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We are holding on the letter - will revisit the statement of "similar offers" and we will send you our legal defense.

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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.

Blake, before you send the letter to the South Dakota governor, with a reference to not accepting donations in 1995, we should make sure that there were not cases back then where a park was opened through the use of donations.

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

Robin Bravender and Emily Yehle, E&E reporters

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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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BLOUNT COUNTY MAYOR

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October 3, 2013

Secretary Sally Jewell
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington DC 20240

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

/amc

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



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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

- **Non-responsive**
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Bureau of Land Management

- **Non-responsive**
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Office of Surface Mining

- **Non-responsive**

Non-responsive

Bureau of Reclamation

• **Non-responsive**

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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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

The Honorable Barack Obama
October 4, 2013
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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,

Greg Bryan
Mayor, Town of Tusayan
928-638-8401
gbtusayan@gmail.com



STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
DENNIS DAUGAARD, GOVERNOR

September 30, 2013

Jonathan Jarvis
National Park Service Director
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

VIA EMAIL: jon_jarvis@nps.gov
VIA FAX: 202.219.0910

Dear Director Jarvis,

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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

Dennis Daugaard

DD:nn

Enclosure

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
DENNIS DAUGAARD, GOVERNOR

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

Special Instructions: _____

Original being mailed: No

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

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On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 2:03 PM, Foster, Maureen <maureen_foster@nps.gov> wrote:

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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,



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: Wednesday, October 02, 2013 12:23 PM
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Subject: Fwd: final statement - this is good for NPS to use

DOI wants this printed for handing out at WWII.

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From: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Date: October 2, 2013, 12:18:04 PM EDT
To: "Margaret O'Dell" <peggy_o'dell@nps.gov>
Cc: Kate P Kelly <Kate_Kelly@ios.doi.gov>
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Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2013 12:34 PM
To: Waldron, Suzanne
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Subject: Re: final statement - this is good for NPS to use

This is Laura Davis writing - we can't add anything else to this one and we need to send it out to your press lists proactively ASAP. Thanks.

On Oct 2, 2013, at 12:45 PM, "Mummart, Jennifer" <jennifer_mummart@nps.gov> wrote:



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Please work with Bob and execute getting Carol out and the statement handed out. Additionally I assume you saw that it needs to be sent to our press list proactively. Thank you very much.

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On Oct 2, 2013, at 12:45 PM, Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov> wrote:

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From: Foster, Maureen <maureen_foster@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2013 2:05 PM
To: Michael Litterst; Sue Waldron
Subject: The Washington Post Liveblog: Veterans no longer barred from WWII memorial

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<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/post-politics-live/liveblog/live-updates-the-shutdown-showdown/?id=9a747636-a2aa-453c-884c-dc6c869ab089>

From: Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2013 2:06 PM
To: Maureen Foster
Subject: Fwd: WWII Memorial Statement

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From: "Waldron, Suzanne" <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
Date: Oct 2, 2013 1:50 PM
Subject: Fwd: WWII Memorial Statement
To: "Carol Johnson" <Carol_B_Johnson@nps.gov>
Cc: "Bob Vogel" <Bob_Vogel@nps.gov>, "Mike Litterst" <Mike_Litterst@nps.gov>

final apporved statement to send out as we just discussed

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From: **Litterst, Michael** <mike_litterst@nps.gov>
Date: Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 1:43 PM
Subject: WWII Memorial Statement
To: Grace Stephens <grace_stephens@nps.gov>, Bruce Sheaffer <bruce_sheaffer@nps.gov>, Sue Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>

Grace:

Here's the final, approved statement on WWII.

Mike

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

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

Hi there.

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

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

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

Cheers,

Jinae

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From: Foster, Maureen <maureen_foster@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2013 2:08 PM
To: Sarah Neimeyer; Blake Androff; Kate Kelly
Subject: From WAPO

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From: Waldron, Suzanne <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2013 2:10 PM
To: Kate Kelly; Blake Androff
Cc: Mike Litterst; Maureen Foster; Jennifer Mummart; Carol Johnson; Bob Vogel
Subject: Fwd: The Washington Post Liveblog: Veterans no longer barred from WWII memorial

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Date: Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 2:04 PM
Subject: The Washington Post Liveblog: Veterans no longer barred from WWII memorial
To: Michael Litterst <Mike_Litterst@nps.gov>, Sue Waldron <Sue_Waldron@nps.gov>

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From: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2013 2:22 PM
To: Jon Jarvis; Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Kate P Kelly; Blake Androff; Laura Davis
Subject: WWII Veterans Group: Park Service 'Bent Over Backwards' For Us

Very nice story here:

<http://talkingpointsmemo.com/livewire/wwii-veterans-group-park-service-bent-over-backwards-for-us>

WWII Veterans Group: Park Service 'Bent Over Backwards' For Us



Tom Kludt – October 2, 2013, 2:10 PM EDT

Jeff Miller, the co-founder of the Honor Flight Network, applauded the National Park Service on Wednesday for accommodating veterans hoping to visit the World War II Memorial, which had been closed as a result of the government shutdown.

“The Park Service they have been so compassionate, they have done everything they could,” Miller said, as quoted by **the Washington Post**. He added that the service “bent over backwards” to ensure that veterans were not dealt any additional inconveniences.

On Tuesday, veterans affiliated with the Mississippi Gulf Coast Honor Flight removed barriers at the Washington, D.C. memorial with the assistance of several congressmen. More veterans groups **descended upon the memorial** on Wednesday before the National Park Service **announced** that the veterans would be granted access to the open-air site.

Tea party lawmakers like Reps. Michele Bachmann (R-MN) and Louie Gohmert (R-TX) joined the veterans at the memorial on Wednesday, something that Miller suggested was unnecessary.

“We don’t need representatives, senators anybody here,” Miller told the Post. “We will be allowed to move the gate if there’s no one here and our veterans [can] go in.”

Republicans have tried to score political points off the ordeal. **Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY)** said Tuesday that the government had deployed "goons" to deny veterans access, while **Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX)** issued a statement Wednesday blaming the Obama administration for the closure.

From: Neimeyer, Sarah <sarah_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2013 2:58 PM
To: Maureen Foster
Subject: Vietnam Memorial Honor Flight

Maureen -- could you call Genevieve in Rep. McIntyre's office at 225-2731. They have an honor flight on Friday of Vietnam vets. Thanks, Sarah

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From: Foster, Maureen <maureen_foster@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2013 3:09 PM
To: Bob Vogel; Carol Johnson
Cc: Karen Cucurullo; Stephen Lorenzetti; Lisa Mendelson; Jennifer Mummart
Subject: Fwd: Vietnam Memorial Honor Flight

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From: Lisa Mendelson <lisa_mendelson-ielmini@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2013 3:23 PM
To: Foster, Maureen
Cc: Jennifer Mummart
Subject: Re: Vietnam Memorial Honor Flight

I was on the phone w bob when your note came in. Nama will call the Rep.

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On Oct 2, 2013, at 3:09 PM, "Foster, Maureen" <maureen_foster@nps.gov> wrote:

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From: Kelly, Katherine <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2013 5:55 PM
To: Haugrud, Kevin
Cc: Androff, Blake; Edward Keable; Randolph Myers; Maureen Foster; laura davis
Subject: Re: Draft response to SD governor
Attachments: Daugaard MORU funding 2013-10-01 Draft nps response SOL edits 10.2.13 (3) kk.docx

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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:

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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:

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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

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

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

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

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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: 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: No need for a Mall ROD with the Revised national closure determination and notice

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)
To: "Roth, Barry" <barry.roth@sol.doi.gov>

Contact Maureen. I've heard it discussed and (b) (5)

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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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From: **Eaton, Robert** <robert.eaton@sol.doi.gov>

Date: Tue, Oct 1, 2013 at 11:32 AM

Subject: Revised national closure determination and notice

To: Jonathan Jarvis <jon_jarvis@nps.gov>, Margaret O'Dell <peggy_o'dell@nps.gov>, Bruce Sheaffer <bruce_sheaffer@nps.gov>, Maureen Foster <maureen_foster@nps.gov>, Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>

Cc: Kevin Haugrud <jack.haugrud@sol.doi.gov>, Edward Keable <edward.keable@sol.doi.gov>, Edward Boling <ted.boling@sol.doi.gov>, Barry Roth <barry.roth@sol.doi.gov>, "Myers, Randolph" <randolph.myers@sol.doi.gov>, Kim Fondren <kim.fondren@sol.doi.gov>

Hi all,

Please see attached. I tried to capture all of the changes we discussed and agreed on.

Rob

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From: Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2013 7:59 PM
To: Carol Johnson
Cc: Jennifer Mummart; Michael Litterst; Superintendent Bob Vogel; Peggy O'Dell; Maureen Foster
Subject: Re: Money from RNC for WWII Memorial

Who said we didnt have staff to review the donation as the reason!

A statement is about done on (b) (5)

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

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Reynolds, Catherine" <ReynoldsC@cbsnews.com>
Date: October 2, 2013, 7:20:32 PM EDT
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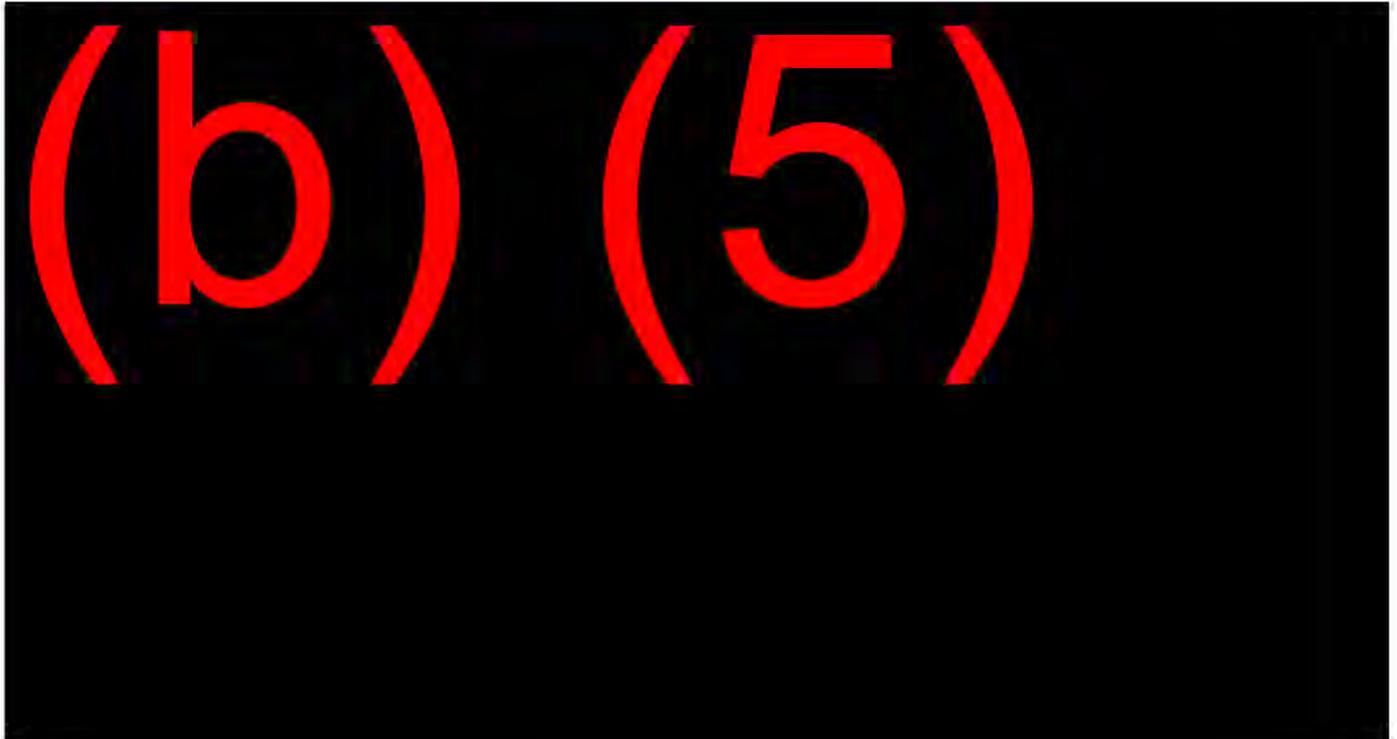
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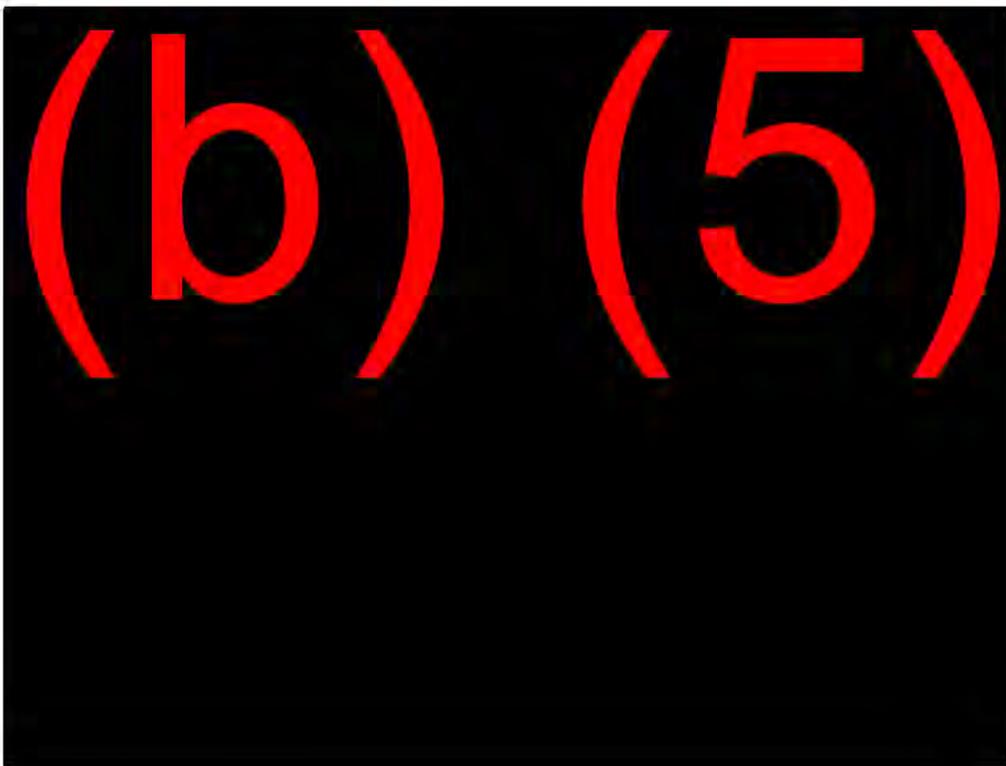
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I just confirmed; they're both working the same story (left hand, right hand and all that). I said I would copy both on my response.

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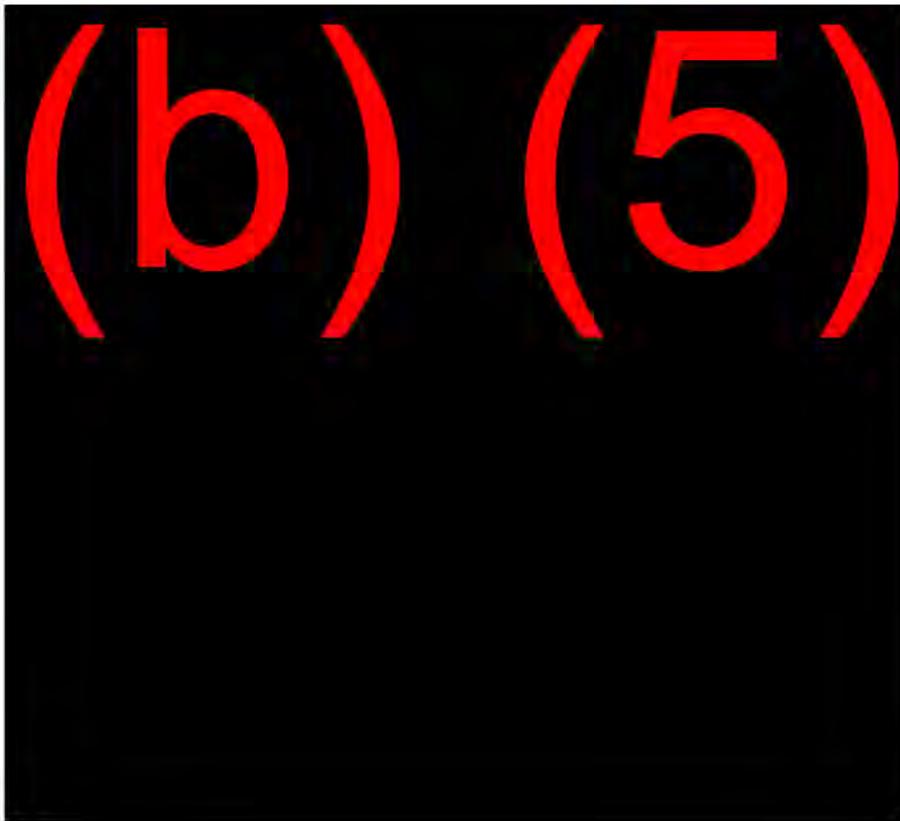
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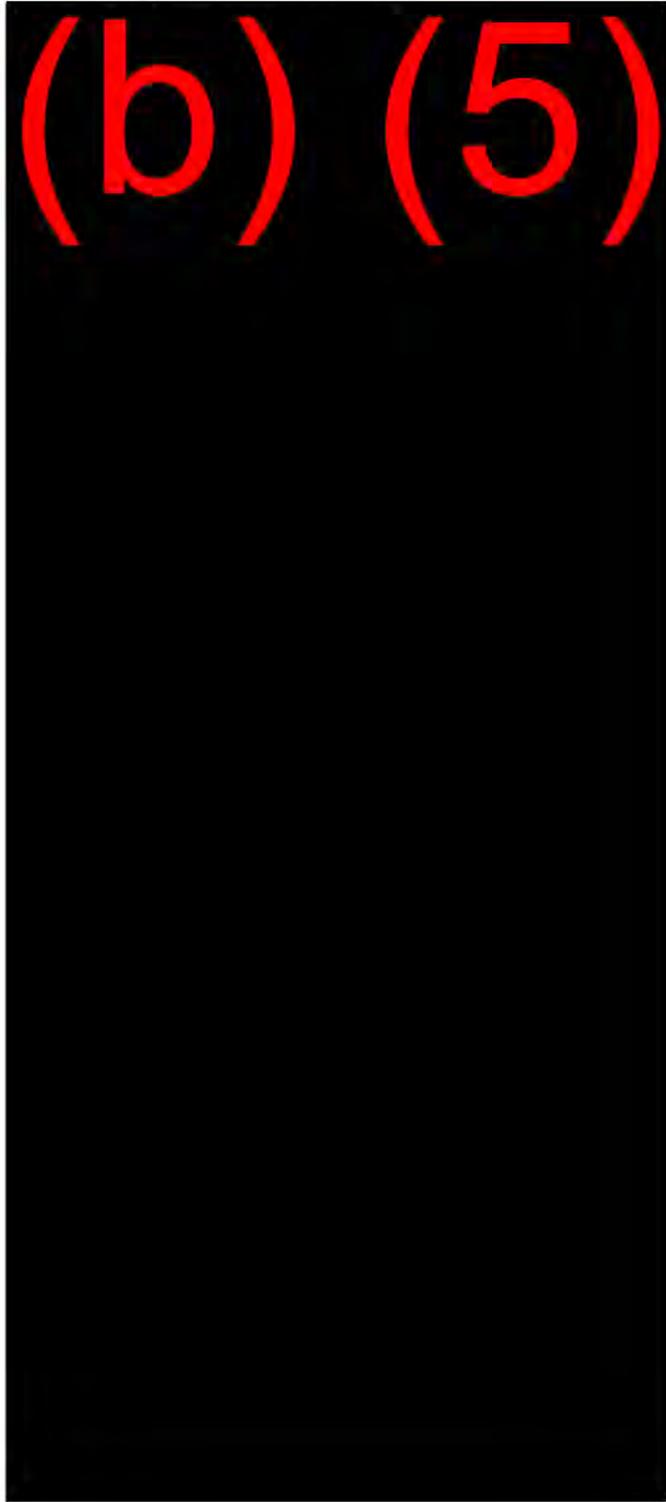
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**Cc:** Litterst, Michael; Maureen Foster; Androff Blake; Kelly Kate; Carol Johnson; Jennifer Mummart; Superintendent Bob Vogel  
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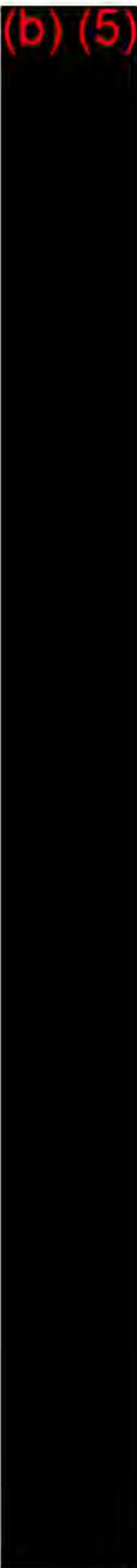
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**Sent:** Friday, October 11, 2013 3:48 PM  
**To:** Maureen Foster; Margaret O'Dell; Jon Jarvis  
**Subject:** Fwd: NPS deal

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**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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**Sent:** Friday, October 11, 2013 3:31 PM  
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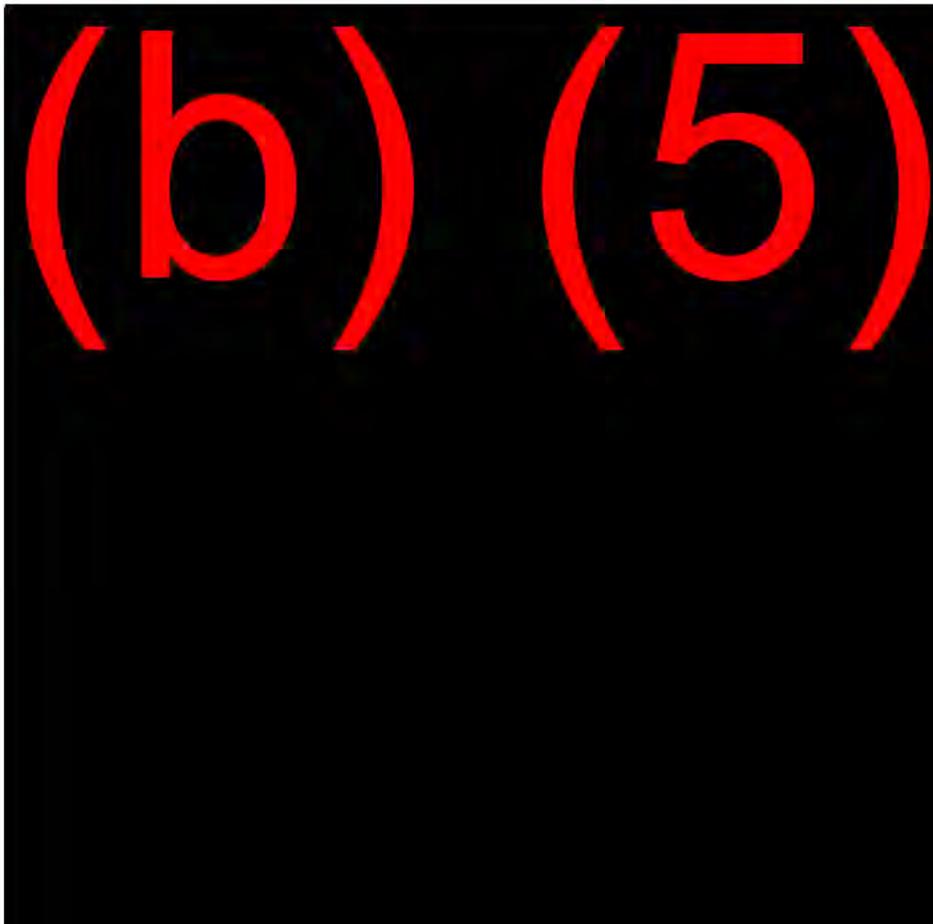
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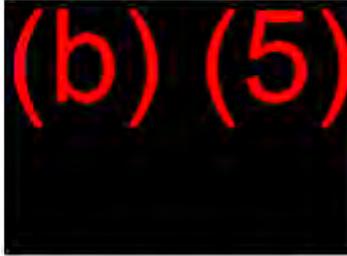
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**From:** Foster, Maureen <maureen\_foster@nps.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 11, 2013 7:58 PM  
**To:** Lena McDowall  
**Subject:** Fwd: NPS deal

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>

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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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**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."

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**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 Helleesen**

**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](http://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

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

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On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 3:11 PM, Myers, Randolph <[randolph.myers@sol.doi.gov](mailto: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 2:03 PM, Foster, Maureen <[maureen\\_foster@nps.gov](mailto:maureen_foster@nps.gov)> wrote:

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Thanks.

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

Randy,



Thanks,

Ed

On Tue, Oct 1, 2013 at 5:42 PM, Foster, Maureen <[maureen\\_foster@nps.gov](mailto:maureen_foster@nps.gov)> wrote:  
Here are the incoming and the draft response.

Please get me any comments..

Thanks

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**Subject:** Fwd: Fw: Washington Post question about the WWII memorial

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Hi Peggy, Maureen, Lisa, Sue, and Mike,

Here is what I sent to Juliet. (b) (5)

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Jennifer

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**From:** Eilperin, Juliet L [mailto:[Juliet.Eilperin@washpost.com](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](mailto:mike_litterst@nps.gov) <[mike\\_litterst@nps.gov](mailto:mike_litterst@nps.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Washington Post question about the WWII memorial

Perfect, thanks so much.

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**From:** Mummart, Jennifer [mailto:[jennifer\\_mummart@nps.gov](mailto:jennifer_mummart@nps.gov)]

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 02, 2013 5:14 PM

**To:** Eilperin, Juliet L

**Cc:** [mike\\_litterst@nps.gov](mailto: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](mailto: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,

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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 EMAIL: jon\_jarvis@nps.gov  
VIA FAX: 202.219.0910

Dear Director Jarvis,

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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

Dennis Daugaard

DD:nn

Enclosure

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:  
Adding Laura, and piling on to Blake's suggestion:

I'm wondering if there's a way to make this letter stronger on the legal side, in addition to the "not feasible to pick and choose" argument.

Beyond the legal side on the gifts, is there something about the park being a place where federal authorities implement federal statutes - and they cannot be temporarily transferred to a state or private entity?

On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 4:46 PM, Androff, Blake <[blake\\_androff@ios.doi.gov](mailto:blake_androff@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:  
Going back to Ed's earlier comment, can we include language about lacking the legal authority to accept these types of gifts? I certainly think it would help to be able to say this for reporters, if applicable.

On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 4:41 PM, Edward Keable <[edward.keable@sol.doi.gov](mailto:edward.keable@sol.doi.gov)> wrote:  
I'm good. Ed

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**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](mailto:randolph.myers@sol.doi.gov)>  
**Cc:** Kelly, Katherine <[kate\\_kelly@ios.doi.gov](mailto:kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov)>; Keable, Edward <[edward.keable@sol.doi.gov](mailto:edward.keable@sol.doi.gov)>; Foster, Maureen <[maureen\\_foster@nps.gov](mailto:maureen_foster@nps.gov)>; Blake Androff <[blake\\_androff@ios.doi.gov](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:edward.keable@sol.doi.gov)> wrote:  
Adding Randy Myers.

Randy,

Check the NPS gift acceptance authorities to see whether we could add to this draft response a point related to the lack of legal authority to receive voluntary services of the nature the Governor is proposing.

This draft letter sets out a policy perspective on why we would not agree to the governor's proposal. It would be stronger if we could add a legal reason for not accepting this offer.

Call me this morning after you have had a chance to research this question of legal authority.

Thanks,

Ed

On Tue, Oct 1, 2013 at 5:42 PM, Foster, Maureen <[maureen\\_foster@nps.gov](mailto: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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Draft statement based on the SD letter. Please let me know if you have any suggested edits.

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**From:** Nicole Buffa <nicole\_buffa@ios.doi.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 03, 2013 4:26 PM  
**To:** Androff, Blake  
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**Sent:** Thursday, October 03, 2013 4:28 PM  
**To:** Androff, Blake  
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**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  
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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

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.

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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:** Haze, Pam <pam\_haze@ios.doi.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 03, 2013 5:06 PM  
**To:** Maureen Foster  
**Subject:** Re: Statement on donation offers

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On Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 5:01 PM, Maureen Foster <maureen\_foster@nps.gov> wrote:  
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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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Mike Litterst
Chief Spokesperson (acting)

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From: Margaret O'Dell <peggy_o'dell@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2013 9:34 PM
To: Maureen Foster
Cc: Suzanne Waldron; Androff Blake; Kelly Kate; Carol Johnson; Jennifer Mummart; Michael Litterst; Superintendent Bob Vogel
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.

Maureen D. Foster
National Park Service
202.208.5970

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!

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.).

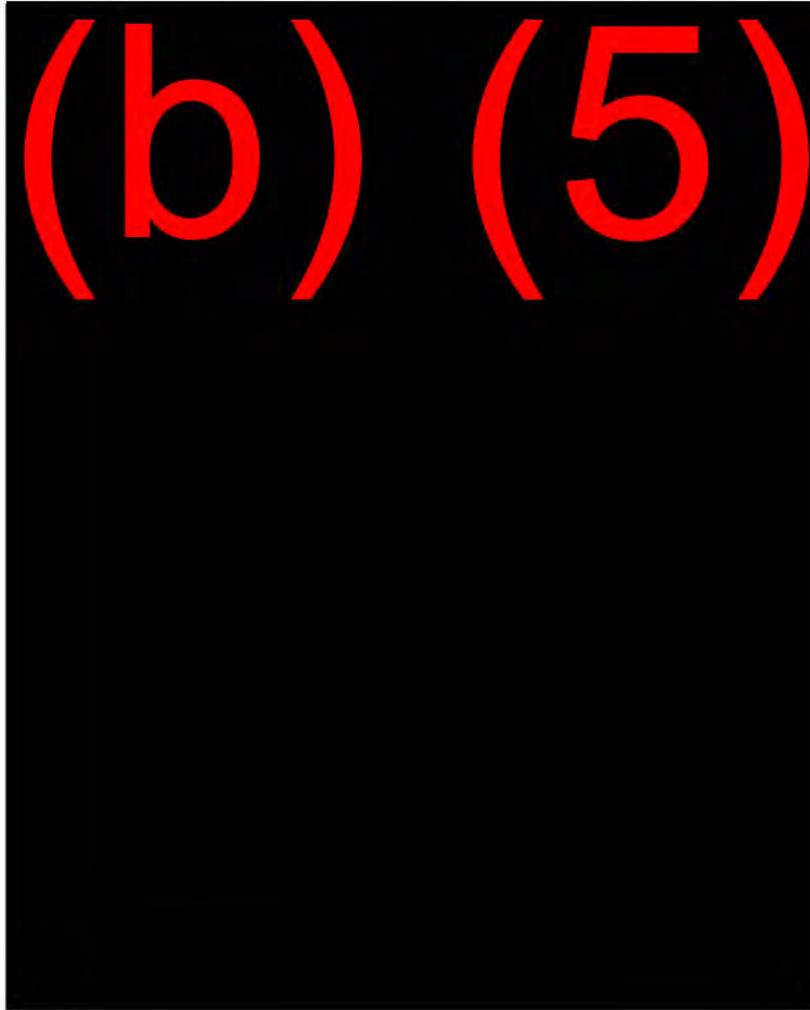
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On Oct 2, 2013, at 8:46 PM, Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov> wrote:

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.



Sue Waldron
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<maureen_foster@nps.gov> wrote:

I think that we can use the language in
the SD letter.

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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!



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:

I'm completely out of the loop on this one (thank god) Any takers?

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