
Wanted to reach out to you as I'm researching how the shutdown has affected the NPS, and to what extent the partial re-openings, including in Utah, may be helping alleviate the loss in revenue. Can you provide some stats that can help complete the picture from your recent press releases? Would love to know, for example:
*how much the NPS makes from tourism each year
*any estimates you have on the losses since the shutdown started, and
*what share of the total NPS workforce has been and remains furloughed in the shutdown?

On another note, I seem to remember we were in touch when I covered transportation issues for our Congress team while you were still on the Hill, so it's nice to be in contact in your new capacity! I'm now a reporter for our U.S. Economy team here.

Cheers,

Michelle

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National Park Service News Release

For Immediate Release: February 25, 2013
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National Parks Serve as Powerful Economic Engines for Local Communities, Supporting 252,000 Jobs

Visitor Spending Results in $30.1 Billion Economic Benefit

WASHINGTON –National Parks continued to be important economic engines for local communities, with visitors generating $30.1 billion in economic activity and supporting 252,000 jobs nationwide in 2011, according to a peer-reviewed report released today by the National Park Service.

"Places like the Grand Canyon or the Statue of Liberty take our breath away and inspire us with their beauty and history, but our national parks also serve as anchors for our nation's economy," said Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar. "People who visit parks need transportation, places to stay, and meals to eat – all of which support businesses and provide jobs in local communities."

The statistics for 2011 are based on the spending of nearly 279 million national park visitors; more than one third of that total spending, or $13 billion, went directly into communities within 60 miles of a park. The numbers are on par with previous years.

"Everyone knows that national parks are great places to visit that offer inspiring educational experiences, unparalleled outdoor recreation, and a whole lot of fun," said National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis. "But what this report shows is that America's national parks are also critical economic engines, not only for our neighbors in gateway communities, but for our entire country. The national parks return more than $10 for every $1 the American taxpayer invests in the National Park Service; that makes good stewardship sense and good business sense."

Salazar and Jarvis warned that mandatory budget cuts under sequestration will result in reduced hours of operation for visitor centers, shorter seasons, and possibly closing campgrounds, hiking trails, and other recreational areas when there is insufficient staff to ensure the protection of visitors, staff and resources. Should Congress fail to act before the March 1 deadline, the public should expect reduced hours and services not only at America's 398 national parks but also at the 561 national wildlife refuges and over 268 public land units.

The reduced services will have a direct impact on the local communities and businesses that depend on the income generated from visitors to America's public lands.

The National Park Service report is done on an annual basis and is prepared through a cooperative agreement with Michigan State University. The entire report, with information by park and by state on visitor spending, jobs and other impacts, is available online at: http://www.nature.nps.gov/socialscience/products.cfm#MGM (click 'Economic Benefits to Local Communities from National Park Visitation and Payroll, 2011'). According to the report, most visitor spending supports jobs in lodging, food, and beverage service (63 percent) followed by recreation and entertainment (17 percent), other retail (11 percent), transportation and fuel (7 percent), and wholesale and manufacturing (2 percent).

This week the National Park Service also released its 2012 visitation numbers showing an increase of 3.8 million over the previous year for a total of 282.8 million visitors to the National Park Service's 398 parks. Visitation broken down by park and state is available online at https://irma.nps.gov/Stats/. These numbers will be the basis for next year's economic benefits report.

For more state-by-state information on national parks and how the National Park Service is working with communities go towww.nps.gov/[STATENAME], for example: http://www.nps.gov/virginia.

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About the National Park Service. More than 20,000 National Park Service employees care for America's 398 national parks and work with communities across the nation to help preserve local history and create close-to-home recreational opportunities. Learn more at www.nps.gov.

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National Park Service News Release

For Immediate Release: October 1, 2013
Contact: Mike Litterst, mike_litterst@nps.gov, 202-513-0354

Government shutdown forces closures of 401 national parks

WASHINGTON – Because of the shutdown of the federal government caused by the lapse in appropriations, the National Park Service has closed all 401 national parks and suspended operation of dozens of community assistance programs.

All park grounds, visitor centers, hotels, campgrounds, and park roads – except for thru ways – are closed. All programs are canceled and permits issued for special events on park grounds nationwide are rescinded.

Park visitors in all overnight campgrounds and lodges have been given until no later than 6:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on Thursday, October 3 to make other arrangements and leave the park.

National parks will remain closed until the government reopens.

The National Park System hosts more than 282 million people per year, and more than 715,000 people per day in October. Those visitors spend about $76 million per day in communities near national parks.

Examples of impacts of a shutdown of the National Park Service include:

- 15,000 people a day planning to visit the Statue of Liberty will have their reservations cancelled.
- All mule trips in Grand Canyon National Park, an iconic tradition dating back more than 125 years, will be cancelled.
- More than 7,500 people a day coming to enjoy Old Faithful and the other splendors of Yellowstone National Park will be turned away.
- The cancellation of thousands of interpretive and education programs and special events at parks across the country.

An October shutdown is costing the National Park Service an estimated $450,000 per day in lost revenue from fees collected at entry stations and fees paid for in-park activities such as cave tours, boat rides and camping.

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The shutdown will affect more than 20,000 National Park Service employees, who are furloughed until an appropriation is passed (3,000 employees continue to work, providing essential services, including security, emergency services and firefighting). Additionally, approximately 25,000 concession employees are employed in national parks during the summer and about half of them are still on the job in early October.

Because it will not be maintained, the National Park Service website will be down for the duration of the shutdown, closing off access to 750,000 web pages about national parks and programs. NPS.gov is used extensively for educational purposes and travel planning by 91 million unique visitors every year.

For updates on the shutdown, please visit www.doi.gov/shutdown.

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From: Patterson, Kyle <kyle_patterson@nps.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 4:36 PM
To: Sarles, Jesse T
Cc: Michael Litterst
Subject: Re: question about fees
Attachments: image001.png

Hi Jesse,

Yes, entrance fees are being charged. I am forwarding your request on to Mike Litterst who is the acting Chief Spokesperson for the National Park Service who can elaborate on the agreement between the state of Colorado and the National Park Service.

The funding we've been given by the state supports routine park operations. It's the federal employees who are working at the park. So we would take exception to his comment of "the feds who are doing nothing!" :-)

Think of us as a small town that is still busy in October! We will be staffing down more in November ...
The money pays for operating the park. So it's personnel costs for visitor/resource protection rangers (law enforcement, search and rescue, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), dispatch center, maintenance staff (including custodians, snowplow drivers, heavy equipment operators etc., water system operators - we have water plants in the park, resource staff (biologists etc.), naturalists (run visitor centers), small cadre of administrative staff, utilities, and fuel. We also have service contracts such as trash removal etc.

Thank you.

On Tue, Oct 15, 2013 at 1:55 PM, Sarles, Jesse T <jtsarles@cbs.com> wrote:

Hi Kyle,

We got an email from a CBSDenver.com visitor who was wondering the following:

Are entrance fees being charged for Rocky Mountain Park?

If yes, who gets the money, Colorado since we are paying to keep it open or the feds who are doing nothing?

Thanks,

Jesse

CBS

Jesse Sarles

KCNC-TV DENVER

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--
- Kyle

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From: Michelle Jamrisko (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) <mjamrisko@bloomberg.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 3:25 PM
To: blake_androff@ios.doi.gov
Cc: Mike_Litterst@nps.gov
Subject: Re: Shutdown questions

Blake, Many thanks! Trading planes for parks seems pretty cool, anyway.

Mike, I look forward to being in touch as soon as you can address those questions. Much appreciated.

Michelle

Michelle Jamrisko
Bloomberg News - Economy, Federal Reserve
mjamrisko@bloomberg.net
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----- Original Message -----
From: blake androff@ios.doi.gov
To: MICHELLE JAMRISKO (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:)
Cc: Mike Litterst@nps.gov
At: Oct 15 2013 15:12:41

Hi Michelle --

Great to hear from you. Yes, I moved over to DOI in June 2012. No more trains, planes and automobiles for me.

I'm looping in Mike Litterst with the National Park Service who can hopefully track down some of this info. Given the limited staff resources during the shutdown, thanks in advance for your patience with the delays in getting information.

Best,

Blake

On Tue, Oct 15, 2013 at 3:07 PM, Michelle Jamrisko (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) <mjamrisko@bloomberg.net> wrote:

Hi Blake,
Wanted to reach out to you as I'm researching how the shutdown has affected the NPS, and to what extent the partial re-openings, including in Utah, may be helping alleviate the loss in revenue. Can you provide some stats that can help complete the picture from your recent press releases? Would love to know, for example:
*how much the NPS makes from tourism each year
*any estimates you have on the losses since the shutdown started, and

*what share of the total NPS workforce has been and remains furloughed in the shutdown?

On another note, I seem to remember we were in touch when I covered transportation issues for our Congress team while you were still on the Hill, so it's nice to be in contact in your new capacity! I'm now a reporter for our U.S. Economy team here.

Cheers,
Michelle

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To: Blake Androff
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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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From: Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2013 5:17 PM
To: - Capitol Media Services
Subject: Re: query

Howard:

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Mike

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Any help you can provide would be appreciated.

Thanks.

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Terrific. Thanks

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There's one on the website (shut down) and our fee program managers have a list; they're all furloughed. With the parks closed, there are no fees coming in. I'll ask around among the 6 or so of us that are here, but doubt I'll come up with anything.

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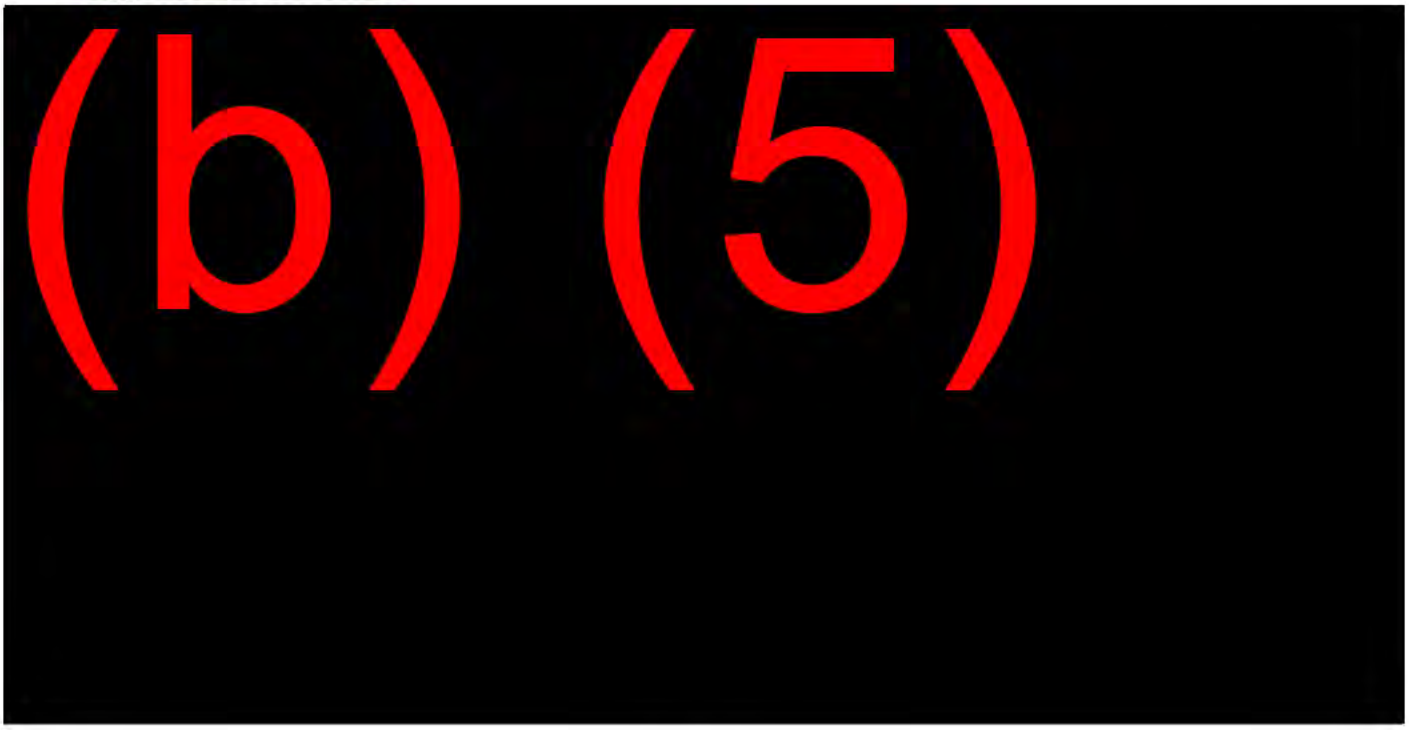

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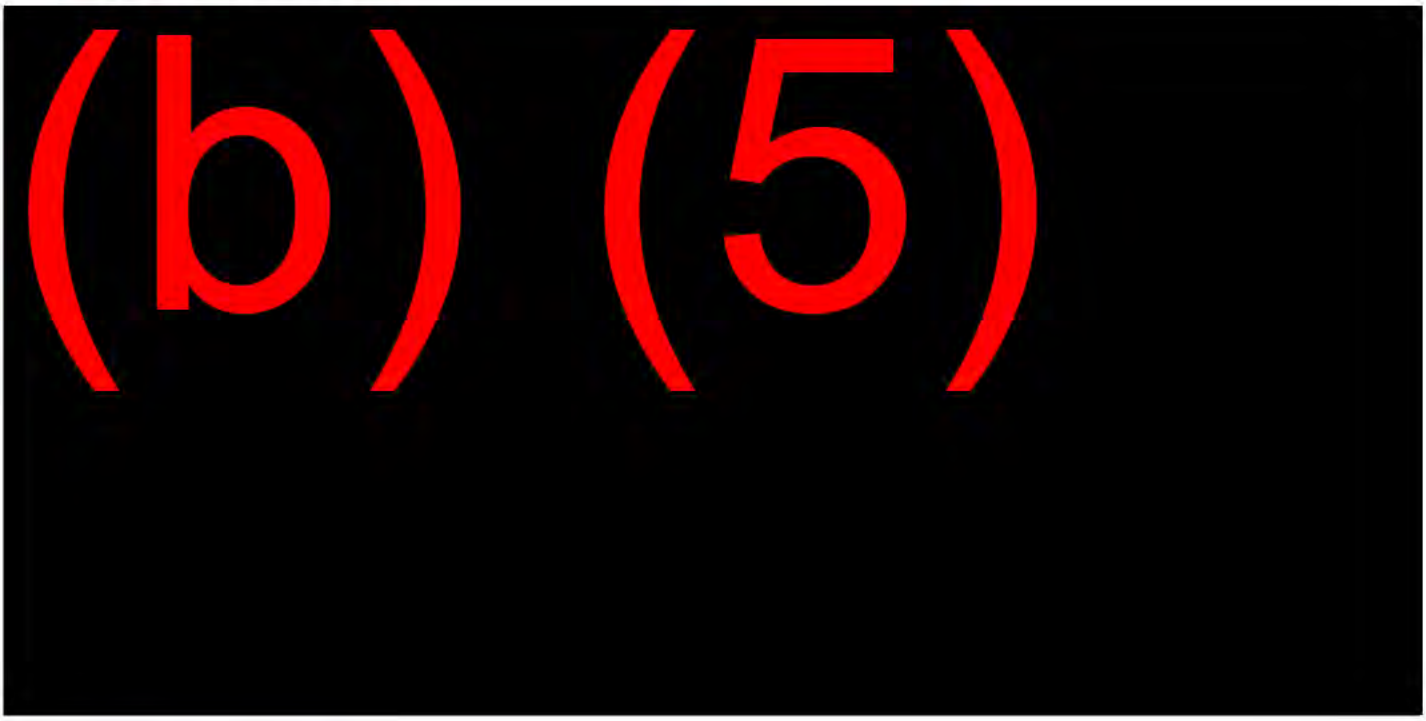

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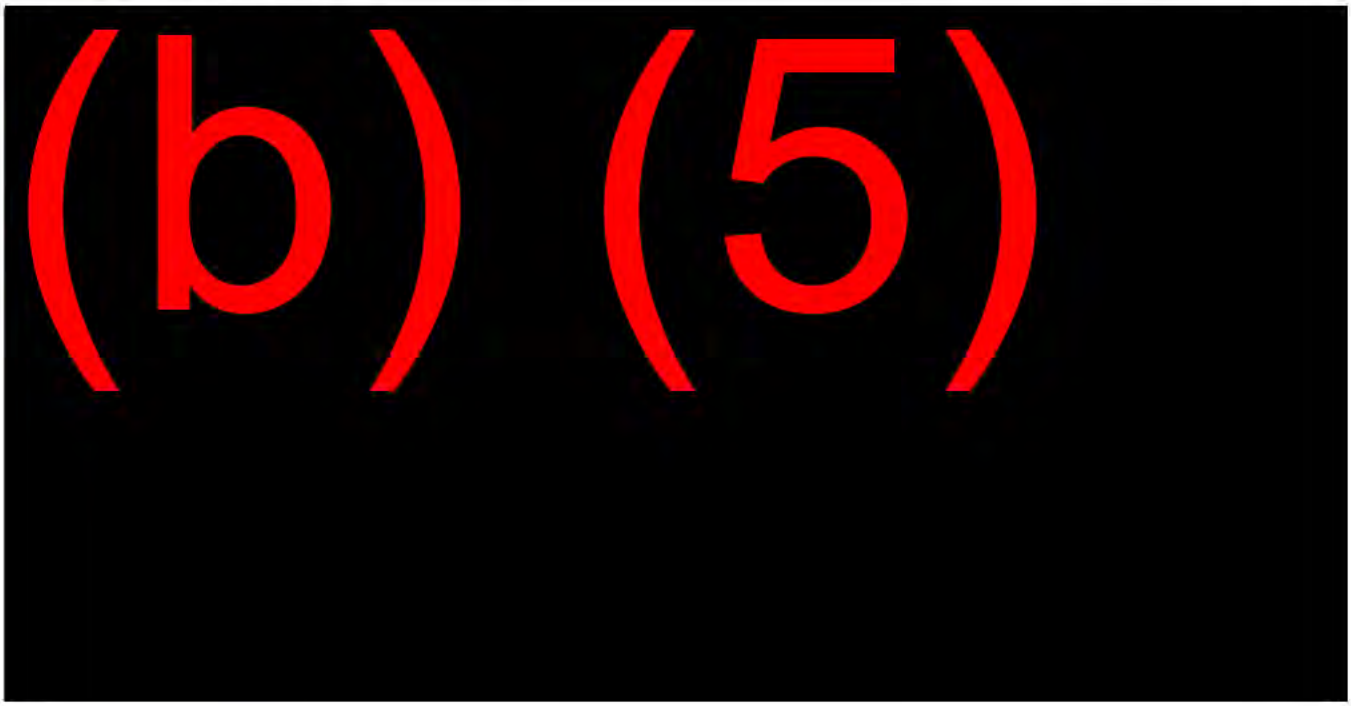

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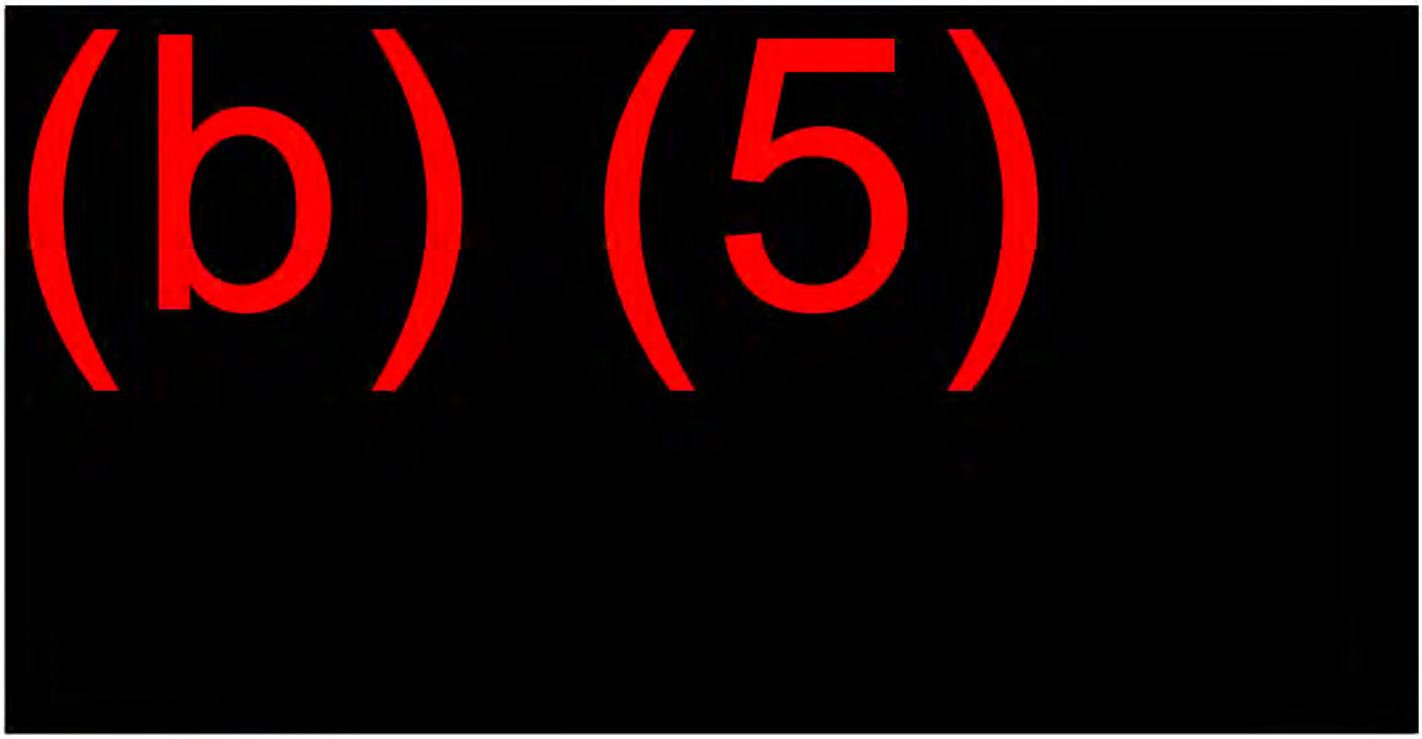

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Sent: Thursday, October 03, 2013 5:53 PM
To: Kate Kelly; Blake Androff
Cc: Sue Waldron
Subject: Fwd: Park Police numbers before and after shutdown

Second ask from ABC News. Sill just confirming receipt of the letters and responding that we will reply directly to Issa and Hastings with the information requested?

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Date: Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 5:48 PM
Subject: RE: Park Police numbers before and after shutdown
To: "mike_litterst@nps.gov" <mike_litterst@nps.gov>

Hi Mike,

I got the answers I needed from the police union. But I have a follow up question: Some republicans are questioning why the less popular monuments, like the Japanese American memorial, remain unbarricaded. Do you have a response to the line below?

See this line: Issa is the second committee chairman to formally inquire with park officials. On Wednesday, Rep. Doc Hastings, R-Wash., of the House Natural Resources Committee questioned why some less popular locales remained open and requested the service "take steps as necessary to keep and not destroy documents related to the decision this week to restrict public access."

Full story: http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/politics/2013/10/shutdown-drama-puts-national-park-service-in-crossfire/
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-----Original Message-----
From: Larotonda, Matthew
Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2013 8:02 PM
To: mike_litterst@nps.gov
Subject: ABC: Park Police numbers before and after shutdown

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Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2013 8:16 PM
To: Jonathan Jarvis; Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Sue Waldron; Kate Kelly; Blake Androff; Tim Fullerton; Rob Maclean; Paul Brooks; Pamela Smith
Subject: Fwd: ABC: Park Police numbers before and after shutdown

First first of the day for Thursday morning. Maybe Rob (or someone else in USPP) can help us with the numbers of officers that were on duty Tuesday as compared to a regular day (which is central to the claim by Doc Hastings that prompted this inquiry) and then we can figure out a response.

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Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2013 7:47 PM
To: Colin Campbell
Cc: William Thompson; Mark Magnuson
Subject: Costs for reopening TRR

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Young, Deirdre R

From: Colin Campbell <colin_campbell@nps.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2013 6:47 AM
To: Thompson, Bill
Subject: Re: Costs for reopening TRR

Thanks Bill, this helps

Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2013 9:57 PM
To: Jon Jarvis; Peggy O'Dell
Subject: Fwd:

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From: **Howard Glaser** <Howard.Glaser@exec.ny.gov>
Date: Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 9:02 PM
Subject:
To: "maureen_foster@nps.gov" <maureen_foster@nps.gov>, Joshua Vlasto <Joshua.Vlasto@exec.ny.gov>, Basil <Basil@exec.ny.gov>

Hi Maureen.
Our look at the numbers shows:

2012 enacted budget (Congress continued same for 2013—take into account sequestration)

$15,700,000

Unadjusted for seasonal variation, that would equate to
$43,013.69/ per day.

How does that fit w your look. Not sure we can do that amount but want to understand how it relates to how you calculate.

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From: Rachel Jacobson <rachel_jacobson@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2013 5:24 PM
To: Blake_Androff@ios.doi.gov
Cc: Ted.Boling@sol.doi.gov; Maureen_Foster@nps.gov; robert.eaton@sol.doi.gov; kevin_waldron@nps.gov; nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov; Jon_Jarvis@nps.gov; peggy_o'dell@nps.gov
Subject: Current status of States:

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From: Eaton, Robert <robert.eaton@sol.doi.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2013 5:27 PM
To: Rachel Jacobson
Cc: Blake_Androff@ios.doi.gov; Edward Boling; Maureen Foster; kevin_waldron@nps.gov; nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov; Jonathan Jarvis; Margaret O'Dell
Subject: Re: Current status of States:

I just left a message for the South Dakota rep, and I'm going to call Missouri right now. I understand that Ted will be talking to New York. I don't have the contact info for Arizona.

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