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From: Campbell, Colin <colin_campbell@nps.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2013 6:16 PM
To: Suzanne Waldron
Subject: Re: Watchman campground at zion

Thanks

On Fri, Oct 11, 2013 at 4:15 PM, Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov> wrote:
Just heard rumor that park may not open this one. But understand this is a rec gov reservation campground with reservations for the open time period

Thought youd want to know

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Kelly, Katherine <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2013 8:52 PM
To: Suzanne Waldron
Cc: Blake Androff
Subject: Re: Opening Bryce Canyon National Park Today!!!

wow - very cool

On Fri, Oct 11, 2013 at 8:40 PM, Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov> wrote:
If you open it they will come

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Risser, Mary" <mary_risser@nps.gov>
Date: October 11, 2013, 8:37:47 PM EDT
To: "Margaret O'Dell" <peggy_o'dell@nps.gov>, Maureen Foster <maureen_foster@nps.gov>, Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
Cc: Rena Fugate <rena_fugate@nps.gov>, Billy Shott <billy_shott@nps.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Opening Bryce Canyon National Park Today!!!

Hi Peggy,

Here is the email that I received from Jeff Bradybaugh at Bryce a little while ago. Tomorrow morning I'll ask the other superintendents to report how the opening went tomorrow morning and will forward additional notes to you.

Have a good weekend and thanks for all you are doing.

Mary

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From: Bradybaugh, Jeffrey <jeff_bradybaugh@nps.gov>
Date: Fri, Oct 11, 2013 at 5:53 PM
Subject: Re: Opening Bryce Canyon National Park Today!!!
To: Mary Risser <mary_risser@nps.gov>, Colin Campbell <colin_campbell@nps.gov>, Laura Joss <laura_joss@nps.gov>, Billy Shott <billy_shott@nps.gov>, Rena Fugate <rena_fugate@nps.gov>
Cc: Leland Pollock <(b) (6)>, Clare Ramsey <gcclerk@mountainwest.net>, Del Lefevre <(b) (6)>, Dirk Clayson <(b) (6)>, Doug Heaton <dheaton@kane.utah.gov>, David Tebbs <david@rubysinn.com>, Lance Syrett <lance@rubysinn.com>, Jean Seiler <jean@rubysinn.com>, Eric Houston <(b) (6)>, Marty and Ilene Ott <megadeere@kanab.net>, Robert Eves <eves@suu.edu>, Steve Marshall <pangdrug@color-country.net>, Wallace Lee <wlee@email.utcourts.gov>, Ethel Rich <bcpines@color-country.net>, Neil Foster <(b) (6)>, Aaron Farmer <aaronfarmer@utah.gov>, Bill Swadley <William_Swadley@hatch.senate.gov>, Brian Bremner

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A quick update on opening of Bryce Canyon NP:

Everything is going smoothly!

There was quite a line of vehicles this afternoon at our gate as our 3 pm opening approached...several miles long! The initial group of vehicles that came in, according to our counter, was 471...including tour buses, motor-homes, cars, motorcycles, etc. and they are still coming... Of note, folks coming into the visitor center were very happy and were shaking rangers' hands and just delighted to see the park open!

Thanks for all your cooperation and support! Its a team effort!!

Jeff Bradybaugh
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"Optimism is true moral courage"
Sir Ernest Shackleton, 1874-1922
shipwrecked Antarctic Explorer



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From: Risser, Mary <mary_risser@nps.gov>
Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2013 3:34 PM
To: Suzanne Waldron; Maureen Foster; Margaret O'Dell; Cam Sholly
Cc: Paul Henderson; Catherine Cannon; Rena Fugate; Billy Shott
Subject: Southeast Utah Group opening

Hi all,

Here is a report from Paul Henderson about the opening of the Southeast Utah Group. Some very happy people out there.

Our openings all went well - Natural Bridges was opened at 10:30am on Friday and reports from Jim Dougan was that it was a typical and pleasant fall day.

We opened the roads at Arches at 5:30 pm on Friday - to a huge line of cars waiting to get into the park. When our ranger arrived to remove the barricades folks starting honking their horns, getting out and clapping and cheering - and several helped move the barricades to the side of the road. By sunset there was a very large crowd at Delicate Arch to enjoy the sunset - all were very happy to be there. The campground and the visitor center at Arches opened at 8:00 am on Saturday.

All of Canyonlands opened at 8:00am Saturday - I spoke with folks from each of the districts yesterday - things went smoothly and again visitors were very happy. The backcountry offices were very busy as folks figured out that things like a White Rim trip that they had planned months in advance were once again possible. I spoke to a woman in Salt Lake City yesterday - their White Rim trip was due to begin on Tuesday and they were at the last possible go/no-go moment and she couldn't really tell from the press coverage if the backcountry was open or not - when I let her know that they were good to go on their trip I thought she was going to crawl through the telephone and hug me - they have had this trip planned for almost a year.

All in all it has been very positive for both staff and visitors alike.

Let me know if there are questions.

Mary

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From: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2013 4:00 PM
To: Margaret O'Dell; Sally Jewell; Jonathan Jarvis; Bruce Sheaffer; Kevin Haugrud; Edward Boling; Barry Roth; Robert Eaton; Nicole Buffa; Laura Davis; Blake Androff; Katherine Kelly; Suzanne Waldron; Jody Lyle
Subject: RE: Utah parks

Turning visitors away is simply not in our DNA!

-----Original Message-----

From: Margaret O'Dell [mailto:peggy_o'dell@nps.gov]
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2013 3:57 PM
To: Sally Jewell; Jon Jarvis; Bruce Sheaffer; Jack Haugrud; Edward Boling; Barry Roth; Robert Eaton; Nicole Buffa; Laura Davis; Blake J Androff; Kate Kelly; Sue Waldron; Jody Lyle
Subject: Utah parks

Bruce and Capitol Reef will mostly be open today and the other six tomorrow. Staff generally happy to be back to work.

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From: Sally Jewell **B6 - Secretary Jewell**
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2013 3:59 PM
To: Margaret O'Dell; Jonathan Jarvis; Bruce Sheaffer; Kevin Haugrud; Edward Boling; Barry Roth; Robert Eaton; Nicole Buffa; Laura Davis; Blake Androff; Katherine Kelly; Suzanne Waldron; Jody Lyle
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Great - nice work everyone!

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From: Jane Ahern <jane_ahern@nps.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 04, 2013 12:31 PM
To: mike_litterst@nps.gov; sue_waldron@nps.gov
Subject: Fw: Fwd: event on Oct 27th

Just awareness of upcoming First Amend. permit for INDE - Oct 27 I don't have info on the specific activity for the event, but it is permitted.

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From: Clark, Stephen [mailto:stephen_m_clark@nps.gov]
Sent: Friday, October 04, 2013 09:05 AM
To: Jane Ahern <Jane_Ahern@nps.gov>; Michael Caldwell <Mike_Caldwell@nps.gov>; Brian Strack <brian_strack@nps.gov>; Charles Cuvelier <charles_cuvelier@nps.gov>
Subject: Fwd: event on Oct 27th

fyi from INDE...

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From: Suddath, Patrick <patrick_suddath@nps.gov>
Date: Fri, Oct 4, 2013 at 11:40 AM
Subject: Re: event on Oct 27th
To: Drheidi20 (b) (6)
Cc: Don Reed <Don_Reed@nps.gov>, Stephen Clark <stephen_m_clark@nps.gov>

Ms. Braunschweig,

I have located your permit. Even though all special use permits have been canceled for the duration of the government shut down, the National Park Service has specifically granted an exception for First Amendment activities to the National Mall in Washington D.C, and to Independence National Historical Park. Since your permit is for a First Amendment activity, your permit will be valid regardless of the status of the government appropriation.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further concerns.
Thank you,

Patrick Suddath
Chief Ranger
Independence National Historical Park
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(215) 900-2088(c)

On Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 5:22 PM, Drheidi20 <(b) (6)> wrote:
Hi,

I have an event planned for October 27th in People's Plaza and I was just looking for some advance information: if the shut down continues through the month is People's Plaza on the list of places that can not be used? I want to have a plan in the bag just in case.

thank you for your assistance.
Heidi

Heidi Braunschweig

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From: Waldron, Suzanne <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2013 3:05 PM
To: Peggy O'Dell; Maureen Foster
Cc: Mike Litterst
Subject: Fwd: INDE Update - DRAFT

fyi

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From: Ahern, Jane <jane_ahern@nps.gov>
Date: Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 2:29 PM
Subject: Re: INDE Update - DRAFT
To: "Waldron, Suzanne" <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
Cc: Michael Litterst <mike_litterst@nps.gov>

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Checking to get answer, that info was not in the report.

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Cc: Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Suzanne Waldron; Bruce Sheaffer; Michael Litterst; Lena McDowall; Raymond Vela
Subject: Active Issues List 10/11/13
Attachments: 10-11-13 1000 Active Shutdown Issues List.pdf

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Government Shutdown Issues – Active or Pending

October 11, 10:00 a.m. EDT ● = needs decision or action quickly

Region	Park	Issue	Summary of Actions to Date	Next Step(s)	Solicitor	Comments
Multiple ●	Multiple	State requests to fund park openings	Discussions occurring	Pending	Yes	
Multiple ●	Multiple	Concessioner requests to open	Discussions occurring	Pending	Yes	
NCR	GWMP	Temporary restraining order issued	District court ordered opening of Langley Forks Park to the public immediately	Coordinate with SOL/region/park on implementation of court order	Yes	
NCR	NAMA	Army 10-miler race	Scheduled for 10/20/13; issues being analyzed and options developed	Coordinate approach with DOI/WASO/NER/NAMA/USPP	No	
NCR ●	NAMA	Million-man veterans march	Posted as occurring on 10/13/13; NAMA attempting to develop more information	Coordinate approach with DOI/WASO/NER/NAMA/USPP	Yes	
NCR	NAMA	Multiple closure issues	NAMA working with USPP on a variety of closure issues as they arise	Monitor	Yes	
NER ●	NERI	Permitted event (Bridge Day)	Event is scheduled for Oct 18/19; park needs direction; bridge/road owned by state- 125,000 participants	Call with NER/Park/WASO/SOL to discuss best options occurred on 10/9/13; decision pending	Yes	
NER	COLO	Upcoming Jamestown event	Annual Yorktown Observance Day scheduled for 10/19/13 – 3k-4k people; requires every division to manage	Discuss options with NER	No	
NER ●	GATE	Upcoming NYC Marathon	Scheduled for early November however, preparations need to begin immediately	Discuss options with NER; need decision by Monday	No	
NER	INDE	Upcoming protest	Scheduled for 10/12/13 with an estimated 2000 participants; shutdown does not appear to be the object of the protest	NER/INDE managing	No	
NER	GETT	Closure protest	Scheduled for 10/13/13	NER managing with park	No	
NER	COLO	Potential closure litigation	Preservation Virginia attorney outlining groups right to access; Jamestown Island (non-NPS site-landlocked; we control access)	Need discussion with region and solicitor	Yes	



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SER	BLRI	Multiple concessioners opening	Two more concessioners have indicated they have/will open unilaterally	Discuss with SER/SOL	Yes	
SER	EVER	Airboat tour operations	Complaints on certain airboat operators being allowed to continue operating	WASO working with NER/park to determine best course of action	Yes	
SER	GRSM	Closure protest	Local communities threatening to demonstrate	SER working with park	No	
MWR	MORU	State/U.S. Senate request to operate/reopen	State governor and U.S. Senator have written to open park	Response sent to governor; response to U.S. Senator under consideration; park to open pull-out on Highway 244	No	
IMR	ZION	Closure demonstration	Closure protest; visitors bypassing trail barricades; Occupy Zion day planned for 10/12/13	Park/region managing	No	
IMR	Multiple	State request to fund Utah parks	Threats by local/state officials to take over UT park units; numerous conversations ongoing between DOI/NPS and state and local officials	WASO/IMR/Parks providing necessary information; monitoring; continuing conversations with appropriate officials	Yes	
IMR	YELL	Closure protest	Being organized for 10/13/13 at East entrance	Park monitoring	No	
PWR	FOVA	Race event	Scheduled for 10/12/13	Region working with park on best course of action	No	
PWR	GOGA	Upcoming 1 st Amendment events	Two annual events conducted by Native Americans (Chrissy Field and Alcatraz)	Region working with park on analyzing options	Yes	
PWR	MOJA	Hunting season beginning 10/12	Solicitor has reviewed enabling legislation and determined that shutdown closure would prohibit hunting activity from occurring	Continued review with PWR	Yes	
AKR	Multiple	Inconsistent interagency practices	Concerns with how all agencies are managing hunting, fishing, and other AK specific issues	AKRO in communication with WASO	Yes	

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Subject: Re: Georgia National Parks and Historic Sites

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From: **Patterson, Kyle** <kyle_patterson@nps.gov>
Date: Sun, Oct 13, 2013 at 1:55 PM

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>

Hi All,

Been getting numerous media requests today concerning yesterday's stats. Saw the spreadsheet so may I be responsive and pass them along from the park?

Please let me know as soon as possible. This is what we would send

Rocky Mountain National Park Visitor Counts for Saturday October 12 At Three Major Entrances Only

East side:

Beaver Meadows Entrance 1,024 vehicles - estimated 2764.8 visitors

Fall River Entrance 513 vehicles - estimated 1385.1 visitors

West side:

Grand Lake Entrance 306 vehicles - estimated 703.8 visitors

Visitor numbers are based on a person per vehicle formula (not an exact science)

Total visitors park wide(only calculated at major entrances) estimated to be 4853.7 for Saturday, October 12.

I do not have the information available at this time as to how that compares to last year. Should be able to make those comparisons on Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning.

Without the two major roads in to Estes Park it will be down of course but I just don't know by how much.

Thank you!

- Kyle

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From: Michael Litterst <mike_litterst@nps.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2013 12:16 PM
To: Suzanne Waldron
Cc: Kelly, Katherine; Androff Blake; Foster Maureen; O'Dell Peggy; Sheaffer Bruce
Subject: Re: Georgia National Parks and Historic Sites

Check. Do you want me to respond?

Mike Litterst
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Looping all

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Date: October 14, 2013 at 9:56:22 AM EDT
To: "DOI_Shutdown@ios.doi.gov"
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To: Risser, Mary; O'Dell Peggy; Sheaffer Bruce; Kelly Kate; Androff Blake
Cc: Maureen Foster; Cam Sholly; Rena Fugate; Billy Shott
Subject: Re: Positive visitor feedback CARE

Thanks mary looping others for awareness

Sue Waldron
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On Oct 13, 2013, at 11:47 AM, "Risser, Mary" <mary_risser@nps.gov> wrote:

Hi there,

Here is the report I received from Capitol Reef. Things are up and running.

Mary

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From: **Leah McGinnis** <leah_mcginis@nps.gov>

Date: Sat, Oct 12, 2013 at 3:31 PM

Subject: Positive visitor feedback CARE

To: Mary Risser <mary_risser@nps.gov>

Mary

We opened yesterday and within the first half hour had about 20 cars and a bus at the visitor center. People clapped as they got out of their cars and the flag went up at the VC. I spoke to several people that were just so happy we were open before their vacation ended, I called about 15 local business owners and everyone was very nice and very excited that we were open. We had one orchard with apples for picking. This was a very popular question and we were happy to be able to get the apples picked!

I will have visitor counts for you on Monday.

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From: Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2013 12:12 PM
To: Risser, Mary; Jarvis Jon; O'Dell Peggy; Sheaffer Bruce; Kelly Kate; Androff Blake
Cc: Maureen Foster; Cam Sholly; Rena Fugate; Billy Shott; Litterst Mike
Subject: Re: GLCA update on opening

Thanks - looping

Sue Waldron
Assistant Director, Communications
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On Oct 13, 2013, at 11:49 AM, "Risser, Mary" <mary_risser@nps.gov> wrote:

This is the last one for now. Have a good afternoon!

Mary

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From: Mihata, Lindy <lindy_mihata@nps.gov>
Date: Sat, Oct 12, 2013 at 1:02 PM
Subject: GLCA update on opening
To: Mary Risser <mary_risser@nps.gov>

Mary,

In regards to an update on the GLCA opening..... Though there were no lines to get into the park, members of the local communities and visitors were happy we were open.

It was uneventful which we were thankful for.

This is typically a busy holiday weekend for us and we expect to see a lot of people in the park and out on the water.

If you need anything further, please let me know.

Lindy

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Lindy Mihata
Acting Chief Ranger
Glen Canyon National Recreation Area

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From: Dennis Reidenbach <dennis_reidenbach@nps.gov>
Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2013 12:32 PM
To: Jon Jarvis
Cc: Mike Caldwell; Bruce Sheaffer; Peggy O'Dell
Subject: Mayor Michael Nutter

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Dennis Reidenbach
NPS Northeast Regional Director
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From: Sholly, Cam <cam_sholly@nps.gov>
Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2013 12:40 PM
To: Jonathan Jarvis; Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Suzanne Waldron; Bruce Sheaffer
Subject: Regional Call

Just did a call with the regional chiefs and overall everything quiet outside of NAMA. A couple of points of interest:

Fairly large demonstration scheduled today for Valley Forge - region working with park
Columbus day boat event has entered Biscayne, is very busy, but no major incidents so far
Large protest scheduled outside of Ozarks; park region monitoring
Private aircraft that went down inside of east entrance at YELL; no injuries; park working investigation
Large motorcycle rally/protest scheduled at Great Basin - region monitoring
Met with Vogel at WWII and you have the most up to date info there

Also, you may want to take a look at this if you have time

 [Oldest Full-Time Park Ranger, Betty Reid Soskin, Furloughed | NBC Bay Area](#)

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From: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 10:56 AM
To: Sarah Neimeyer
Cc: Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Kate P Kelly; Blake Androff
Subject: Re: TODAY - LEGGETT TO JOIN GLEN ECHO PARTNERSHIP IN CALLING FOR REOPENING OF GLEN ECHO PARK ***Note Additional Artists Who Will be Attending***

Thanks. NPS is currently considering a request from MD to open Glen Echo in the same manner as the Grand Canyon. I think that's our TP, right?

On Oct 15, 2013, at 10:54 AM, Sarah Neimeyer <sarah_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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From: "McManus, Karen" <Karen.McManus@mail.house.gov>
Date: October 15, 2013 10:49:51 AM EDT
To: "'sarah_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov'" <sarah_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: **Fw: TODAY - LEGGETT TO JOIN GLEN ECHO PARTNERSHIP IN CALLING FOR REOPENING OF GLEN ECHO PARK ***Note Additional Artists Who Will be Attending*****

Fyi
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Deputy District Director for Outreach
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From: Kleinman, Joan
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 10:15 AM
To: McManus, Karen
Subject: **FW: TODAY - LEGGETT TO JOIN GLEN ECHO PARTNERSHIP IN CALLING FOR REOPENING OF GLEN ECHO PARK ***Note Additional Artists Who Will be Attending*****

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From: Falcon, Karen [mailto:Karen.Falcon@montgomerycountymd.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 9:30 AM
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Media Contact: Esther Bowring, 240-777-6507

**LEGGETT TO JOIN
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IN CALLING FOR REOPENING OF GLEN
ECHO PARK**

**Tuesday, October 15, 2013
11 a.m.**

**In front of Glen Echo Park
7300 MacArthur Boulevard, Glen Echo**

Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett will join Montgomery County Councilmember Roger Berliner, members of the Glen Echo Partnership for Arts and Culture (the Partnership) and the Glen Echo community to call for the reopening of Glen Echo Park, which is operated by the County and the Partnership on National Park Service (NPS) land.

In 2002, Montgomery County signed a commitment with NPS to renovate and revitalize Glen Echo Park. The County and the non-profit the Partnership have together transformed Glen Echo Park from a neglected former amusement park to a premier center for the arts in the Washington region.

The County is willing to step in and assist NPS in fully operating Glen Echo Park.

Joining Leggett will be Montgomery County Councilmember Roger Berliner; the Partnership Executive Director Katey Boerner and Board President Michael Burack; Christopher Piper, artistic co-director, The Puppet Co.; Michael Bobbitt,

producing artistic director, Adventure Theatre; J. Jordan Bruns, Yellow Barn resident artist; Jeff Kirk, founder and director of Glen Echo Pottery; Debra Sternberg, dance presenter/instructor and vice president, American Swing; Michael Hart, founder/director, Dancing by the Bayou; Michele Rubin, resident artist and president, Art Glass Center at Glen Echo; Jackie Hogle, dance presenter and president, Friday Night Dancers; Steve Kaufman, dance presenter and vice president, Friday Night Dancers; April Blum, Folklore Society of Greater Washington and Blair Anderson, resident artist and director, SilverWorks Studio.

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From: Joss, Laura <laura_joss@nps.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 11:29 AM
To: NPS IMR FY13 Shutdown POC; NPS IMR Superintendents; Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Deputy RD's; NPS Regional Directors; Suzanne Waldron; Cam Sholly; Raymond Vela; Lena McDowall
Subject: Intermountain Region POC Updates

Effective today (10/15/13), the following POCs are in place for the Intermountain Region:

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Rena Fugate, ARD, Business and Technology
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Billy Shott, Chief Ranger
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From: Risser, Mary <mary_risser@nps.gov>
Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2013 3:34 PM
To: Suzanne Waldron; Maureen Foster; Margaret O'Dell; Cam Sholly
Cc: Paul Henderson; Catherine Cannon; Rena Fugate; Billy Shott
Subject: Southeast Utah Group opening

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Cc: Maureen Foster; Cam Sholly; Rena Fugate; Billy Shott; Bill Wright
Subject: Re: Summary of Day 1 at Grand Canyon

Thanks mary. Looping others

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 13, 2013, at 3:25 PM, "Risser, Mary" <mary_risser@nps.gov> wrote:

Hi Sue,

Here is a wrap-up of GRCA's first day.

Mary

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From: **Wright, Bill** <bill_wright@nps.gov>
Date: Sun, Oct 13, 2013 at 10:28 AM
Subject: Fwd: Summary of Day 1 at Grand Canyon
To: Mary Risser <mary_risser@nps.gov>, Billy Shott <billy_shott@nps.gov>, Colin Campbell <colin_campbell@nps.gov>, Laura Joss <laura_joss@nps.gov>
Cc: Kirby-Lynn Shedlowski <kirbylynn_shedlowski@nps.gov>, David Uberuaga <dave_uberuaga@nps.gov>

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Date: Sun, Oct 13, 2013 at 9:21 AM
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To: Bill Wright <bill_wright@nps.gov>
Cc: David Uberuaga <dave_uberuaga@nps.gov>, Maureen Oltrogge <maureen_oltrogge@nps.gov>

The park officially opened at 8 a.m. but cars were allowed into the park starting at 6 a.m.- a number of cars were lined up at the barricade waiting for clearance to enter.

Visitors who entered the park were greeted with limited services.
167 restrooms were cleaned prior to the 8 a.m. opening

Bright Angel Bikes and Coffee shop was open for business.
Visitor Centers opened at 8 a.m.
Grand Canyon Association retail outlets opened at 8 a.m.
Concessions operated retail shops opened at 10 a.m.
Concessions operated lodges opened at 11 a.m.
Maswick Cafeteria, Bright Angel Lodge, and the Marketplace Deli, concessions operated dining facilities, opened for lunch at noon with limited menu selections.
El Tovar Restaurant opened for dinner at 4:30 p.m.
Shuttle Bus service resumed with limited operations at noon and full operations by 3 p.m.
Grand Canyon Railway ran a train with approximately 100 passengers
Mather Campground went from 0 sites filled to almost full at 6 p.m. 320+ sites

Entrance Station information is forthcoming.
South Entrance Station was open from 6:45 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- AM entrance stations experienced long lines- 5 lanes were open
- PM traffic slowed
Desert View open from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30

Governor Brewer's Visit

Location of Press Conference selected for part of Rim Trail between El Tovar Lodge and Hopi House.
Governor Jan Brewer's advance team arrived at the park at 8:30 a.m. to prepare for her arrival.
El Tovar was used as staging area for the Governor.
Governor Brewer landed at the Grand Canyon Airport at 10 a.m. and was escorted into the park arriving at El Tovar at 10:20 a.m.
Multiple press outlets arrived to cover the Governor's announcement.
Press conference began promptly at 11 a.m.
Governor Brewer spoke first.
Tuyasan Mayor Greg Bryan spoke next.
Park Superintendent Dave Uberuaga spoke last.
Question and Answer session followed.
Governor, Mayor, and Superintendent did some follow up press shots and interviews along the rim trail.
Governor and team left park at approximately 11:50 a.m.

Media Coverage:

2 videos on Fox:

<http://www.myfoxphoenix.com/story/23676295/2013/10/12/grand-canyon-opens-in-state-fed-natl-parks-deal>

ABC 15:

http://www.abc15.com/dpp/news/region_northern_az/other/Tourists-public-officials-praise-opening-of-Grand-Canyon-National-Park-amid-government-shutdown

NBC 12:

<http://www.azcentral.com/news/politics/articles/20131012arizona-grand-canyon-reopens-national-park-deal-brewer.html>

Independent 3:

<http://www.azfamily.com/news/Grand-Canyon-National-Park-reopens-to-tourists-227518461.html>

CBS 5:

<http://www.kpho.com/story/23658804/brewer-grand-canyon-reopened-to-visitors-saturday>

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From: Jonathan Jarvis <jon_jarvis@nps.gov>
Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2013 2:09 PM
To: Dennis Reidenbach
Cc: Mike Caldwell; Bruce Sheaffer; Peggy O'Dell
Subject: Re: Mayor Michael Nutter

I talked with Bruce and agree with him we would violate the Anti deficiency act if we allow them to open. Do you want to call him?

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Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 5:25 PM
To: Bruce Sheaffer; Maureen Foster; Peggy O'Dell
Subject: GLEC

Just heard that Montgomery County and GEPPAC are planning civil disobedience @ the site Friday. Not sure how this enters into your discussions w MD but FYI.

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From: Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2013 2:20 PM
To: Blake Androff; Reynolds William
Cc: Michael Litterst; Kate Kelly; Sholly Cam; O'Dell Peggy; Foster Maureen
Subject: Re: question

Looping bill reynolds in southeast region to track this one down.

And others for awareness

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From: William Reynolds <william_f_reynolds@nps.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2013 2:58 PM
To: Sue_Waldron@nps.gov; blake_androff@ios.doi.gov
Cc: mike_litterst@nps.gov; kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov; cam_sholly@nps.gov;
Peggy_O'Dell@nps.gov; Maureen_Foster@nps.gov
Subject: Re: question

Will do.

From: Suzanne Waldron [mailto:sue_waldron@nps.gov]
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2013 11:20 AM
To: Blake Androff <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov>; Reynolds William <William_F_Reynolds@nps.gov>
Cc: Michael Litterst <Mike_Litterst@nps.gov>; Kate Kelly <Kate_Kelly@ios.doi.gov>; Sholly Cam <cam_sholly@nps.gov>; O'Dell Peggy <Peggy_O'Dell@nps.gov>; Foster Maureen <Maureen_Foster@nps.gov>
Subject: Re: question

Looping bill reynolds in southeast region to track this one down.

And others for awareness

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

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From: Leah McGinnis <leah_mcginnis@nps.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2013 3:03 PM
To: Margaret O'Dell
Cc: Suzanne Waldron; Risser, Mary; Foster Maureen; Bruce Sheaffer
Subject: Re: Press release question

Thanks everyone, the 10 days should take us through Sunday. I will wait for final confirmation tomorrow though since I have not seen the agreement.

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 14, 2013, at 12:08 PM, "Margaret O'Dell" <peggy_o'dell@nps.gov> wrote:

Lets just check the dates on the agreement to ensure the park will still be open next weekend. I don't have it at home with me to check. If the state sponsored funding includes the date(s) of the event then yes you should plan to do it since it is business as usual under state donates funding.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 14, 2013, at 2:00 PM, Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov> wrote:

Mary looping peggy in on this for decision

My thought is if the event is during the re-opening period then It could go forward. If it does, better to have it publicized by the partner

Sue Waldron
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On Oct 14, 2013, at 1:56 PM, "Risser, Mary" <mary_risser@nps.gov> wrote:

Hi Sue,

Please see the email request from Leah at Capitol Reef. Do you have any insight or thoughts on this? They have a special event coming up that was scheduled before the shutdown.

Thanks,

Mary

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From: **Leah McGinnis** <leah_mcginnis@nps.gov>

Date: Mon, Oct 14, 2013 at 11:37 AM
Subject: Press release question
To: Mary Risser <mary_risser@nps.gov>

Mary

We have events planned for this coming weekend, Earth Science Weekend in conjunction with the Utah Education Association weekend. This was planned before the shutdown and we are accomplishing it without extra pay or overtime. We wanted to send out a press release, but somehow it seems hard to celebrate events when parks are still closed....thoughts or advice?

Thanks

Sent from my iPad

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Subject: Re: Glen Echo Park

Looping maureen and peggy on glen echo

Sue Waldron
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On Oct 14, 2013, at 3:22 PM, Blake Androff <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

What's the status of Glen Echo?

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

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Date: October 14, 2013 at 3:15:08 PM EDT
To: "DOI_Shutdown@ios.doi.gov" <DOI_Shutdown@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Glen Echo Park

This is Bill Turque from The Washington Post. Montgomery County has asked Sec. Jewell to re-open Glen Echo Park, which is home to a community of arts organizations that don't take federal money.

There have been re-openings of similar NPS facilities. Any response?

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Sent: Monday, October 14, 2013 3:40 PM
To: Suzanne Waldron
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From: Margaret O'Dell <peggy_o'dell@nps.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2013 8:35 AM
To: Peggy O'Dell
Subject: Fwd: Summary of Day 1 at Grand Canyon

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Subject: Re: Summary of Day 1 at Grand Canyon

Thanks mary. Looping others

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 13, 2013, at 3:25 PM, "Risser, Mary" <mary_risser@nps.gov> wrote:

Hi Sue,

Here is a wrap-up of GRCA's first day.

Mary

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From: **Wright, Bill** <bill_wright@nps.gov>
Date: Sun, Oct 13, 2013 at 10:28 AM
Subject: Fwd: Summary of Day 1 at Grand Canyon
To: Mary Risser <mary_risser@nps.gov>, Billy Shott <billy_shott@nps.gov>, Colin Campbell <colin_campbell@nps.gov>, Laura Joss <laura_joss@nps.gov>
Cc: Kirby-Lynn Shedlowski <kirbylynn_shedlowski@nps.gov>, David Uberuaga <dave_uberuaga@nps.gov>

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The park officially opened at 8 a.m. but cars were allowed into the park starting at 6 a.m.- a number of cars were lined up at the barricade waiting for clearance to enter.

Visitors who entered the park were greeted with limited services.
167 restrooms were cleaned prior to the 8 a.m. opening
Bright Angel Bikes and Coffee shop was open for business.
Visitor Centers opened at 8 a.m.
Grand Canyon Association retail outlets opened at 8 a.m.
Concessions operated retail shops opened at 10 a.m.
Concessions operated lodges opened at 11 a.m.
Maswick Cafeteria, Bright Angel Lodge, and the Marketplace Deli, concessions operated dining facilities, opened for lunch at noon with limited menu selections.
El Tovar Restaurant opened for dinner at 4:30 p.m.
Shuttle Bus service resumed with limited operations at noon and full operations by 3 p.m.
Grand Canyon Railway ran a train with approximately 100 passengers
Mather Campground went from 0 sites filled to almost full at 6 p.m. 320+ sites

Entrance Station information is forthcoming.
South Entrance Station was open from 6:45 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- AM entrance stations experienced long lines- 5 lanes were open
- PM traffic slowed
Desert View open from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30

Governor Brewer's Visit

Location of Press Conference selected for part of Rim Trail between El Tovar Lodge and Hopi House.
Governor Jan Brewer's advance team arrived at the park at 8:30 a.m. to prepare for her arrival.
El Tovar was used as staging area for the Governor.
Governor Brewer landed at the Grand Canyon Airport at 10 a.m. and was escorted into the park arriving at El Tovar at 10:20 a.m.
Multiple press outlets arrived to cover the Governor's announcement.
Press conference began promptly at 11 a.m.
Governor Brewer spoke first.
Tuyasan Mayor Greg Bryan spoke next.
Park Superintendent Dave Uberuaga spoke last.
Question and Answer session followed.
Governor, Mayor, and Superintendent did some follow up press shots and interviews along the rim trail.
Governor and team left park at approximately 11:50 a.m.

Media Coverage:

2 videos on Fox:

<http://www.myfoxphoenix.com/story/23676295/2013/10/12/grand-canyon-opens-in-state-fed-natl-parks-deal>

ABC 15:

http://www.abc15.com/dpp/news/region_northern_az/other/Tourists-public-officials-praise-opening-of-Grand-Canyon-National-Park-amid-government-shutdown

NBC 12:

<http://www.azcentral.com/news/politics/articles/20131012arizona-grand-canyon-reopens-national-park-deal-brewer.html>

Independent 3:

<http://www.azfamily.com/news/Grand-Canyon-National-Park-reopens-to-tourists-227518461.html>

CBS 5:

<http://www.kpho.com/story/23658804/brewer-grand-canyon-reopened-to-visitors-saturday>

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Subject: Re: Glen Echo Park in Glen Echo, Md.

Can we (or should we) offer anything at this point to the Post? (ie we are reviewing the request / situation, etc?)

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From: Reidenbach, Dennis <dennis_reidenbach@nps.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 7:50 AM
To: Jon Jarvis; Peggy O'Dell; Bruce Sheaffer

All

Thought you would like to see the printed version of the lead story on Philadelphia's news radio station yesterday regarding the shutdown and Mayor Nutter's comments. He didn't mention the Independence Visitor Center at all.

Expressed his frustration but didn't focus it on us.

Dennis

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By Mike Dunn

PHILADELPHIA (CBS) – New York officials have arranged to re-open the Statue of Liberty despite the federal shutdown using state dollars.

In Philadelphia, though, Mayor Nutter is resigned to this city's historic sites remaining shuttered.

Governor Corbett has already ruled out the use of state dollars to temporarily re-open national parks in Pennsylvania. And Mayor Nutter now says using city dollars for the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall will not happen:

What the feds have said is national sites will only be able to re-open if state funding is provided, and I think its pretty clear from an announcement I saw a couple of days ago that Governor Corbett and the state are not going to put forward funds , much like Gov. Cuomo did in the New York situation to get the Statue of Liberty open.”

Nutter refused to blame Corbett, but did voice frustration and anger at Washington:

“It is astounding to me that there is some rule or provision that allows the federal government to shut down. We look like idiots around the world that we would allow this to happen. These monuments — the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, the birthplace of freedom, liberty and democracy — that we would tell Americans or

international travelers coming here to see these incredible, iconic, historic sites that the government is closed! That's so silly.”

The Corbett Administration ruled out using state dollars for historic sites because officials instead want to focus  on ensuring social service payments that could be affected.

From: Ericsson, Sally C. <Sally_C_Ericsson@omb.eop.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2013 11:50 AM
To: 'Nicole Buffa'
Cc: 'Peggy O'Dell'; 'Maureen Foster'
Subject: RE: NPS

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To: 'Margaret O'Dell'
Cc: 'Nicole Buffa'; 'Maureen Foster'
Subject: RE: NPS

Keep me posted!

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From: Margaret O'Dell [peggy_o'dell@nps.gov]
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2013 11:52 AM Eastern Standard Time
To: Ericsson, Sally C.
Cc: Nicole Buffa; Maureen Foster
Subject: Re: NPS

I believe we have interest from other states. Missouri and Tennessee that I can remember. We will talk to them again tomorrow to see if they want to proceed. Maureen can you remember any others?

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From: Barry Roth <barry.roth@sol.doi.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2013 8:42 AM
To: Sholly, Cam
Cc: Edward Boling; Peggy O'Dell
Subject: Re: 10/14/13 Active Issues List

Are you having the 11 today. If so I will come in after doctor appointment

Barry N Roth
Associate Solicitor for Parks & Wildlife
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Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 14, 2013, at 8:25 AM, "Sholly, Cam" <cam_sholly@nps.gov> wrote:

Attached are issues that are current/pending as reported to WASO by the regions. There are a considerable number of things going on not reflected on the list, but these are the ones pending a WASO decision or which have potential litigation or high profile.

Demonstrations over the weekend occurred at NAMA, GETT, VAFO, INDE, OZAR, YELL, and several other parks. All varied in both numbers of attendees and level of organization. No major incidents (e.g., mass arrests or other actions) were reported as of this morning.

Charles has prepared a vandalism/threats to employees list and sent to each regional chief/LES.

Cameron Sholly
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<10-14-13 1000 Active Shutdown Issues List.pdf>

From: Buffa, Nicole <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
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To: Sarah Neimeyer; Maureen Foster; Peggy O'Dell; Laura Davis; Blake Androff; Kate P Kelly
Cc: Nicole Buffa
Subject: Re: URGENT Congressional | Closure of Glen Echo Park

Hi Team NPS and Comms - We are hearing that Montgomery County officials will hold a press conference at 11:00 a.m. regarding the closure of Glen Echo Park.

Van Hollen's office is interested in either the Grand Canyon or Claude Moore treatment of Glen Echo. I understand this is complicated, but I think we need to (1) have someone contact Van Hollen's office and explain our thinking (we are hearing that he has been trying to reach Jon); and (2) have this on our radars in case Kate and Blake start getting questions. Other thoughts?

thanks in advance,
Nikki

From: Sarah Neimeyer <sarah_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 10:54 AM
To: Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Buffa Nikki
Subject: Fwd: TODAY - LEGGETT TO JOIN GLEN ECHO PARTNERSHIP IN CALLING FOR REOPENING OF GLEN ECHO PARK ***Note Additional Artists Who Will be Attending***

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To: Margaret O'Dell; Bruce Sheaffer; Maureen Foster
Subject: Fwd: press release

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From: Paul Tetreault <pault@fords.org>
Date: October 15, 2013, 10:43:38 AM EDT
To: Bob Vogel <bob_vogel@nps.gov>
Subject: press release

Bob,

We think the POST may want to speak with someone at NPS once this is announced, would you be willing, or do you have a spokesperson that we should direct them to.

You should also know, that we are putting NPS in a terrific light on this, and "...it is through our unique 45 year partnership that we have been working at trying to figure out a way to open the site..." etc. etc.

Let me know,

Paul

Paul R. Tetreault
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From: Joss, Laura <laura_joss@nps.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 3:31 PM
To: Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Cam Sholly
Cc: Mary Risser; Billy Shott; Marie Sauter; Joseph Roberts
Subject: Fwd: Otero County, NM Commission Meeting Agenda and Draft Resolution to Seize White Sands NM
Attachments: Agenda Item.pdf; _Attachment 1.OTERO RESOLUTION TO SEIZE WHITE SANDS NATIONAL MON.pdf

Peggy/Maureen: White Sands staff just found this draft resolution on Facebook and contacted IMRO about it. The County Commission has a meeting at 6pm tonight to discuss and likely sign the resolution to seize and open the park. It will then likely be sent to the NM Governor. Could you please bring this to the attention of the SOL for their review and assistance? It sounds very similar to the UT situation before the Governor decided to provide funding to open some UT parks. but we have heard that NM hasn't expressed interest in doing that. We advised Superintendent Marie Sauter and Chief Ranger Joe Roberts that if the county sends representatives to the park to open it, the staff at the gate should remind them of our closure, then step aside and document what transpires. NPS staff are not to engage physically or open any facilities or gates.

Chief Ranger Billy Shott will also follow up with Cam about this.

Laura

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Date: Tue, Oct 15, 2013 at 1:14 PM
Subject: Otero County Commission Meeting Agenda and Resolution
To: Billy Shott <billy_shott@nps.gov>

Hi Billy,
Chief Joe Roberts asked me to send this to you immediately.

This is the county resolution that is going to be discussed at the 1:00PM meeting/conference call with WHSA.

Kelly A. Roche
Park Ranger/CDSO/Fee Supervisor
White Sands National Monument
P.O. Box 1068
Holloman AFB NM 88330

575-479-6124 x221
575-479-4333 Fax

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William Shott
Regional Chief Ranger
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303-969-2652

<http://share.inside.nps.gov/sites/IMR/IMRVRP/default.aspx>

AGENDA REPORT

Otero County Commission

Submitted by: Ronny Rardin

Meeting date: 10/15/2013

Subject:	Request approval of Resolution #10-15-13/102-10 declaring an emergency in Otero County due to the Failure of the United States to fulfill its obligations and denying the public access to White Sands National Monument.
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Research/Background:

Staff/Department Recommendation:

Attachments

Comment

RESOLUTION #10-15-13/102-10,

DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN OTERO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO DUE TO THE FAILURE OF THE UNITED STATES TO FULFILL ITS OBLIGATIONS AND DENYING THE PUBLIC ACCESS TO WHITE SANDS NATIONAL MONUMENT.

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility and within the scope of authority, of the Board of County Commissioners of Otero County to those powers necessary and proper to provide for the safety, preserve the health, promote the prosperity and improve the morals, order, comfort and convenience of the County or its inhabitants, pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978 §4-37-1; and

WHEREAS, historically, the Board of County Commissioners of Otero County have been periodically required to exercise those powers necessary and proper to provide for the safety, preserve the health, promote the prosperity and improve the morals, order, comfort and convenience of the County; and

WHEREAS, due to a lapse in the funding of the United States Government by Congress the President of the United States has ordered through the White House Office of Management and Budget Memos M-13-22 and M-13-24 the shut-down of all national parks including White Sands National Monument in Otero County, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, White Sands National Monument represents a vital component of the economy of Otero County wherein its unnecessary closure represents real and sufficient economic harm to the citizens of Otero County negatively affecting in a substantial manner their safety, health and prosperity.

WHEREAS, The economic harm associated with the unnecessary closure represents a real, daily, negative effect on the businesses and livelihoods of the citizens of Otero County that are dependent on revenues derived from tourism associated with visitors to White Sands National Monument; and

WHEREAS, the legal ownership and title to White Sands National Monument has never been properly vested in the United States and the United States only has a proprietary interest in White Sands National Monument which by their actions they should be deemed to have abandoned for the time being; and

WHEREAS, the United States has failed in responsibility to maintain White Sands National Monument and to make access to the park available to the public, it is the duty of Otero County to, until such a time as the United States may again fulfill its responsibilities, assume those responsibilities for the sake of diverting an economic emergency harming the citizens of Otero County.

NOW THEREFORE, hereby be it resolved that the Board of County Commissioners of Otero County declares a state of economic emergency and disaster to exist in and around the Otero County Community as a result of the unnecessary closure of White Sands National Monument; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners hereby formally requests that Federal officials take immediate action to immediately open White Sands National Monument; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners hereby formally notifies the United States that pursuant to NMSA 1978 §4-37-1 and the 10th Amendment to the United States Constitution it is empowered to seize control of White Sands National Monument to provide for access, care and the collection of revenues on behalf of the absent Federal government until such a time as the United States can again fulfill its obligations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be called immediately to the attention of the New Mexico Congressional Delegation, Governor Susana Martinez, the New Mexico Legislature and the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners calls upon Federal officials to immediately coordinate a meeting to address the issues raised by this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be widely publicized so that the public may be aware that they will be able to access White Sands National Monument so as to avert financial harm to the citizens of the County.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on the _____ day of October, 2013.

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

Looping maureen and bruce. Believe we have been saying that we will only respond to requests from states (possibly cities but that may have fallen away) to run costs.

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

Sue Waldron
Assistant Director, Communications
National Park Service

Sent from my iPad

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

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

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From: "Elliot, Richard (CMG-Atlanta)" <richard.elliott@wsbtv.com>
Date: October 14, 2013 at 9:56:22 AM EDT
To: "DOI_Shutdown@ios.doi.gov" <DOI_Shutdown@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Georgia National Parks and Historic Sites

Good morning.

I'm at reporter at WSB-TV in Atlanta, GA. We're trying to do a story on how much it would cost to run our USPS sites per day. I know Georgia has already decided it doesn't want to pay that price, but we're looking into whether the city of Atlanta might investigate re-opening the MLK National Historic Site since it's in the downtown area.

Do you have any cost estimates about how much it takes per day to run these USPS sites: Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, Chattahoochee National Forest, Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site and Cumberland Island National Seashore (those are the only ones we can think of).

Thanks for any assistance.

Richard Elliot
WSB-TV
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richard.elliott@wsbtv.com

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Nps staffs the site all the time w maintenance. Uspp or rangers have roles re: parking on the weekend. Are you looking at it in terms of a "state" approach w them paying for full ops? Tx.

Lisa Mendelson, AICP
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202-619-7023 office

On Oct 15, 2013, at 11:07 AM, Margaret O'Dell <peggy_o'dell@nps.gov> wrote:

We understand Maryland is looking to past to keep Glen Echo open. Call if you want more info.

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Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 11:11 PM
To: Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Sue Waldron; Cam Sholly; Bob Vogel; Stephen Lorenzetti; Karen Cucurullo; Lisa Mendelson; Jennifer Mummart; Dennis Reidenbach; Gay Vietzke; Jane Ahern; Ryan Levins; Rob Maclean
Subject: Fwd: heads up - open the parks events

FYI. Two more civil disobedience events this weekend - one at GETT and another at WWII Memorial.

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Date: Oct 15, 2013 11:03 PM

Subject: heads up.

To: "Mike Litterst" <Mike_Litterst@nps.gov>

Cc:

> Stand!

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> So far we have to active operations to Open The Parks.

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> 1) OPERATION: GETTYSBURG @ Gettysburg Taking down the barricades and opening the park grounds.

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> 2) OPERATION: WIRE GUARD @ DC and other locations to be announced, 24 hr teams to remove barricades at the memorial sites.

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> <http://opentheparks.com/>

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> <https://www.facebook.com/CivilWarAuthorJessicaJames>

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Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 1:51 PM
To: Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Suzanne Waldron; Michael Litterst; Nicole Buffa; Benjamin Milakofsky; Katherine Kelly; Laura Davis; Sarah Neimeyer; Jonathan Jarvis; Pam Haze
Subject: National Park Ranger Lodge of the Fraternal Order (letter)

For Immediate Release: Oct 15, 2013
Contact: Kirsten Stade (202) 265-7337

NATIONAL PARK RANGERS ASK PUBLIC NOT TO SHOOT MESSENGER

Open Letter Calls for Reforms to Prevent Future Closures Urges Public to Direct Anger at Congress to Force Parks Reopening

Posted on Oct 15, 2013 | Tags: **NPS**

Washington, DC — Nowhere have the flashpoints of the current government shutdown played out so prominently than in our national parks. With most of the National Park Service (NPS) staff furloughed, the remaining law enforcement rangers are left with the distinctly unpleasant task of policing closures.

The National Park Ranger Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police has asked Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER) to post its open letter to the public. We are happy to do so:

"In recent days, media coverage regarding the actions of NPS rangers has been less than flattering. The image of a United States Congressman yelling at a Park Ranger -- doing her job as she was directed -- was shameful.

Park Rangers are being assigned tasks that, at minimum, are an inconvenience to the public and that often deprive the public of their access to Federal lands and facilities.

Closing National Parks is against our nature. The reason we became Park Rangers and love our profession is because we enjoy welcoming people from around the world to our national treasures, and providing for safe and enjoyable visits to these sites, while leaving them protected for future generations.

However, there is a law governing government shutdowns, the Anti-Deficiency Act. Over the decades, multiple administrations have implemented closures under this law. We are unaware of any injunction or other court-issued document that has ever overturned the government's authority in these matters. For those who believe they have standing, we urge you to seek legal remedies in court if you believe NPS actions to close park facilities to be illegal. Life would be much easier for us if the parks were open.

Without any contrary court findings or changes in the law, we will carry on with this miserable, thankless, and pay-less task denying public access to parks during the government shutdown. Although our actions too often make

sensational news stories and fodder for pundits -- they are supported by precedent and legal guidance from government lawyers, under laws we are sworn to enforce.

Instead of being angry with the messengers, we hope the public complains loudly and often to their elected representatives who caused this mess -- it's not the National Park Service or the rangers and employees, who are always here to serve the public. This situation was preventable, and should be fixed. The same holds true of those in the media who sensationalize and incorrectly report on our actions, blaming those who enforce the law rather than advocating for needed changes in the laws. The American people and our international visitors deserve better.

We hope that in the aftermath of this, laws are put in place to eliminate such closures.

Joseph de Maistre wrote, 'Every nation gets the government it deserves.' We hope you contact your elected officials and those in the media and express your opinion so we don't have to go through this nonsense in the future.

Thank you,

George Durkee

President

Ranger Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police

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Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 2:42 PM
To: Lisa Mendelson
Cc: Peggy O'Dell
Subject: Fwd: URGENT Congressional | Closure of Glen Echo Park

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On Tue, Oct 15, 2013 at 10:56 AM, Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
Thanks. NPS is currently considering a request from MD to open Glen Echo in the same manner as the Grand Canyon. I think that's our TP, right?

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IN CALLING FOR REOPENING OF GLEN ECHO PARK

Tuesday, October 15, 2013

11 a.m.

In front of Glen Echo Park

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Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett will join Montgomery County Councilmember Roger Berliner, members of the Glen Echo Partnership for Arts and Culture (the Partnership) and the Glen Echo community to call for the reopening of Glen Echo Park, which is operated by the County and the Partnership on National Park Service (NPS) land.

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The County is willing to step in and assist NPS in fully operating Glen Echo Park.

Joining Leggett will be Montgomery County Councilmember Roger Berliner; the Partnership Executive Director Katey Boerner and Board President Michael Burack; Christopher Piper, artistic co-director, The Puppet Co.; Michael Bobbitt, producing artistic director, Adventure Theatre; J. Jordan Bruns, Yellow Barn resident artist; Jeff Kirk, founder and director of Glen Echo Pottery; Debra Sternberg, dance presenter/instructor and vice president, American Swing; Michael Hart, founder/director, Dancing by the Bayou; Michele Rubin, resident artist and president, Art Glass Center at Glen Echo; Jackie Hoglund, dance presenter and president, Friday Night Dancers; Steve Kaufman, dance presenter and vice president, Friday Night Dancers; April Blum, Folklore Society of Greater Washington and Blair Anderson, resident artist and director, SilverWorks Studio.

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From: Laura Joss <laura_joss@nps.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 9:29 PM
To: Margaret O'Dell
Cc: Maureen Foster; Bruce Sheaffer; David Uberuaga; Rena Fugate; Mary Risser
Subject: Re: Grand Canyon National Park October 18 Closure Plan

OK, thanks Peggy.

Laura

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 15, 2013, at 6:26 PM, Margaret O'Dell <peggy_o'dell@nps.gov> wrote:

Wow time flies! We will talk about t tomorrow. We will also discuss who should contact state to see if they want to re-up

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 15, 2013, at 7:35 PM, Laura Joss <laura_joss@nps.gov> wrote:

Peggy/Bruce: Since we have not had word from AZ about extending the agreement to keep GRCA open past this Friday, here is the park's proposed plan. Please let us know if any of this is problematic, and whether GRCA or WASO should send out a press release about this.

Thanks,

Laura

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Cc: David Uberuaga <dave_uberuaga@nps.gov>; Diane Chalfant <diane_chalfant@nps.gov>; Bill Wright <Bill_Wright@nps.gov>
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Grand Canyon National Park

October 18 Closure Plan

Without additional state funding as of 11:59pm October 16th, the park proposes to:

1. Park to begin closure procedures starting Thursday October 17th at 0800.
2. Notify concessioners and campground users that overnight guests will need to depart the park no later than normal check out time on Saturday October 19th.
3. Backcountry permit holders which start no later than Friday October 18th will be allowed to hike in.
4. Backcountry developed campgrounds must be vacated by normal check out time on Saturday October 19th (Bright Angel, Indian Garden, Tuweep and Cottonwood). At large camping permitted through the permit itinerary.
5. River permits scheduled to start Saturday October 19th will be allowed to launch on Saturday.
6. Close entrance gates at midnight Friday October 18th.
7. Reduce park staffing to excepted furlough employees starting Saturday October 19th.
8. Non-excepted employees to complete shut down and be out of office at the end of their last work day, no later than Friday October 18th; unlike the October 1 shut down, employees will not come in after the closure to complete shut down.
9. Park to send out press releases regarding operational updates as needed.

If funding is received before close of business Thursday October 17th or Friday October 18th the park proposes to:

1. Delay closing for each two days of state funding.
2. Concession services available as soon as possible at the discretion of each concession.

QUESTIONS

- Do employees need to re-submit a furlough letter? Do we need to send this out? We assume they were never taken out of furlough and there is no conflict in payroll.

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Jane Rodgers

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From: Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2013 4:27 PM
To: Peggy O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Bruce Sheaffer; Kate Kelly; Blake Androff
Subject: Fwd: Visitation Stats

Im ok with reLeasing visitation stats. Anyone object?

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From: "Risser, Mary" <mary_risser@nps.gov>
Date: October 13, 2013, 4:16:31 PM EDT
To: Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
Cc: Kyle Patterson <kyle_patterson@nps.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Visitation Stats

Please see Kyle's note. Are you OK with her releasing this information?

Mary

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From: Patterson, Kyle <kyle_patterson@nps.gov>
Date: Sun, Oct 13, 2013 at 1:55 PM
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>

Hi All,

Been getting numerous media requests today concerning yesterday's stats. Saw the spreadsheet so may I be responsive and pass them along from the park?

Please let me know as soon as possible. This is what we would send

Rocky Mountain National Park Visitor Counts for Saturday October 12 At Three Major Entrances Only

East side:

Beaver Meadows Entrance 1,024 vehicles - estimated 2764.8 visitors
Fall River Entrance 513 vehicles - estimated 1385.1 visitors

West side:

Grand Lake Entrance 306 vehicles - estimated 703.8 visitors

Visitor numbers are based on a person per vehicle formula (not an exact science)

Total visitors park wide(only calculated at major entrances) estimated to be 4853.7 for Saturday, October 12.

I do not have the information available at this time as to how that compares to last year. Should be able to make those comparisons on Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning.

Without the two major roads in to Estes Park it will be down of course but I just don't know by how much.

Thank you!

- Kyle

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Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett will join Montgomery County Councilmember Roger Berliner, members of the Glen Echo Partnership for Arts and Culture (the Partnership) and the Glen Echo community to call for the reopening of Glen Echo Park, which is operated by the County and the Partnership on National Park Service (NPS) land.

In 2002, Montgomery County signed a commitment with NPS to renovate and revitalize Glen Echo Park. The County and the non-profit the Partnership have together transformed Glen Echo Park from a neglected former amusement park to a premier center for the arts in the Washington region.

The County is willing to step in and assist NPS in fully operating Glen Echo Park.

Joining Leggett will be Montgomery County Councilmember Roger Berliner; the Partnership Executive Director Katey Boerner and Board President Michael Burack; Christopher Piper, artistic co-director, The Puppet Co.; Michael Bobbitt, producing artistic director, Adventure Theatre; J. Jordan Bruns, Yellow Barn resident artist; Jeff Kirk, founder and director of Glen Echo Pottery; Debra Sternberg, dance presenter/instructor and vice president, American Swing; Michael Hart, founder/director, Dancing by the Bayou; Michele Rubin, resident artist and president, Art Glass Center at Glen Echo; Jackie Hogle, dance presenter and president, Friday Night Dancers; Steve Kaufman, dance presenter and vice president, Friday Night Dancers; April Blum, Folklore Society of Greater Washington and Blair Anderson, resident artist and director, SilverWorks Studio.

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Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2013 11:38 AM
To: Risser, Mary; O'Dell Peggy; Jarvis Jon; Sheaffer Bruce; Androff Blake; Kelly Kate; Oltrogge Maureen; Patterson Kyle
Cc: Maureen Foster; Cam Sholly; Rena Fugate; Billy Shott
Subject: Re: Feedback about public confusion from a closed park

Thanks mary.

Adding maureen oltrogge and kyle patterson - possible for you guys (and any other pios in open parks) to reach out to your AP and beat reporters and explain the visitor confusion we are encountering and ask them to reiterate/be very Clear about what's open and whats not in their reports to see if we can get some help ?

Think that visitor confusion about what's open is an unfortunate reality - open to all ideas on how we can limit confusion

Looping others for awareness of what you are hearing from visitors

Sue Waldron
Assistant Director, Communications
National Park Service

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 13, 2013, at 11:21 AM, "Risser, Mary" <mary_risser@nps.gov> wrote:

Hi Maureen and Sue,

I've been sending you feedback from open parks and thought I should be balanced and also forward some information from one of the parks that has remained closed.

CAVO had visitors from Oklahoma and Texas wanting to enter CAVO as they had heard parks had reopened. They were very unhappy to discover that this was not the case. Those visitors felt that we were doing an injustice to parks that remain closed. The folks from Texas were horrified that we "...allowed cherry picking of parks that would be opened." Hopefully other parks are not experiencing this kind of fallout. CAVO is the first NPS unit encountered by people heading west out of Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas. Maybe this is why we are experiencing this. FYI, at CAVO we don't have an entrance gate so we are using barricades and take turns manning them. As such, we do field many questions about the shutdown.

We at CAVO appreciate all that IMR leadership is doing for us. We will get through this but I am very concerned for our lower graded employees who are trying to make ends meet on \$35,000 a year salaries and are now faced with the prospect of potentially not receiving back pay.

Several members of my staff have already called to ask if they should head back to the park given the news that parks are opening as early as next Monday. They are hearing this in the media and from friends and relatives.

Finally, if my staff are already confused about whether to return to work or not one can only wonder what the public is hearing and thinking. I fear opening select parks will only add to already existing confusion and public frustration. I hope I am wrong. Time will tell.

Several of the news reports out this way are leading off their reports with the broad statement that national parks are opened. If you don't stick around for the segment that contains specific information, the casual viewer doesn't get the message that it's only select parks - not the entire service.

I know that you are aware of this other side of the story but thought you'd be interested in hearing about what's going on in a closed park.

Mary

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To: Risser, Mary; O'Dell Peggy; Jarvis Jon; Sheaffer Bruce
Cc: Maureen Foster; Cam Sholly; Rena Fugate; Billy Shott; Litterst Mike
Subject: Re: Cedar Breaks

Thanks mary looping others

Sue Waldron
Assistant Director, Communications
National Park Service

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On Oct 13, 2013, at 11:34 AM, "Risser, Mary" <mary_risser@nps.gov> wrote:

Cedar Breaks has some unique challenges because the visitor use parts of the park are at 10,000 feet and would normally be in the process of closing for the season.

CEBR has determined that going the extra mile to provide on site visitor services later in the season than typical is well worth our efforts to maintain our strong and productive relationships with our regional and community partners. We plan to open the park and provide visitor services starting on Saturday, Oct.12 and run through COB Sunday Oct.20. Our management team agreed that due to the reality of winter quickly approaching, this will be the absolute drop dead date to close all of our visitor services and facilities REGARDLESS of the status of the shutdown or more funding being made available from the State of Utah.

We have reviewed upcoming weather conditions and the status of our buildings, roads, overlooks, utilities, and trails, and determined that we have adequate staffing and conditions to meet the measure you outlined yesterday: to open **when we can we safely manage public visitation.**

We plan to open the scenic drive and all of our viewpoints, our Visitor Center, information desk, ranger station and our hiking trails. Our campground closed on September 22 and will remain closed until next spring. We will maintain our regular schedule of interpretive programs, and our fee operation will be open every day from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Due to the safety concerns present with ever changing weather conditions at 10,000 feet elevation, we will be adding a significant number of signs near our trail heads, overlooks and parking areas. These signs will alert visitors to the potential for ice, snow and slippery conditions. We have assigned specific staff to make sure that identified problem areas will be monitored and maintained to be as safe as possible consistent with winter conditions.

Our cooperating association bookstore, managed by the Zion Natural History Association, will be fully stocked and operational and will be open on the same 9 to 5 schedule as the rest of our visitor services. Our hard working facilities staff was able to re-open our primary restroom facility at the Visitor Center / Pt. Supreme area, which is always a popular spot for our visitors!

We appreciate everything that everyone at IMR and WASO are doing to support our efforts.. and will keep you in the loop as to how things are going.

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Cc: Ahern, Jane; Blake Androff; Mike Litterst; Kate Kelly; David Luchsinger; Joshua Laird; Mike_Caldwell@nps.gov
Subject: Re: Ny1 News Inquiry

John looping others - the dates for opening are established in the signed agreement so suggest we hold on saying anything other than what is in the agreement til sol has weighed in. Copying them and others on this

Sue Waldron
Assistant Director, Communications
National Park Service

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On Oct 13, 2013, at 11:26 AM, "Warren, John" <john_warren@nps.gov> wrote:

FYI: Governor Cuomo chose to make his 11 AM announcement in Battery Park City, an NYC park with a good view of the Statue, but not where visitors board ferries. Nothing took place on NPS turf (Liberty Island) and we did not attend.

Also: I note that the press release from DOI states that the dates we will be open are Oct. 12-17. It actually took us a day longer than that to reopen, so the dates are now October 13-18. Maybe the PR on the web could be tweaked? DOI press release is here: <http://www.doi.gov/news/pressreleases/national-park-service-enters-agreement-with-state-of-new-york-to-re-open-statue-of-liberty.cfm>

I have added the info about the park being open for six days to the alerts on the STLI and ELIS webpages, using the DOI PR for basic language. Employees on the social media team have added the message to the STLI Facebook page as well.

John Harlan Warren
cell 917-299-3843

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jane

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

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Date: October 12, 2013, 8:14:40 AM EDT
To: "'John_Warren@nps.gov'" <John_Warren@nps.gov>
Subject: Ny1 News Inquiry

Hi John,

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

Thank you!

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From: Edward Keable <edward.keable@sol.doi.gov>
Sent: Saturday, October 05, 2013 4:18 PM
To: Maureen_Foster@nps.gov
Cc: Peggy_O'Dell@nps.gov; cam_sholly@nps.gov; Lena_McDowall@nps.gov; ted.boling@sol.doi.gov; Barry.Roth@sol.doi.gov; randolph.myers@sol.doi.gov
Subject: Re: some NPS items

Maureen,

Adding Ted, Barry, and Randy as they should have an awareness of all of these issues. I will work with them to make sure we have adequate coverage.

Will get back to you on calling up Melissa after coordinating with Barry.

Thanks,

Ed

From: Foster, Maureen [mailto:maureen_foster@nps.gov]
Sent: Saturday, October 05, 2013 11:09 AM
To: Edward Keable <edward.keable@sol.doi.gov>
Cc: Peggy O'Dell <Peggy_O'Dell@nps.gov>; Cam Sholly <cam_sholly@nps.gov>; Lena McDowall <Lena_McDowall@nps.gov>
Subject: some NPS items

Ed --

We had an update from our regional contacts and have identified the follow issues.

- 1) Acadia and the lakes for fishing -- **Status check** -- Barry is working on this; we'd like to address on Monday.
- 2) Blue Ridge Parkway -- **Update** -- demonstrations continue today; may need additional assistance next week.
- 3) Biscayne -- **New issue** -- commercial fishing closure is pending; want to ensure SOL has reviewed/provided guidance
- 4) Cape Hatteras - Avon Pier -- **New issue** -- concessioner has reopened the pier and people are fishing; he has planned another big event. Need assistance in addressing; is it possible for Melissa to start working on this now?
- 5) Little River Canyon -- **New issue** -- marathon is scheduled for next week; need assistance assessing state's claim that it is a state road.
- 6) Lake Roosevelt -- **New issue** -- fish reintroduction may be allowed due to previous court rulings and negotiated settlements; want to ensure SOL has reviewed given tribal, state, NPS agreement.

Thanks.

Maureen

Maureen D. Foster

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From: Cam Sholly <cam_sholly@nps.gov>
Sent: Saturday, October 05, 2013 4:27 PM
To: O'Dell, Margaret
Cc: Maureen Foster; Charles Cuvelier
Subject: Re: Burglary at Whiskeytown, Stolen computers, credit cards, park keys, GSA Fire Vehicle

We got the message from Scott too and will work the LE side with them.

Cameron Sholly
Associate Director
Visitor and Resource Protection
National Park Service
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Sent Wirelessly

On Oct 5, 2013, at 4:10 PM, "O'Dell, Margaret" <peggy_o'dell@nps.gov> wrote:

FYI. I am going to call Patty before I leave to check in.

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From: Neubacher, Patricia <patty_neubacher@nps.gov>
Date: Sat, Oct 5, 2013 at 3:52 PM
Subject: Fwd: Burglary at Whiskeytown, Stolen computers, credit cards, park keys, GSA Fire Vehicle
To: Margaret O'Dell <Peggy_O'Dell@nps.gov>
Cc: Jeffrey Compton <shane_compton@nps.gov>

fyi -- we're following up with the park.

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From: Milestone, James <jim_milestone@nps.gov>
Date: Sat, Oct 5, 2013 at 12:44 PM
Subject: Burglary at Whiskeytown, Stolen computers, credit cards, park keys, GSA Fire Vehicle
To: Scott Wanek <Scott_Wanek@nps.gov>, Patty Neubacher <patty_neubacher@nps.gov>

Dear Patty and Scott:

Major crime at Whiskeytown last night after hours, thieves broke into Building 200 where the Regional Fire Module's Office and Fire Cache work from. The building is isolated in the forest behind locked gates (which had the locks cut). The thieves entered by lifting a glass sliding door

using a shovel like tool. Once inside, the building was ransacked. Government keys were stolen and the overall park security is compromised. Looks like they chose a Fire NPS Striped vehicle and loaded it up and drove it away with the goods. We have contacted the major crimes unit in Shasta County. We are pulling in our Fire Admin Assistant to cancel the cards from our files.

The list of known stolen items to date:

- 1 2013 Ford 2500 extended bed club cab (with NPS Fire stripping).
2. Seven government charge cards
3. Car keys and government park issued security keys to gates and access to buildings.
4. One satellite phone.
5. 10-11 Chain saws
6. multiple hand tools
7. a stand up air compressor
8. one mountain bike
9. one iphone (gov't)
- 10.8 fire uniforms, fire pants, coats,
11. Medical gear trauma bags
- 12, leaf blower
13. One Bendix King fire radio
14. Two laptop computers.

Rangers had checked the gate yesterday and saw that it was locked, so this happened sometime after hours.

(b) (7)(A), (b) (5)

We have received a lot of press here and the word is that WHIS is closed and the staff is on leave. We have always stressed that we have patrol rangers on duty day and night protecting park resources. Any feed back from either of you would be welcomed. (b) (7)(A), (b) (5)

Jim Milestone

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From: Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
Sent: Saturday, October 05, 2013 6:49 PM
To: Neubacher, Patricia
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Subject: Re: National Park Gates Vandalized During Red Flag Closure

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>> Date: Sat, Oct 5, 2013 at 2:31 PM

>> Subject: National Park Gates Vandalized During Red Flag Closure

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>> *October 5, 2013 *

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From: Cam Sholly <cam_sholly@nps.gov>
Sent: Saturday, October 05, 2013 6:55 PM
To: Margaret O'Dell; Suzanne Waldron; Maureen Foster; Charles Cuvelier
Subject: Fwd: Photos 10/5/13

Cameron Sholly
Associate Director
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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Benge, Shawn" <shawn_benge@nps.gov>
Date: October 5, 2013, 6:28:53 PM EDT
To: Cam Sholly <cam_sholly@nps.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Photos 10/5/13

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From: **Stinnett, Steve** <steve_stinnett@nps.gov>
Date: Sat, Oct 5, 2013 at 3:17 PM
Subject: Photos 10/5/13
To: David Horne <david_horne@nps.gov>, Shawn Benge <shawn_benge@nps.gov>, William Reynolds <william_f_reynolds@nps.gov>, Mark Woods <mark_woods@nps.gov>

Steve Stinnett
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A group of people is gathered in front of a long, single-story building with a grey roof. Some individuals are holding signs and flags, including an American flag. A white car is parked in the foreground, partially obscured by a white banner. The scene appears to be a public event or protest.

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From: Neubacher, Patricia <patty_neubacher@nps.gov>
Sent: Saturday, October 05, 2013 9:13 PM
To: Margaret O'Dell
Cc: Cam Sholly
Subject: Re: National Park Gates Vandalized During Red Flag Closure

so strange...the vandals actually left a note related to the govt shutdown. But even if we weren't shutdown...this area would be closed due to the extreme fire danger. Lots of weird weather around the country!

Growing up in California, I always loved the Santa Ana winds. Must have been totally oblivious to their potential and consequences. Just knew that I could go to the beach!

On Sat, Oct 5, 2013 at 5:56 PM, Margaret O'Dell <peggy_o'dell@nps.gov> wrote:
How awful. Glad no serious consequences today.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 5, 2013, at 6:27 PM, "Neubacher, Patricia"
<patty_neubacher@nps.gov> wrote:

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> From: Szymanski, David <david_szymanski@nps.gov>
> Date: Sat, Oct 5, 2013 at 3:24 PM
> Subject: Fwd: National Park Gates Vandalized During Red Flag Closure
> To: Patricia Neubacher <patty_neubacher@nps.gov>

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From: Sholly, Cam <cam_sholly@nps.gov>
Sent: Sunday, October 06, 2013 1:12 PM
To: Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Suzanne Waldron
Subject: Fwd: Protester

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From: **Billy Shott** <billy_shott@nps.gov>
Date: Sun, Oct 6, 2013 at 1:10 PM
Subject: Fwd: Protester
To: Cam Sholly <cam_sholly@nps.gov>

Small and General message- Zion media (at least some) was similar in nature.

William Shott

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Martinelli, Jeff" <jeff_martinelli@nps.gov>
Date: October 6, 2013 at 11:07:49 AM MDT
To: Billy Shott <billy_shott@nps.gov>
Subject: **Fwd: Protester**

Our single protester this morning at Saguaro and his message!

Jeff Martinelli
Operations Supervisor
Saguaro National Park
Office: (520) 733-5116
Cell: (520) 820-8157

Sent from my iPhone



OBAMA TO N.P.S.
"MAKE IT AS DIFFICULT
FOR
AS YOU CAN"

From: Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 07, 2013 9:03 AM
To: Jonathan Jarvis; Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Sue Waldron; Kate Kelly; Blake Androff; Cam Sholly
Subject: National Parks Traveler - Around the parks: vandals, occupiers and cyclists

Around The Parks: Vandals, Occupiers And Cyclists

Submitted by [Kurt Repanshek](#) on October 7, 2013 - 1:22am

As the government shutdown drags into its second week, there are increasing risks of vandalism in the National Park System and possibly even poaching, according to past National Park Service personnel.

And in some parks, visitors are simply ignoring "closed" signs and heading off into the landscape. That was the case at Acadia National Park this past weekend, and one of the park's visitors needed to be hauled out to safety on a litter after injuring herself.

The woman was one of crowds of visitors who entered the park despite the closure signs and barricades. Many pedaled off down the Carriage Paths, while this 69-year-old Portland, Maine, visitor fell while hiking on Flying Mountain.

Ranger Ed Pontbriand, one of just four rangers on duty in Saturday, told the *Bangor Daily News* that trying to keep visitors out of Acadia was like "herding ants."

Out on the West Coast, meanwhile, vandals have hit Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, where they cut open locks to gates barring entry to the recreation area in California. Though seemingly innocuous, NRA officials were concerned that visitors unaware of the closure could find themselves deep in canyons where they could be trapped by wildfires. Southern California currently is at high risk of fires due to dry conditions and hurricane-force winds, according to Weather.com.

"October is notorious for California wildfires," says Weather.com meteorologist Jon Erdman. "The largest wildfires on record in the state was the Cedar Fire in San Diego County in October 2003, charring 273,000 acres, over 2800 structures, and claiming 14 lives."

"Obviously, I'm not too happy about it," James Milligan, owner of Zion Outfitter, told the Salt Lake Tribune. "This shop is my livelihood here and I haven't had a customer in a week. Rangers will get their backpay, but what will people in these communities get?" Meanwhile, a Springdale, Utah, businessowner frustrated with the closure of Zion National Park organized an "Occupy Zion" protest to raise attention to the loss of business.

Across the National Park System, the absence of rangers leave the parks targets for vandals, according to Alan O'Neill, who is retired now but was superintendent of Lake Mead National Recreation Area during the last government shutdown, in 1995-96.

"In the past, when we didn't have eyes and ears out there and volunteers and others, we experienced tremendous vandalism. We experienced gang assembly in some of the areas closest to Los Vegas," he recounted during a phone call Friday. "The vandalism just increased incredibly during those times. Sometimes we don't think about that, but people are not happy. And angry people do strange things. We found sledge hammers (taken) to the bathroom toilets, and the mess that we had to clean up after that. That's what you've got to expect, and I expect that's going to happen this time."

Dennis Schramm, who was superintendent of Mojave Desert National Preserve during the last shutdown, agreed.

"In the Mojave, the biggest concern is in the backcountry where you don't have control of every road coming into the preserve, and you don't have enough eyes and ears out there," he said. "There are cultural resources, natural resources. We've had cactus poaching in the past, deer poaching, so there's a number of things that can go on and you don't have enough eyes out there to keep an eye on it."

With park staffs reduced by furloughs, those units with elk, deer and other hunting prey lack the resources to adequately patrol boundaries during hunting season. While they do have boundary patrols occurring, those resources have been diminished by furloughs, one park ranger told the *Traveler*. While sportsmen's groups are concerned that the ongoing shutdown will imperil hunting seasons, there also are concerns that hunters on lands that are open and adjacent to national parks could stray into them, unknowingly or otherwise, and take park wildlife.

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Mike Litterst  
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**From:** Laura Joss (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 06, 2013 10:39 PM  
**To:** Peggy O'Dell; margaret\_o'dell@nps.gov  
**Subject:** IMR RD Callback request

Peggy: I would like to ask your approval to go into the office on a callback basis for a few hours Monday and Tuesday to give guidance on the high profile issues at numerous parks in AZ and UT who are dealing with re-opening requests by their delegations, closure bypasses (the Take Back Our Parks campaign) and also to assist with the major storm damage issues at parks in WY and MT from this weekend's heavy snow (some areas received up to 4').

Unless I hear to the contrary from you, I'd like to go in around 9am Mountain time.

Thanks for your consideration of this request.

Laura

Laura E. Joss  
(b) (6)

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**From:** Waldron, Suzanne <sue\_waldron@nps.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 07, 2013 11:52 AM  
**To:** Jon Jarvis; Peggy O'Dell; Maureen Foster  
**Subject:** Fwd: Occupy Yosemite

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From: **Dalby, Craig** <[craig\\_dalby@nps.gov](mailto:craig_dalby@nps.gov)>  
Date: Mon, Oct 7, 2013 at 11:42 AM  
Subject: Fwd: Occupy Yosemite  
To: Suzanne Waldron <[sue\\_waldron@nps.gov](mailto:sue_waldron@nps.gov)>, Michael Litterst <[mike\\_litterst@nps.gov](mailto:mike_litterst@nps.gov)>

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Craig Dalby  
Chief, Public Information  
Pacific West Region  
National Park Service  
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From: **Wanek, Scott** <[scott\\_wanek@nps.gov](mailto:scott_wanek@nps.gov)>  
Date: Mon, Oct 7, 2013 at 7:59 AM  
Subject: Fwd: Occupy Yosemite  
To: Patty Neubacher <[Patty\\_Neubacher@nps.gov](mailto:Patty_Neubacher@nps.gov)>, Craig Dalby <[craig\\_dalby@nps.gov](mailto:craig_dalby@nps.gov)>, Cam Sholly <[cam\\_sholly@nps.gov](mailto:cam_sholly@nps.gov)>, Charles Cuvelier <[Charles\\_Cuvelier@nps.gov](mailto:Charles_Cuvelier@nps.gov)>

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From: **Yu, Steve** <[steve\\_yu@nps.gov](mailto:steve_yu@nps.gov)>  
Date: Mon, Oct 7, 2013 at 7:53 AM  
Subject: Occupy Yosemite  
To: Eric Scott <[Eric\\_Scott@nps.gov](mailto:Eric_Scott@nps.gov)>, Ed Dunlavey <[ed\\_dunlavey@nps.gov](mailto:ed_dunlavey@nps.gov)>, Jeff Sullivan <[jeff\\_sullivan@nps.gov](mailto:jeff_sullivan@nps.gov)>, Scott Gediman <[scott\\_gediman@nps.gov](mailto:scott_gediman@nps.gov)>  
Cc: Scott Wanek <[Scott\\_Wanek@nps.gov](mailto:Scott_Wanek@nps.gov)>

Gentlemen,

Here's Stacey Powells' comment from the "Outside" webpage:

**"StaceyPowells** 5 pts

I am the person who organized this event: Please read below.

A big THANK YOU to the Yosemite Park Rangers who were there to greet us today with open arms and support. You guys are awesome! They told us where to park and told us where we could protest. A pleasant surprise since many of you have texted me and asked me how much they will have to donate to my bail bond. And THANK YOU ALL who showed up today to help bring awareness to what the government shennanigans is doing to our community. Sorry it was only 20 Degrees up there but you all stuck it out. And thanks to the media who showed up as well!!!!!! We talked to so many Europeans who saved for years to come over here and visit our parks. Shame on the American Government! A very successful event by passionate people!"

Excellent work on the part of our staff who were present.

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**To:** Jonathan Jarvis; Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Sue Waldron; Kate Kelly; Blake Androff  
**Cc:** Alexandra Picavet  
**Subject:** Trash left behind at GOGA  
**Attachments:** GOGA.jpg

A good example of the necessity of closing open air parks and an illustration that they don't take care of themselves during the shutdown. From Alex Picavet at Golden Gate.

Mike

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From: Michael Litterst <mike_litterst@nps.gov>
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To: Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Suzanne Waldron; Cam Sholly; Blake Androff; Kate Kelly
Subject: Fwd: Occupy Zion (round 2)

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Date: October 7, 2013 4:08:12 PM EDT
To: Michael Litterst <mike_litterst@nps.gov>
Subject: Fwd: You have most likely already seen this but...

FYI

Sent from my iPhone

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From: "Picard, Therese" <therese_picard@nps.gov>
Date: October 7, 2013, 1:49:14 PM MDT
To: Cindy Purcell <Cindy_Purcell@nps.gov>, "ray o'neil" <Ray_O'Neil@nps.gov>, Alyssa Baltrus <alyssa_baltrus@nps.gov>, Jock Whitworth <Jock_Whitworth@nps.gov>, chad corey <Chad_Corey@nps.gov>
Subject: Fwd: You have most likely already seen this but...

Therese Picard
Canyon District Ranger
Zion National Park
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From: **Dominy, Brian** <brian_dominy@nps.gov>

Date: Mon, Oct 7, 2013 at 1:47 PM

Subject: You have most likely already seen this but...

To: Therese Picard <therese_picard@nps.gov>

HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!

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Brian Dominy
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Occupy Zion!

Meet at the main entrance to Zion National Park in Springdale, Utah

Saturday October 12 @12:00 PM

Bring your bicycle, feet, motorcycle, car, tricycle,
spaceship or other mode of transportation

The government cannot shut down the woods, the lakes, the mountains, the sand, the bays, the fields, the memorials, the grass or anything they claim they own. It is PUBLIC LAND and it is there for OUR enjoyment. Please join us in National Break The Government Barrier Week.

From: JNPA <news@jnpa.com>
Sent: Monday, October 07, 2013 4:41 PM
To: peggy_o'dell@nps.gov
Subject: Government Shutdown and JNPA



The Government Shutdown and JNPA

As a non-profit partner to national parks, public lands and historic sites, JNPA is greatly impacted by the government shutdown. All [10 of our partner sites](#) are closed and will remain closed until the federal government is reopened. All 18 of our retail outlets have been temporarily shuttered, resulting in a loss of vital revenue in excess of \$100,000 per week.



A sign at the Gateway Arch alerts visitors that the park is closed.

A large impact on our operations is felt in St. Louis at the [Jefferson National Expansion Memorial](#). JNPA employs approximately 30 people who work in various capacities at the Gateway Arch and the Old Courthouse. Many of these employees will be in an unpaid status soon if the government is not reopened.

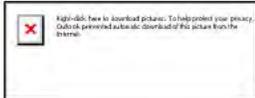
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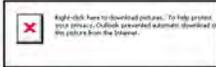
We are temporarily unable to ship online orders from our warehouse because of the shutdown. Online shoppers can still [place orders](#), but we are unable to fulfill them until the shutdown is over. We regret this inconvenience and will let shoppers know when orders will ship.

Show Your Support

Now more than ever it is important to show your support of our national parks and public lands. You can do this by [renewing or upgrading](#) your membership in JNPA's Partner of the Parks program.



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Sent: Monday, October 07, 2013 5:05 PM
To: O'Dell, Margaret
Subject: Re: Occupy Zion (round 2)

There's an embedded flyer at the bottom. Click on the little rectangular box with the three dots in it and see if it shows up then.

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**Subject:** You have most likely already seen this but...  
**To:** Therese Picard <[therese\\_picard@nps.gov](mailto:therese_picard@nps.gov)>

HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!

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# Occupy Zion!

Meet at the main entrance to Zion National Park in Springdale, Utah

**Saturday October 12 @12:00 PM**

Bring your bicycle, feet, motorcycle, car, tricycle,  
spaceship or other mode of transportation

The government cannot shut down the woods, the lakes, the mountains, the sand, the bays, the fields, the memorials, the grass or anything they claim they own. It is PUBLIC LAND and it is there for OUR enjoyment. Please join us in National Break The Government Barrier Week.

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**From:** Maureen Foster <maureen\_foster@nps.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 07, 2013 6:13 PM  
**To:** Jon Jarvis  
**Cc:** Peggy O'Dell  
**Subject:** Fwd: NPS amended closure determination re. AK  
**Attachments:** National Closure Determination and Notice AK amendment 10 7 draft SOLBNRKJH.docx

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**Cc:** Barry Roth <[BARRY.ROTH@sol.doi.gov](mailto:BARRY.ROTH@sol.doi.gov)>, Joe Darnell <[Joe.Darnell@sol.doi.gov](mailto:Joe.Darnell@sol.doi.gov)>, Jack Haugrud <[jack.haugrud@sol.doi.gov](mailto:jack.haugrud@sol.doi.gov)>  
**Subject:** NPS amended closure determination re. AK

Maureen: per Jon's request, attached is the SOL draft Closure Determination and Notice amendment to address NPS lands in Alaska. We'll be happy to address any questions.

Best,

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Amendment to National Park System Closure Determination and Notice:  
Units of the National Park System in Alaska

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 1.5, effective at 12:01 a.m. on October 1, 2013, all units of the National Park System nationwide were closed to public visitation and use, subject to the conditions and exceptions described in the Director's October 1, 2013 Closure Determination and Notice. That national closure determination and notice was necessitated by a lapse in funds appropriated by the United States Congress for the operation of the National Park System, is necessary to maintain public health and safety in units of the National Park System and to protect park resources and values during the shutdown period, and remains in effect until funding is restored.



Jonathan Jarvis  
Director, National Park Service

Date

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**From:** Hard, Joel <joel\_hard@nps.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 07, 2013 8:04 PM  
**To:** Maureen Foster; Margaret O'Dell  
**Cc:** Chris Pergiel; Cam Sholly  
**Subject:** FWS

I was talking to FWS who have taken quite a few media calls asking why they have taken a different, more restrictive approach to shutdown operations and area closures. I talked with them more about the rationale that we used and I thought I would share it with you as you elevate the discussion with the Secretary to achieve a consistent approach.

In addition to the general ANILCA provisions I shared that create a different dynamic and unique enabling legislation for these large parks, huge tracks of Native and private lands lie within Alaska park boundaries where we have no jurisdiction. In-land waters and navigable rivers (not necessarily only those that have been adjudicated as such) cross many units and form the basis for rural resident and back-country travel. While NPS regulations apply on these waters, distinguishing necessary travel from fishing and other recreation would not be reasonably possible without contacting every individual. This would require much, much higher numbers of excepted employees defeating the purpose of shutdown. Confrontations over such contacts and jurisdiction would resurface the fall-out we saw in YUCH that resulted in a pending lawsuit.

CUAs that operate statewide as hunting transports are precluded by State law from deciding where a hunter is deployed - they are a taxi service only. Fishing is similar, but not so restrictive of the operators in making decisions for the client. A closure won't prevent drop offs on lakes or rivers within units or below mean high tide on a coastal beach. Closures of these kinds of large remote parks simply isn't an effort we can reasonably implement and enforce. Refuges are in the same difficult circumstance and they are calling out that direction has come from DC. Never a good way to go about or defend an action.

Here is the news article below. Good luck in discussions.

<http://www.alaskadispatch.com/article/20131007/has-federal-shutdown-hindered-activities-public-lands-alaska-elsewhere#.UINEo8onCNL.email>

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Joel L. Hard  
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**From:** Colin Campbell <colin\_campbell@nps.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 07, 2013 11:31 PM  
**To:** Margaret O'Dell; Cam Sholly  
**Subject:** Fwd: San Juan County Utah

Sent from my iPhone

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**To:** Colin Campbell <colin\_campbell@nps.gov>, Catherine Cannon <kate\_cannon@nps.gov>, Todd Brindle <todd\_brindle@nps.gov>  
**Subject:** San Juan County Utah



STATE HWY 276 - CLOSED DUE TO THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN Today, I (along with Sheriff Eldredge and County Administrator Kelly Pehrson) met with Commissioners and... Sheriffs from Utah's southern counties to draft a declaration of a "state of emergency" based on the economic disruptions caused by closing our national parks and other public places. We are not going to sit idle while the Federal Government destroys the local economy! They are spending more money to keep people out than it would cost to let people in. This Wednesday, the plan is to peacefully remove the barriers to places like Lake Powell, Natural Bridges, Canyonlands, and Hovenweep, and allow visitors to enjoy THEIR public places. Sadly, there have already been thousands of people laid off right here in Utah (over 500 at Lake Powell alone). Folks at Aramark said that they would not reopen even if the Shutdown ends because they are so close to the end of their season anyway. Thousands of visitors who, collectively, would have spent millions of dollars, have been locked out. While this is an urgent economic issue, it is

also a jurisdictional conflict. Counties (and States) are more than stewards of the federal estate, they have power to govern within their respective geographic boundaries.

Just heads up.

Larry

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**From:** Thorsen, Kimberly <kim\_thorsen@ios.doi.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 08, 2013 7:31 AM  
**To:** Margaret O'Dell; Cam Sholly  
**Cc:** Harry Humbert  
**Subject:** Fwd: Utah Counties Proposed Action to reopen parks

FYI....

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Jon: I trust you've gotten news of this via other channels, but just in case. Rand's email (two down) has the key info.

Neil

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**From:** Juan Palma [mailto:[jpalma@blm.gov](mailto:jpalma@blm.gov)]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 07, 2013 04:49 PM  
**To:** Neil Kornze <[nkornze@blm.gov](mailto:nkornze@blm.gov)>; Steven A Ellis <[sellis@blm.gov](mailto:sellis@blm.gov)>; Celia Boddington <[cbodding@blm.gov](mailto:cbodding@blm.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Utah Counties Proposed Action

Neil,

See email below for your information. My view is that they are concerned about BLM, but more about the NPS system like Zion. October is a very high visitation month for public lands. The marketing strategy for the Saint George area is from A - Zion. The Governor unveiled a several million marketing strategy this summer "the Mighty Five" that is the five National Parks in Utah. I had a meeting with the new State Recreation Director, but given the shutdown I postponed that meeting for a future day.

-Juan

Sent from my iPad

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**Cc:** Eric Boik <[eboik@blm.gov](mailto:eboik@blm.gov)>  
**Subject:** Utah Counties Proposed Action

Dan, Juan and Jenna,

This afternoon I spoke with two southern Utah county Sheriffs; Sheriff Smith from Kane County and Sheriff Pulsipher from Washington County. They both stated their respective County Commissions are extremely concerned about the economic impact the federal government shutdown is having on businesses and county entities in southern Utah. These County Commissions have joined with Garfield, Grand, and San Juan Counties in declaring a "state of emergency" in the respective counties because of the severe economic impact. Both Sheriffs confirmed the Commissions drafted an Emergency Proclamation asking Governor Herbert to draft a resolution allowing these counties to assume control over National Parks and other closed federal lands. The Proclamation was delivered to Governor Herbert at 2:30 this afternoon.

The Sheriffs were planning a conference call late this evening to discuss the issue because they feel they will be the entities tasked with enforcing the Proclamation and providing for public safety should it go that far. I should be clear, the Sheriffs are not the ones pushing this issue. It is coming from the Commissioners.

According to Sheriff Pulsipher, the counties and/or cities like Springdale (outside Zion) do not technically need the Governor's signature to do this, but they would like his support. I'm not familiar enough with Utah law to confirm this technicality.

Anyway, I wanted to keep you updated on this development. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

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**Rand Stover**

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**From:** Roth, Barry <barry.roth@sol.doi.gov>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 06, 2013 1:51 PM  
**To:** Sholly, Cam; Edward Boling; Edward Keable; Melissa Lackey; Foster, Maureen; O'Dell, Peggy  
**Subject:** Re: Here are several statutory provisions  
**Attachments:** SOL Notes 100613.docx

Added the only relevant enabling act provisions I see for New River Gorge and Little River Canyon.

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On Sun, Oct 6, 2013 at 12:23 PM, Roth, Barry <[barry.roth@sol.doi.gov](mailto:barry.roth@sol.doi.gov)> wrote:  
Relevant to several of the matters we discussed this morning.

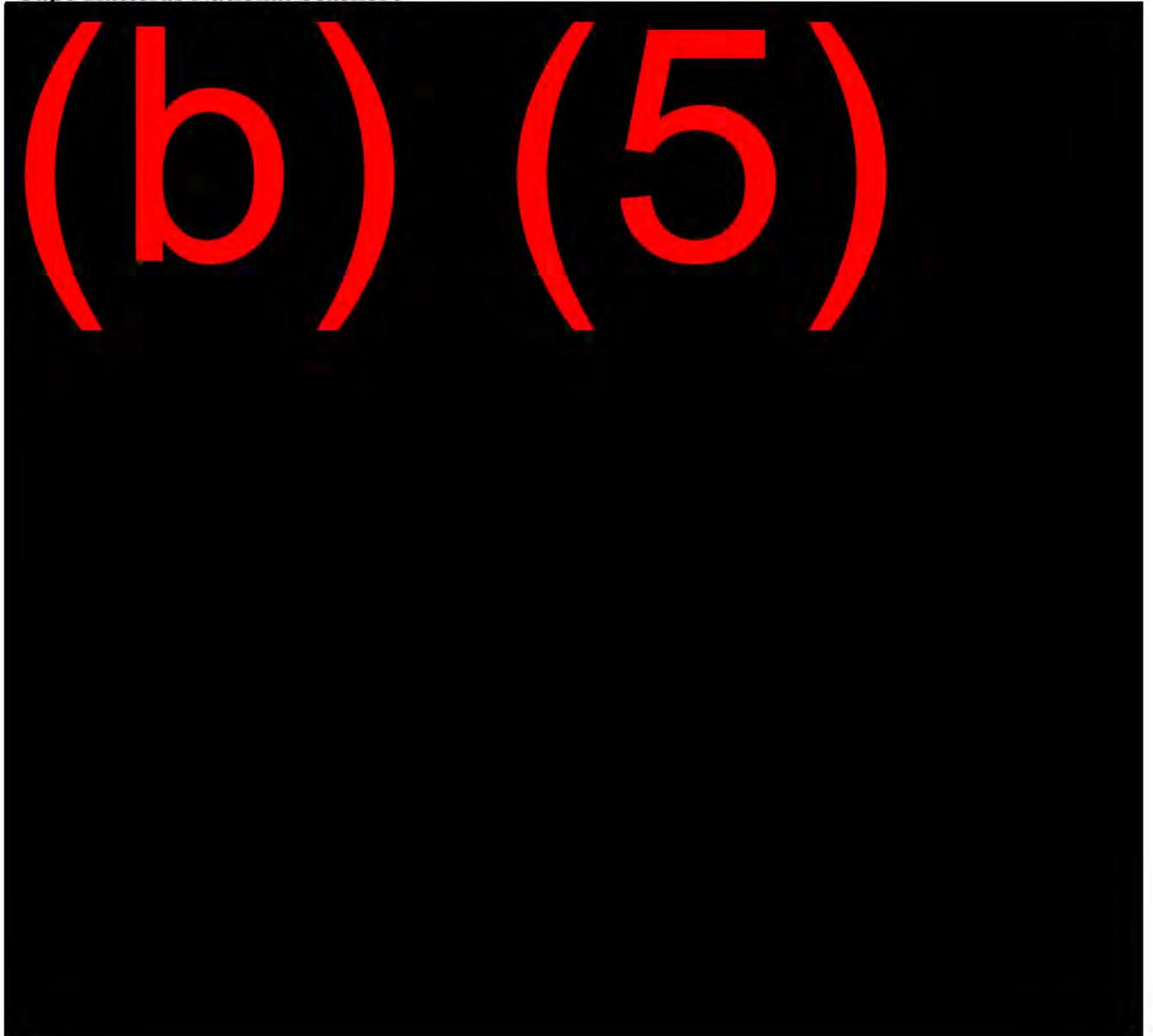
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**Biscayne National Park**



**Cape Hatteras National Seashore**



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Blue Ridge Parkway

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**New River Gorge National River**

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**Little River Canyon National Preserve**

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**From:** Sholly, Cam <cam\_sholly@nps.gov>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 06, 2013 2:07 PM  
**To:** Joel Hard; Chris Pergiel; Patricia Neubacher; Scott Wanek; Colin Campbell; Billy Shott; Patricia Trap; Gregory Monahan; Shawn Bengel; David Horne; Lisa Mendelson-Ielmini; Philip Selleck; Michael Caldwell; Stephen Clark; Scott Hinson  
**Cc:** Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Suzanne Waldron; Lena McDowall; Barry Roth; Charles Cuvelier; Raymond Vela  
**Subject:** 10/6/13 2:00 P.M. EDT - Update List  
**Attachments:** 10-6-13 1400 EDT NPS Shutdown Issues List.pdf

All,

This has been updated based on your feedback yesterday and today. We did have a good conversation with the solicitors this morning and helped them prioritize our major issues.

They're working through a rather large list. We'll be in contact with you individually as decisions are made and/or if more information is needed to help them make final determinations.

Thanks. Cam

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**From:** Nicole Buffa <nicole\_buffa@ios.doi.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 08, 2013 10:42 AM  
**To:** Kelly, Katherine  
**Cc:** laura davis; jon jarvis; Suzanne Waldron; mike litterst; Androff, Blake J; O'Dell, Peggy; maureen foster; Sarah Neimeyer; Elizabeth A Klein  
**Subject:** Re: NP Traveler blog

The quotes at the bottom are really great/nice. Thanks for forwarding.

On Oct 8, 2013, at 9:30 AM, "Kelly, Katherine" <[kate\\_kelly@ios.doi.gov](mailto:kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

<http://www.nationalparkstraveler.com/2013/10/around-parks-blurring-national-park-lines24057>

## **Around The Parks: A Blurring Of National Park Lines**

Submitted by Kurt Repanshek on October 8, 2013 - 1:22am



The National Park Service, and its employees, should not be blamed for the parks' closure.

Around the country, as the partial government shutdown moves into its second week, taxpayers angry with the closure of national parks are showing their disgust through civil disobedience, mockery, and anger directed at the National Park Service.

The national park idea, long recognized as America's best, is being degraded and disrespected as the result of a much different idea—using the parks as leverage to try to gain the advantage in a political donnybrook.

Many of the government functions impacted by the shutdown, while important, simply don't have the same media interest—or impact on the general public—as closure of the national parks. It's hard to generate a compelling news photo based on the interruption of airliner safety inspection or suspensions of some FDA food safety inspections. Hang a closed sign on the entrance to the Grand Canyon, however, or put a belligerent congressman face-to-face with a ranger at the World War II Memorial on the National Mall, and you have plenty of fodder for the prime-time network news.

The result is an agency and its employees caught in the middle of a fight it didn't create—or want.

Some critics are driven by anger over loss of income from the parks' closure. Others by disgust with Obama administration. Still others seemingly by the belief that the federal government has no right to close the parks. In the end, however, it's the rangers on the ground who are seen as the "face" of the shutdown.

Some Republicans in Congress, particularly in the House, blame the administration for the parks' continued closure, pointing out that that chamber voted to restore funding for the Park Service, among some other agencies and programs. But that legislation was tied to a demand that the Affordable Care Act be scaled back. Some protesting the parks' closure staged an "occupy" movement of Zion National Park last week, a protest that reportedly drew fewer than two dozen.

Many more turned out at Acadia National Park, where they simply walked around barricades to spend a beautiful fall afternoon on the park's Carriage Roads. One of those visitors was involved in a backcountry accident, and the resulting rescue severely taxed the limited resources of a park in "shutdown mode."



*At Acadia National Park this week, many cyclists routinely ignored the "closed" signs at the Carriage Roads. Rebecca Latson photo.*

No doubt other parks saw visitors ignore the closure signs. There's even a "movement" encouraging people to enter the parks while they're closed.

In Florida, word that the waters of Everglades and Biscayne national parks were being closed led to ridicule of the Obama administration for "closing the ocean." However, the waters adjoining those two parks are as much part of the parks as the Thorofare region of Yellowstone National Park is part of that park, as the Tulooume Meadows area is of Yosemite National Park, as the Maze is of Canyonlands National Park, and as the Cataloochee Valley is of Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Too, Biscayne counts approximately 40 keys, or islets, within its watery landscape. That seascape, which comprises 95 percent of the park, also holds historic shipwrecks and fragile coral reefs that have suffered in the past from poachers of history. Those of Everglades hold vital habitat for fisheries.

When those parks were created, the Park Service was charged with overseeing those resources, and with reduced ranks spurred by the failure of Congress to pass a ***Continuing Resolution*** to keep the government funded, the agency is sorely lacking the manpower to monitor those areas.

"Whether units of the NPS are historic buildings that can be physically closed by closing a door, or parks with entrance stations able to close with a staff person speaking to visitors or by pulling gates across roads or in the case of some of our nation's most sacred sites, from the Lincoln Memorial to the Jefferson Memorial to the new WW II Memorial that do not have physical doors or gates to close - these places are all a part of the National Park System whether they have a structure to close or they are sites without a defined entrance point such as the Lincoln Memorial," said Joan Anzelmo, a former park superintendent and now a member of the Coalition of National Park Service Retirees.

"The NPS is responsible for them and they are on federal lands. If left unstaffed in ways the public can see -- and more importantly in the ways the public can't see -- these places will not be preserved the way the agency has been directed to do by Congress," she added. "Congress can't direct the agency on one hand to protect the parks (all of them) so they are unimpaired for the future generations and then suddenly just say never mind- let them be open or let some of them be open. The U.S. National Park System has been an exemplar to the world and parks and the employees should not be played as pawns by Congress."

Regarding the situation at the National Mall, where attention has been focused on access, in particular, to the World War II Veterans Memorial, Ms. Anzelmo pointed to the status of ***all*** of the Mall's memorials as icons of our nation ... and also as potential targets for those who wish to do our country harm.

"I worked the shutdown in '95 and '96 and remember there were barricades placed at the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials in that shutdown. Fast forward these 17 years and the

security concerns area thousand times what they were in the innocent 1990s especially at the iconic locations such as the National Mall and Memorials in Washington, D.C.," she said. " There are many behind-the-scenes security-related components, including staff (uniform and plain clothes) that are in place to protect these sacred sites and the millions of people who visit them. When you furlough the vast majority of the workforce due to no appropriation you suddenly reduce the capacity to safely protect the sacred sites themselves and to protect the visitors who wish to visit them. This is very serious business in present day times."

That the National Park System has become a pawn in Congress's malfeasance is unfortunate, regrettable, and unnecessarily places the rangers, and the public, at risk.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 08, 2013 12:55 PM  
**To:** Kate Kelly; Blake Androff; Peggy O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Jon Jarvis  
**Cc:** Mike Litterst  
**Subject:** Fwd: EagleTribune.com : 'Gestapo' tactics meet senior citizens at Yellowstone

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FYI - Dave U is hoping to hear back about this before 12:30MST.

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

Sue: GRCA has a request from NBC Nightly News for Brian Williams to come into the park to film and conduct interviews today at 12:30. Our understanding is that parks should continue to conduct such interviews at the gate and not inside the park. Is that still correct?

Thanks,

Laura

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Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 12:50 PM
To: Jon Jarvis; Peggy O'Dell
Subject: Fwd: Parnell Response
Attachments: Parnell Jewell DOI Response Closures.docx; 10.04.13 Parnell Secretary Sally Jewell Federal Lands Access (1).pdf

Are you all okay with this response back to Gov. Parnell?

I have also attached the incoming.

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Fay: Here is the letter with edits from PMB. SOL is comfortable with this version. Because the Secretary had reviewed and approved the previous version, we should provide the Secretary with a redline version as well as a clean copy so she can see what changes were made.

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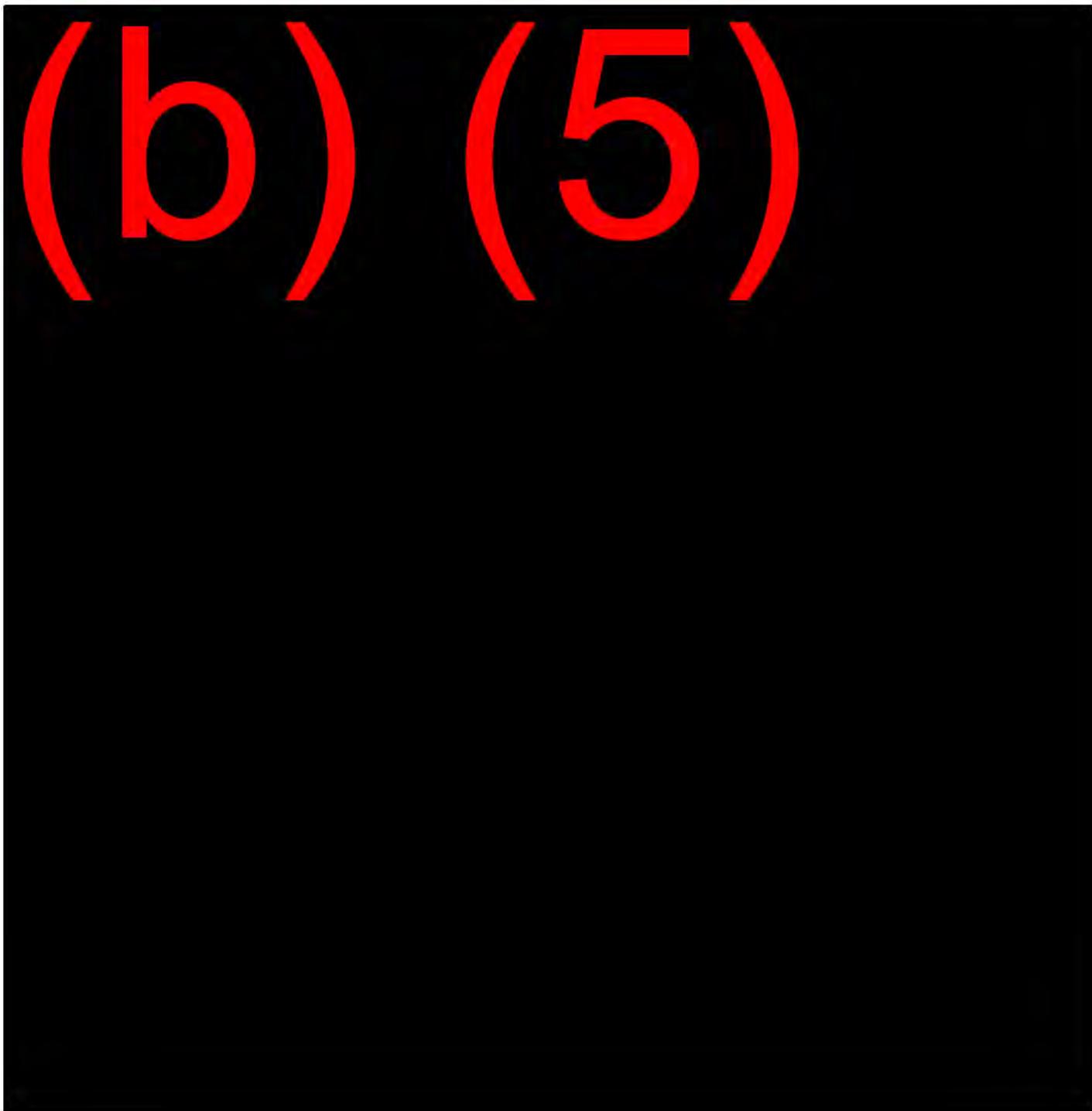
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October 4, 2013

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Dear Secretary Jewell,

Thank you for speaking with me today about concerns Alaskans have over federal land management in our state. My office and Alaskan hunters and fishermen were notified that U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), in response to the federal government shutdown, is closing all National Wildlife Refuge lands in Alaska to all but federally-qualified subsistence users. This decision results in immediate significant fiscal impacts to guides and support businesses that cannot be recovered and unnecessarily takes away hunting, fishing, viewing, and recreational opportunities in Alaska. This is a time of year that many Alaskans are using refuge lands for planned hunting and fishing for their family sustenance.

In contrast, other Department of the Interior agencies such as the National Park Service (NPS) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) have chosen to implement a more reasoned approach to this budget situation. In our state, these agencies are leaving lands and waters under their jurisdiction open to use. For example, The National Park Service's rationale for their policy is linked to their interpretation of the Alaska National Interest Land Conservation Act (ANILCA). An excerpt of NPS guidance for Alaska land holdings follows:

The many millions of acres of parks and preserves in Alaska were made broadly open and accessible to the public and no fees for entrance or admittance were allowed by the legislation [ANILCA]. Subsistence, hunting and access to in-holdings were authorized by the law and the public undertaking these activities may be engaged in these activities in the remotest areas of parks and preserves at the time of shutdown. Noticing them of any requirement to depart park areas would not be reasonably possible.

Closure of government facilities is fully required; however access to the backcountry - areas generally open without fees or permits - will not be curtailed. Subsistence access and activities, sport hunting, in holder access, and other uses requiring no entry fees, permits or government required orientation will be allowed to continue during shutdown. To the fullest extent possible, parks will provide notice of closed facilities and operations and alert the public that limited if any NPS emergency responses or services will be available during the government shutdown.

The Honorable Sally Jewell

October 4, 2013

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This approach closely mirrors BLM, which states in its FAQ sheet regarding the furlough:

Q: I am an outfitter with a BLM permit. May I still operate my business?

A: Commercial, competitive and group authorization for events and activities, including commercial outfitter and special recreation permits, can continue operations provided they do not need BLM field monitoring, oversight or BLM assistance of any kind, and are not operating in sites that have been closed.

Q: May I hunt or fish on public lands?

A: Yes, consistent with State law.

It is perplexing that the USFWS has chosen to adopt a nation-wide approach, not allowing any discretion to recognize the unique situation and needs in Alaska and the mandates and commitments made under ANILCA. ANILCA guarantees Alaskans several types of rights, including rights of access across federal public lands. For instance, 16 U.S.C. 3120, 3121, and 3126(b) guarantee rights of access for subsistence hunting and fishing and provide procedural requirements such as notice and public hearings before these rights can be taken away or modified. Similarly, 16 U.S.C. 3126 guarantees Alaskans a right to sport fishing and the access rights necessary to engage in sport fishing. Access for traditional activities, such as hunting and to access villages and homesites is guaranteed under 16 U.S.C. 3170(a). Access to federal lands in order to participate in any "valid occupancy," which includes an existing permit or right to hunt on federal public lands is also guaranteed. 16 U.S.C. 3170(b). Further, rights of access under any existing State public road or an RS 2477 road or trail cannot be interfered with or closed by the federal government. This is just a partial list of federal statutes that guarantee Alaskans a right of access to federal lands. There may be additional statutes.

The access provisions of Title XI of ANILCA are implemented through federal regulations at 50 CFR 36.42, and any closures must comply with these regulations and are subject to public hearing and notice, as well as specific criteria. This intent is consistent with one of the "Great Compromises" of ANILCA, where it was recognized that Lower 48 "closed until open" restrictions were not appropriate and that Congress intended there to be an "open until closed" concept in Alaska. The national USFWS approach to the current budget situation is inappropriate for application to Alaska and inconsistent with federal law that governs management of federal lands in Alaska.

Given the rights of access under ANILCA and other federal laws, I urge you to immediately direct USFWS to adopt the policy already in use by the NPS and BLM allowing full access to federal public lands. Failure to do so is unacceptable and will lead to unnecessary harm to Alaskans, whose interests I will vigorously defend with all the resources at my disposal.

Sincerely,



Sean Parnell
Governor

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cc: The Honorable Cora Campbell, Commissioner, Alaska Department of Fish and Game
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Subject: UT

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Cc: dan_wenk@nps.gov; Steve Iobst; tim_reid@nps.gov; bonnie_schwartz@nps.gov; nick_herring@nps.gov; boone_vandzura@nps.gov; brad_ross@nps.gov; Sue Waldron; Rick Frost; DanHottle; Al Nash; Jonathan Jarvis; Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Cam Sholly; Kate Kelly; Blake Androff
Subject: Re: Attempt reportedly underway to organize Sunday Yellowstone protest

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Mike Litterst  
Chief Spokesperson (acting)

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Spoke with Laura Lundquist, reporter with the Bozeman Daily Chronicle.

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**From:** Suzanne Waldron <sue\_waldron@nps.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 08, 2013 5:34 PM  
**To:** Cam Sholly; Bruce Sheaffer; Peggy O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Jon Jarvis; Kate Kelly; Blake Androff  
**Cc:** Mike Litterst  
**Subject:** Fwd: Attempt reportedly underway to organize Sunday Yellowstone protest

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Al Nash <[al@nash.org](mailto:al@nash.org)>  
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**From:** Sally Jewell **B6 - Secretary Jewell**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 08, 2013 5:47 PM  
**To:** Kevin Haugrud; Davis Laura; Jon Jarvis; Margaret O'Dell  
**Subject:** Conversation with Gov. Herbert

All –

I just got off the phone with Gov. Herbert – he shared his concerns and referenced the letter he sent to the President, and I briefed him on the word we got from BLM LE about the potential for sheriff disruption at some park sites, referencing Arches and Lake Powell specifically. He was going to contact the Sheriffs' organization right away to validate it and, if possible, prevent the action from occurring.

Happy to fill you in on the balance of the conversation – tomorrow morning is fine.

Sally

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**From:** Laura Davis <laura\_davis@ios.doi.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 08, 2013 4:24 PM  
**To:** Haugrud Jack; Jarvis Jon; O'Dell Peggy; Buffa Nikki; Kelly Kate; Androff Blake; Iacobucci Francis; ted.boling@sol.doi.gov  
**Subject:** Fwd: Time Certain Call with Secretary Jewell and Governor Gary R. Herbert, Utah  
**Attachments:** Pres. Obama Request to Open Utah's National Parks Oct 8 2013.pdf; Grand County, Utah.pdf; Iron County, Utah.pdf; Kane County, Utah.pdf; San Juan County, Utah.pdf; Piute County, Utah.pdf; Washington County, Utah.pdf; Garfield County, Utah.pdf

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Fran Stultz <[fstultz@utah.gov](mailto:fstultz@utah.gov)>  
**To:** "Laura Davis@ios.doi.gov" <[Laura\\_Davis@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Laura_Davis@ios.doi.gov)>  
**Cc:** "Arnold, Phil" <[prarnold@utah.gov](mailto:prarnold@utah.gov)>, Jess Anderson <[jessanderson@utah.gov](mailto:jessanderson@utah.gov)>, "Contreras, Roy" <[rcontreras@utah.gov](mailto:rcontreras@utah.gov)>  
**Subject:** Time Certain Call with Secretary Jewell and Governor Gary R. Herbert, Utah

Dear Ms. Davis -

Attached please find a copy of a letter to President Obama. The letter is cc'd to Secretary Jewell.

Governor Herbert respectfully requests a time certain telephone call with Secretary Jewell this evening. Recognizing the hour is mid to late afternoon in Washington D.C., the Governor would like to speak with Secretary Jewell at 5:45 pm or after (ET).

Please contact me at your earliest convenience. Thank you, Fran

Fran Stultz\*  
\*Executive Assistant to the Governor  
State of Utah  
[fstultz@utah.gov](mailto:fstultz@utah.gov)  
801-538-1680, direct line  
801-550-5156, mobile

If I am not available when you call, please call Governor Herbert's security at 801-232-4681 and they will transfer the call to the Governor or will know how to reach me.

Thank you, Fran

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# STATE OF UTAH

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH  
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GARY R. HERBERT  
GOVERNOR

GREG BELL  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

October 8, 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:

I am pleased to be the Governor of a state that is home to the “Mighty Five” – five stunningly beautiful and unique national parks: Zion, Bryce, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef, and Arches. In addition, Utah is home to several national monuments, historic sites, and recreation areas, including Glen Canyon, Rainbow Bridge, Hovenweep, Natural Bridges, Grand Staircase/Escalante, Monument Valley, Timpanogos Cave, Golden Spike, Dinosaur, Flaming Gorge, and Cedar Breaks. Each of these sites is a national treasure.

As Governor, I am writing on behalf of the people who call these areas home, as well as the millions of tourists who visit these venues annually. The unwarranted shut down of the national parks and other federal facilities is devastating individuals and businesses that rely on these areas for their livelihood. These closures must end immediately.

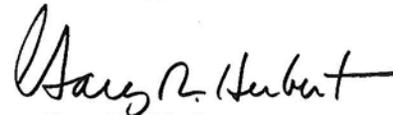
To that end, I formally request that, absent federal funding to maintain and operate national parks and monuments located in Utah, the State of Utah be authorized to use state, local, and private funds to reopen these areas to the public.

October is a peak season for tourism in many parts of Utah. The current federally-mandated closure is decimating the bottom line of bed-and-breakfast business owners and operators in Torrey, outfitters at Bryce Canyon City, and restaurant owners in Moab. All businesses are unfairly suffering the consequences of inaction and a lack of leadership in Washington. Economic disruptions caused by the closure have risen to the level of being an “internal disturbance” under the law, and several counties have declared local emergencies. Copies of these declarations are enclosed with this letter.

I look forward to working with local officials and the superintendent of each national park and site in Utah to determine a plan whereby we will be able to reopen these parks expeditiously. All that is necessary at this point is the permission to proceed from you and Department of Interior Secretary Jewell.

It is within the power and authority of the Executive Branch to allow the national parks and monuments to be reopened. We have a solution in place. We just need, literally, the keys to the gates. I cannot overstate that time is of the essence. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



Gary R. Herbert  
Governor

Enclosures (7)

cc: Secretary Sally Jewell  
Senate Speaker Harry Reid  
Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell  
House Speaker John Boehner  
House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi  
Senator Orrin Hatch  
Senator Mike Lee  
Congressman Bob Bishop  
Congressman Jason Chaffetz  
Congressman Jim Matheson  
Congressman Chris Stewart  
John Jones, President of the Utah Association of Counties

PROCLAMATION  
DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY IN GRAND COUNTY, UTAH DUE TO  
THE ECONOMIC DISRUPTIONS ARISING OUT OF THE CLOSURE OF ARCHES AND  
CANYONLANDS NATIONAL PARKS AND FEDERALLY MANAGED CAMPGROUNDS  
AND RIVERWAYS

WHEREAS, Grand County is a political subdivision of the State of Utah;

WHEREAS, over 75% of land in Grand County is managed by the federal government;

WHEREAS, Arches National Park (“Arches”) or “the Park” is located in Grand County;

WHEREAS, Grand County is the gateway to Island in the Sky District of Canyonlands National Park (“Canyonlands”), located in San Juan County;

WHEREAS, Grand County receives approximately 2.5 million visitors annually, with over two-thirds of those visitors utilizing commercial areas of Grand County to gain access to the Parks;

WHEREAS, those visitors not only enjoy the natural beauties of Arches and Canyonlands, but also enjoy the accommodations, restaurants, and shopping venues in Grand County;

WHEREAS, a significant number of residents in Grand County rely on the tourism industry created by Arches and Canyonlands visitors for income;

WHEREAS, approximately 76% of Grand County’s economy is dependent upon tourism;

WHEREAS, over 90,000 visitors come to Arches in the month of October to enjoy the fall temperatures and avoid the summer crowds—by no means has the tourism season ended at the beginning of October;

WHEREAS, visitors also come to Grand County to recreate in federally managed lands outside of the national parks—especially during the elk, deer, and bear hunt season that occurs annually during October;

WHEREAS, the operation of federally managed campgrounds and riverways brings tourism to Grand County;

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2013, the federal government closed Arches and Canyonlands, as well as all of the other National Parks, National Recreation Facilities, and federally managed campgrounds and riverways in the State of Utah;

WHEREAS, this closure is having a devastating impact on those Grand County residents who rely on visitors to all federally managed lands;

WHEREAS, this severe and direct impact has an indirect impact on the rest of the economy in Grand County because of the lack of spending by those residents directly impacted by the lack of tourists;

WHEREAS, Grand County estimates over \$2.6 million in lost revenue to date since October 1, 2013 in commercial business alone;

WHEREAS, Canyonlands Natural History Association estimates losses of \$119,000 in Grand County to date since October 1, 2013;

WHEREAS, Grand County estimates continued loss in revenue of \$380,000 per day; WHEREAS, the overall economic disruptions caused by the closure, which is an "internal disturbance" under the law, are sufficient for Grand County to declare a Local Emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Utah Code Annotated Section 53-2a-208, on behalf of the citizens of Grand County, the Grand County Council declares Grand County to be in a state of "Local Emergency";

FURTHERMORE, pursuant to Utah Code Annotated Section 53-2a-208(2)(d), Grand County is authorized to provide all appropriate aid and assistance in relation to this Proclamation.

GRAND COUNTY COUNCIL

  
Gene Ciarus, Grand County Council Chair  
October 8, 2013

ATTEST:

  
Diana Carroll  
Grand County Clerk/Auditor

RESOLUTION 2013-11

PROCLAMATION  
DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY IN IRON COUNTY, UTAH DUE TO  
THE ECONOMIC DISRUPTIONS ARISING OUT OF THE CLOSURE OF FEDERALLY  
MANAGED LANDS

WHEREAS, Iron County is a political subdivision of the State of Utah;

WHEREAS, over 60% of land in Iron County is managed by the federal government;

WHEREAS, Zion National Park (“Zion” or “the Park”) is located in Washington, Kane, and Iron Counties;

WHEREAS, Cedar Breaks National Monument is located within Iron County, which brings a significant amount of visitors into Iron County;

WHEREAS, Zion receives approximately 3 million visitors annually, a significant portion of those visitors pass through commercial areas of Iron County to gain access to Park;

WHEREAS, those visitors not only enjoy the natural beauties of Zion and other federally managed lands, but also enjoy the accommodations, restaurants, and shopping venues in the County;

WHEREAS, Iron County is a corridor for many individuals seeking to recreate in surrounding National Parks and federally managed land, including Bryce Canyon National Park;

WHEREAS, a significant number of residents in Iron County rely on the tourism industry created by the use of federally managed land for income;

WHEREAS, a significant portion of the annual visitors come to federally managed lands in the month of October to enjoy the fall temperatures and avoid the summer crowds—by no means has the tourism season ended at the beginning of October;

WHEREAS, visitors also come to Iron County to recreate in federally managed lands — especially during the deer hunt that occurs annually in October;

WHEREAS, the operation of federally managed lands brings tourism to Iron County;

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2013, the federal government closed Zion National Park, as well as all of the other National Parks, National Recreation Facilities, including the Cedar Breaks National Monument, and federally managed campgrounds in the State of Utah;

WHEREAS, this closure is having a devastating impact on those Iron County residents that rely on visitors to federally managed land;

WHEREAS, this severe and direct impact has an indirect impact on the rest of the economy in Iron County because of the lack of spending by those residents directly impacted by the lack of tourists; and

WHEREAS, the overall economic disruptions caused by the closure, which is an "internal disturbance" under the law, are sufficient for Iron County to declare a Local Emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Utah Code Annotated Section 53-2a-208 (West 2013), on behalf of the citizens of Iron County, the Iron County Commission declares Iron County to be in a state of "Local Emergency";

FURTHERMORE, pursuant to Utah Code Annotated Section 53-2a-208(d), Iron County is authorized to provide all appropriate aid and assistance in relation to this Proclamation.

IRON COUNTY COMMISSION



Alma Adams, County Commission Chair

October 7, 2013

ATTEST:

David Yardley  
Iron County Clerk

**KANE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2013-18**

**A RESOLUTION OF PROCLAMATION  
DECLARING A STATE OF “LOCAL EMERGENCY”  
IN KANE COUNTY, UTAH DUE TO THE ECONOMIC DISRUPTIONS ARISING OUT  
OF THE CLOSURE OF ZION NATIONAL PARK  
AND OTHER FEDERALLY ADMINISTERED PUBLIC LANDS**

WHEREAS, Kane County is a political subdivision of the State of Utah; and

WHEREAS, over 86% of land in Kane County is managed by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, Zion National Park (“Zion” or “the Park”) is located in Kane, Washington, and Iron Counties; and

WHEREAS, Bryce Canyon National Park, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, the Grand Stair Case-Escalante National Monument, the Vermillion Cliffs National Monument, Grand Canyon National Park, the Dixie National Forest, The Kaibab National Forest, Pipe Spring National Monument are located in or adjacent to Kane County and provide a significant economic impact on Kane County; and

WHEREAS, Zion receives approximately 3 million visitors annually, and the vast majority of those visitors pass through commercial areas of Kane County to gain access to Park;

WHEREAS, those visitors not only enjoy the natural beauties of these federally administered public lands, but also enjoy the accommodations, restaurants, shopping, and visiting other parts of Kane County;

WHEREAS, a significant number of residents in Kane County rely on the tourism industry created by visitors to these federally administered public lands; and

WHEREAS, a significant portion of the annual visitors come to these areas in the month of October to enjoy the fall temperatures and avoid the summer crowds—by no means has the tourism season ended at the beginning of October or later; and

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2013, the federal government closed Zion National Park and these other areas due to lack of funds; and

WHEREAS, this closure is having a devastating impact on those Kane County residents that rely on visitors to federally managed land; and

WHEREAS, this severe and direct impact has an indirect impact on the rest of the economy in Kane County because of the lack of spending by those residents directly impacted by the lack of tourists; and

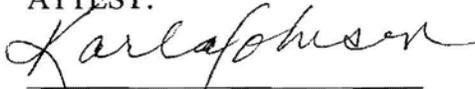
WHEREAS, the overall economic disruptions caused by the closure, which is an “internal disturbance” under the law, are sufficient for Kane County to declare a Local Emergency.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KANE COUNTY, STATE OF UTAH, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Pursuant to Utah Code Section 53-2a-208, on behalf of the citizens of Kane County, the Kane County Commission declares Kane County to be in a state of “Local Emergency”;
2. Pursuant to Utah Code Section 53-2a-208, Kane County is authorized to provide all appropriate aid and assistance in relation to this Proclamation.

ADOPTED this 7th day of October, 2013.

ATTEST:



KARLA JOHNSON  
Kane County Clerk/Auditor



DIRK CLAYSON, Chair,  
Board of Commissioners,  
Kane County



**PROCLAMATION  
DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY IN SAN JUAN COUNTY, UTAH  
DUE TO THE ECONOMIC DISRUPTIONS ARISING OUT OF THE CLOSURE OF  
CANYONLANDS NATIONAL PARK, NATURAL BRIDGES AND HOVENWEEP  
NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND THE FEDERALLY MANAGED HALLS CROSSING  
MARINA**

WHEREAS, San Juan County is a political subdivision of the State of Utah;

WHEREAS, over 84% of land in San Juan County is managed by the federal government;

WHEREAS, Canyonlands National Park (“the Park”) is located in San Juan and Grand Counties;

WHEREAS, Canyonlands receives approximately 460,000 visitors annually, and many of those visitors pass through commercial areas of County to gain access to Park;

WHEREAS, those visitors not only enjoy the natural beauties of Canyonlands, but also enjoy the accommodations, restaurants, shopping venues in the County;

WHEREAS, a significant number of residents in San Juan County rely on the tourism industry created by Canyonlands visitors for income;

WHEREAS, a significant portion of the annual visitors come to Canyonlands in the month of October to enjoy the fall temperatures and avoid the summer crowds—by no means has the tourism season ended at the beginning of October;

WHEREAS, the Natural Bridges and Hovenweep National Monuments also bring tourism to San Juan County;

WHEREAS, the operation of the Halls Crossing Marina on Lake Powell also brings tourism to San Juan County;

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2013, the federal government closed Canyonlands National Park, Natural Bridges and Hovenweep National Monuments and the Halls Crossing Marina, as well as all of the other National Parks, National Monuments, National Recreational Facilities, and federal managed campgrounds in the State of Utah;

WHEREAS, this closure is having a devastating impact on those San Juan County residents that rely on visitors to federally managed land, especially those that rely almost exclusively on visitors to Canyonlands and Halls Crossing Marina at Lake Powell;

WHEREAS, this severe and direct impact has an indirect impact on the rest of the economy in San Juan County because of the lack of spending by those residents directly impacted by the lack of tourists;

WHEREAS, the overall economic disruptions caused by the closure, which is an "internal disturbance" under the law, are sufficient for San Juan County to declare a Local Emergency; and

WHEREAS, these economic disruptions will negatively affect the health, safety and welfare of San Juan County residents, and San Juan County's ability to care for the health, safety and welfare of its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Utah Code Annotated Section 53-2a-208 (West 2013), on behalf of the citizens of San Juan County, the San Juan County Commission declares San Juan County to be in a state of "Local Emergency";

FURTHERMORE, pursuant to Utah Code Annotated Section 53-2a-208(d), San Juan County is authorized to provide all appropriate aid and assistance in relation to this Proclamation.

BOARD OF SAN JUAN COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS



Phil Lyman, Commissioner  
Board of San Juan County Commissioners  
October 7, 2013

ATTEST:



Norman L. Johnson  
San Juan County Clerk

PROCLAMATION  
DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY IN PIUTE COUNTY, UTAH DUE TO  
THE ECONOMIC DISRUPTIONS ARISING OUT OF THE CLOSURE OF BRYCE  
CANYON, ZION, CAPITOL REEF, AND GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARKS AND  
FEDERALLY MANAGED LANDS AND CAMPGROUNDS

WHEREAS, PIUTE County is a political subdivision of the State of Utah;

WHEREAS, over 74% of land in Piute County is managed by the federal government;

WHEREAS, Zion receives approximately 3 million visitors annually, The Grand Canyon receives over 5 Million visitors annually, Bryce Canyon receives over 1.5 Million visitors annually and Capitol Reef receives over 400k visitors annually;

WHEREAS, Piute County is a primary corridor for many of those visitors seeking to recreate in the above National Parks and public lands;

WHEREAS, those visitors not only enjoy the natural beauties of the Parks, but also enjoy the accommodations, restaurants, and shopping venues in the County;

WHEREAS, a significant number of residents in Piute County rely on the tourism industry created by visitors for income and many people are employed in nearby businesses that support the national parks and recreation areas;

WHEREAS, a significant portion of the annual visitors come to the parks in the month of October to enjoy the fall temperatures and avoid the summer crowds—by no means has the tourism season ended at the beginning of October;

WHEREAS, the Paiute OHV Trail system is located throughout Piute County and is the primary tourism attraction and is located entirely on public lands;

WHEREAS, visitors also come to Piute County to recreate on federally managed lands—especially during the hunting seasons that occur annually in October and November;

WHEREAS, the operation of federally managed land and facilities bring tourism to Piute County;

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2013, the federal government closed the National Parks, National Recreation Facilities, and federally managed campgrounds in the State of Utah, and have stated on Department of Interior and Department of Agriculture websites that public lands and recreation facilities are closed;

WHEREAS, this closure is having a devastating impact on those Piute County residents that rely on visitors to federally managed lands and parks;

WHEREAS, this severe and direct impact has an indirect impact on the rest of the economy in Piute County because of the lack of spending by those residents directly impacted by the lack of tourists;

WHEREAS, Piute County has duty and jurisdiction to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of it's citizens;

WHEREAS, the overall economic disruptions caused by the closure, which is an "internal disturbance" under the law, are sufficient for Piute County to declare a Local Emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Utah Code Annotated Section 53-2a-208 (West 2013), on behalf of the citizens of Piute County, the Piute County Commission declares Piute County to be in a state of "Local Emergency";

FURTHERMORE, pursuant to Utah Code Annotated Section 53-2a-208(d), Piute County is authorized to provide all appropriate aid and assistance in relation to this Proclamation.

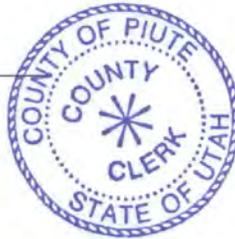
PIUTE COUNTY COMMISSION

  
Travas Blood, County Commission Chair

October 7, 2013

ATTEST:

  
Valeen Brown  
Piute County Clerk



PROCLAMATION  
DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, UTAH  
DUE TO THE ECONOMIC DISRUPTIONS ARISING OUT OF THE CLOSURE OF ZION  
NATIONAL PARK AND FEDERALLY MANAGED CAMPGROUNDS

WHEREAS, Washington County is a political subdivision of the State of Utah;

WHEREAS, over 75% of land in Washington County is managed by the federal government;

WHEREAS, Zion National Park ("Zion" or "the Park") is located in Washington, Kane, and Iron Counties;

WHEREAS, Zion receives approximately 3 million visitors annually, and the vast majority of those visitors pass through commercial areas of Washington County to gain access to Park;

WHEREAS, those visitors not only enjoy the natural beauties of Zion, but also enjoy the accommodations, restaurants, and shopping venues in the County;

WHEREAS, a significant number of residents in Washington County rely on the tourism industry created by Zion visitors for income;

WHEREAS, a significant portion of the annual visitors come to Zion in the month of October to enjoy the fall temperatures and avoid the summer crowds—by no means has the tourism season ended at the beginning of October;

WHEREAS, visitors also come to Washington County to recreate in federally managed lands outside of Zion—especially during the deer hunt that occurs annually in October;

WHEREAS, the operation of federally managed campgrounds brings tourism to Washington County;

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2013, the federal government closed Zion National Park, as well as all of the other National Parks, National Recreation Facilities, and federally managed campgrounds in the State of Utah;

WHEREAS, this closure is having a devastating impact on those Washington County residents that rely on visitors to federally managed land, especially those that rely almost exclusively on visitors to Zion;

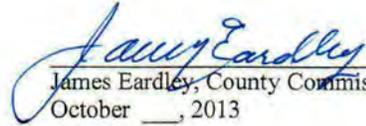
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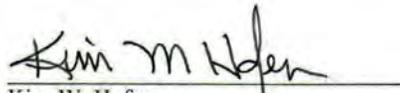
NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Utah Code Annotated Section 53-2a-208 (West 2013), on behalf of the citizens of Washington County, the Washington County Commission declares Washington County to be in a state of "Local Emergency";

FURTHERMORE, pursuant to Utah Code Annotated Section 53-2a-208(d), Washington County is authorized to provide all appropriate aid and assistance in relation to this Proclamation.

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION

  
James Eardley, County Commission Chair  
October \_\_, 2013

ATTEST:

  
Kim W. Hafen  
Washington County Clerk

## GARFIELD COUNTY RESOLUTION 2013-4

### PROCLAMATION

DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY IN GARFIELD COUNTY, UTAH DUE TO THE ECONOMIC DISRUPTIONS ARISING OUT OF THE CLOSURE OF BRYCE CANYON, CAPITOL REEF, GLEN CANYON RECREATION AREA, CANYONLANDS PARK, ESCALANTE NATIONAL STAIRCASE, AND FEDERALLY MANAGED CAMPGROUNDS

WHEREAS, Garfield County is a political subdivision of the State of Utah;

WHEREAS, over 90% of land in Garfield County is managed by the federal government;

WHEREAS, Bryce Canyon, Capitol Reef, Glen Canyon Recreation Area, parts of Canyonlands National Park and the Escalante National Staircase (hereinafter referred to as "parks") are located in Garfield County;

WHEREAS, The parks receive over one and a half million visitors annually, and the vast majority of those visitors pass through commercial areas of Garfield County to gain access to the parks;

WHEREAS, those visitors not only enjoy the natural beauties of the parks, but also enjoy the accommodations, restaurants, and shopping venues in the County;

WHEREAS, a significant number of residents in Garfield County rely on the tourism industry created by the parks visitors for income;

WHEREAS, a significant portion of the annual visitors come to the parks in the month of October to enjoy the fall temperatures and avoid the summer crowds—by no means has the tourism season ended at the beginning of October;

WHEREAS, visitors also come to Garfield County to recreate in federally managed lands outside of the parks—especially during the deer hunt that occurs annually in October;

WHEREAS, the operation of federally managed campgrounds brings tourism to Garfield County;

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2013, the federal government closed these parks, as well as all of the other National Parks, National Recreation Facilities, and federally managed campgrounds in the State of Utah;

WHEREAS, this closure is having a devastating impact on those Garfield County residents that rely on visitors to federally managed land, especially those that rely almost exclusively on visitors to the parks;

WHEREAS, this severe and direct impact has an indirect impact on the rest of the economy in Garfield County because of the lack of spending by those residents directly impacted by the lack of tourists; and

WHEREAS, the overall economic disruptions caused by the closure, which is an "internal disturbance" under the law, are sufficient for Garfield County to declare a Local Emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Utah Code Annotated Section 53-2a-208 (West 2013), on behalf of the citizens of Garfield County, the Garfield County Commission declares Garfield County to be in a state of "Local Emergency":

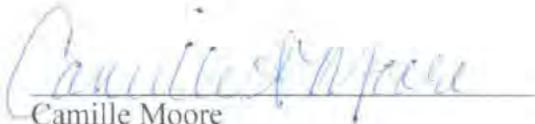
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Clare Ramsay, County Commission Chair  
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ATTEST:



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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 08, 2013 6:16 PM  
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**Cc:** Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster  
**Subject:** Fwd: Secretary's Call with Governor

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Thanks, Cam.

Looping in Barry and Kim, who are working with me and the BLM side of SOL on the litigation report.

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**Subject:** Links

These explain the passing of local proclamations addressing economic emergency. Basically they're attempting to get the governor to declare a state of emergency to then allow them to take actions they think are feasible to address the emergency (e.g., provide their services to open the parks)

I don't see much on the "hostile takeover" approach at this point.

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**From:** Litterst, Michael <mike\_litterst@nps.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 08, 2013 6:39 PM  
**To:** Vanover, Christie  
**Cc:** Craig Dalby; Christine Powell; Suzanne Waldron; William Dickinson; Mary Hinson; Gary Warshefski; Adam Kelsey; Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Blake Androff; Kate Kelly  
**Subject:** Re: Congressional Staffers at LAKE today

Thanks, Christie.

looping in others

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On Tue, Oct 8, 2013 at 6:35 PM, Vanover, Christie <christie_vanover@nps.gov> wrote:
Keith Hughes, the district director for Rep. Heck (NV-R), came out to the park today. He said he was asked to look into some things by the House Committee on Natural Resources.

The first part of our discussion focused on the ~5,000 pieces of personal property in the park. I explained that we were allowing owners access, we just couldn't allow them to recreate in, on or with their property during the shutdown. I also explained that while we have 60 cabin site owners, only 3 were in the park Oct. 1. And there was early confusion because the owners didn't know they could come back to the park for more belongings during the day.

He said he shared that information with their legislative director. I asked if they were looking at proposing legislation related to this, and he wasn't sure. I explained that the cabin sites were being phased out, and that about 50% of them are already gone.

He also asked to walk a marina because he received multiple calls reporting that people were untying boats in slips. We had one incident where a boat owner reported that his boat was untied and it looked as if someone tried to steal the generator. That individual has since secured his property and installed security cameras. The concessioner and NPS have upped our patrols at that marina.

While at the marina, Keith spoke to a concession owner who expressed that they are losing around \$10,000 a day in rental fees and retail sales. He also spoke to a boat owner who was allowed access into the park. Keith asked both groups how they were being treated by the NPS and they all said our rangers were letting property owners in with no hassle.

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Respectfully,

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Sent: Tuesday, October 08, 2013 6:42 PM
To: Kate Kelly; Blake Androff; Peggy O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Bruce Sheaffer; Jon Jarvis
Subject: Fwd: Lake Mead PAO Update

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Date: Tue, Oct 8, 2013 at 6:25 PM
Subject: Lake Mead PAO Update
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Cc: William Dickinson <william_k_dickinson@nps.gov>

Mike,

I think there may be some confusion. Peggy and Jon mentioned to Bill Dickinson that FOX News was interviewing a 77yo cabin site owner. I have not heard anything about FOX doing a story today. No one has contacted me.

However, NBC News did have an interview today with 77yo cabin site owner Joyce Spencer. I provided them an interview yesterday. They are doing a national shutdown impact story during the Evening News. They also interviewed a German couple who shipped their RV to the US from Germany. They have been traveling across the US and got caught in the shutdown at Mesa Verde. They said amazingly positive things about NPS and about how beautiful our lands are. If NBC uses their sound, it should be a great reflection of the service.

The reporter also interviewed a concession operator. Unfortunately, I was tied up with a visitor, so I didn't catch his comments.

That's the only national interview I know of right now.

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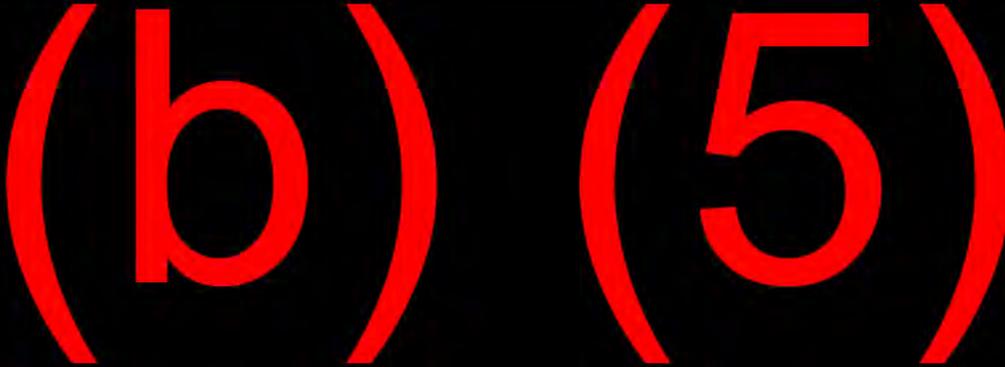
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To: Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Suzanne Waldron
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Subject: Virginia Gazette - Historic Jamestowne bucks shutdown

Historic Jamestowne bucks shutdown Park Service property will remain off-limits

By Steve Vaughan, svaughan@vagazette.com

The Virginia Gazette

7:57 PM EDT, October 8, 2013

JAMES CITY— A portion of Historic Jamestowne will re-open Wednesday morning, despite the continuing federal government shutdown.

Elizabeth Kostelny, executive director of Preservation Virginia, which jointly administers Historic Jamestowne with the National Park Service, said late Tuesday afternoon that while the Park Service's property remains closed, the portions of Historic Jamestowne owned by Preservation Virginia would reopen.

"We own 22.5 acres on the island, and we thought we should use our property to provide this experience to our visitors," she said.

Among the parts of the property that remain inaccessible are the Visitor Center and the paved parking lot, both on land owned by the Park Service.

Kostelny said Preservation Virginia would sell tickets at the entrance to the private road that leads to its portion of the island. Parking will also be on Preservation Virginia property, and likely not as extensive as normal.

"We'll have someone at the gate giving directions," Kostelny said.

Among the parts of Historic Jamestowne that will be open are the archaeological site, the Archaearium museum and the historic church tower.

"There will be archaeologists' tours on a regular schedule," Kostelny said.

Among the important parts of the site that will be off limits will be New Town, the Visitor Center and the usual entrance to Historic Jamestowne via a bridge over the swamp leading from the Visitor Center to the church tower area.

"Visitors will not be allowed to walk on Park Service property," Kostelny said.

She said that since access to Historic Jamestowne was still limited, the price would be too.

"We'll be charging a reduced admission of \$5," she said. "It wouldn't be fair to charge the full price if visitors aren't getting the full experience."

The federal government shutdown, now in its second week, had completely closed Historic Jamestowne, causing some non-government employees to be furloughed because visitors could not access the site.

Sheryl Mays supervises Historic Jamestowne for Colonial Williamsburg. The foundation provides administrative support to Preservation Virginia. She said earlier this week that about 25 workers from the Visitor Center, gift stores and Archaearium, mostly part-time workers, had been furloughed. Full-time workers were reassigned to work in Preservation Virginia's offices. With the Visitor Center still closed, it's unclear if all the furloughed workers will be back on the job Wednesday.

In addition to Historic Jamestowne, the shutdown also closed the Colonial Parkway, the most common route to the site. The park can also be accessed from Jamestown Road.

Kostelny said Tuesday that Preservation Virginia has been in contact with Rep. Rob Wittman, R-1st. She said his office was supportive of their plan to reopen.

Wittman's office did not respond to a request for comment Tuesday afternoon.

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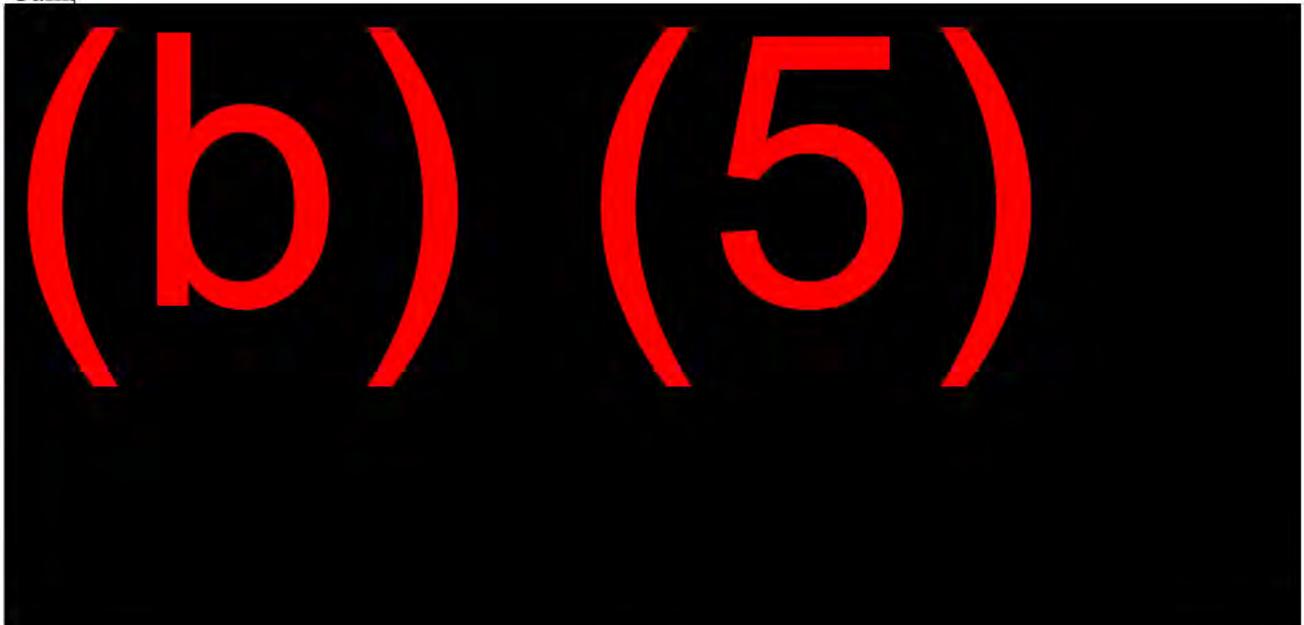
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**Subject:** THIS INFORMATION IS NOT CORRECT(!) There have been NO Incidents of Iron County Sheriff moving barricades at CEBR !

Hello,

I was just as surprised as anyone when I saw Cindy Purcell's e-mail describing this incident happening at CEBR today. I have confirmed with our facility manager **that no such incident took place at Cedar Breaks. In addition, I was NOT at the park today, and was NOT involved in any such incident.**

I continue to keep an open dialogue with our Iron County Commissioners and Iron County Sheriff Mark Gower, both of whom I spoke with today. They are taking a much more moderate tone, and while they are supportive of the other counties efforts to re-open national parks, they have told me they have no issues with the way CEBR has been handling the shutdown.

As background, our primary access road / scenic drive (Hwy 148) and connector State Route 143 remain open for vehicular access. Both of these are pass through roads and important for access to other routes and communities on Cedar Mountain. We we have signed all of our overlooks, parking lots and trail access points as "area closed due to the government shutdown". We have gates closed and barricades up restricting access to service roads that serve our maintenance areas, utility systems, housing area, campground and administrative areas.

Our excepted employees report our visitation since the shutdown has been high....typical for this time of year. This past weekend, even with all facilities closed and signed and no uniformed staff available for programs or to answer questions, we often had a full parking lot at the Visitor Center / Pt. Supreme area. This included bus tours, bicycle groups and Elderhostel vans. We continue to have a visible law enforcement presence, and when approached by the public, we reinforce that the area is closed, and provide visitors with a list of alternative state parks and local places to visit that was put together by our local tourism office.

I hope this dispels any continued rumors about any such incident taking place at Cedar Breaks!

Please e-mail or call me on my cell at 435-868-8660 if I can provide any additional details.

Paul

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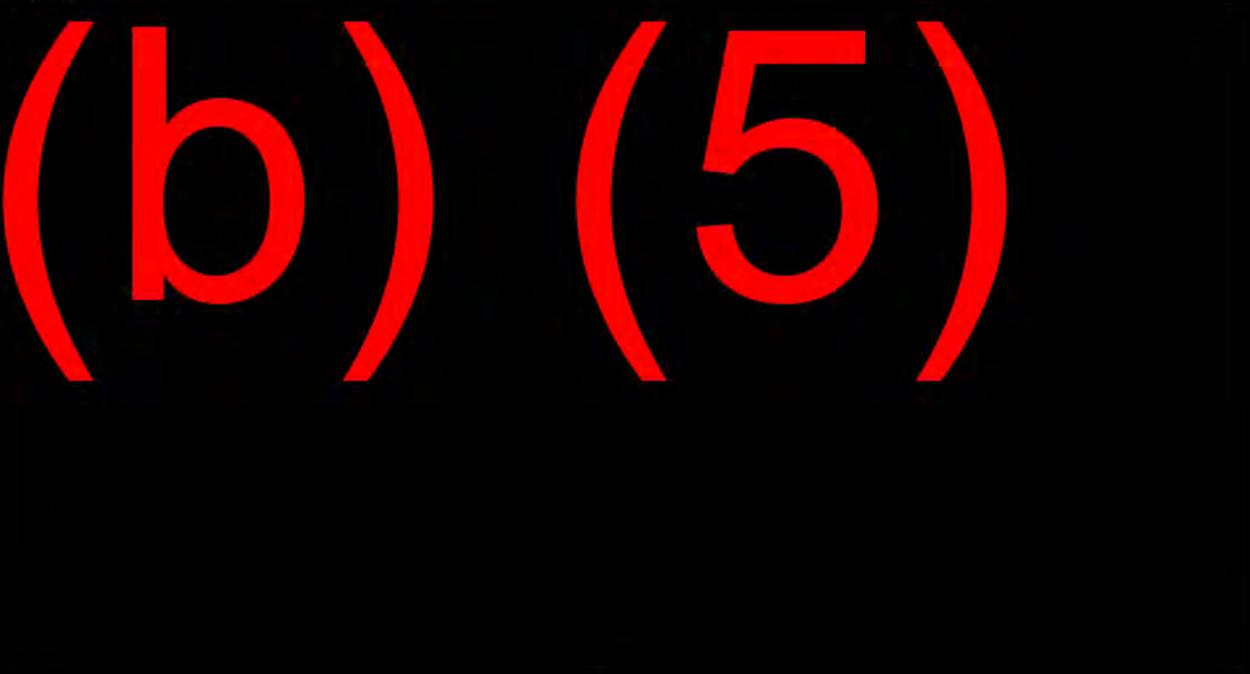
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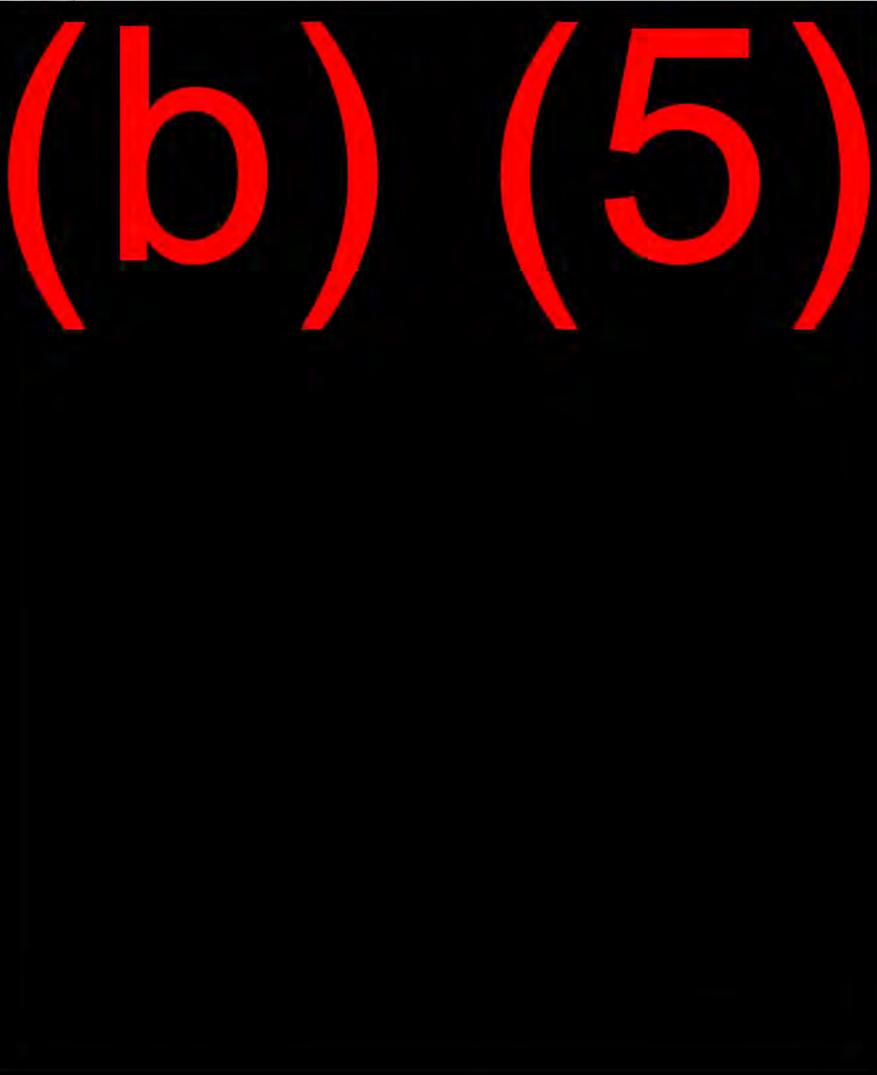
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If operational control of these areas is seized by local government, NPS staff has been directed to remove themselves from the scene after documenting the incident. We will revert to our core shutdown mission of protecting life and property.

GLCA staff is operating under ICS for the shutdown incident. Lindy Mihata (928.640.3114 cell) is IC beginning 10/9/13. Superintendent Todd Brindle (928.640.1586 cell) is available but on furlough. GLCA is under proprietary jurisdiction and has mutual aid/emergency response/SAR MOUs in place with both counties.

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We discussed our concerns which centered around the county's assumption of all liability for visitor safety, personal property protection (e.g. high-dollar private houseboats), resource protection, emergency response, criminal investigation and the like if they choose to effect a takeover of operations of the federal facility.

The Sheriffs were going to report back to their commissions this evening but in all likelihood would continue to work towards opening up access to Halls Crossing and Bullfrog marinas, probably as soon as 0930 MDT tomorrow.

We asked for a heads up so that we could ensure that any incidents at the closed entrances could be handled in an orchestrated and non-confrontational manner.

If operational control of these areas is seized by local government, NPS staff has been directed to remove themselves from the scene after documenting the incident. We will revert to our core shutdown mission of protecting life and property.

GLCA staff is operating under ICS for the shutdown incident. Lindy Mihata (928.640.3114 cell) is IC beginning 10/9/13. Superintendent Todd Brindle (928.640.1586 cell) is available but on furlough. GLCA is under proprietary jurisdiction and has mutual aid/emergency response/SAR MOUs in place with both counties.

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On Tue, Oct 8, 2013 at 4:26 PM, Campbell, Colin <[colin\\_campbell@nps.gov](mailto:colin_campbell@nps.gov)> wrote:

Could each of you please prepare a short briefing of what you understood from the Sheriffs of their intent to open what parks or portions of parks,

Sheriffs name, and County.

Any actions to date. Paul, what happened at CEBR today.

And submit those to Cam Sholly at WASO VRP by tomorrow morning. This information is needed for TRO.

Colin

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**From:** Laura Joss (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 08, 2013 10:58 PM  
**To:** O'Dell, Margaret  
**Subject:** Re: IMR RD Callback request and DRD POCs

Peggy: I spoke with both Colin and Mary about the importance of maintaining a high level of continuity between WASO and UT NPS sites during the current situation with UT counties and parks. Colin has agreed to stay on as the IMRO primary POC to work on this issue until it is resolved. He would appreciate your consideration of having Mary Risser added to our IMRO excepted employee list as a POC to address numerous other issues in the 91 IMR parks. These issues include storm damage response coordination, road/access issues, coordinating responses to delegation and constituent complaints, tribal access concerns, communications with WNPA and other cooperating associations and friends groups, and coordination with Rena Fugate on ongoing employee questions regarding HR, PCS, and other admin issues.

Our intent is that I would rotate in for Colin once the UT issue is resolved to WASO's satisfaction.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Laura

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 7, 2013, at 7:45 AM, "O'Dell, Margaret" <[peggy\\_o'dell@nps.gov](mailto:peggy_o'dell@nps.gov)> wrote:

Approved. This will also provide a critical link in continuity of issues as we anticipate Colin taking a few days off and Mary Risser substituting for him.

On Mon, Oct 7, 2013 at 9:27 AM, Laura Joss (b) (6) wrote:

Peggy: Thanks for taking time to talk with me about this today. As per our discussion, I will work 2-4 hours/day October 7-10 in order to provide leadership and assistance with critical issues to the three IMRO excepted employees.

Thank you.

Laura

Laura E. Joss  
(b) (6)

On Oct 7, 2013, at 6:11 AM, "O'Dell, Margaret" <[peggy\\_o'dell@nps.gov](mailto:peggy_o'dell@nps.gov)> wrote:

So let's talk this morning....you can call my cell anytime before 10:15 ET when I have to go into a meeting.

P

On Sun, Oct 6, 2013 at 10:38 PM, Laura Joss (b) (6) wrote:  
Peggy: I would like to ask your approval to go into the office on a callback basis for a few hours Monday and Tuesday to give guidance on the high profile issues at numerous parks in AZ and UT who are dealing with re-opening requests by their delegations, closure bypasses (the Take Back Our Parks campaign) and also to assist with the major storm damage issues at parks in WY and MT from this weekend's heavy snow (some areas received up to 4').

Unless I hear to the contrary from you, I'd like to go in around 9am Mountain time.

Thanks for your consideration of this request.

Laura

Laura E. Joss  
(b) (6)

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**From:** Sholly, Cam <cam\_sholly@nps.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 09, 2013 7:42 AM  
**To:** Edward Boling; Barry Roth; Kim Fondren  
**Cc:** Margaret O'Dell; Charles Cuvelier  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 09, 2013 7:52 AM  
**To:** Margaret O'Dell  
**Cc:** Charles Cuvelier  
**Subject:** Re: Solicitors thoughts on messaging prior to the TRO

We also need to discuss putting adequate LE resources down there to maintain the closures. Opening the parks to visitors without our management infrastructure in place is a serious threat to resources and our facilities.

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**From:** Waldron, Suzanne <sue\_waldron@nps.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 09, 2013 8:28 AM  
**To:** Margaret O'Dell  
**Cc:** Michael Litterst; Cam Sholly; Charles Cuvelier  
**Subject:** Re: Solicitors thoughts on messaging prior to the TRO

suggest we include SOL and doi comms in the meeting to avoid wasted effort

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 08, 2013 10:42 AM  
**To:** Kelly, Katherine  
**Cc:** laura davis; jon jarvis; Suzanne Waldron; mike litterst; Androff, Blake J; O'Dell, Peggy; maureen foster; Sarah Neimeyer; Elizabeth A Klein  
**Subject:** Re: NP Traveler blog

The quotes at the bottom are really great/nice. Thanks for forwarding.

On Oct 8, 2013, at 9:30 AM, "Kelly, Katherine" <[kate\\_kelly@ios.doi.gov](mailto:kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

<http://www.nationalparkstraveler.com/2013/10/around-parks-blurring-national-park-lines24057>

## **Around The Parks: A Blurring Of National Park Lines**

Submitted by Kurt Repanshek on October 8, 2013 - 1:22am



The National Park Service, and its employees, should not be blamed for the parks' closure.

Around the country, as the partial government shutdown moves into its second week, taxpayers angry with the closure of national parks are showing their disgust through civil disobedience, mockery, and anger directed at the National Park Service.

The national park idea, long recognized as America's best, is being degraded and disrespected as the result of a much different idea—using the parks as leverage to try to gain the advantage in a political donnybrook.

Many of the government functions impacted by the shutdown, while important, simply don't have the same media interest—or impact on the general public—as closure of the national parks. It's hard to generate a compelling news photo based on the interruption of airliner safety inspection or suspensions of some FDA food safety inspections. Hang a closed sign on the entrance to the Grand Canyon, however, or put a belligerent congressman face-to-face with a ranger at the World War II Memorial on the National Mall, and you have plenty of fodder for the prime-time network news.

The result is an agency and its employees caught in the middle of a fight it didn't create—or want.

Some critics are driven by anger over loss of income from the parks' closure. Others by disgust with Obama administration. Still others seemingly by the belief that the federal government has no right to close the parks. In the end, however, it's the rangers on the ground who are seen as the "face" of the shutdown.

Some Republicans in Congress, particularly in the House, blame the administration for the parks' continued closure, pointing out that that chamber voted to restore funding for the Park Service, among some other agencies and programs. But that legislation was tied to a demand that the Affordable Care Act be scaled back. Some protesting the parks' closure staged an "occupy" movement of Zion National Park last week, a protest that reportedly drew fewer than two dozen.

Many more turned out at Acadia National Park, where they simply walked around barricades to spend a beautiful fall afternoon on the park's Carriage Roads. One of those visitors was involved in a backcountry accident, and the resulting rescue severely taxed the limited resources of a park in "shutdown mode."



*At Acadia National Park this week, many cyclists routinely ignored the "closed" signs at the Carriage Roads. Rebecca Latson photo.*

No doubt other parks saw visitors ignore the closure signs. There's even a "movement" encouraging people to enter the parks while they're closed.

In Florida, word that the waters of Everglades and Biscayne national parks were being closed led to ridicule of the Obama administration for "closing the ocean." However, the waters adjoining those two parks are as much part of the parks as the Thorofare region of Yellowstone National Park is part of that park, as the Tulooume Meadows area is of Yosemite National Park, as the Maze is of Canyonlands National Park, and as the Cataloochee Valley is of Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Too, Biscayne counts approximately 40 keys, or islets, within its watery landscape. That seascape, which comprises 95 percent of the park, also holds historic shipwrecks and fragile coral reefs that have suffered in the past from poachers of history. Those of Everglades hold vital habitat for fisheries.

When those parks were created, the Park Service was charged with overseeing those resources, and with reduced ranks spurred by the failure of Congress to pass a **Continuing Resolution** to keep the government funded, the agency is sorely lacking the manpower to monitor those areas.

"Whether units of the NPS are historic buildings that can be physically closed by closing a door, or parks with entrance stations able to close with a staff person speaking to visitors or by pulling gates across roads or in the case of some of our nation's most sacred sites, from the Lincoln Memorial to the Jefferson Memorial to the new WW II Memorial that do not have physical doors or gates to close - these places are all a part of the National Park System whether they have a structure to close or they are sites without a defined entrance point such as the Lincoln Memorial," said Joan Anzelmo, a former park superintendent and now a member of the Coalition of National Park Service Retirees.

"The NPS is responsible for them and they are on federal lands. If left unstaffed in ways the public can see -- and more importantly in the ways the public can't see -- these places will not be preserved the way the agency has been directed to do by Congress," she added. "Congress can't direct the agency on one hand to protect the parks (all of them) so they are unimpaired for the future generations and then suddenly just say never mind- let them be open or let some of them be open. The U.S. National Park System has been an exemplar to the world and parks and the employees should not be played as pawns by Congress."

Regarding the situation at the National Mall, where attention has been focused on access, in particular, to the World War II Veterans Memorial, Ms. Anzelmo pointed to the status of **all** of the Mall's memorials as icons of our nation ... and also as potential targets for those who wish to do our country harm.

"I worked the shutdown in '95 and '96 and remember there were barricades placed at the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials in that shutdown. Fast forward these 17 years and the

security concerns area thousand times what they were in the innocent 1990s especially at the iconic locations such as the National Mall and Memorials in Washington, D.C.," she said. " There are many behind-the-scenes security-related components, including staff (uniform and plain clothes) that are in place to protect these sacred sites and the millions of people who visit them. When you furlough the vast majority of the workforce due to no appropriation you suddenly reduce the capacity to safely protect the sacred sites themselves and to protect the visitors who wish to visit them. This is very serious business in present day times."

That the National Park System has become a pawn in Congress's malfeasance is unfortunate, regrettable, and unnecessarily places the rangers, and the public, at risk.

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**From:** Fondren, Kim <kim.fondren@sol.doi.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 09, 2013 9:15 AM  
**To:** Sholly, Cam  
**Cc:** Edward Boling; Barry Roth; Margaret O'Dell; Charles Cuvelier  
**Subject:** Re: Solicitors thoughts on messaging prior to the TRO

I'm here now, tell him to come on down. Like to get Brett Birdsong on the phone for that if I can reach him.-  
Kim

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**From:** Litterst, Michael <mike\_litterst@nps.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 08, 2013 11:31 AM  
**To:** Jonathan Jarvis; Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Cam Sholly; Sue Waldron  
**Subject:** Fwd: Media Request on deadline - Businesses in NP

For your situational awareness; didn't see this on the list of issues from this morning.

Mike

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Subject: Re: Media Request on deadline - Businesses in NP
To: Alexis Zotos <azotos@wate.com>
Cc: Michael Litterst <mike_litterst@nps.gov>

Looping in with Mike Litterst with the National Park Service.

On Tue, Oct 8, 2013 at 10:36 AM, Alexis Zotos <azotos@wate.com> wrote:

Hello,

I am a reporter at WATE in Knoxville TN. I am doing a story today on a man who is a licensed commissioner in Big South Fork National Park. He operates the Charit Creek Lodge and says he plans to allow his guests to come to the lodge despite the shutdown. I am curious what, if anything, will be done to stop him?

Can the rangers arrest him? What is the protocol for dealing with businesses who violate the shutdown orders. If

possible I would like to speak with one of the local rangers at Big South Fork that is currently still working.

I am working on a 5PM EST deadline. You can reach me by email or by phone at 865-660-1184.

Thank you,

Alexis Zotos

From: Derrick Crandall <dcrandall@funoutdoors.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 08, 2013 11:36 AM
To: Peggy O'Dell (Peggy_O'Dell@nps.gov); Sue Waldron (Sue_Waldron@nps.gov); Lena McDowall (Lena_McDowall@nps.gov); Ben Erichsen (John_Erichsen@nps.gov)
Cc: Gordon R. Taylor (gtaylor@xanterra.com); Derek Zwickey; John Schoppmann (jschoppmann@foreverresorts.com); Bill Butts (bbutts@foreverresorts.com)
Subject: Coverage of the Shutdown's Impact on Concessioner Employees
Attachments: Grand Canyon food shortage turns dire.pdf

See the attached story in the Arizona Daily Sun. Not a pretty picture.

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St. Mary's Food Bank is set to deliver 600 food boxes to Grand Canyon National Park today and again on Friday as the federal shutdown strands thousands of employees inside the park without work and pay.

"It's had a devastating impact up there right away," said Jerry Brown, a spokesperson for St. Mary's Food Bank in Phoenix. "They count on that paycheck to get them through the week, so missing out on even one has a big impact."

An estimated 2,200 people are still inside the park, including 1,800 concessionaire employees.

"We're trying to help them as much as we can, but our revenue is struggling too," said Scott Gold, regional vice president of Forever Resorts, which holds the concessionaire contract at the North Rim. "We're having to tell them we don't know how long this thing will last."

One worker went to the company for help after he found himself without the resources to leave and find other work. The North Rim wasn't scheduled to close for the season for two more weeks.

"He said 'I don't know what to do. I have less than \$100. I was relying on my last week's pay to get out of here,'" Gold said of the worker.

For FJA students on annual bike ride to Grand Canyon, destination unknown



The 26 bike riders set out from the base of the San

Francisco Peaks on Monday morning not knowing their final destination. [Read more](#)

Shutdown not having much impact Flagstaff hotels, campgrounds

Grand Canyon National Park has been closed for a week, but most Flagstaff hotels and campgrounds have yet to feel the effects one way or the other. [Read more](#)

Tusayan hurting; protest planned
By Daily Sun Staff [Read more](#)

How to help ...

Rev. Patrick Dotson of Grand Canyon Community Church inside the national park has started an emergency assistance fund to help purchase food and other family necessities such as diapers, baby

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formula, pharmacy prescriptions and propane.

Checks should be made out to and mailed to: Christian Community Assistance Fund, P.O. Box 1490, Grand Canyon, AZ 86023-1490.

'A TREMENDOUS NEED'

The Rev. Patrick Dotson is pastor at the Grand Canyon Community Church inside the national park. He says that historically, the park pastor will run a small food bank from his garage. It generally serves about six to 12 workers and park visitors at a time who find themselves in a crisis.

Last week, he started to see an increased need from employees who had missed a paycheck. As he'd leave out food boxes, the supplies would quickly disappear.

"It's designed for emergencies. It's not designed for ongoing care," Dotson said.

"As soon as I put things out they are gone that day — tables of food," he said. "There's a tremendous need within the park."

Dotson believes that the need will only become more desperate if the government shutdown continues and workers become more dependent.

St. Mary's has stepped up to fill the initial need for food boxes today and Friday, and it plans to follow through next week with more support as needed, but the nonprofit is running low on supplies itself, according to Brown.

LODGING FEES WAIVED

Gold pointed out that concessionaire employees are usually less well-paid than employees for the Park Service.

"In a national park you have a huge amount of minimum wage workers living paycheck-to-paycheck."

Gold says that Forever Resorts continues to feed its employees and has waived the small lodging fee charged to employees, but it can't afford to continue to pay employees when it has no revenue. Many of the concessionaire employees at the North Rim have already left, while others are stranded with nowhere to go.

Gold says that he doesn't blame the Park Service because he knows the directives are coming from higher up. But the decisions have frustrated many in the industry, including Gold. His company was instructed not to feed national park visitors last week after they were given eviction notices and told they had 48 hours to find other accommodations.

LOSING \$250,000 A DAY

Forever Resorts, which operates private resorts and facilities in national parks and federal lands across the country, announced on Monday that it is losing \$250,000 every day of the shutdown. That amounts to about half of the company's daily sales.

The downturn comes on the heels of what had been an otherwise solid year that had the company finally turning the corner after the end of the recession.

Xanterra estimates it is losing \$1 million a day. The Grand Canyon's largest concessionaire laid off 800 employees nationwide on Monday.

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Forever Resorts estimates that many of its remaining employees will leave the North Rim in the coming days and accommodations will likely not reopen on that side of the Canyon this year.

CONCESSIONAIRES LOBBY CONGRESS

Concessionaires at other national parks are experiencing the same kinds of losses.

A memo sent to Congress by the National Parks Hospitality Association and signed by a wide selection of park advocates and private business interests lobbied for legislators to end the gridlock and reopen the parks.

"This shutdown victimizes the American people and the businesses helping our economy to grow," the memo said. "It needs to be ended swiftly and a lesson learned. The inability to resolve issues in Washington is imposing pain on the rest of the nation. That inability needs to end — now."

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CEDAR CITY — Utah Gov. Gary Herbert sent a letter to President Barack Obama on Tuesday requesting that he reopen the state's five national parks, along with national monuments, historic sites and recreation areas.

Herbert sent the letter based on Monday's actions of several Southern Utah county commissions that declared their communities in a "state of emergency."

In the letter to Obama, Herbert said the shutdown of Utah's federally managed lands is "devastating individuals and businesses that rely on these areas for their livelihood."

Herbert also said if the president won't provide federal funds to allow the parks and monuments to function, Herbert would like the president to authorize Utah "to use state, local and private funds to reopen these areas to the public."

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

In addition, the governor included the emergency declarations signed by the Utah counties that highlight the economic situation as a result of the shutdown.

Iron County Commissioner Dave Miller said the governor's decision to write the letter to the president shows his support of the county's actions.

"His letter demands that this must end immediately," Miller said. "It left no question where he stands now and it shows that we are all on the same page."

Iron County Sheriff Mark Gower visited Cedar Breaks and drove through Cedar Canyon Tuesday to see what services, campgrounds and overlooks were still open. Gower said Cedar Breaks had closed all restroom facilities as well as the visitors center; however, the overlooks were open and visitors could drive through. Throughout the canyon, campgrounds were closed and barricaded. Outside of Cedar Canyon, Yankee Meadows and Deer Haven were also blocked off. Water was shut off at various campgrounds.

Iron County Commissioner Alma Adams said Cedar Breaks closes its visitors center and restrooms this time of year but usually not for another 10 to 15 days. Since it's close to that time, Adams said commissioners don't plan on opening the bathroom facilities or turning the water back on.

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Things are a little different, however, with Glen Canyon, since it's not just a park but also includes Lake Powell. Commissioner Doug Heaton said they have take into consideration several issues unique to their situation.

The counties are still hopeful the federal government might go ahead and fulfill Herbert's request, but they are making plans to move forward to reopen and manage the parks using local law enforcement and money.

Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer made a similar request last week when she asked federal authorities to allow her to use state funds to reopen and maintain the Grand Canyon. As in the case of Utah, several businesses also agreed in Arizona to step up and help fund the reopening of the park. A park official there said as long as the federal government remains shut down, such a plan isn't an option. Local county commissioners said they don't expect to have any different response here.

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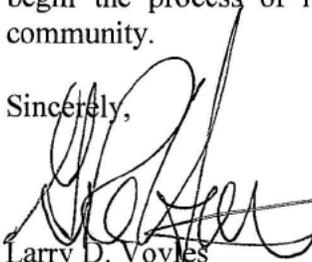
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Sincerely,


for Larry D. Voyles
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cc: Sally Jewell, Secretary of the Interior
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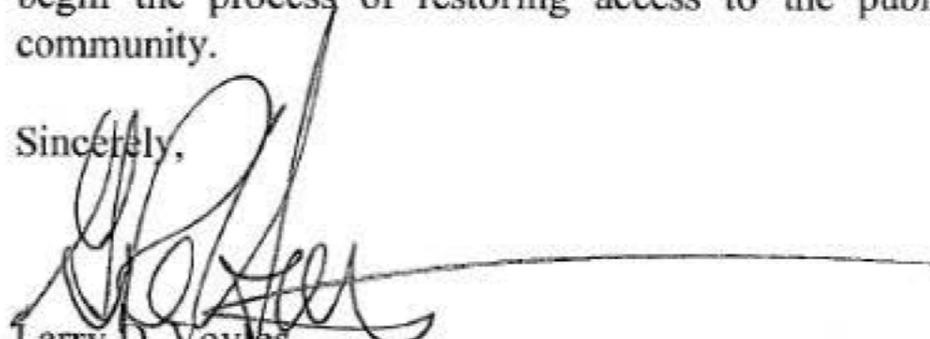
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From: Colin Campbell <colin_campbell@nps.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 04, 2013 9:48 PM
To: David Uberuaga
Cc: Jon Jarvis; Bruce Sheaffer; Diane Chalfant
Subject: Re: Senator McCain & Flake letter to Secretary Jewell Fwd: Grand Canyon Closure and Donated Funds

Thanks Dave

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 4, 2013, at 6:43 PM, David Uberuaga <dave_uberuaga@nps.gov> wrote:

Jon, Bruce, Colin
Just received this letter from Senator Flake's General Council regarding the offers for donated funds to open GRCA.

Let me how I can help with the response. Since day one of the closure I was worried that this would escalate to you all.

Dave

Dave Uberuaga
Superintendent,
Grand Canyon National Park Dave_Uberuaga@nps.gov.
928-606-7802 Cell

Sent from my I phone

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To: "dave_uberuaga@nps.gov" <dave_uberuaga@nps.gov>
Cc: "Chandler, Clint (Flake)" <Clint_Chandler@flake.senate.gov>
Subject: **Grand Canyon Closure and Donated Funds**

Superintendent Uberuaga,

Please find attached a letter that Senators Flake and McCain sent to Secretary Jewell this evening regarding the use of donated funds to operate Grand Canyon National Park.

Thanks,
Kris

Kris Kiefer | General Counsel
Office of Senator Jeff Flake
Russell 368 | Washington, DC 20510 | 202-224-4521

<Letter to Sec. Jewell re Donated Funds to Operate GCNP.pdf>

From: Sarah Neimeyer <sarah_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Saturday, October 05, 2013 8:12 AM
To: Maureen Foster; Jon Jarvis
Subject: Fwd: Letter to Sec. Jewell re Grand Canyon
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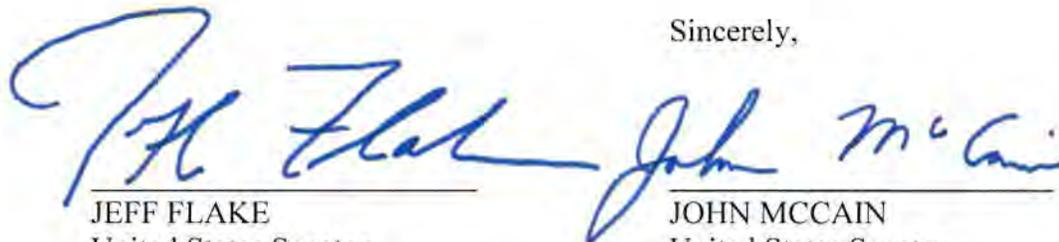
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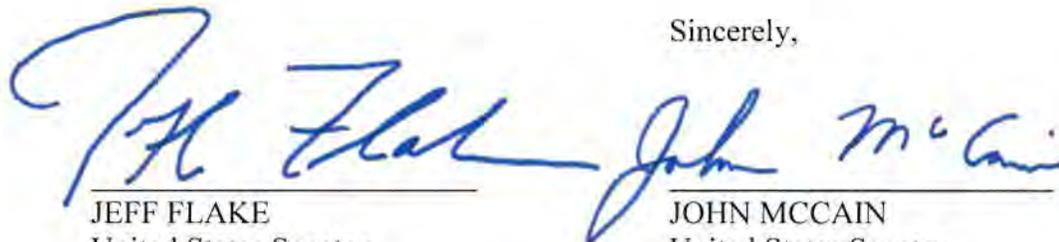
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JOHN MCCAIN
United States Senator

From: Foster, Maureen <maureen_foster@nps.gov>
Sent: Saturday, October 05, 2013 12:47 PM
To: Jon Jarvis
Subject: Call from Ed Rendell

Jon:

Former Gov Rendell called the EICC. According to EICC, he wants a Park in PA opened up and he want to talk to you. His number is 215-545-4553

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From: greg bryan <gbtusayan@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 05, 2013 2:55 PM
To: jon_jarvis@nps.gov
Cc: Sam Frisby; Nick_Matiella@mccain.senate.gov; Will Wright; Craig Sanderson; Chandler, Clint (Flake); Babbott, Art; Pew, Penny
Subject: Grand Canyon National Park
Attachments: Jarvis letter 10-5-13 gb.docx

Please attached letter.

Respectfully,
Greg Bryan
Mayor
Town of Tusayan
South Entrance to Grand Canyon National Park
928-638-8401 gbtusayan@gmail.com

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TOWN OF TUSAYAN

at the south entrance to Grand Canyon National Park

October 5, 2013

Dear Director Jarvis:

As Mayor of Tusayan, Arizona, I am writing on behalf of the Tusayan Town Council to detail our action on October 3, 2013 to appropriate \$200,000 in emergency funding to the National Park Service to assist in reopening the Grand Canyon National Park. As you may be aware from media reports, local businesses impacted by the park's closure also have committed more than \$150,000 for the effort.

Grand Canyon Superintendent David Uberuaga attended a council meeting and said the National Park Service cannot legally accept any third party funding because "this is a fundamental core operation of the federal government provided for by government appropriations of the U.S. Congress."

It is the Town's contention that there is clear legal authority for such a donation. In 1995, then-Secretary Babbitt worked with stakeholders in Arizona to arrange a donation from the state. Just last year, the Department of Interior accepted a \$7.5 million private donation to refurbish the Washington Monument.

According to a recent Associated Press news story, the Grand Canyon National Park generates \$1.3 million a day in economic activity to Arizona communities, including Tusayan. During the current closure, the park is losing \$55,000 a day in revenue, according to its own figures. Tourist-related businesses such as hotels, restaurants, Colorado River tours, air tours, campgrounds and others represent the backbone of an industry that serves people from all over the world.

The Town of Tusayan has committed the financial resources to keep the park open during the shutdown, and we hope to meet with the appropriate representatives of the Department of Interior to discuss what that process might look like.

We understand the federal government shutdown puts agencies in an extremely difficult position to provide basic functions to Americans, and that is the spirit in which our approved donation was made. Despite our disappointment with Superintendent Uberuaga's dismissal of our offer, I can assure you that the outpouring of support we have received in Tusayan since our action crosses party lines and all segments of local politics. In short, no one in Arizona opposes the effort to reopen the Grand Canyon.

As this is a timely issue for our community, we would appreciate your prompt consideration of request, and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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Sent: Friday, October 11, 2013 8:12 PM
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Cc: paul_deprey@nps.gov
Subject: Bowfin Shutdown and Furlough
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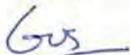
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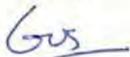
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World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument

From: Bruce Sheaffer <bruce_sheaffer@nps.gov>
Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2013 9:14 AM
To: Jonathan Jarvis
Cc: Lena McDowall; Peggy O'Dell
Subject: Re: Bowfin Shutdown and Furlough

We will get full story

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 12, 2013, at 8:46 AM, Jonathan Jarvis <jon_jarvis@nps.gov> wrote:

what do you think?

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: <gusgustavson@hawaii.rr.com>
Date: October 11, 2013, 8:12:13 PM EDT
To: <jon_jarvis@nps.gov>
Cc: <paul_deprey@nps.gov>
Subject: Bowfin Shutdown and Furlough

Jon:

As you know, the Bowfin Submarine Museum has been shutdown since October 1st due to the Park Service's decision to not allow access across the Arizona parking lot or via the service road. Below is the text of a letter I sent to you earlier today with the details. A copy of the letter is also attached.

As I mention in the letter, I am available to discuss this issue whenever convenient to you.

Sincerely,

Gus

Text of letter:

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<Bowfin Jarvis letter 10-11-13.pdf>

From: Bruce Sheaffer <bruce_sheaffer@nps.gov>
Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2013 3:13 PM
To: Jon Jarvis
Subject: Fwd: Access to USS Bowfin Submarine during Government Shutdown
Attachments: Bowfin Jarvis letter 10-11-13.pdf

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Patricia Neubacher <patty_neubacher@nps.gov>
Date: October 12, 2013, 2:53:07 PM EDT
To: Scott_Wanek@nps.gov, craig_dalby@nps.gov, Bruce_Sheaffer@nps.gov
Subject: Fw: Access to USS Bowfin Submarine during Government Shutdown

From: DePrey, Paul [mailto:paul_deprey@nps.gov]
Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2013 11:52 AM
To: gusgustavson@hawaii.rr.com <gusgustavson@hawaii.rr.com>; Jerry Hofwolt <jerryhofwolt@hawaii.rr.com>
Cc: Patty Neubacher <Patty_Neubacher@nps.gov>; Eileen Martinez <Eileen_Martinez@nps.gov>; David Stransky <David_Stransky@nps.gov>; Palmer Jenkins <chip_jenkins@nps.gov>
Subject: Access to USS Bowfin Submarine during Government Shutdown

Aloha,

I am happy to share with you news that the Director of the National Park Service has reviewed and approved your request to provide limited access for USS Bowfin Submarine visitors across WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument property.

Under the closure order issued as a part of the Governmentwide Shutdown, the parking lots and other facilities that are part of the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center will remain closed.

The only route that the USS Bowfin has continuous access to its property is through the Ford Island Shuttle Service Road. As you are aware, this narrow route was not constructed with the intention of facilitating pedestrian access to/from the USS Bowfin Submarine. If you believe that you can safely provide pedestrian access on this route, then you may use this route during the rest of the period of the Governmentwide Shutdown.

Parking arrangements for USS Bowfin Submarine guests will have to be addressed through the Commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam.

Agreement to this operating arrangement would further require that no USS Bowfin Submarine guests enter into the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center (Education Building Area/Shoreline Walk areas). Allowing your guests to do so will require my staff to patrol the inside of the visitor center.

Please reply back to this email with a confirmation of your understanding of these concerns. Please also inform me when you anticipate that the USS Bowfin Submarine will be able to re-open so that I can communicate this to my staff.

Over the past five years, I've known the USS Bowfin Submarine staff to be valuable partners in helping to share the important stories related to the Pacific War. It is my intent to work cooperatively with you to ensure that your staff continue to do the wonderful work that they do, in spite a continuing closure of the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about this message.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

--

Paul DePrey
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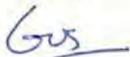
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Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2013 3:31 PM
To: Risser, Mary; Jarvis Jon; O'Dell Peggy; Foster Maureen; Sheaffer Bruce; Sholly Cam; Androff Blake; Kelly Kate; Litterst Mike
Cc: Bill Wright; David Uberuaga; Kirby-Lynn Shedlowski
Subject: Re: GRCA

Thanks mary

Looping others

Sue Waldron
Assistant Director, Communications
National Park Service

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 12, 2013, at 3:21 PM, "Risser, Mary" <mary_risser@nps.gov> wrote:

> Hi Sue,
>
> Just got a call from the Chief Ranger and all went well with the press conference this morning. Initially, the Governor wanted to downplay the NPS involvement, but Dave also spoke and said all the right things. The Governor is now on her way back home.
>
> I'm sure you'll hear more from the park, but wanted to give you the initial news.
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> Mary
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> Mary Risser
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From: Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2013 9:14 AM
To: Kelly Kate; Androff Blake; Litterst Mike; O'Dell Peggy; Jarvis Jon; Foster Maureen; Sheaffer Bruce; Sholly Cam; McDowall Lena; Compton Jeffrey; Vela David
Subject: Fwd: Today In Rocky Mountain National Park

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From: "Patterson, Kyle" <kyle_patterson@nps.gov>
Date: October 13, 2013, 12:47:52 AM EDT
To: Mary Risser <mary_risser@nps.gov>
Cc: Laura Joss <laura_joss@nps.gov>, Colin Campbell <colin_campbell@nps.gov>, Rick Frost <Rick_Frost@nps.gov>, Mark Magnuson <Mark_Magnuson@nps.gov>, Vaughn Baker <Vaughn_Baker@nps.gov>, Sue Waldron <Sue_Waldron@nps.gov>
Subject: Re: Today In Rocky Mountain National Park

From: Jonathan Jarvis <jon_jarvis@nps.gov>
Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2013 10:05 AM
To: Suzanne Waldron
Subject: Re: Today In Rocky Mountain National Park

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Subject: Re: Today In Rocky Mountain National Park

From: Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2013 12:12 PM
To: Risser, Mary; Jarvis Jon; O'Dell Peggy; Sheaffer Bruce; Kelly Kate; Androff Blake
Cc: Maureen Foster; Cam Sholly; Rena Fugate; Billy Shott; Litterst Mike
Subject: Re: GLCA update on opening

Thanks - looping

Sue Waldron
Assistant Director, Communications
National Park Service

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On Oct 13, 2013, at 11:49 AM, "Risser, Mary" <mary_risser@nps.gov> wrote:

This is the last one for now. Have a good afternoon!

Mary

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From: Mihata, Lindy <lindy_mihata@nps.gov>
Date: Sat, Oct 12, 2013 at 1:02 PM
Subject: GLCA update on opening
To: Mary Risser <mary_risser@nps.gov>

Mary,

In regards to an update on the GLCA opening..... Though there were no lines to get into the park, members of the local communities and visitors were happy we were open.

It was uneventful which we were thankful for.

This is typically a busy holiday weekend for us and we expect to see a lot of people in the park and out on the water.

If you need anything further, please let me know.

Lindy

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Lindy Mihata
Acting Chief Ranger
Glen Canyon National Recreation Area

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From: Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2013 3:35 PM
To: Risser, Mary; Peggy O'Dell; Jon Jarvis; Blake Androff; Kate Kelly; Mike Litterst; Bruce Sheaffer
Cc: Maureen Foster; Cam Sholly; Rena Fugate; Billy Shott; Bill Wright
Subject: Re: Summary of Day 1 at Grand Canyon

Thanks mary. Looping others

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On Oct 13, 2013, at 3:25 PM, "Risser, Mary" <mary_risser@nps.gov> wrote:

Hi Sue,

Here is a wrap-up of GRCA's first day.

Mary

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From: **Wright, Bill** <bill_wright@nps.gov>
Date: Sun, Oct 13, 2013 at 10:28 AM
Subject: Fwd: Summary of Day 1 at Grand Canyon
To: Mary Risser <mary_risser@nps.gov>, Billy Shott <billy_shott@nps.gov>, Colin Campbell <colin_campbell@nps.gov>, Laura Joss <laura_joss@nps.gov>
Cc: Kirby-Lynn Shedlowski <kirbylynn_shedlowski@nps.gov>, David Uberuaga <dave_uberuaga@nps.gov>

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To: Bill Wright <bill_wright@nps.gov>
Cc: David Uberuaga <dave_uberuaga@nps.gov>, Maureen Oltrogge <maureen_oltrogge@nps.gov>

The park officially opened at 8 a.m. but cars were allowed into the park starting at 6 a.m.- a number of cars were lined up at the barricade waiting for clearance to enter.

Visitors who entered the park were greeted with limited services.
167 restrooms were cleaned prior to the 8 a.m. opening

Bright Angel Bikes and Coffee shop was open for business.
Visitor Centers opened at 8 a.m.
Grand Canyon Association retail outlets opened at 8 a.m.
Concessions operated retail shops opened at 10 a.m.
Concessions operated lodges opened at 11 a.m.
Maswick Cafeteria, Bright Angel Lodge, and the Marketplace Deli, concessions operated dining facilities, opened for lunch at noon with limited menu selections.
El Tovar Restaurant opened for dinner at 4:30 p.m.
Shuttle Bus service resumed with limited operations at noon and full operations by 3 p.m.
Grand Canyon Railway ran a train with approximately 100 passengers
Mather Campground went from 0 sites filled to almost full at 6 p.m. 320+ sites

Entrance Station information is forthcoming.
South Entrance Station was open from 6:45 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- AM entrance stations experienced long lines- 5 lanes were open
- PM traffic slowed
Desert View open from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30

Governor Brewer's Visit

Location of Press Conference selected for part of Rim Trail between El Tovar Lodge and Hopi House.
Governor Jan Brewer's advance team arrived at the park at 8:30 a.m. to prepare for her arrival.
El Tovar was used as staging area for the Governor.
Governor Brewer landed at the Grand Canyon Airport at 10 a.m. and was escorted into the park arriving at El Tovar at 10:20 a.m.
Multiple press outlets arrived to cover the Governor's announcement.
Press conference began promptly at 11 a.m.
Governor Brewer spoke first.
Tuyasan Mayor Greg Bryan spoke next.
Park Superintendent Dave Uberuaga spoke last.
Question and Answer session followed.
Governor, Mayor, and Superintendent did some follow up press shots and interviews along the rim trail.
Governor and team left park at approximately 11:50 a.m.

Media Coverage:

2 videos on Fox:

<http://www.myfoxphoenix.com/story/23676295/2013/10/12/grand-canyon-opens-in-state-fed-natl-parks-deal>

ABC 15:

http://www.abc15.com/dpp/news/region_northern_az/other/Tourists-public-officials-praise-opening-of-Grand-Canyon-National-Park-amid-government-shutdown

NBC 12:

<http://www.azcentral.com/news/politics/articles/20131012arizona-grand-canyon-reopens-national-park-deal-brewer.html>

Independent 3:

<http://www.azfamily.com/news/Grand-Canyon-National-Park-reopens-to-tourists-227518461.html>

CBS 5:

<http://www.kpho.com/story/23658804/brewer-grand-canyon-reopened-to-visitors-saturday>

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Subject: Re: Southeast Utah Group opening

Thanks for report. Adding others

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 13, 2013, at 3:34 PM, "Risser, Mary" <mary_risser@nps.gov> wrote:

Hi all,

Here is a report from Paul Henderson about the opening of the Southeast Utah Group. Some very happy people out there.

Our openings all went well - Natural Bridges was opened at 10:30am on Friday and reports from Jim Dougan was that it was a typical and pleasant fall day.

We opened the roads at Arches at 5:30 pm on Friday - to a huge line of cars waiting to get into the park. When our ranger arrived to remove the barricades folks starting honking their horns, getting out and clapping and cheering - and several helped move the barricades to the side of the road. By sunset there was a very large crowd at Delicate Arch to enjoy the sunset - all were very happy to be there. The campground and the visitor center at Arches opened at 8:00 am on Saturday.

All of Canyonlands opened at 8:00am Saturday - I spoke with folks from each of the districts yesterday - things went smoothly and again visitors were very happy. The backcountry offices were very busy as folks figured out that things like a White Rim trip that they had planned months in advance were once again possible. I spoke to a woman in Salt Lake City yesterday - their White Rim trip was due to begin on Tuesday and they were at the last possible go/no-go moment and she couldn't really tell from the press coverage if the backcountry was open or not - when I let her know that they were good to go on their trip I thought she was going to crawl through the telephone and hug me - they have had this trip planned for almost a year.

All in all it has been very positive for both staff and visitors alike.

Let me know if there are questions.

Mary

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From: Reidenbach, Dennis <dennis_reidenbach@nps.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 7:50 AM
To: Jon Jarvis; Peggy O'Dell; Bruce Sheaffer

All

Thought you would like to see the printed version of the lead story on Philadelphia's news radio station yesterday regarding the shutdown and Mayor Nutter's comments. He didn't mention the Independence Visitor Center at all.

Expressed his frustration but didn't focus it on us.

Dennis

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By Mike Dunn

PHILADELPHIA (CBS) – New York officials have arranged to re-open the Statue of Liberty despite the federal shutdown using state dollars.

In Philadelphia, though, Mayor Nutter is resigned to this city's historic sites remaining shuttered.

Governor Corbett has already ruled out the use of state dollars to temporarily re-open national parks in Pennsylvania. And Mayor Nutter now says using city dollars for the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall will not happen:

What the feds have said is national sites will only be able to re-open if state funding is provided, and I think its pretty clear from an announcement I saw a couple of days ago that Governor Corbett and the state are not going to put forward funds , much like Gov. Cuomo did in the New York situation to get the Statue of Liberty open.”

Nutter refused to blame Corbett, but did voice frustration and anger at Washington:

“It is astounding to me that there is some rule or provision that allows the federal government to shut down. We look like idiots around the world that we would allow this to happen. These monuments — the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, the birthplace of freedom, liberty and democracy — that we would tell Americans or

international travelers coming here to see these incredible, iconic, historic sites that the government is closed! That's so silly.”

The Corbett Administration ruled out using state dollars for historic sites because officials instead want to focus  on ensuring social service payments that could be affected.

From: Laura Davis <laura_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 08, 2013 4:24 PM
To: Haugrud Jack; Jarvis Jon; O'Dell Peggy; Buffa Nikki; Kelly Kate; Androff Blake; Iacobucci Francis; ted.boling@sol.doi.gov
Subject: Fwd: Time Certain Call with Secretary Jewell and Governor Gary R. Herbert, Utah
Attachments: Pres. Obama Request to Open Utah's National Parks Oct 8 2013.pdf; Grand County, Utah.pdf; Iron County, Utah.pdf; Kane County, Utah.pdf; San Juan County, Utah.pdf; Piute County, Utah.pdf; Washington County, Utah.pdf; Garfield County, Utah.pdf

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From: Fran Stultz <fstultz@utah.gov>
To: "Laura Davis@ios.doi.gov" <Laura_Davis@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: "Arnold, Phil" <prarnold@utah.gov>, Jess Anderson <jessanderson@utah.gov>, "Contreras, Roy" <rcontreras@utah.gov>
Subject: Time Certain Call with Secretary Jewell and Governor Gary R. Herbert, Utah

Dear Ms. Davis -

Attached please find a copy of a letter to President Obama. The letter is cc'd to Secretary Jewell.

Governor Herbert respectfully requests a time certain telephone call with Secretary Jewell this evening. Recognizing the hour is mid to late afternoon in Washington D.C., the Governor would like to speak with Secretary Jewell at 5:45 pm or after (ET).

Please contact me at your earliest convenience. Thank you, Fran

Fran Stultz*
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801-550-5156, mobile

If I am not available when you call, please call Governor Herbert's security at 801-232-4681 and they will transfer the call to the Governor or will know how to reach me.

Thank you, Fran

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STATE OF UTAH

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
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GARY R. HERBERT
GOVERNOR

GREG BELL
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

October 8, 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:

I am pleased to be the Governor of a state that is home to the “Mighty Five” – five stunningly beautiful and unique national parks: Zion, Bryce, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef, and Arches. In addition, Utah is home to several national monuments, historic sites, and recreation areas, including Glen Canyon, Rainbow Bridge, Hovenweep, Natural Bridges, Grand Staircase/Escalante, Monument Valley, Timpanogos Cave, Golden Spike, Dinosaur, Flaming Gorge, and Cedar Breaks. Each of these sites is a national treasure.

As Governor, I am writing on behalf of the people who call these areas home, as well as the millions of tourists who visit these venues annually. The unwarranted shut down of the national parks and other federal facilities is devastating individuals and businesses that rely on these areas for their livelihood. These closures must end immediately.

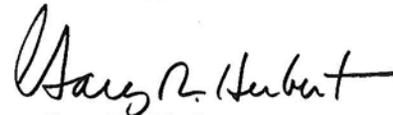
To that end, I formally request that, absent federal funding to maintain and operate national parks and monuments located in Utah, the State of Utah be authorized to use state, local, and private funds to reopen these areas to the public.

October is a peak season for tourism in many parts of Utah. The current federally-mandated closure is decimating the bottom line of bed-and-breakfast business owners and operators in Torrey, outfitters at Bryce Canyon City, and restaurant owners in Moab. All businesses are unfairly suffering the consequences of inaction and a lack of leadership in Washington. Economic disruptions caused by the closure have risen to the level of being an “internal disturbance” under the law, and several counties have declared local emergencies. Copies of these declarations are enclosed with this letter.

I look forward to working with local officials and the superintendent of each national park and site in Utah to determine a plan whereby we will be able to reopen these parks expeditiously. All that is necessary at this point is the permission to proceed from you and Department of Interior Secretary Jewell.

It is within the power and authority of the Executive Branch to allow the national parks and monuments to be reopened. We have a solution in place. We just need, literally, the keys to the gates. I cannot overstate that time is of the essence. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



Gary R. Herbert
Governor

Enclosures (7)

cc: Secretary Sally Jewell
Senate Speaker Harry Reid
Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell
House Speaker John Boehner
House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi
Senator Orrin Hatch
Senator Mike Lee
Congressman Bob Bishop
Congressman Jason Chaffetz
Congressman Jim Matheson
Congressman Chris Stewart
John Jones, President of the Utah Association of Counties

PROCLAMATION
DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY IN GRAND COUNTY, UTAH DUE TO
THE ECONOMIC DISRUPTIONS ARISING OUT OF THE CLOSURE OF ARCHES AND
CANYONLANDS NATIONAL PARKS AND FEDERALLY MANAGED CAMPGROUNDS
AND RIVERWAYS

WHEREAS, Grand County is a political subdivision of the State of Utah;

WHEREAS, over 75% of land in Grand County is managed by the federal government;

WHEREAS, Arches National Park (“Arches”) or “the Park” is located in Grand County;

WHEREAS, Grand County is the gateway to Island in the Sky District of Canyonlands National Park (“Canyonlands”), located in San Juan County;

WHEREAS, Grand County receives approximately 2.5 million visitors annually, with over two-thirds of those visitors utilizing commercial areas of Grand County to gain access to the Parks;

WHEREAS, those visitors not only enjoy the natural beauties of Arches and Canyonlands, but also enjoy the accommodations, restaurants, and shopping venues in Grand County;

WHEREAS, a significant number of residents in Grand County rely on the tourism industry created by Arches and Canyonlands visitors for income;

WHEREAS, approximately 76% of Grand County’s economy is dependent upon tourism;

WHEREAS, over 90,000 visitors come to Arches in the month of October to enjoy the fall temperatures and avoid the summer crowds—by no means has the tourism season ended at the beginning of October;

WHEREAS, visitors also come to Grand County to recreate in federally managed lands outside of the national parks—especially during the elk, deer, and bear hunt season that occurs annually during October;

WHEREAS, the operation of federally managed campgrounds and riverways brings tourism to Grand County;

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2013, the federal government closed Arches and Canyonlands, as well as all of the other National Parks, National Recreation Facilities, and federally managed campgrounds and riverways in the State of Utah;

WHEREAS, this closure is having a devastating impact on those Grand County residents who rely on visitors to all federally managed lands;

WHEREAS, this severe and direct impact has an indirect impact on the rest of the economy in Grand County because of the lack of spending by those residents directly impacted by the lack of tourists;

WHEREAS, Grand County estimates over \$2.6 million in lost revenue to date since October 1, 2013 in commercial business alone;

WHEREAS, Canyonlands Natural History Association estimates losses of \$119,000 in Grand County to date since October 1, 2013;

WHEREAS, Grand County estimates continued loss in revenue of \$380,000 per day; WHEREAS, the overall economic disruptions caused by the closure, which is an "internal disturbance" under the law, are sufficient for Grand County to declare a Local Emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Utah Code Annotated Section 53-2a-208, on behalf of the citizens of Grand County, the Grand County Council declares Grand County to be in a state of "Local Emergency";

FURTHERMORE, pursuant to Utah Code Annotated Section 53-2a-208(2)(d), Grand County is authorized to provide all appropriate aid and assistance in relation to this Proclamation.

GRAND COUNTY COUNCIL


Gene Ciarus, Grand County Council Chair
October 8, 2013

ATTEST:


Diana Carroll
Grand County Clerk/Auditor

RESOLUTION 2013-11

PROCLAMATION
DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY IN IRON COUNTY, UTAH DUE TO
THE ECONOMIC DISRUPTIONS ARISING OUT OF THE CLOSURE OF FEDERALLY
MANAGED LANDS

WHEREAS, Iron County is a political subdivision of the State of Utah;

WHEREAS, over 60% of land in Iron County is managed by the federal government;

WHEREAS, Zion National Park (“Zion” or “the Park”) is located in Washington, Kane, and Iron Counties;

WHEREAS, Cedar Breaks National Monument is located within Iron County, which brings a significant amount of visitors into Iron County;

WHEREAS, Zion receives approximately 3 million visitors annually, a significant portion of those visitors pass through commercial areas of Iron County to gain access to Park;

WHEREAS, those visitors not only enjoy the natural beauties of Zion and other federally managed lands, but also enjoy the accommodations, restaurants, and shopping venues in the County;

WHEREAS, Iron County is a corridor for many individuals seeking to recreate in surrounding National Parks and federally managed land, including Bryce Canyon National Park;

WHEREAS, a significant number of residents in Iron County rely on the tourism industry created by the use of federally managed land for income;

WHEREAS, a significant portion of the annual visitors come to federally managed lands in the month of October to enjoy the fall temperatures and avoid the summer crowds—by no means has the tourism season ended at the beginning of October;

WHEREAS, visitors also come to Iron County to recreate in federally managed lands — especially during the deer hunt that occurs annually in October;

WHEREAS, the operation of federally managed lands brings tourism to Iron County;

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2013, the federal government closed Zion National Park, as well as all of the other National Parks, National Recreation Facilities, including the Cedar Breaks National Monument, and federally managed campgrounds in the State of Utah;

WHEREAS, this closure is having a devastating impact on those Iron County residents that rely on visitors to federally managed land;

WHEREAS, this severe and direct impact has an indirect impact on the rest of the economy in Iron County because of the lack of spending by those residents directly impacted by the lack of tourists; and

WHEREAS, the overall economic disruptions caused by the closure, which is an "internal disturbance" under the law, are sufficient for Iron County to declare a Local Emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Utah Code Annotated Section 53-2a-208 (West 2013), on behalf of the citizens of Iron County, the Iron County Commission declares Iron County to be in a state of "Local Emergency";

FURTHERMORE, pursuant to Utah Code Annotated Section 53-2a-208(d), Iron County is authorized to provide all appropriate aid and assistance in relation to this Proclamation.

IRON COUNTY COMMISSION



Alma Adams, County Commission Chair

October 7, 2013

ATTEST:

David Yardley
Iron County Clerk

KANE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2013-18

**A RESOLUTION OF PROCLAMATION
DECLARING A STATE OF “LOCAL EMERGENCY”
IN KANE COUNTY, UTAH DUE TO THE ECONOMIC DISRUPTIONS ARISING OUT
OF THE CLOSURE OF ZION NATIONAL PARK
AND OTHER FEDERALLY ADMINISTERED PUBLIC LANDS**

WHEREAS, Kane County is a political subdivision of the State of Utah; and

WHEREAS, over 86% of land in Kane County is managed by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, Zion National Park (“Zion” or “the Park”) is located in Kane, Washington, and Iron Counties; and

WHEREAS, Bryce Canyon National Park, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, the Grand Stair Case-Escalante National Monument, the Vermillion Cliffs National Monument, Grand Canyon National Park, the Dixie National Forest, The Kaibab National Forest, Pipe Spring National Monument are located in or adjacent to Kane County and provide a significant economic impact on Kane County; and

WHEREAS, Zion receives approximately 3 million visitors annually, and the vast majority of those visitors pass through commercial areas of Kane County to gain access to Park;

WHEREAS, those visitors not only enjoy the natural beauties of these federally administered public lands, but also enjoy the accommodations, restaurants, shopping, and visiting other parts of Kane County;

WHEREAS, a significant number of residents in Kane County rely on the tourism industry created by visitors to these federally administered public lands; and

WHEREAS, a significant portion of the annual visitors come to these areas in the month of October to enjoy the fall temperatures and avoid the summer crowds—by no means has the tourism season ended at the beginning of October or later; and

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2013, the federal government closed Zion National Park and these other areas due to lack of funds; and

WHEREAS, this closure is having a devastating impact on those Kane County residents that rely on visitors to federally managed land; and

WHEREAS, this severe and direct impact has an indirect impact on the rest of the economy in Kane County because of the lack of spending by those residents directly impacted by the lack of tourists; and

WHEREAS, the overall economic disruptions caused by the closure, which is an “internal disturbance” under the law, are sufficient for Kane County to declare a Local Emergency.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KANE COUNTY, STATE OF UTAH, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, AS FOLLOWS:

1. Pursuant to Utah Code Section 53-2a-208, on behalf of the citizens of Kane County, the Kane County Commission declares Kane County to be in a state of “Local Emergency”;
2. Pursuant to Utah Code Section 53-2a-208, Kane County is authorized to provide all appropriate aid and assistance in relation to this Proclamation.

ADOPTED this 7th day of October, 2013.

ATTEST:



KARLA JOHNSON
Kane County Clerk/Auditor



DIRK CLAYSON, Chair,
Board of Commissioners,
Kane County



**PROCLAMATION
DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY IN SAN JUAN COUNTY, UTAH
DUE TO THE ECONOMIC DISRUPTIONS ARISING OUT OF THE CLOSURE OF
CANYONLANDS NATIONAL PARK, NATURAL BRIDGES AND HOVENWEEP
NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND THE FEDERALLY MANAGED HALLS CROSSING
MARINA**

WHEREAS, San Juan County is a political subdivision of the State of Utah;

WHEREAS, over 84% of land in San Juan County is managed by the federal government;

WHEREAS, Canyonlands National Park (“the Park”) is located in San Juan and Grand Counties;

WHEREAS, Canyonlands receives approximately 460,000 visitors annually, and many of those visitors pass through commercial areas of County to gain access to Park;

WHEREAS, those visitors not only enjoy the natural beauties of Canyonlands, but also enjoy the accommodations, restaurants, shopping venues in the County;

WHEREAS, a significant number of residents in San Juan County rely on the tourism industry created by Canyonlands visitors for income;

WHEREAS, a significant portion of the annual visitors come to Canyonlands in the month of October to enjoy the fall temperatures and avoid the summer crowds—by no means has the tourism season ended at the beginning of October;

WHEREAS, the Natural Bridges and Hovenweep National Monuments also bring tourism to San Juan County;

WHEREAS, the operation of the Halls Crossing Marina on Lake Powell also brings tourism to San Juan County;

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2013, the federal government closed Canyonlands National Park, Natural Bridges and Hovenweep National Monuments and the Halls Crossing Marina, as well as all of the other National Parks, National Monuments, National Recreational Facilities, and federal managed campgrounds in the State of Utah;

WHEREAS, this closure is having a devastating impact on those San Juan County residents that rely on visitors to federally managed land, especially those that rely almost exclusively on visitors to Canyonlands and Halls Crossing Marina at Lake Powell;

WHEREAS, this severe and direct impact has an indirect impact on the rest of the economy in San Juan County because of the lack of spending by those residents directly impacted by the lack of tourists;

WHEREAS, the overall economic disruptions caused by the closure, which is an "internal disturbance" under the law, are sufficient for San Juan County to declare a Local Emergency; and

WHEREAS, these economic disruptions will negatively affect the health, safety and welfare of San Juan County residents, and San Juan County's ability to care for the health, safety and welfare of its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Utah Code Annotated Section 53-2a-208 (West 2013), on behalf of the citizens of San Juan County, the San Juan County Commission declares San Juan County to be in a state of "Local Emergency";

FURTHERMORE, pursuant to Utah Code Annotated Section 53-2a-208(d), San Juan County is authorized to provide all appropriate aid and assistance in relation to this Proclamation.

BOARD OF SAN JUAN COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS


Phil Lyman, Commissioner
Board of San Juan County Commissioners
October 7, 2013

ATTEST:


Norman L. Johnson
San Juan County Clerk

THE ECONOMIC DISRUPTIONS ARISING OUT OF THE CLOSURE OF BRYCE
CANYON, ZION, CAPITOL REEF, AND GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARKS AND
FEDERALLY MANAGED LANDS AND CAMPGROUNDS

WHEREAS, PIUTE County is a political subdivision of the State of Utah;

WHEREAS, over 74% of land in Piute County is managed by the federal government;

WHEREAS, Zion receives approximately 3 million visitors annually, The Grand Canyon receives over 5 Million visitors annually, Bryce Canyon receives over 1.5 Million visitors annually and Capitol Reef receives over 400k visitors annually;

WHEREAS, Piute County is a primary corridor for many of those visitors seeking to recreate in the above National Parks and public lands;

WHEREAS, those visitors not only enjoy the natural beauties of the Parks, but also enjoy the accommodations, restaurants, and shopping venues in the County;

WHEREAS, a significant number of residents in Piute County rely on the tourism industry created by visitors for income and many people are employed in nearby businesses that support the national parks and recreation areas;

WHEREAS, a significant portion of the annual visitors come to the parks in the month of October to enjoy the fall temperatures and avoid the summer crowds—by no means has the tourism season ended at the beginning of October;

WHEREAS, the Paiute OHV Trail system is located throughout Piute County and is the primary tourism attraction and is located entirely on public lands;

WHEREAS, visitors also come to Piute County to recreate on federally managed lands—especially during the hunting seasons that occur annually in October and November;

WHEREAS, the operation of federally managed land and facilities bring tourism to Piute County;

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2013, the federal government closed the National Parks, National Recreation Facilities, and federally managed campgrounds in the State of Utah, and have stated on Department of Interior and Department of Agriculture websites that public lands and recreation facilities are closed;

WHEREAS, this closure is having a devastating impact on those Piute County residents that rely on visitors to federally managed lands and parks;

WHEREAS, this severe and direct impact has an indirect impact on the rest of the economy in Piute County because of the lack of spending by those residents directly impacted by the lack of tourists;

WHEREAS, Piute County has duty and jurisdiction to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of it's citizens;

internal disturbance under the law, are sufficient for Piute County to declare a Local Emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Utah Code Annotated Section 53-2a-208 (West 2013), on behalf of the citizens of Piute County, the Piute County Commission declares Piute County to be in a state of "Local Emergency";

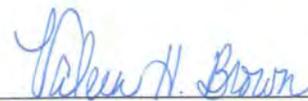
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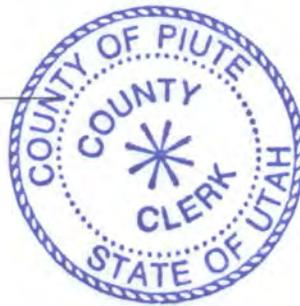
PIUTE COUNTY COMMISSION


Travas Blood, County Commission Chair

October 7, 2013

ATTEST:


Valeen Brown
Piute County Clerk



DUE TO THE ECONOMIC DISRUPTIONS ARISING OUT OF THE CLOSURE OF ZION
NATIONAL PARK AND FEDERALLY MANAGED CAMPGROUNDS

WHEREAS, Washington County is a political subdivision of the State of Utah;

WHEREAS, over 75% of land in Washington County is managed by the federal government;

WHEREAS, Zion National Park ("Zion" or "the Park") is located in Washington, Kane, and Iron Counties;

WHEREAS, Zion receives approximately 3 million visitors annually, and the vast majority of those visitors pass through commercial areas of Washington County to gain access to Park;

WHEREAS, those visitors not only enjoy the natural beauties of Zion, but also enjoy the accommodations, restaurants, and shopping venues in the County;

WHEREAS, a significant number of residents in Washington County rely on the tourism industry created by Zion visitors for income;

WHEREAS, a significant portion of the annual visitors come to Zion in the month of October to enjoy the fall temperatures and avoid the summer crowds—by no means has the tourism season ended at the beginning of October;

WHEREAS, visitors also come to Washington County to recreate in federally managed lands outside of Zion—especially during the deer hunt that occurs annually in October;

WHEREAS, the operation of federally managed campgrounds brings tourism to Washington County;

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2013, the federal government closed Zion National Park, as well as all of the other National Parks, National Recreation Facilities, and federally managed campgrounds in the State of Utah;

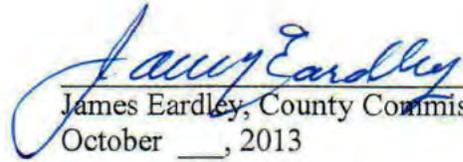
WHEREAS, this closure is having a devastating impact on those Washington County residents that rely on visitors to federally managed land, especially those that rely almost exclusively on visitors to Zion;

WHEREAS, this severe and direct impact has an indirect impact on the rest of the economy in Washington County because of the lack of spending by those residents directly impacted by the lack of tourists; and

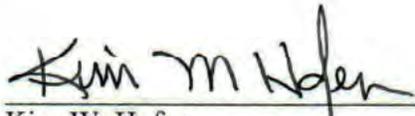
WHEREAS, the overall economic disruptions caused by the closure, which is an "internal disturbance" under the law, are sufficient for Washington County to declare a Local Emergency.

FURTHERMORE, pursuant to Utah Code Annotated Section 53-2a-208(d), Washington County is authorized to provide all appropriate aid and assistance in relation to this Proclamation.

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION


James Eardley, County Commission Chair
October __, 2013

ATTEST:


Kim W. Hafen
Washington County Clerk

GARFIELD COUNTY RESOLUTION 2013-4

PROCLAMATION

DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY IN GARFIELD COUNTY, UTAH DUE TO THE ECONOMIC DISRUPTIONS ARISING OUT OF THE CLOSURE OF BRYCE CANYON, CAPITOL REEF, GLEN CANYON RECREATION AREA, CANYONLANDS PARK, ESCALANTE NATIONAL STAIRCASE, AND FEDERALLY MANAGED CAMPGROUNDS

WHEREAS, Garfield County is a political subdivision of the State of Utah;

WHEREAS, over 90% of land in Garfield County is managed by the federal government;

WHEREAS, Bryce Canyon, Capitol Reef, Glen Canyon Recreation Area, parts of Canyonlands National Park and the Escalante National Staircase (hereinafter referred to as "parks") are located in Garfield County;

WHEREAS, The parks receive over one and a half million visitors annually, and the vast majority of those visitors pass through commercial areas of Garfield County to gain access to the parks;

WHEREAS, those visitors not only enjoy the natural beauties of the parks, but also enjoy the accommodations, restaurants, and shopping venues in the County;

WHEREAS, a significant number of residents in Garfield County rely on the tourism industry created by the parks visitors for income;

WHEREAS, a significant portion of the annual visitors come to the parks in the month of October to enjoy the fall temperatures and avoid the summer crowds—by no means has the tourism season ended at the beginning of October;

WHEREAS, visitors also come to Garfield County to recreate in federally managed lands outside of the parks—especially during the deer hunt that occurs annually in October;

WHEREAS, the operation of federally managed campgrounds brings tourism to Garfield County;

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2013, the federal government closed these parks, as well as all of the other National Parks, National Recreation Facilities, and federally managed campgrounds in the State of Utah;

WHEREAS, this closure is having a devastating impact on those Garfield County residents that rely on visitors to federally managed land, especially those that rely almost exclusively on visitors to the parks;

WHEREAS, this severe and direct impact has an indirect impact on the rest of the economy in Garfield County because of the lack of spending by those residents directly impacted by the lack of tourists; and

WHEREAS, the overall economic disruptions caused by the closure, which is an "internal disturbance" under the law, are sufficient for Garfield County to declare a Local Emergency.

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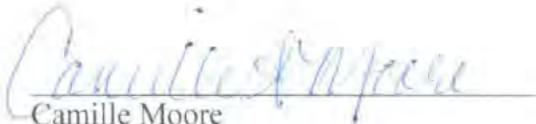
FURTHERMORE, pursuant to Utah Code Annotated Section 53-2a-208(d), Garfield County is authorized to provide all appropriate aid and assistance in relation to this Proclamation.

GARFIELD COUNTY COMMISSION



Clare Ramsay, County Commission Chair
October 7, 2013

ATTEST:



Camille Moore
Garfield County Clerk

From: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2013 4:00 PM
To: Margaret O'Dell; Sally Jewell; Jonathan Jarvis; Bruce Sheaffer; Kevin Haugrud; Edward Boling; Barry Roth; Robert Eaton; Nicole Buffa; Laura Davis; Blake Androff; Katherine Kelly; Suzanne Waldron; Jody Lyle
Subject: RE: Utah parks

Turning visitors away is simply not in our DNA!

-----Original Message-----

From: Margaret O'Dell [mailto:peggy_o'dell@nps.gov]
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2013 3:57 PM
To: Sally Jewell; Jon Jarvis; Bruce Sheaffer; Jack Haugrud; Edward Boling; Barry Roth; Robert Eaton; Nicole Buffa; Laura Davis; Blake J Androff; Kate Kelly; Sue Waldron; Jody Lyle
Subject: Utah parks

Bruce and Capitol Reef will mostly be open today and the other six tomorrow. Staff generally happy to be back to work.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2013 9:50 PM
To: Jarvis Jon; O'Dell Peggy; Foster Maureen; Sheaffer Bruce; Androff Blake; Lyle Jody; Kelly Kate
Subject: Stories

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/>

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

Sue Waldron
Assistant Director, Communications
National Park Service

Sent from my iPad

From: Androff, Blake <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2013 9:52 PM
To: Suzanne Waldron
Cc: Jarvis Jon; O'Dell Peggy; Foster Maureen; Sheaffer Bruce; Lyle Jody; Kelly Kate
Subject: Re: Stories

I don't see that - can you paste the text you are referring to?

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Sue Waldron
Assistant Director, Communications
National Park Service

Sent from my iPad

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Blake Androff
Deputy Director of Communications
U.S. Department of the Interior
Office: (202) 208-6416 | Cell: (202) 725-7435

From: Jonathan Jarvis <jon_jarvis@nps.gov>
Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2013 8:11 AM
To: Sally Jewell; Peggy O'Dell
Subject: Fwd: Thank you

Please read this.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Karen Jones <(b) (6)>
Date: October 11, 2013, 11:08:07 PM EDT
To: <jon_jarvis@nps.gov>
Subject: Thank you

Jon,

I just want to tell you how incredibly grateful I am to have some thoughtful and dedicated leadership working for all of the parks.

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Given some of the positions held by a few of the elected representatives about federal land ownership I can only imagine what kinds of challenges NPS managers will face in the future. A major positive I see from this situation is what I am hearing from those directly involved with these areas. I am personal friends with one of the Sheriffs from southeastern Utah. He called me over the last few days to talk about the situation there. It was so good to hear him say he felt that this situation only strengthened the lines of communications rather than damaged them. That is huge.

I know that you had wanted to maintain the integrity of the System. I am also disturbed by the "deal" that was worked out. However, the potentially horrific confrontations that were avoided make it all worthwhile. I hope you know and completely believe that truth. You and all who helped work through this problem deserve Meritorious Service Awards!

Thank you for your service.

Karen McKinlay-Jones

From: Sally Jewell **B6 - Secretary Jewell**
Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2013 9:43 AM
To: Jonathan Jarvis
Cc: Peggy O'Dell; Davis Laura; Rachel Jacobson
Subject: Re: Thank you

Jon -

Thanks for sharing this. I spoke to two key members of Congress yesterday and explained our rationale. While nobody wants to reward bad behavior, I am very glad we did not have a confrontation (beyond what the people on the ground experienced with sheriffs probing around).

The news today in the WaPo seems fairly accurate.

Hope the team gets a break this weekend. I know how hard everyone worked.

Thanks,

Sally

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Given some of the positions held by a few of the elected representatives about federal land ownership I can only imagine what kinds of challenges NPS managers will face in the future. A major positive I see from this situation is what I am hearing from those directly involved with these areas. I am personal friends with one of the Sheriffs from southeastern Utah. He called me over the last few days to talk about the situation there. It was so good to hear him say he felt that this situation only strengthened the lines of communications rather than damaged them. That is huge.

I know that you had wanted to maintain the integrity of the System. I am also disturbed by the "deal" that was worked out. However, the potentially horrific confrontations that were avoided make it all worthwhile. I hope you know and completely believe that truth. You and all who helped work through this problem deserve Meritorious Service Awards!

Thank you for your service.

Karen McKinlay-Jones

From: Risser, Mary <mary_risser@nps.gov>
Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2013 10:18 AM
To: Suzanne Waldron; Maureen Foster; Margaret O'Dell; Cam Sholly
Subject: News from Rocky

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From: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2013 10:33 AM
To: Margaret O'Dell
Subject: Re: Opening Bryce Canyon National Park Today!!!

Many many thanks to you and your team.

On Oct 12, 2013, at 10:06 AM, Margaret O'Dell <peggy_o'dell@nps.gov> wrote:

Morning All

Thought you would appreciate seeing the first story that came in from Bryce about opening. Thanks to all for the part you played in making this happen.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Risser, Mary" <mary_risser@nps.gov>
Date: October 11, 2013, 8:37:47 PM EDT
To: "Margaret O'Dell" <peggy_o'dell@nps.gov>, Maureen Foster <maureen_foster@nps.gov>, Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
Cc: Rena Fugate <rena_fugate@nps.gov>, Billy Shott <billy_shott@nps.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Opening Bryce Canyon National Park Today!!!

Hi Peggy,

Here is the email that I received from Jeff Bradybaugh at Bryce a little while ago. Tomorrow morning I'll ask the other superintendents to report how the opening went tomorrow morning and will forward additional notes to you.

Have a good weekend and thanks for all you are doing.

Mary

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From: Bradybaugh, Jeffrey <jeff_bradybaugh@nps.gov>
Date: Fri, Oct 11, 2013 at 5:53 PM
Subject: Re: Opening Bryce Canyon National Park Today!!!
To: Mary Risser <mary_risser@nps.gov>, Colin Campbell <colin_campbell@nps.gov>, Laura Joss <laura_joss@nps.gov>, Billy Shott <billy_shott@nps.gov>, Rena Fugate <rena_fugate@nps.gov>
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From: Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2013 11:34 AM
To: Risser, Mary; Kate Kelly; Blake Androff; Edward Boling; Nicole Buffa; Barry Roth; Bruce Sheaffer; Jon Jarvis; Lena McDowall; Cam Sholly; Jeffrey Compton; David Vela; Jody Lyle; Mike Litterst
Cc: Maureen Foster; Margaret O'Dell
Subject: Re: News from Rocky

Thanks mary. Sharing with othrrs

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From: Sally Jewell - **B6 - Secretary Jewell**
Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2013 11:52 AM
To: Margaret O'Dell
Subject: Re: News from Rocky

Great - thanks Peggy.

On Oct 12, 2013, at 10:34 AM, Margaret O'Dell <peggy_o'dell@nps.gov> wrote:

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To: Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster
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Know I am not supposed to be on email, but thought this note from Supt. Bradybaugh might lift some spirits after a really strange week.

Colin

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From: Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2013 12:42 PM
To: Peggy O'Dell; Jon Jarvis; Maureen Foster; Bruce Sheaffer; Blake Androff; Kate Kelly
Subject: Fwd: We Won. In light of developing events our rally at the Grand Canyon is cancelled.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: David Uberuaga <dave_uberuaga@nps.gov>
Date: October 12, 2013, 12:41:28 PM EDT
To: Cam Sholly <cam_sholly@nps.gov>, Mary Risser <mary_risser@nps.gov>, Sue Waldron <Sue_Waldron@nps.gov>, Maureen Oltrogge <Maureen_Oltrogge@nps.gov>, Kirby-Lynn Shedlowski <kirbylynn_shedlowski@nps.gov>, Bill Wright <Bill_Wright@nps.gov>, Brandon Torres <brandon_torres@nps.gov>
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FYI

Dave Uberuaga
Superintendent,
Grand Canyon National Park Dave_Uberuaga@nps.gov.
928-606-7802 Cell

Sent from my I phone

Begin forwarded message:

From: TK (b) (6)
Date: October 12, 2013, 7:59:35 AM MST
To: "jcoffey@coconino.az.gov" <jcoffey@coconino.az.gov>, (b) (6) "tusayantownmanager@gmail.com" <tusayantownmanager@gmail.com>, "Dave_Uberuaga@nps.gov" <Dave_Uberuaga@nps.gov>
Subject: We Won. In light of developing events our rally at the Grand Canyon is cancelled.
Reply-To: TK (b) (6)

Dear Friends, Supporters, and Officials,

We have won!

It appears based on the latest information that an agreement has been reached between the Federal Government and The State of Arizona to reopen the Grand Canyon, and other parks in Arizona.

<http://www.kpho.com/story/23658804/feds-considering-offers-to-reopen-grand-canyon>

In light of this latest development, [Occupy Liberty](#) is cancelling the rally planned to happen at the Grand Canyon National Park on Sunday 10/13/13.

Thank you all for your support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Todd Kandarlis for [Occupy Liberty](#)
602-330-2299

From: Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2013 3:31 PM
To: Risser, Mary; Jarvis Jon; O'Dell Peggy; Foster Maureen; Sheaffer Bruce; Sholly Cam; Androff Blake; Kelly Kate; Litterst Mike
Cc: Bill Wright; David Uberuaga; Kirby-Lynn Shedlowski
Subject: Re: GRCA

Thanks mary

Looping others

Sue Waldron
Assistant Director, Communications
National Park Service

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 12, 2013, at 3:21 PM, "Risser, Mary" <mary_risser@nps.gov> wrote:

> Hi Sue,
>
> Just got a call from the Chief Ranger and all went well with the press conference this morning. Initially, the Governor wanted to downplay the NPS involvement, but Dave also spoke and said all the right things. The Governor is now on her way back home.
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> I'm sure you'll hear more from the park, but wanted to give you the initial news.
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> Mary
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From: Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2013 3:49 PM
To: Michael Caldwell
Cc: Dennis Reidenbach; Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Michael Litterst; Blake Androff; Kate Kelly
Subject: Re: How is it going with the reopening?

Thanks mike

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 12, 2013, at 3:39 PM, Michael Caldwell <mike_caldwell@nps.gov> wrote:

Just FYI.

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From: Joshua Laird <joshua_laird@nps.gov>
Date: October 12, 2013, 3:33:59 PM EDT
To: Michael Caldwell <mike_caldwell@nps.gov>
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: Re: How is it going with the reopening?

Looks like we are in good shape for the morning. Everyone that we need to have on duty is confirmed. After some initial confusion with press coverage, the latest reports have been accurate about the reopening. Dave will be present for the first boat. I will be checking in a little later.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 12, 2013, at 2:53 PM, Michael Caldwell <mike_caldwell@nps.gov> wrote:

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Young, Deirdre R

From: Rooney, Patricia <patty_rooney@nps.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 3:12 PM
To: JAMES JACKSON
Cc: Patricia Trap; Greg Monahan; George Sievers
Subject: Re: Media contact Fox 2 news

Thanks Jim. Please send any clips you see from their online site, if applicable.

Patty R.

Patty Rooney
Public Affairs Specialist
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From: Trap, Patricia <patricia_trap@nps.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 2:45 PM
To: JAMES JACKSON
Cc: Patricia Rooney; Greg Monahan; George Sievers
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Patty

Patricia S. Trap
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From: Wanek, Scott <scott_wanek@nps.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 08, 2013 8:29 PM
To: Rene Buehl; Patty Neubacher
Subject: PWR decision notes
Attachments: LIA Issues-status 2013.docx

Hi Rene and Patty,

I have been adding a few issues to the basic Cam list. Feel free to add to this list. Some current issues to track, and to mention on the call tomorrow:

FOVA-Running race SUP holders indicating that they may hold upcoming weekend events in spite of being contacted and advised that their permits had been cancelled.
Barber Shop SUP holder inquiring about re-opening business.

WHIS-Tea Party protest shaping up for this weekend. Up to 200 potential participants. Will try to limit is to existing First Amendment area at HQ. Superintendent will be on hand to address media and protesters.

Scott

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Lake Mead NRA

Issue: Bass fishing event scheduled for weekend canceled

Status: No issues have surfaced with this event as of 10/5/13

Issue: Access to vacation cabins

Status: Cabins are privately owned, but on NPS land. Special Use Permits specify recreational not residential use and that access may be restricted during certain circumstances. No express land rights.

Craters of the Moon

Issue: Fatality and SAR for missing person

Status: Park working with local Sheriff and NPS LE on investigation; has volunteer effort scheduled for this weekend; park is scaling back search efforts; messaging around normal scaling down of searches, not driven by shut-down.

Olympic

Issue: Elwha Dam work continuing

Status: Ongoing

Yosemite

Issue: Closure protest in Tuolumne Meadows

Status: Occurred Friday with minimal participation.

Issue: Potential closure demonstration at Highway 140

Status: Very limited participation. No issues.

Lake Roosevelt*

Issue: Fishing re-introduction being conducted by tribal and state fish and game

Status: Region has decided to allow the activity considering previous court rulings and negotiated settlements; solicitor was briefed on 10/6/13 and agrees with decision by PWR/LARO to allow the activity due to previous court rulings and settlements; NPS involvement will be minimized

Sequoia

Issue: Local chamber of commerce planning closure demonstration

Status: Occurred with limited numbers and visibility. Staged at park entrance station. No issues.

Issue: Is the General's Highway a through road.

Status: Decision to consider HWY 180 and Generals HWY through Grant Grove as a through highway to access private lands. Generals HWY on Sequoia side not a through highway and closed at park boundary on both ends.

San Juan Islands

Issue: Partner of LE employee concerned over vague threats from public. LE employee not concerned.

Status: PWR reached out to park to address and determine needs. No issues at this time.

Channel Islands*

Issue: Commercial fishing season opened last Friday

Status: WASO discussed with region and park; solicitor's opinion was that it was allowable due to enabling legislation; no issues at this time.

Whiskeytown

Issue: Theft of government property, including marked fire truck, equipment, NPS credit cards, keys

Status: Park working with local investigative resources along with NPS ISB

GOGA

Issue: Cliff House Concessioner disagrees with closure order

Status: WASO working with PWR and GGNRA to determine best course of action; discussed with solicitor on 10/6/13

Issue: Native American First Amendment activities scheduled for Crissy Field and Alcatraz Island.

Status: Park was advised that since Crissy Field is essentially open to public access, that it would be unmanageable to prevent First Amendment activities at that site. However, on Alcatraz, it would set a

difficult precedent because allowing an event would require additional government staff and could open the door to more requests. Alcatraz is physically closed to all visitation, unlike Crissy Field.

Minidoka-Bainbridge Island Site

Park made the decision in consultation with region to close site. Property is owned by the City of Bainbridge Island. City is not pleased with the decision to close. Will discuss with WASO to ensure consistent treatment of sites designated, but not owned by the NPS. Decision to not post or enforce closure.

Haleakala

Issue: Access to Kipahulu Tarot field.

Status: This is managed by a local non-profit under a cooperative agreement as a demonstration interpretive activity. Because the Tarot field is a working agricultural crop, it requires continuous tending and does not lend itself to complete neglect during the shut-down period. Access will be allowed during closure.

DEVA

Issue: Ultra bicycle race. Race occurs on open state highways, but because of potential impacts to park resources and public safety, the park has managed through SUP. Contacted SUP applicant and indicated that permit would not be issued this year because of shut-down. Organizers re-routed the race outside the park.

Issue: Closed restrooms along the open highways are being vandalized, forced open, and littered with garbage and human waste.

Status: Because of the remoteness of the area, the park has been given the latitude to open restrooms and maintain them as an alternative to repairing damage and cleaning the exterior environs.

MOJA

Issue: Hunting season starting 10/12.

Status: The park is closed to all recreation, therefore closed to hunting as well. There is nothing in enabling legislation to contradict that. This will likely be controversial. SOL Barry Roth has looked at legislation and concurs with closure.

Multiple Parks

Issue: Training and related partner activities.

Status: Have advised parks to consider how critical the training is and how easily it can be rescheduled. If there are policy/certification deadlines that can't be met otherwise, then it's likely more justifiable. If there is minimal NPS involvement or the activity is required by written agreements, it is likely more justifiable.

Young, Deirdre R

From: Frank Dean <frank_dean@nps.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 08, 2013 7:42 PM
To: Scott Wanek
Cc: Noemi Robinson; Patricia Neubacher
Subject: Fwd: Leap Arts and Education

Scott,

FYI- We cancelled this permit, but it may get noisy due to some political connections.

Frank

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Elliott, Jason" <jason.elliott@sfgov.org>
Date: October 7, 2013 4:15:30 PM PDT
To: "frank_dean@nps.gov" <frank_dean@nps.gov>
Subject: **FW: Leap Arts and Education**

Hi Frank – thanks for taking time to talk just a moment ago. Here's the info on the sandcastle event we discussed.

My cell is 415-238-4432. Talk to you soon,
jason

Jason Elliott
Director of Legislative & Government Affairs
Office of Mayor Edwin M. Lee
(415) 554-5105

From: Ryerson, Olga
Sent: Monday, October 07, 2013 3:26 PM
To: Elliott, Jason
Subject: Leap Arts and Education
Importance: High

Received a voice mail from Troy Coleman, Director of Development, Leap Arts for Education. He was very desperate. Received call this afternoon from GGNRA shutting down their event at Ocean Beach this Saturday 10/12/13. They are a small non-profit and 45% of their annual budget comes out of this event; typically get between 5,000 – 10,000 attendees. He wants to enlist in the Mayor's help. He knows it's the Federal government shutting them down, but really needs help. Postponing it would be a nightmare, and canceling it would be catastrophic. His numbers are (415) 512-1899 and cell (415) 412-4201, troy@leaparts.org.

Please advise your thoughts.

Thanks,

Olga

<http://www.leaparts.org/>

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When: Saturday, Oct. 12, 10:30 - 4:30pm

Where: Ocean Beach San Francisco (best approach on Great Highway between Balboa & Fulton).

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Young, Deirdre R

From: Joss, Laura <laura_joss@nps.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 25, 2013 1:09 PM
To: Jock Whitworth; Cynthia Purcell; Rena Fugate; Colin Campbell; Mary Risser; Billy Shott
Cc: Jim Ireland; Rick Frost
Subject: Fwd: Sally Jewel Thank You Letter
Attachments: Sally Jewel Thank You ZNP.pdf

Some nice kudos for all of you from Washington County.

Laura

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Date: Fri, Oct 25, 2013 at 11:01 AM
Subject: Fwd: Sally Jewel Thank You Letter
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Date: Fri, Oct 25, 2013 at 11:04 AM

Subject: Fwd: Sally Jewel Thank You Letter

To: EXSEC EXSEC <exsec_exsec@ios.doi.gov>, Fay Iudicello <fay_iudicello@ios.doi.gov>, Robert Howarth <robert_howarth@ios.doi.gov>, Maureen Foster <Maureen_Foster@nps.gov>, Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>

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Terri

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From: **Dean Cox** <Dean.Cox@washco.utah.gov>

Date: Fri, Oct 25, 2013 at 10:25 AM

Subject: Sally Jewel Thank You Letter

To: "terri_johnson@ios.doi.gov" <terri_johnson@ios.doi.gov>

Dear Ms. Johnson:

Will you please forward this letter to Secretary Jewell. We appreciate her efforts and the efforts of all others at DOI who were instrumental in reopening Zion National Park during the recent shutdown.

Sincerely,

Dean J. Cox



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October 15, 2013

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

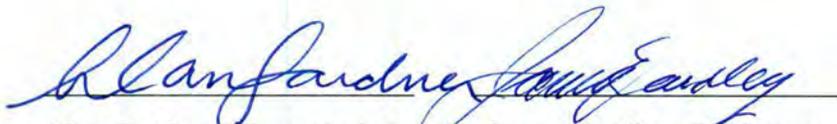
Dear Secretary Jewell:

As a Board of Commissioners representing Washington County, we would like to take this opportunity and express our gratitude to you and your capable staff for the recent effort and collaboration with Utah's Governor Herbert, a direct consequence of which resulted in reopening of Zion National Park.

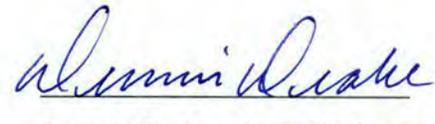
The impact of Zion National Park on our county's economy cannot be overstated. Potentially thousands of jobs and millions of dollars worth of economic impact were on the line. Time was of the essence if we were to stave off a demoralizing and crushing economic blow in what is normally one of our peak periods of park visitation. The speed and finesse of executing an agreement, negotiated during a challenging government shutdown, is an exceptional example of leadership and statesmanship.

Again, thank you for help. It is comforting to know that our desperate plea for help was heard and acted upon as quickly as it was during trying times and under unusual circumstances. We are all hopeful that a solution can be found and the government shutdown ended. Your courage to seek a solution outside of the traditional box was the right thing to do for national park visitors and is a beacon of hope for all who are desirous of an amicable ending to the shutdown.

Sincerely,


Alan Gardner, Commissioner


James Eardley, Chairman


Dennis Drake, Commissioner

Young, Deirdre R

From: Whitworth, Jock <jock_whitworth@nps.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 25, 2013 1:36 PM
To: Joss, Laura
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Subject: Re: Sally Jewel Thank You Letter

Thanks for passing this on, it was close to the County Sheriff claiming he was going to open the park and run it. Fortunately the state funding help us reopen Zion and business quickly returned to normal. Our Leadership Team and our daily calls with your office resulted in an excellent effort working through the details and complexities of the time.

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Dean J. Cox

Washington County Utah - Administrator

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Jock Whitworth, Superintendent

Zion National Park

435-772-0140

Young, Deirdre R

From: O'Driscoll, Patrick <patrick_o'driscoll@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2013 6:18 PM
To: Rick Frost; James Doyle; Laura Joss; Mary Risser; Colin Campbell
Subject: Utah congressman introduces bill for state operation of parks in a shutdown

Maybe he was listening in on the Jarvis meeting call today. . . .

-- Utah congressman's bill would let states run federal parks during a shutdown

(THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE)

<http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/politics/57034828-90/shutdown-national-states-utah.html.csp>

Patrick O'Driscoll
Public Affairs, Intermountain Region
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Denver, CO
303-969-2839 work
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"May your trails be crooked, winding, lonesome, dangerous, leading to the most amazing view."
-- Edward Abbey

Young, Deirdre R

From: Palma, Juan <jpalma@blm.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2013 10:56 AM
To: Iverson, Chris -FS
Cc: Colin Campbell
Subject: Re: FW: Draft Letter to Grazing Permittees
Attachments: image003.png

Chis, thanks for sharing the grazing letter.

Colin, sounds like an agreement was reached with the Department and the State of Utah on opening the NPS parks in Utah. You probably have your hands full in trying to get them open by tomorrow.

Folks back in DC moved conference calls on me - can you join me at 9:50 AM this morning for just a quick check in?

Not Responsive

-Juan
cell 801.440-5411

On Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 11:54 AM, Iverson, Chris -FS <civerson@fs.fed.us> wrote:

Juan – here is a draft copy of our letter mentioned this AM.

Chris Iverson

Deputy Regional Forester

Intermountain Region

Ogden, UT

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From: Padilla, Terry -FS
Sent: Monday, October 07, 2013 2:03 PM
To: Dunkelberger, William A -FS; Larson, Brent L -FS; Bullets, Angelita S -FS
Cc: Chi, Danielle K -FS; Rasure, Nora -FS; Iverson, Chris -FS
Subject: FW: Draft Letter to Grazing Permittees

Please note the attached letter and message string from National Director, Charlie Richmond relative to the notice to not authorize dormant season grazing.....

It appears that the R-3 letter has been approved for issuance by the W.O., but Nora has requested that I verify prior to R-4 issuance. I am currently waiting for their response.....I have also elevated the incongruence with the BLM position in Nevada on dormant season grazing permit authorizations to the W.O. for some feedback.

Will be coordinating forthwith.....

Terry L. Padilla “Pancho”

Regional Rangeland Management Staff Officer

Intermountain Region, USFS

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From: Richmond, Charles S -FS
Sent: Monday, October 07, 2013 12:23 PM
To: Padilla, Terry -FS
Subject: Fw: Draft Letter to Grazing Permittees

Here you go! I am not working but if you need me just e-mail me or call my cell.

From: Pena, Jim -FS
Sent: Friday, October 04, 2013 08:19 AM
To: Richmond, Charles S -FS
Subject: FW: Draft Letter to Grazing Permittees

I asked Cal to draft a sample letter. I think this covers it pretty well. Any edits?

Jim Peña

Associate Deputy Chief - NFS

Washington Office

Forest Service

202-205-3171

From: Joyner, Calvin -FS
Sent: Thursday, October 03, 2013 4:58 PM
To: Pena, Jim -FS; Weldon, Leslie -FS; Tooke, Tony -FS
Cc: Zepeda, Gilbert -FS; Higgins, Jeanne M -FS; Stewart, David M -FS
Subject: FW: Draft Letter to Grazing Permittees

Jim...As promised, here's a draft of a letter we'd propose to send to permittees with dormant season grazing permits, that are not currently authorized. We don't know the exact number of permittees affected, but believe it is in the range of 70-80, principally on the Coronado, Prescott, Cibola and Tonto, but may have a few on all of the other forests too. Dave is thinking through which state agencies and associations to inform, as well as the sequencing of those contacts with the letters going out to the permittees.

Calvin Joyner

Regional Forester

Southwestern Region

From: Stewart, David M -FS
Sent: Thursday, October 03, 2013 2:40 PM
To: Joyner, Calvin -FS
Subject: Draft Letter to Grazing Permittees

Here is draft letter to grazing permittees for which annual procedures to authorize grazing have not been completed and the normal entry date is in the near time horizon.

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From: Mihata, Lindy <lindy_mihata@nps.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2013 4:15 PM
To: Billy Shott; Colin Campbell; Mary Risser; Mike Archer; Rena Fugate
Cc: Todd Brindle
Subject: Scheduled protest at GLCA HQ Building
Attachments: GLCA HQ Protest 10.7.13.pdf

All:

Wanted to pass the protest flier along. It would not surprise me if the protest still occurred even in light of the opening today.

Lindy

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Lindy Mihata
Acting Chief Ranger
Glen Canyon National Recreation Area
928-608-6252

Peaceful Protest

Thursday, October 17 7AM – 4PM

691 Scenic View Road, Page, AZ



“While the federal government deems them non-essential, the people of Page, Arizona declare our National Parks and Recreation Areas **ARE ESSENTIAL.**”

Interested citizens can spend the day or an hour or two at the Peaceful Protest at Park Service Headquarters, 691 Scenic View Road, Page, Arizona. People can also show their support by driving through Scenic View Road. People may want to dress, speak or display signs or flags expressing support for re-opening National Parks and Recreation Areas.

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Permit Issued for Peaceful Protest in Page, AZ

The City of Page has issued a permit for a Peaceful Protest at Glen Canyon National Recreation Area Headquarters for Thursday, October 17 from 7 AM to 4 PM. "While the federal government deems them to be non-essential, the people of Page, Arizona declare our National Parks and Recreation Areas ARE essential," states protest organizer, Pam Brown.

This event will emphasize the First Amendment right to free speech and the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances. Glen Canyon National Recreation Area is essential to citizens' unalienable rights to Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. Local citizens' employment, business revenues, city sales tax revenues, and quality of life are significantly impacted by closure of Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and other National Parks. Hundreds of people have been thrown out of work by the closure and the resulting lack of tourists in a town relying heavily on the tourist industry.

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Contact Person:

Pam Brown

pamb@thebigpond.com

Box 3538, Page, AZ 86040

928-614-8628

Young, Deirdre R

From: Cannon, Catherine <kate_cannon@nps.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2013 3:31 PM
To: Colin Campbell; Laura Joss; Mary Risser; Billy Shott
Subject: SEUG opening details

All,

NABR opened at 10:30 this morning. The Visitor Center will be open at 8:00am Saturday morning.

ARCH opens this evening by 5:30pm. As is normal in the evenings, the Visitor Center will not be open this evening, but will open 8:00am Saturday. The Arches campground will also open Saturday morning.

Canyonlands will open fully Saturday morning at 8:00am.

Kate

Kate Cannon
Superintendent
Southeast Utah Group

435-719-2101 office
435-210-0348 cell

Young, Deirdre R

From: Campbell, Colin <colin_campbell@nps.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2013 2:44 PM
To: Jeffrey Bradybaugh; Paul Roelandt; Kate Cannon; Jock Whitworth; Leah McGinnis; Todd Brindle; David Uberuaga; Vaughn Baker; Mary Risser; Laura Joss; Rena Fugate; Billy Shott
Subject: Fwd: National Park Service Enters Agreement with State of Utah to Re-open Eight National Parks

See press release for your use.

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From: Waldron, Suzanne <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
Date: Fri, Oct 11, 2013 at 12:22 PM
Subject: Fwd: National Park Service Enters Agreement with State of Utah to Re-open Eight National Parks
To: Colin Campbell <colin_campbell@nps.gov>
Cc: Peggy O'Dell <Peggy_O'Dell@nps.gov>, Maureen Foster <Maureen_Foster@nps.gov>

Colin - here's the national release that the 8 utah parks can send out to their local media the nps.gov unblocking and addiitonal language is underway waiting for final Q&A edits from Rachel and woill send along shortly

Maureen is going to send the release along to all the regional folks

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From: Androff, Blake <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Fri, Oct 11, 2013 at 2:15 PM
Subject: National Park Service Enters Agreement with State of Utah to Re-open Eight National Parks
To: Blake Androff <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov>

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

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

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

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

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

Responding to the economic impacts that the park closures are having on many communities and local businesses, Secretary of the Interior Jewell announced yesterday that she will consider agreements with

Governors who indicate an interest and ability to fully fund National Park Service personnel to re-open national parks in their states.

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

Under the terms of the agreement, Utah will donate funds to the National Park Service for the sole purpose of enabling National Park Service employees to re-open and manage Arches National Park, Bryce Canyon National Park, Canyonlands National Park, Capitol Reef National Park, Cedar Breaks National Monument, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, Natural Bridges National Monument, and Zion National Park.

The agreement funds Utah’s eight national parks for a period of 10 days, running from Friday, October 11 through Sunday, October 20 at the donated amount of \$1,665,720.80.

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

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Blake Androff
Deputy Director of Communications
U.S. Department of the Interior
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Young, Deirdre R

From: Baker, Vaughn <vaughn_baker@nps.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2013 2:34 PM
To: Campbell, Colin
Subject: Re: Colorado donation

Thanks. Have talked with both towns this morning and they certainly understand that TRR is really not an option anymore this year. So good to hear its about reopening "the park".

Mgmt team meeting at 2pm to prepare for reopening.

Standing by for your go ahead.

Vaughn

On Fri, Oct 11, 2013 at 12:31 PM, Campbell, Colin <colin_campbell@nps.gov> wrote:
This is what I got and sent back to Bruce.

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From: **Campbell, Colin** <colin_campbell@nps.gov>
Date: Fri, Oct 11, 2013 at 12:29 PM
Subject: Re: Colorado donation
To: "Sheaffer, Bruce" <bruce_sheaffer@nps.gov>

That is great. Does not include Trail Ridge road. Further discussion between park and I, it is unsafe to put personnel at 11,000+ this time of year.

Please let me know when it is a done deal.

Colin

On Fri, Oct 11, 2013 at 11:58 AM, Sheaffer, Bruce <bruce_sheaffer@nps.gov> wrote:
we have received confirmation of the Colorado donation- 9 days for ROMO total \$362,700

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C. Bruce Sheaffer
Comptroller
National Park Service
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From: Armato, Peter <peter_armato@nps.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2013 2:34 PM
To: Colin Campbell; Rena Fugate; Billy Shott
Subject: Confusion Regarding Park Openings

Just wanted to let you know about the confusion that has already begun regarding the Utah parks opening while the rest of us remain closed.

Several members of my staff have already called to ask if they should head back to the park given the news that parks are opening as early as next Monday. They are hearing this in the media and from friends and relatives. Although there is benefit to select gateway communities from opening select parks in Utah, like Moab, I fear the good may be overshadowed by negative aspects for example: 1) staff confusion. which park is open and which is not (already happening here); 2) public confusion as to which parks are open and why others are closed; 3) potential for increased public frustration stemming from our lack of consistency as to which national park unit is open and which remain closed; and 4) confusion at parks that are open for 10 days then close should a budget agreement not be reached. Finally, if my staff are already confused about whether to return to work or not one can only wonder what the public is hearing and thinking. I fear opening select parks will only add to already existing confusion and public frustration. I hope I am wrong. Time will tell.

Peter

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Peter Armato
Superintendent
Capulin Volcano National Monument
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From: Fugate, Rena <rena_fugate@nps.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2013 2:18 PM
To: Mary Risser; Colin Campbell
Subject: FYI
Attachments: Utah Park Budgets from WASO 10-11-13.xlsx

Rena Fugate
ARD Business & Technology
NPS, Intermountain Region
Office: 303 969 2544
Cell: 720 560 2515
Fax: 303 969 2337

Park	Total Park Cost Per Day	10-Day Total
Arches National Park	\$ 7,662.16	\$ 76,621.61
Bryce Canyon National Park	\$ 18,613.14	\$ 186,131.43
Canyonlands National Park	\$ 28,841.62	\$ 288,416.17
Capitol Reef National Park	\$ 9,397.66	\$ 93,976.60
Cedar Breaks National Monument	\$ 3,221.74	\$ 32,217.35
Glen Canyon National Recreation Area	\$ 47,199.40	\$ 471,994.00
Natural Bridges National Monument	\$ 1,805.80	\$ 18,058.04
Zion National Park	\$ 49,830.56	\$ 498,305.56
Total	\$ 166,572.08	\$ 1,665,720.76

Young, Deirdre R

From: Vaughn Baker <vaughn_baker@nps.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2013 9:47 PM
To: Colin Campbell
Subject: Fwd: Opening of Rocky Mountain National Park

From the EP town administrator to the Gov's office.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Frank Lancaster <flancaster@estes.org>
Date: October 10, 2013 at 6:17:18 PM MDT
To: stephanie.donner@state.co.us
Subject: Opening of Rocky Mountain National Park

Hi Stephanie,

First of all, I want you to know how appreciative we are of the Governor's visit and his efforts to open Rocky Mountain National Park. We know Sen Bennett has been working on this on our behalf as well.

Although the opening of Trail Ridge would be nice, it really won't help us much. The amount of traffic from just driving over Trail Ridge is very limited. Also Trail Ridge is a very unique road and is not like other Colorado mountain passes. It is the highest paved continuous road in North America and as such is really isn't possible to keep it open once the snow starts up there (possibly starting today)

What we really need is for the east side of the park to be open for recreation. It is the local and long distance visitors that come to hike, fish, ski and snowshoe, as well as to just view the wildlife and scenery, that are our bread and butter. Keeping access to Trail Ridge would be a secondary issue.

I'm not sure where the negotiations currently are, but I'm not sure the cost delta between just opening the road and opening the park would be much. The Town may even be able to help with some of the administration and law enforcement issues for the park as well.

I believe the Governor's office may be hearing from our Mayor Pinkham and Mayor Burke from Grand Lake as well.

Again, we truly appreciate all that has been done so far, and we just want to make sure any efforts are directed in a manner to get the most impact for the resources invested.

Thanks again,

Frank Lancaster
Town Administrator
Estes Park

Young, Deirdre R

From: Risser, Mary <mary_risser@nps.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2013 2:17 PM
To: McGinnis, Leah
Cc: Colin Campbell; Rena Fugate; Billy Shott; Laura Joss
Subject: Re: CARE to be fully open by 1pm

Yeah, Leah!!!!

Laura and I were wondering if that included the pies?

Congratulations upon making through several crazy days.

Mary

On Fri, Oct 11, 2013 at 11:55 AM, McGinnis, Leah <leah_mcginnis@nps.gov> wrote:

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From: Shott, Billy <billy_shott@nps.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2013 2:07 PM
To: Wright, Bill
Cc: Colin Campbell; David Uberuaga; Brandon Torres; Mary Risser; Laura Joss
Subject: Re: Lee's Ferry opening

Thanks for the update Bill, I know you'll be monitoring the phoenix protest group on Sunday as well.

I brought up the press release urgency you have due to the confusion over GLCA/GRCA opening at Lee's... Colin's going to bring it up at a 2PM national call.

Bill, we're knocking down staffing here over the weekend. I'll be back on Monday but utilize my cell or the duty officer line (720-279-4642) if something comes up.

Talk to you later, Billy

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Young, Deirdre R

From: Foster, Maureen <maureen_foster@nps.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2013 2:06 PM
To: Campbell, Colin
Subject: Re: GRCA

Ask it. I am trying to figure out where we are with GRCA and the state. Still sifting through emails.

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From: Laura Joss <laurajoss@me.com>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2013 2:04 PM
To: McGinnis, Leah
Cc: Mary Risser; Colin Campbell; Rena Fugate; Billy Shott
Subject: Re: CARE to be fully open by 1pm

That's awesome Leah! Thanks to you and your staff for jumping on this so quickly.

Laura

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From: Bradybaugh, Jeffrey <jeff_bradybaugh@nps.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 18, 2013 10:10 AM
To: Laura Joss; Colin Campbell; Mary Risser
Subject: "State-Run Federal 5 Lands Act" HR 3294
Attachments: State-Run Federal Lands Act hr3294.pdf

Hopefully, folks in WASO/DOI have their eye on this bill, introduced by Congressman Young (AK) a few days ago...

a few interesting provisions among many in the bill:

(6) the procedures to be followed for purposes of the transition from Federal to State management of the qualifying Federal lands concerned, including—

(A) a guarantee that all Federal employees managing the qualifying Federal lands concerned may remain employed without infringe-

ment upon their existing conditions of employment;

(B) a guarantee that the State may use its percentage of the amounts required for the

management of the qualifying Federal lands concerned to hire additional staff whose terms

of employment shall be decided by the petitioning State; and

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appointed manager, but the implementation of its

directives may include the existing Federal superintendent concerned and performed in conjunction with State employees;

(h) **APPLICABILITY OF STATE LAW ON QUALIFYING FEDERAL LANDS UNDER COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.**—

State environmental, wildlife, and land management laws shall supercede Federal environmental, wildlife, and land management laws on the qualifying Federal lands administered by a State under a cooperative agreement in place under this section to the extent that such laws are more restrictive than the corresponding Federal laws.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 15, 2013

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To establish a streamlined process through which a State may claim authority over and responsibility for management of Federal lands located in the State without claiming ownership of the land, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “State-Run Federal
5 Lands Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) QUALIFYING FEDERAL LAND.—The term
2 “qualifying Federal land” means Federal land under
3 the jurisdiction of—

4 (A) the National Park Service, including
5 national monuments and recreation areas;

6 (B) the Bureau of Land Management;

7 (C) the Forest Service; or

8 (D) the United States Fish and Wildlife
9 Service, including wildlife refuges and pre-
10 serves.

11 (2) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The term “Sec-
12 retary concerned” means—

13 (A) in the case of land under the jurisdic-
14 tion of the National Park Service or the United
15 States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Secretary
16 of the Interior; and

17 (B) in the case of land under the jurisdic-
18 tion of the Forest Service, the Secretary of Ag-
19 riculture.

20 **SEC. 3. PETITION BY STATES FOR MANAGEMENT OF CER-**
21 **TAIN QUALIFYING FEDERAL LANDS.**

22 (a) SUBMISSION OF PETITION BY STATE TO MANAGE
23 FEDERAL LANDS.—Beginning 30 days after the date of
24 the enactment of this Act, a State may submit to the Sec-
25 retary concerned a petition to enter into a cooperative

1 agreement with the Secretary concerned for purposes of
2 managing certain qualifying Federal lands located in the
3 State.

4 (b) DETERMINATION.—The Secretary concerned
5 shall approve or deny a petition (including a corrected pe-
6 tition that is resubmitted) submitted under this section
7 not later than 90 days after the date on which the Sec-
8 retary concerned receives the petition.

9 (c) DENIAL OF PETITION.—The Secretary concerned
10 shall approve a petition submitted under subsection (a)
11 if the Secretary concerned determines that—

12 (1) the State has demonstrated that it has suf-
13 ficient funds to meet the cost-sharing requirement
14 under subsection (f)(3) for the duration of the coop-
15 erative agreement;

16 (2) the petition is complete;

17 (3) the proposed cooperative agreement sub-
18 mitted with the petition contains all of the terms re-
19 quired under subsection (f); or

20 (4) the petition is from a State that had a pre-
21 vious cooperative agreement terminated and the Sec-
22 retary determines that the reasons for that termi-
23 nation warrant denial of the new (or corrected) peti-
24 tion.

25 (d) OPPORTUNITY TO AMEND PETITION.—

1 (1) NOTICE OF DENIAL.—If the Secretary con-
2 cerned denies a petition under subsection (b), the
3 Secretary concerned shall provide to the State that
4 submitted such petition written notice of the denial.
5 Such written notice shall include—

6 (A) a clear and comprehensive statement
7 of the reasons why the petition was denied; and

8 (B) a clear and comprehensive description
9 of any deficiencies in the petition or the related
10 proposed cooperative agreement.

11 (2) RESUBMISSION OF CORRECTED PETITION.—
12 After receiving a notice from the Secretary under
13 paragraph (1), a State may amend and resubmit the
14 denied petition.

15 (e) PETITION AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
16 DEEMED APPROVED.—If the Secretary concerned does
17 not approve or deny a petition submitted under subsection
18 (a) or (d)(2) within the 90 days after receiving the peti-
19 tion, the petition and the proposed cooperative agreement
20 submitted with the petition shall be deemed approved.

21 (f) PETITION CONTENTS.—A petition submitted
22 under subsection (a) shall include—

23 (1) a letter signed by the Governor of the State
24 submitting such petition addressed to the Secretary
25 concerned that contains a description and a cor-

1 responding map of the qualifying Federal lands over
2 which the State seeks to manage;

3 (2) the proposed cooperative agreement that is
4 the subject of the petition;

5 (3) documentation that demonstrates the ability
6 of the State to provide sufficient funds to administer
7 such lands for the duration of the cooperative agree-
8 ment; and

9 (4) any other documentation that the Secretary
10 concerned may require.

11 (g) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT CONTENTS.—A coop-
12 erative agreement submitted under subsection (e)(2) shall
13 contain—

14 (1) a statement that the State shall manage
15 certain qualifying Federal lands located in that
16 State after the effective date of the transfer of man-
17 agement to the State for a specified term of years;

18 (2) a cost-sharing requirement stating that the
19 State shall provide a certain amount (equal to not
20 less than 50 percent), in cash or in-kind, of the total
21 amount required for the management of the quali-
22 fying Federal lands concerned;

23 (3) the amount to be contributed by the State
24 shall be determined by the Governor of the State
25 and the Secretary concerned, only after the Sec-

1 retary concerned submits to the State a categorical
2 assessment of all costs, in the recent past and antici-
3 pated during the duration of the cooperative agree-
4 ment, of managing the qualifying Federal lands con-
5 cerned, including employee salary data;

6 (4) in the event of a natural disaster, as cat-
7 egorized by the Federal Emergency Management
8 Agency, the State shall assume authority over recov-
9 ery initiatives (nullifying any existing established
10 Federal response protocol) so that—

11 (A) the cost of damages to any structure
12 on the qualifying Federal lands concerned be
13 shared by both State and Federal entities at a
14 ratio in accordance to the cost-sharing agree-
15 ment; and

16 (B) the cost and administration of repair
17 of damages resulting from natural disasters,
18 not including structures referred to in subpara-
19 graph (A), shall be assumed by the State rather
20 than the Federal Government;

21 (5) all revenue accrued from fees, royalties, and
22 other revenues related to the qualifying Federal
23 lands concerned shall be distributed to the State and
24 Federal entities in accordance to the percentages
25 dictated by the cost-sharing agreement and shall be

1 used so that the percentage of funds designated to
2 the Federal entity shall be made available to the
3 Secretary concerned for use at the sole discretion of
4 the Secretary concerned;

5 (6) the procedures to be followed for purposes
6 of the transition from Federal to State management
7 of the qualifying Federal lands concerned, includ-
8 ing—

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22 that submitted the petition and a State-ap-
23 pointed manager, but the implementation of its
24 directives may include the existing Federal su-

1 perintendent concerned and performed in con-
2 junction with State employees;

3 (7) the transfer of any special use permits
4 issued to the Secretary concerned with respect to the
5 qualifying Federal lands concerned to the State;

6 (8) a provision stating that lands currently
7 open to mineral entry under the Act of May 10,
8 1872 (commonly referred to as the “General Mining
9 Act of 1872” (30 U.S.C. 22 et seq.)), shall remain
10 open to mineral entry under State law unless subse-
11 quently changed by a State mineral closing order;
12 and

13 (9) if the qualifying Federal lands concerned
14 cross State lines, all States involved shall submit a
15 joint petition or the States must agree to divide the
16 park by State lines to enable State authority in ac-
17 cordance to the cost-sharing agreement.

18 (h) APPLICABILITY OF STATE LAW ON QUALIFYING
19 FEDERAL LANDS UNDER COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.—
20 State environmental, wildlife, and land management laws
21 shall supercede Federal environmental, wildlife, and land
22 management laws on the qualifying Federal lands admin-
23 istered by a State under a cooperative agreement in place
24 under this section to the extent that such laws are more
25 restrictive than the corresponding Federal laws.

1 (i) OWNERSHIP.—Notwithstanding a State manage-
2 ment of qualified Federal lands under a cooperative agree-
3 ment entered into under this section, the United States
4 shall retain all right, title, and interest in and to such
5 lands.

6 (j) TERMINATION OF COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.—
7 A cooperative agreement applicable under this section
8 shall terminate, at the discretion of the Secretary con-
9 cerned, under the following circumstances:

10 (1) The State concerned defaults on a payment,
11 thereby requiring Federal entities to assume respon-
12 sibility for the financial liabilities.

13 (2) The State concerned is in substantial
14 breach of the cooperative agreement as determined
15 by the Secretary concerned.

16 (3) The cooperative agreement terminates
17 under a term contained in that agreement.

18 (k) INTENTIONAL TERMINATION OF COOPERATIVE
19 AGREEMENT.—

20 (1) If the State no longer finds that the cooper-
21 ative agreement is beneficial or in the best interest
22 of the State, the State must submit a petition to the
23 Secretary concerned exhibiting credible purpose and
24 reason for such intent.

1 (2) Not later than 90 days after receiving a pe-
2 tition under paragraph (1), the Secretary concerned
3 shall determine whether to approve or deny the peti-
4 tion.

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Young, Deirdre R

From: Waanders, Jason <jason.waanders@sol.doi.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2013 4:55 PM
To: Fagergren, Daniel
Cc: Kim Fondren; Billy Shott; Jeffrey Bradybaugh; Kathleen Gonder; Colin Campbell; Laura Joss; Mary Risser; Michael Archer; Lena Koschmann
Subject: Re: Bryce Canyon National Park Declaration
Attachments: Bryce Canyon National Park Declaration 10-10 5pm.docx

Great--thanks! It looks good--thanks for good work in a short time. I caught a couple of typos and took out some lines between paragraphs to be consistent and shorter, and will send this slightly revised version up my chain for them to review if it ends up being needed (b) (5) [REDACTED]. And if we end up filing tomorrow, we will need to update the end with a paragraph or two about whether a meeting happened today and anything else that happens today.

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Thanks

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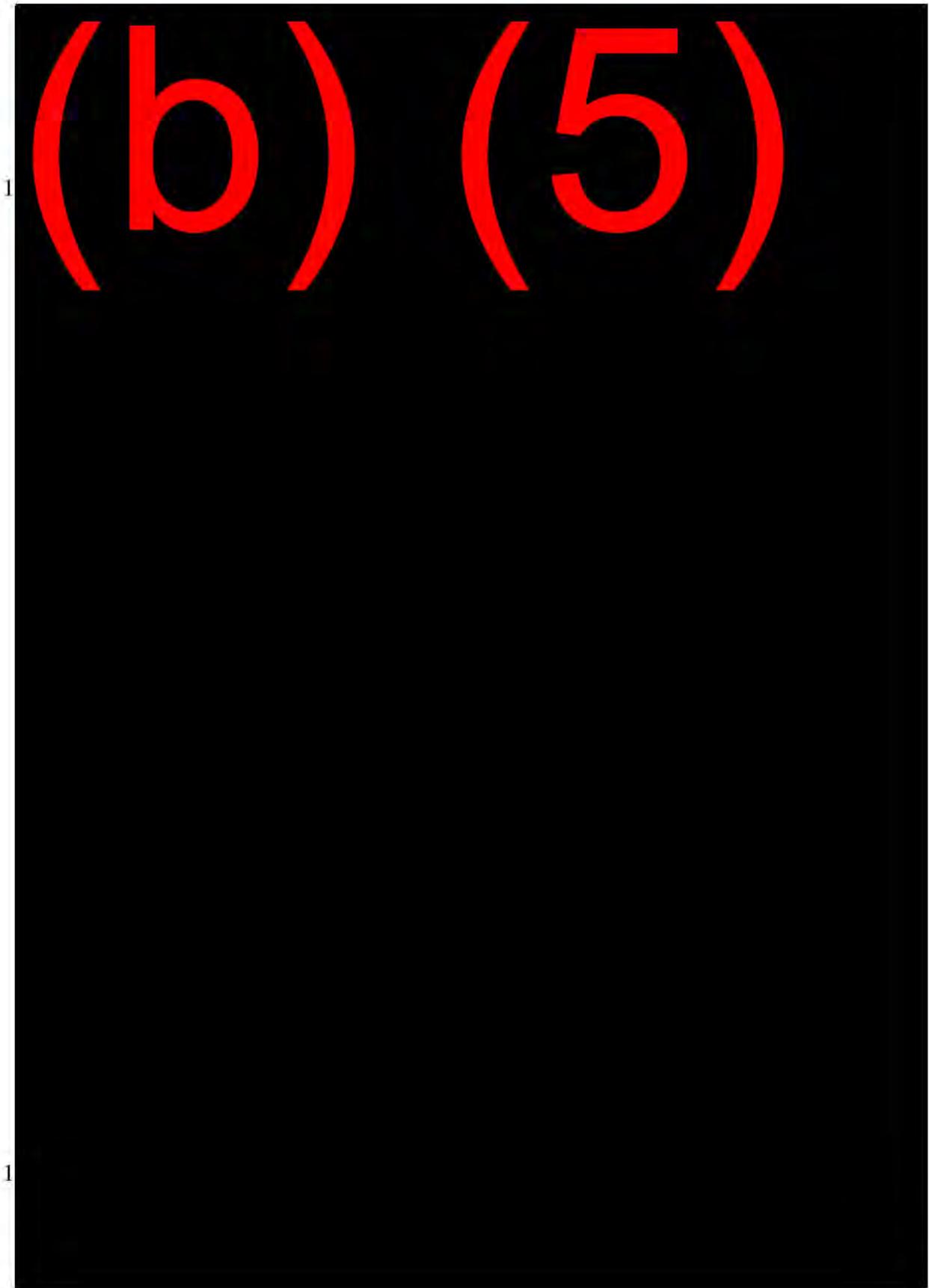
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Subject: Re: Updated BRCA Certification Statement to the TRO
Attachments: Bryce Canyon National Park Declaration.docx

Jason and Billy,

Okay, I've gone through this declaration, made last minute edits and addressed your yellow highlights;

thanks,

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On Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 12:48 PM, Waanders, Jason <jason.waanders@sol.doi.gov> wrote:
Thanks Daniel. Definitely the right idea, but it needs to be reformatted a bit more than that. I've done basically the same thing as you but put paragraph numbers on it so it looks more like a traditional declaration.

Please make sure my version doesn't change or mangle any relevant facts and check out the questions I've highlighted in yellow. Once we resolve those and you all are OK with this, I will send it up my chain to make sure they are OK with it.

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Jason and Billy,

After reviewing Chief Mihata's responses to the TRO request, I cleaned up Bryce's and made a few edits. Attached is the final product:

Thanks for your patience.

Daniel

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On Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 11:51 AM, Waanders, Jason <jason.waanders@sol.doi.gov> wrote:
OK, thanks. I will work with this to put it into declaration form based on the model, and get back to you about anything more we need.

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On Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 1:47 PM, Fagergren, Daniel <daniel_fagergren@nps.gov> wrote:
Jason,

Per our conversation, here's Bryce's declaration for the TRO (Word doc and signed jpeg scan):

Regional Chief Ranger Billy Shot and other regional officers received a copy yesterday afternoon.

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From: Vaughn Baker <vaughn_baker@nps.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2013 4:01 PM
To: Campbell, Colin
Cc: Mark Magnuson
Subject: Re: RMNP and Trail Ridge Road talking points

Call at 230? Headed back to office. Road is really not the issue as it will likely remain closed after this storm. Do they want to reopen the park? That's what people really want, access to Bear Lake etc.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 10, 2013, at 1:57 PM, "Campbell, Colin" <colin_campbell@nps.gov> wrote:

Vaughn,

Press has started. Need to know from you what it would take to open the road. Staffing call back, safety, cost... Apparently WASO is talking to Gov staff. Have a call in a couple of minutes with Director. Need to discuss.

On Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 8:26 AM, Baker, Vaughn <vaughn_baker@nps.gov> wrote:
If needed, talking points in response to Governor Hickenlooper's offer on Wed to have CDOT maintain TRR during the shutdown. We are not returning media calls on this or any other park related matters during the shutdown. Please advise if we need to respond to the Gov's offer.

Vaughn

We appreciate Governor Hickenlooper's interest in helping the communities of Estes Park and Grand Lake. These are the communities that most of Rocky Mountain National Park's staff live. We hope the focus will continue to be that the government shutdown needs to be resolved, so that the entire park can be reopened, including many popular trails.

Trail Ridge Road is not designed to be an all season road. It is not your typical mountain pass, since 11 miles of Trail Ridge Road are above treeline (11,500 feet). Mid October is normally the time of year that Trail Ridge Road closes for the season due to drifting snow and high winds making it unsafe for plowing operations and travel. Many of the park's experienced snowplow operators have plowed Trail Ridge Road for decades and live in the communities of Estes Park, Glen Haven, and Grand Lake.

During this time of year it is the lower elevation roads, such as Bear Lake Road on the east side and the section of Trail Ridge Road along the Kawuneeche Valley on the west side, where visitors spend the majority of their time.

Reopening Rocky Mountain National Park in its entirety, along with restoration of the primary critical access roads of highways 36 and 34 leading to the east side of the park, should continue to be the focus.

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From: Fagergren, Daniel <daniel_fagergren@nps.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2013 2:34 PM
To: Waanders, Jason; Billy Shott
Cc: Kim Fondren; Jeffrey Bradybaugh; Kathleen Gonder; Lena Koschmann; Mary Risser; Laura Joss; Colin Campbell
Subject: Updated BRCA Certification Statement to the TRO
Attachments: Updated BRCA Certification Statement to TRO Questions.docx

Jason and Billy,

After reviewing Chief Mihata's responses to the TRO request, I cleaned up Bryce's and made a few edits. Attached is the final product:

Thanks for your patience.

Daniel

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On Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 11:51 AM, Waanders, Jason <jason.waanders@sol.doi.gov> wrote:
OK, thanks. I will work with this to put it into declaration form based on the model, and get back to you about anything more we need.

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On Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 1:47 PM, Fagergren, Daniel <daniel_fagergren@nps.gov> wrote:
Jason,

Per our conversation, here's Bryce's declaration for the TRO (Word doc and signed jpeg scan):

Regional Chief Ranger Billy Shot and other regional officers received a copy yesterday afternoon.

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On Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 11:39 AM, Bradybaugh, Jeffrey <jeff_bradybaugh@nps.gov> wrote:

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As discussed.

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Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2013 12:47 PM
To: Colin Campbell
Cc: Rena Fugate
Subject: Questions
Attachments: Questions about Utah.docx

Hi Colin,

Here is an initial list of questions that Rena and I worked on.

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Precedence Setting –

- ✚ We already have enough challenges with the Utah. How does this impact the long-term relationship with the state?
- ✚ Do we have full authority or do the people paying the bills (State of Utah) tell us how to manage the parks?
- ✚ Definitely creates the “have” and “have not” parks – even within the same state.
- ✚ Creates the perception that we can be bought.
- ✚ Will this have a long-term impact on our funding and what will Congress' view on this be?
- ✚ The state of Utah has already expressed interest and introduced legislation to take back Federal public lands. So far they haven't included the NPS areas in their “take-over,” this really seems to opens the door for us to be included in that action.
- ✚ If the parks accept this donation, what impact will that have on their ONPS allocation? Will it be a windfall or will there be a decrease in this year's appropriations? If it results in a decrease, will that end up being carried over next years? People have short memories about the exceptions and these parks could end up being penalized with reduced budgets in future years. For example, if they have a decreased budget and future allocations are based upon FY14 numbers, will an adjustment be made for this special circumstance?
- ✚ What's the long-term message that this sends to the employees, public, Congress? Has this been approved by the White House?
- ✚ We are already being faced with low morale in parks and throughout the Service. What are the impacts going to be long-term on employee morale, especially for the “have not” parks?
- ✚ Is there any chance that the state would want to go past the four days?
- ✚ This really sends a mixed message to the American people.
- ✚ Be prepared for a lot of things to come crawling out of the woodwork. Get ready for at least 49 other requests.
- ✚ What precedence does this set for other parts of the Executive branch? If we can make an exception to the shutdown for Utah to open parks, why can't Defense pay the survivor's benefits?
- ✚ We will need really good talking points so that everyone is providing the same message to the public and even better messages to be used internally for our staff.

Administrative Logistics – Assumptions that the parks are open for four days only; what would staffing look like over a holiday weekend?

- ✚ How do we get everyone back? What administrative procedures do we need to follow?
- ✚ How do we take everyone off furlough and then furlough them again?
- ✚ What admin folks need to come back in?
- ✚ How do we do time keeping? Everyone continues to keep good records and we deal with it when everyone comes back?
- ✚ How will the people being called back be paid and when?
- ✚ If on furlough, you are expected to return to work on the next business day after you are notified. So if people are told tomorrow that they are expected to return to work, they wouldn't be expected to start duty until Saturday morning.
- ✚ What if people are out of the area and won't be able to return to work that quickly? In most cases, they can take annual leave. In the case of a 4-day weekend, some people may have scheduled leave around the weekend.
- ✚ If they are called back to work and have already leave that was approved before the shutdown, will they be paid for that leave or will the leave be cancelled?

Operations

- ✚ After already going through the long, difficult process of dealing with the public during the initial shut-down, park staff, especially rangers, will now be asked to affect another closure after Monday. Many of these folks have been working long, hard schedules. They have been on the front line in dealing with the public. We really need to watch for signs of “burn-out.” We must ensure that they are being taken care of and that they are getting the support they need – whatever that may be.
- ✚ Will parks be open 24 hours a day? Dawn to dusk?
- ✚ How long will we have to close down operations after Monday if we are only open for four days and will the donation cover that cost?

Wilderness and River Operations

- ✚ What about the trips that last longer than four days? We could still end up with people in the backcountry or on rivers that may get in trouble and need SAR services after the shut down resumes again? Will the state cover those costs associated with SAR?

VRP (we're leaving these to Billy and crew)

- ✚ Do we have enough gas, diesel, etc., on site to run operations? Do we need to bring some contracting people on to make emergency purchases?
- ✚ Are there any long-term impacts to the relationships that parks have built with their local partners?
- ✚ We're assuming that if the parks are running operations in the parks, that there won't be any external law enforcement presence in the parks?

Fee Operations

- ✚ Are we going to collect fees? Or are these going to be "fee-free" days?

Interpretation

- ✚ What is needed to get the buildings up and running again? Any reasons that that could not be accomplished with such short notice.
- ✚ Need to call Interpretation staff back
- ✚ Will we provide the full complement of interpretive services (hikes, programs,) as a normal weekend?
- ✚ Need to call the cooperating association back.
- ✚ We will need skilled PIOs to answer the many questions that will be initiated by this. We'll need good talking points to ensure that everyone is getting the same message.

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Concessions –

- ✚ A lot of concessions have already let their employees loose. What is the realistic start-up time for concessioners to begin operations again when it took them 72 hours to close down?
- ✚ They probably don't have food for restaurants, stores, etc.
- ✚ This has the potential to create more problems for the parks that aren't going to be opened to the public. For example, if they don't open GLCA, the concessioner had already expressed plans to open up again if the counties took over. If Utah DOESN'T decide to pursue opening GLCA, that creates another public relations problem.

Special Use Permits and CUAs

- ✚ What about all the people who had permits and then changed their plans? Another public relations nightmare....
- ✚ Will we issue new SUPs for the weekend?
- ✚ Need to provide notification for CUAs that they can resume operations for the long weekend.

Maintenance

- ✚ Need to bring people back to provide custodial services, water treatment, garbage pick-up, and snow removal.
- ✚ Do we have adequate supplies for maintenance operations? For example, we shut down purchasing and have the FBMS black-out right now. Has gasoline, diesel, and propane been ordered to support full operations? What about sand or other snow removal materials?
- ✚ Bryce reported 5 inches of new snow overnight. The beginning of October is used to really prepare for snow removal operations. Since everyone has been on furlough, what would be needed to get equipment ready in case of a storm?

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Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2013 12:45 PM
To: Bradybaugh, Jeffrey
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Subject: Re: Snowfall at BRCA

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On Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 8:41 AM, Bradybaugh, Jeffrey <jeff_bradybaugh@nps.gov> wrote:

Howdy!

We had about 5 inches of wet, heavy snow fall overnight resulting in an electrical power failure to the park Maintenance Yard and Lodge. Garkane Power Co. has completed repairs and all facilities are back on line. Outage lasted from approximately 4:30am until 8:15am. The park B&U Foreman was called in from furlough for a few hours to interface with the Power Company.

We have called in 2 furloughed employees for snow removal on essential roads only and to establish structural fire lanes per BRCA snow removal plan.

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Subject: Fwd: Senator Urquhart leading Occupy Zion protest Saturday

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Here's the clip. Sen. Urquhart is inviting people to come join him in a walk at Zion on Saturday.

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**Subject:** Just Posted: SLTrib Article: Utah Counties want New State Law to Reopen National Parks  
**Attachments:** SaltLakeTrib 10.10.13 Utah counties want new state law to force parks to reopen.pdf

Hi,

Sorry to barrage you with articles this morning, but this one just posted one hour ago contains the most current information and details about what is being discussed at the county and state levels.

If you prefer to be removed from this mailing list, or add someone else...please let me know.

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## Utah counties want new state law to force parks to reopen

Tourist season • Herbert is asking the Interior to let the state take over temporarily.

BY BRIAN MAFFLY

THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

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Several Utah counties are laying the groundwork to invoke a new state law that they say could force the idled National Park Service to either reopen some of its Utah units or let the counties operate parts of Arches, Zion, Canyonlands and other national park destinations.

However, local leaders are seeking assurances from Gov. Gary Herbert that the state would indemnify them before they make any move to unlock the gates and take over the parks.

Thanks to the government shutdown, the nation's entire park system has been shuttered since Oct. 1. But the closures come at the heart of southern Utah's fall tourist season, spelling economic disaster for tourism-dependent communities.

Department of Interior officials Wednesday did not comment on Utah's plans.

The governor has spoken with Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, pleading with her to let the state help reopen the parks as soon as possible.

"If money is necessary to keep these parks open, we will lend them the money," Herbert told reporters Wednesday. "We can't wait three weeks. The damage is being done now. I want this resolved today. ...We will pay their salary. We'll augment it with local people — whether it's local police or volunteers."

Herbert agreed with local leaders in southern Utah that the park closures constitute a crisis and the park service actions seem unreasonable. For example, he said, it makes no sense for Zion rangers to prevent motorists from pulling off State Road 9 to take photos, but he emphasized he will not support county actions that would violate the law.

Several county commissions this week have passed declarations of emergency arising from the closures. The Grand County Council unanimously passed such a proclamation Tuesday. The San Juan County Commission had previously declared the emergency and passed a resolution Wednesday for county employees and resources to be made available "should the County Commission determine at sometime in the future to open federally closed national parks, national monuments and national recreation areas within San Juan County."

Moab usually is hopping in mid-October as tourists flock to the redrock getaway during a time of year that avoids the summer heat and crowds. Arches National Park logs 90,000 visits in a typical October, according to the proclamation.

Thousands more come to Grand County to access Canyonlands' eastern and northern districts, camp in Bureau of Land Management campgrounds and float federally managed stretches of the Green and Colorado rivers — activities that are off-limits during the federal shutdown.

"Grand County estimates over \$2.6 million in lost revenue to date since Oct. 1 in commercial business alone," the council's proclamation states.

Council Chairman Gene Ciarus did not return phone messages Wednesday.

These county emergency declarations appear to be a first step toward invoking HB164, a law enacted this past legislative session to provide local officials greater control over federal lands within their counties. It was framed as a way to make the U.S. Forest Service more responsive to local concerns about tinderbox conditions in Utah's beetle-ravaged forests.

Sponsored by Rep. Marc Roberts, R-Santaquin, the bill enables county officials to exercise limited control over federal land if government management poses "an imminent threat to the health, safety or welfare of the people" in the county. If officials deem such a threat exists, the law calls on the sheriff to give written notice to the federal agency responsible, explaining the threat and detailing how and when the county wants it fixed.



Tribune file photo Utah Gov. Gary Herbert

If the agency doesn't respond within the specified time frame, officials "may take action to mitigate the risk."

To explore how to put HB164 to work in the parks crisis, Washington County Commissioner Alan Gardner hosted a teleconference Monday with several southern Utah and northern Arizona county commissioners and sheriffs, Attorney General John Swallow and the governor's deputy chief of staff, Mike Mower, and Rep. Ken Ivory, R-West Jordan, the outspoken lawmaker most engaged in orchestrating a state takeover of federal lands.

"The fact is that we've been put, and particularly our county leaders have been put, in a very untenable position of having to figure out how to struggle against their own government to protect the lives and fortunes and property and liberties of their people," Ivory said Wednesday. "You've got businesses, they're already struggling, the whole great recovery is a myth. So now you're going to see waves of bankruptcies likely in southern Utah. There was no contingency plan for this type of unnatural disaster."

Ivory said it is largely up to the governor to determine the next course of action.

Herbert has indicated he prefers that the feds operate the parks with state-supplied resources and his administration is negotiating with Department of the Interior to let that happen.

"There are places that can be opened up with minimal inconveniences to the federal government," Herbert said. "We are looking for solutions. I don't like people saying we can't do it. Let's find ways where we can do it."

Gardner said officials from nine Utah counties — including Grand, San Juan, Sevier, Piute and others — met Wednesday afternoon to discuss strategies for taking over the parks. Gardner declined to speak about the specifics of those strategies, but said they could include partially reopening the parks using county employees as staff.

According to Gardner, the reopened parks would provide access to major sites and hiking trails but would probably not allow camping or backcountry access. Funding for the reopening would come from county budgets and sheriff's deputies would provide law enforcement inside the parks. Other county personnel, such as volunteers and county search and rescue, also would likely be deployed.

Gardner said the counties do not have the resources to run the parks long-term, but they could manage them over the short term. He also hopes the parks reopen later this week, though he did not know if that would ultimately happen.

County control could also mean some sort of clash between local and federal law enforcement. Gardner said there will not be armed confrontations, but federal personnel "have made it plain that law enforcement could be subject to charges" if they enter the parks. According to Gardner, that means county sheriff's deputies could end up facing trespassing charges for going into the parks.

The Utah Legislature repealed a bill in July that attempted to limit federal land agency law enforcement powers after U.S. District Judge David Nuffer issued a preliminary injunction blocking the law's implementation.

Another multi-county meeting to discuss the situation and further hash out a strategy was scheduled for Thursday afternoon in St. George, Gardner said.

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Tribune reports Robert Gerhke, Brett Prettyman and Jim Dalrymple II contributed to this story.

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National Park passes good at Utah parks

Utah State Parks officials announced Wednesday, at the request of the Gov. Gary Herbert, that state parks will honor National Park Service passes during the federal government shutdown; valid for day-use only. For more travel information visit [www.visitutah.com](http://www.visitutah.com)

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**Subject:** Re: Senator Urquhart leading Occupy Zion protest Saturday

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To: Laura Joss
Subject: Re: Fw: Fwd: Briefing update - Utah issues

I got it

On Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 9:44 AM, Laura Joss <laura_joss@nps.gov> wrote:

I can call in for this if you don't have time. I won't give info except that we are waiting to hear back from WASO and SOL
re: response to UT.

Laura

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Subject: Re: Fwd: Briefing update - Utah issues

All,

Nora thanks for our visit yesterday on the phone. Laura/Colin, there is some fun stuff going on here in Utah with some of the Counties concerns.

I did not have Chris Iverson email to add him to the email list above. I just got' off the phone with some of the key staff from the Governor's Office a few minutes ago.

If you all would like we can visit on the phone for a few minutes at 10:00 AM today and just catch up on what each of our agencies are doing. The numbers to call are:

Not Responsive

I will be on the line and see who joins if you have any questions or can not get on the call ring my cell number at 801.440-5411

-Juan

On Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 7:21 AM, Laura Joss <laura_joss@nps.gov> wrote:

Juan: Thanks for this message. I am currently furloughed (I will likely swap back in next week), but Deputy Regional Director Colin Campbell is our POC for this issue. He can be reached at 303-969-2706.

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Subject: Re: More information requested

Billy,

I attempted to send a reply via my i-phone and apparently it is lost somewhere in cyberspace. Hopefully this second attempt isn't too late.

Point 17 in your declaration is well taken. I actually mentioned this to Sheriff Perkins when we met on Tuesday afternoon. His reply was that they would use generic, catch-all Utah codes to enforce specific 36 CFR violations. That conversation illustrated for me his lack of understand as to what he was up against. One other thought on this subject is the Superintendent's Compendium; the counties are not only unaware of park specific regulations, but again, have no mechanism for enforcing them.

Here's my earlier response to your request:

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I'm working on gathering specific stats for the month of October...

Daniel

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To: Colin Campbell; Lena Koschmann; Michael Archer; Billy Shott; Mary Risser
Cc: Kevin Moore; Paul Henderson; James Dougan

As of this morning, both Grand and San Juan Counties are continuing to refrain from actions to "open" Canyonlands, Arches, Natural Bridges and Hovenweep. This has most recently been communicated to us in:

- A phone call from Grand County Sheriff Steven White to CANY/ARCH Chief Ranger Kevin Moore this morning
- Phone calls from San Juan County Sheriff Rick Eldredge to NABR/HOVE Superintendent Jim Dougan this morning
- Phone calls from San Juan County Commission Chairman Bruce Adams to SEUG Superintendent Kate Cannon this morning
- Phone calls from San Juan County Commissioner Phil Lyman to SEUG Superintendent Kate Cannon this morning. Commissioner Lyman said that he may make a personal visit to NABR this morning.

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Subject: Today's Utah Spectrum Article: Utah Plan to Reopen National Parks Stalls
Attachments: 10.9.13 Spectrum Article Utah Plan to Reopen National Parks Stalls.pdf

Good Morning.

A copy of today's local Spectrum newspaper article is attached.

The statement that best summarizes the status of Utah's plans to reopen parks in this article:

"Left without the support of the federal government, commissioners are geared up to go back to the drawing board to discuss the next steps in the process.

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Per information passed along from NPS staff who met with the Washington County Sheriff yesterday, a meeting has been scheduled for 2 pm with County Sheriffs and Utah Governors staff in St. George today.

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CEDAR CITY — Utah joined ranks with Arizona and South Dakota on Wednesday after plans to reopen Zion and Bryce Canyon national parks Thursday morning came to a halt.

County commissioners from Garfield, Washington and Kane counties were met with a resounding “no.” The National Park Service told Utah officials the same thing they told officials from Arizona and South Dakota in the last week when asked about the possibility of opening national parks and monuments with state and local money and workers.

“We have not got the feds to work with us,” said Iron County Commissioner Dave Miller. “They are being very resistive.”

Representatives from the various counties, including sheriffs and commissioners, have been in negotiations all week to try to reopen the parks that were shut down last week when Congress could not pass a continuing budget resolution. These talks came about after the various county commissioners issued proclamations Monday declaring a local state of emergency.

On Tuesday, Utah Gov. Gary Herbert followed with a letter to President Barack Obama requesting he allow the state to reopen the parks and, if necessary, use state and local resources to fund and man them.

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Miller was not happy with the federal government’s response.

“There is an absolute political nightmare as a result of what’s going on and they are using this as a political tool,” Miller said.

Two days after the federal shutdown, the Republican-led House of Representatives voted to approve various legislation that would fund national parks and monuments, the Department of Veterans Affairs and Washington, D.C.’s government.

The bills now sit on the desk of Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.), who has rejected them and accused Republicans of “cherry-picking.” The president has also said he will veto any legislation to fund only certain parts of the government.

Disappointed that Reid has the power to push these bills through and refuses, Miller called Reid’s actions “unacceptable” and nothing short of “bullying.”

“Harry Reid holds the appropriated bill on his desk to open the national parks and refuses to take it to the floor,” he said. “His inaction and political games are hurting Utahns and guests to Utah and others across the nation.”

County commissioners plan to resume talks Thursday. Officials are hopeful they will be still be able to open the parks before the weekend.

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From: Baker, Vaughn <vaughn_baker@nps.gov>
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To: Colin Campbell; Mary Risser
Cc: Billy Shott; Mark Magnuson; Kyle Patterson
Subject: RMNP and Trail Ridge Road talking points

If needed, talking points in response to Governor Hickenlooper's offer on Wed to have CDOT maintain TRR during the shutdown. We are not returning media calls on this or any other park related matters during the shutdown. Please advise if we need to respond to the Gov's offer.

Vaughn

We appreciate Governor Hickenlooper's interest in helping the communities of Estes Park and Grand Lake. These are the communities that most of Rocky Mountain National Park's staff live. We hope the focus will continue to be that the government shutdown needs to be resolved, so that the entire park can be reopened, including many popular trails.

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Reopening Rocky Mountain National Park in its entirety, along with restoration of the primary critical access roads of highways 36 and 34 leading to the east side of the park, should continue to be the focus.

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Subject: language for dec.

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Short of hearing from you soon I'll be looking at using the language below. The more specific we can be at showing eminent harm the better so take a look as see if there's something specific to your park we can add. - B

Specific resource impacts would largely depend on how many visitors entered the park upon opening. The NPS has established management infrastructures designed to manage visitor use, protect resources, ensure public health, provide services ranging from law enforcement, emergency medical services, search and rescue, structure and wildland fire protection, and education of the public on protection of resources. Absent that infrastructure being in place, and without adequate levels of enforcement/protection, education, and monitoring, many of these resources could be in jeopardy.

Zion was established to preserve and protect aesthetic and scientific values. The park provides protection to a wide range of species of plants (hundreds) and animals (over 50 species) including threatened and endangered species. NPS manages visitor use in such a way that minimizes impacts to these resources; left unchecked or unenforced, many of these species could be in jeopardy. The park also contains numerous archaeological sites dating back thousands of years which the park protects by monitoring visitor use activities with specifically trained personnel .

Bryce has a wide variety of geological structures and a large number of archaeological sites, some dating back 10,000 years. The park also has hundreds of species of plants and animals including several listed under the Endangered Species Act.

Potential impacts include: potential off-road vehicle use in prohibited areas, vandalism of high-value resources, other recreational activities that are either prohibited or normally closely managed by park personnel.

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FYI, see attached

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Please see attached. bb

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WHEREAS, those visitors not only enjoy the natural beauties of the parks, but also enjoy the accommodations, restaurants, and shopping venues in the County;

WHEREAS, a significant number of residents in Garfield County rely on the tourism industry created by the parks visitors for income;

WHEREAS, a significant portion of the annual visitors come to the parks in the month of October to enjoy the fall temperatures and avoid the summer crowds—by no means has the tourism season ended at the beginning of October;

WHEREAS, visitors also come to Garfield County to recreate in federally managed lands outside of the parks—especially during the deer hunt that occurs annually in October;

WHEREAS, the operation of federally managed campgrounds brings tourism to Garfield County;

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2013, the federal government closed these parks, as well as all of the other National Parks, National Recreation Facilities, and federally managed campgrounds in the State of Utah;

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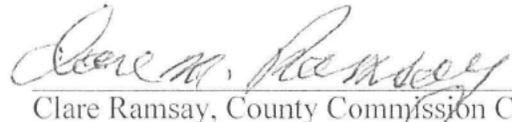
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NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Utah Code Annotated Section 53-2a-208 (West 2013), on behalf of the citizens of Garfield County, the Garfield County Commission declares Garfield County to be in a state of "Local Emergency";

FURTHERMORE, pursuant to Utah Code Annotated Section 53-2a-208(d), Garfield County is authorized to provide all appropriate aid and assistance in relation to this Proclamation.

GARFIELD COUNTY COMMISSION


Clare Ramsay, County Commission Chair
October 7, 2013

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Subject: Today's Meeting w/ Garfield County Cancelled

As I indicated in my message yesterday after meeting with Garfield County officials, we had scheduled a follow-up meeting with them for today at 4pm. County Commissioner Pollock called at 4:30pm to indicate he needed to cancel the meeting with us. He indicated that he was waiting for a call from the Governor's office concerning "support" needed for the potential County opening of the park.

Cindy Purcell from ZION indicated in a message this afternoon that county sheriffs are meeting with Governor's staff tomorrow afternoon in St. George.

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From: Moore, Kevin <kevin_moore@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 7:23 PM
To: Daniel Love; Billy Shott; Colin Campbell; Michael Archer; Mary Risser; Catherine Cannon
Cc: bret.birdsong@sol.doi.gov; John Huber; Veronica Larvie; Salvatore R Lauro; Juan Palma; Scott_Hinson@nps.gov
Subject: Re: San Juan County

At 17:00 Superintendent James Dougan reported that San Juan county was standing down tomorrow (5/10) from entering the parks, but that it would be a day to day situation.

Jim agrees with me that Sheriff Eldredge sounds like an unwilling player with the Commissioners.

On Wed, Oct 9, 2013 at 4:41 PM, Daniel Love <dlove@blm.gov> wrote:
FYI

Sent from my iPhone

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Jason Moore <jdmoore@blm.gov>
Date: October 9, 2013, 4:36:53 PM MDT
To: Eric Boik <eboik@blm.gov>, Daniel Love <dlove@blm.gov>
Subject: San Juan County

I just spoke with Sheriff Eldredge who informed me that they are not focusing their efforts towards opening up closed BLM sites. For now they want to open up NPS sites. He also stated that he's trying to convince the county commission to approach this matter with level heads and be methodical about it but he thinks they will vote to open the parks. If they do, they will try to open them tomorrow.

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From: Mark Magnuson <mark_magnuson@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 7:16 PM
To: Campbell, Colin
Cc: Mary Risser; Billy Shott; Vaughn Baker
Subject: Re: Colorado Governor

Not really sure what condition the road is in right now at higher elevations. We've had no reason to drive up there. It would likely take work with rotary plows, etc to open, only to have it closed again with the next storm. Realistically, it may already be done for the season.

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From: Campbell, Colin <colin_campbell@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 7:06 PM
To: Margaret O'Dell; Cam Sholly
Subject: Fwd: Stand down in San Juan County

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From: Catherine Cannon <kate_cannon@nps.gov>
Date: Wed, Oct 9, 2013 at 5:04 PM
Subject: Stand down in San Juan County
To: Campbell Colin <colin_campbell@nps.gov>, Archer Michael <mike_archer@nps.gov>, Shott Billy <billy_shott@nps.gov>

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From: Vaughn Baker <vaughn_baker@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 7:06 PM
To: Campbell, Colin
Cc: Magnuson, Mark; Mary Risser; Billy Shott
Subject: Re: Colorado Governor

Just saw it on 9 news. Gov says he's going to call the White House for the state to open Trail Ridge. Apparently not the trails etc which is really the attraction this time of year when TRR is often closed.

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From: Campbell, Colin <colin_campbell@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 7:05 PM
To: Catherine Cannon
Cc: Archer Michael; Shott Billy
Subject: Re: Stand down in San Juan County

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Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 6:42 PM
To: Magnuson, Mark
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Subject: Re: Colorado Governor

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From: Cannon, Catherine <kate_cannon@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 6:41 PM
To: Koschmann, Lena; Colin Campbell; Billy Shott; Michael Archer; Mary Risser; Kevin Moore; Paul Henderson
Subject: Re: Declaration for Restraining Order - ARCHES,CANYONLANDS,HOVENWEEP,NATURAL BRIDGES
Attachments: Staffing.Arch.es.Canyonlands.Hovenweep.Natural Bridges.docx; Expected visitation.docx

1. The declarants and contact information are as follows:

For Arches and Canyonlands National Park: Kate Cannon,
Superintendent, 435-719-2101 (office) and 435-210-0348
(cell), kate_cannon@nps.gov

Kevin Moore, Chief Ranger, 435-719-
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For Hovenweep and Natural Bridges National Monuments: Jim Dougan,
Superintendent, 435-692-1234 x15 jim_dougan@nps.gov

Alternate: Kate Cannon, Group
Superintendent, 435-719-2101/210-
0348

2. Declarant Bios:

Kate Cannon has been the Superintendent of the Southeast Utah Group for the last 7 years. In that role she has been responsible for maintaining working relationships with local governments and for managing and directing all park programs, including resource management, law enforcement, emergency services, facility management, interpretation, and administration.

Jim Dougan is a 27 year veteran of the NPS who has served in a variety of positions including assignments as chief ranger, backcountry ranger, education specialist, and maintenance worker. He has served as Chief Ranger and Superintendent of Hovenweep and Natural Bridges National Monuments for the past 12 years, providing oversight of all programs including law enforcement, natural and cultural resource management, visitor services, and facility management.

3. The Counties involved are San Juan County and Grand County.

Grand County surrounds Arches National Park. Grand County Sheriff Steven White has expressed his intention to open Arches National Park and retain it as open until the government shutdown is over. He has said he intends to do that by moving the barricades that currently block the roads and allowing public access to the roads and trails. He has

been uncertain about whether or not he would open the Visitor Center, but lately has leaned toward leaving it closed. He has said that he intends to provide and maintain portable toilets and to provide for trash collection if able. He has stated that his intention will be to protect the park resources from damage, and to provide law enforcement, search and rescue, and emergency medical services to visitors. He has said that he will give the Chief Ranger notice before he goes to the park entrance to open the park. We do not have any more formal proposal from him as yet. He also said that he was going to be assisting San Juan County Sheriff Rick Eldredge in opening up the west entrance to the White Rim Road in Canyonlands National Park's Island in the Sky District.

San Juan County adjoins Canyonlands National Park. San Juan County Sheriff Rick Eldredge has not been the spokesman for the County. San Juan County Commissioners Phil Lyman and Bruce Adams have been spokesmen. Although plans and intentions have evolved over time, the most recent statement of intentions was from Commissioner Bruce Adams today at 1:30pm local time. The Commissioner told me that a party of four consisting of Commissioner Phil Lyman, Sheriff Rick Eldredge, a second Deputy, and a 4th person will arrive at Natural Bridges National Monument at 8:45am and will proceed to the barricade on the entrance road to move the barricades and open the Monument to the public. Lyman and Eldredge will then depart, leaving the others to remain at the entrance to maintain it as open and to keep a log of members of the public coming in and out. That team of two will remain, using a camp trailer at a site nearby as their lodging. At 9:00am that same morning, San Juan County Deputies will simultaneously arrive at Hovenweep National Monument, and at the Needles and Island in the Sky Districts of Canyonlands National Park, and will proceed to open them. At each site, a Deputy and another person will remain, using a camp trailer nearby for lodging. Their role will be to keep the entrance open and to keep track of visitors. The County will have EMS people in the area to make sure the public feels safe. They also intend to provide portable toilets.

4. Staffing: see attached file

5. October visitation: see attached file

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Staffing:

Arches National Park	Normal October	During shutdown
Administration	0	0
Facility Management	7	1
Interpretation	10	0
Fees	8	0
Resource Stewardship and Science	1	0
Resource & Visitor Protection	4	3
Totals:	30	4

Canyonlands National Park, including all Group Support staffing	Normal October	During shutdown
Administration	12	1
Facility Management	16	4
Roads and Trails Crew	14	0
Project Crew	5	0
Interpretation	31	0
Resource Stewardship and Science	12	0
Resource and Visitor Protection	25	9
Totals	115	14

Hovenweep and Natural Bridges National Monuments	Normal October	During shutdown
Administration	1	0
Facility Management	6	2
Interpretation	2	0
Fees		
Resource Stewardship and Science	2	0
Resource and Visitor Protection	2	2
Totals:	13	4

	Expected visitation, October	Average Daily visitation, October
Arches	156,000	5200
Canyonlands	60,000	7500
Hovenweep	2200	103
Natural Bridges	11,936	385

NOTE: All numbers are estimates; database of park visitor statistics is unavailable during shutdown

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To: Colin Campbell; Mary Risser; Billy Shott
Cc: Vaughn Baker
Subject: Colorado Governor

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From: Campbell, Colin <colin_campbell@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 6:19 PM
To: Purcell, Cynthia
Subject: Re: IMPORTANT: Wash Co Sheriff Pulsipher enroute to Zion

OK, I am bringing him back as expected.

On Wed, Oct 9, 2013 at 4:15 PM, Purcell, Cynthia <cindy_purcell@nps.gov> wrote:
Yes, call him every day @ home (b) (6)
E-mail his personal account (b) (6)

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Cindy,

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From: Campbell, Colin <colin_campbell@nps.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2013 12:51 PM
To: Robinson, Reed
Cc: Billy Shott; Rena Fugate; Mary Risser; Joseph Stiver; Drew Gilmour
Subject: Re: DETO Potential Protest

OK Reed, thanks

On Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 10:48 AM, Robinson, Reed <reed_robinson@nps.gov> wrote:
At 0900 Crook Co. WY Sheriff Steve Stahla contacted DETO VRP in order to notify that an individual named Bob McKinney had made it known to the Sheriff that he and "a couple hundred participants" with "media alerted" were planning on breaching the DETO entrance gate "next week". This individual has a know reputation for extreme political views with unknown credibility. The Sheriff gave McKinney specific instructions to not block the road or congregate in the surrounding private property without permission. He (Sherrif) notified that if the park boundary was crossed the lead responsibility is the NPS however would provide support. I have not discussed with the Highway Patrol whom has jurisdiction of the road up to the park boundary. DETO is a concurrent jurisdiction park unit.

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From: Fagergren, Daniel <daniel_fagergren@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 6:13 PM
To: Lena Koschmann; Billy Shott; Colin Campbell; Laura Joss; Michael Archer; Mary Risser
Cc: Jeffrey Bradybaugh; Kathleen Gonder
Subject: Re: Declaration for Restraining Order
Attachments: TRO Questions.docx; TRO Signed Scan 1.jpeg; TRO Signed Scan 2.jpeg; TRO Signed Scan 3.jpeg; TRO Signed Scan 4.jpeg

Billy and Lena,

Here are the TRO questions for Bryce (Word and signed scanned copies);

Thank you,

Daniel

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On Wed, Oct 9, 2013 at 12:33 PM, Lena Koschmann <lena_koschmann@nps.gov> wrote:
FYI. More info to come.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Koschmann, Lena" <lena_koschmann@nps.gov>
Date: October 9, 2013 at 11:41:28 MDT
To: Kathleen Gonder <kathleen_gonder@nps.gov>, Catherine Cannon <kate_cannon@nps.gov>, Paul Henderson <paul_henderson@nps.gov>, Scott Brown <scott_brown@nps.gov>, Casey Hagaman <casey_hagaman@nps.gov>, Royce Orme <royce_m_orme@nps.gov>, Albert Prokopetz <a_wayne_prokopetz@nps.gov>, Lee Buschkowsky <lee_buschkowsky@nps.gov>, Brian Carey <brian_carey@nps.gov>, Tammy

Benson <tammy_benson@nps.gov>, Carolyn Richard <carolyn_richard@nps.gov>, Craig Yow <craig_yow@nps.gov>, Jim Ireland <jim_ireland@nps.gov>, Cynthia Purcell <cindy_purcell@nps.gov>, Therese Picard <therese_picard@nps.gov>
Cc: Billy Shott <Billy_Shott@nps.gov>, Michael Archer <mike_archer@nps.gov>
Subject: Declaration for Restraining Order

All,

We have been asked to gather information on all of our Utah parks in order to support the Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) that Dept. of Justice is putting together to prevent actions by your local Sheriffs. As such, we will need to be closely in contact with POCs from each park throughout the day. We will provide more information on the noon conference call.

In the meantime, please provide me with the following:

- 1) One point of contact for each unit (the same person can be POC for more than one unit, but must be able to swear to the facts in a legal document, so must have direct knowledge/ access to direct information) who will be the park's "declarant" for this document.
- 2) Complete contact information for that POC. This person must be available and able to be contacted throughout the rest of today. If the identified POC is not the park's Senior LE Official (SLEO/ Chief Ranger), please also provide that person's name and contact information.

Here is a summary of the type of information we'll be looking for:

- *Basic biographical information for the declarant that supports their expertise as the park's declarant.
- *A list of adjacent counties and their respective Sheriffs, and information on these Sheriffs' intentions/ actions thus far.
- *Normal staffing numbers for October (both pre- and post- sequestration) for Interp, VRP, Facilities, and any other emergency services.
- *Expected October visitation by month and day, if possible
- *Details on existing MOUs you have with cooperating agencies.

Thank you in advance for your help!

Lena B. Koschmann
Acting Regional Law Enforcement Specialist
National Park Service Intermountain Region
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TRO Questions

The following questions need to be answered for each park unit for the declaration of the Temporary Restraining Order.

Park Unit: Bryce Canyon National Park

1. Identify a declarant for each park appropriate to what is being asserted. This should be the Superintendent or someone else designated who can properly aver these facts as a knowledgeable person and someone who is excepted and/or readily available during this shutdown.

Name: Daniel Fagergren

Title: Chief Ranger

Credibility statement (basis for expertise and knowledge):



Good Contact Phone Number: (gov. c) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) or (per. c) (b) (6)

2. For each park, we need a picture of what normal staffing would be in October absent a shutdown. This data needs to include not only LEOs, but interpretive rangers, search and rescue, resource protection, safety, and maintenance. The numbers should be broken down in those categories by park.

LEOs: 10

Interpretive Rangers: 21

Search and Rescue: 10 (same as LEOs)

Resource Protection: 10

Safety: 1

Maintenance: 29

TOTAL: 71

3. Expected or average visitation for each Park for the month of October as well as, where possible, what the average daily visitation in the park would be.

Average Visitation = 120,900 Daily Visitation = 3900

4. What current staffing levels are in each Park, given the shutdown situation.

13 excepted staff

5. What is the activity for your park in October in terms of incident numbers (LE, SAR, EMS)?

151 LE, SAR, and EMS incidents.

6. Given your staffing levels for the shutdown and projected visitation and activity level, identify imminent harm, long-term risks, and repercussions specific to your park.

Garfield County is very rural with a small sheriff department staff. Without additional resources, the Sheriff cannot provide the same level of law enforcement and emergency services as the park usually does when open.

Visitor Safety: The County does not have staff to orient visitors, and park brochures and newspapers would not be available to use as orientation tools:

-With a high percentage of international visitors, orientation and providing for their safety is a challenge even under usual park operations.

-Without adequate orientation on safety measures, sickness and dehydration from high elevation, dry environment and extremely steep hiking/walking conditions may result;

-Visitors utilizing trails without orientation can become lost – even knowledge of visitors in the backcountry would be lacking and therefore any SAR would be delayed;

-Some of our trails are currently closed due to hazards, such as rock falls, and without adequate staff to patrol these trail systems, visitors that violate these closures will be at risk of injury or death.

Resource Impacts: If the park is opened by the Sheriff, we expect impacts to resources:

- Local residents have challenged NPS authority in use of ATV's – under Sheriff's opening we could experience attempts to use ATV's and off-road damage to vegetation and Threatened species habitat;

- Trespass livestock issues have resulted from stockman cutting/removing fences: under Sheriff's management, perpetrators likely to test fences even more with potential damage to meadows, wet meadows and Threatened species habitat.

- With hunting season in full swing, and the park operating under closed conditions with limited staff, there is an increased likelihood of possible poaching/hunting violations. The county will face the same possibility with even fewer law enforcement officers able to actively patrol the park and the boundary.

- With winter conditions approaching, County snowplowing could result in use of road salt or other chemicals polluting water and impacting wet meadows adjacent to the road. These substances are persistent in moist environments impacting vegetation and soils for extended periods.

- Under usual operations wildlife road kill is a problem and if speed limits are not strictly enforced, would be exacerbated under Sheriff's management.

- Lack of adequate toilet facilities will result in folks using bushes for screening and leaving excrement/toilet paper which takes extended periods to decompose, posing wildlife and public health issues.

- With a lack of county law enforcement staff conducting active patrols, resources such as wood and rocks are more prone to theft by visitors.

Facilities:

-The park, in many ways, is a small village and consists of over one hundred different structures and buildings, including; a historic and irreplaceable lodge, park staff and concession staff residential areas, bathrooms, historic structures, visitors center, and kiosks.

-Many of these buildings are alarmed with security protection systems and fire alarm systems. The county does not have access to them, nor do they have access to the codes to disarm them should an alarm be triggered.

-Burglar alarms are routed through a federal dispatch center (not the county dispatch) and generate an armed response by the rangers under normal operating conditions. The county has no mechanism to be notified of an intrusion alarm activation and, as stated, likely will not have the staff to respond at any given hour.

-The County would not be able to provide the custodian service and other maintenance staff necessary to open the park. Visitors trying to access facilities or using facilities without proper maintenance will be damaged and result in potential costly damage and repairs. Facilities are closed, but allowing several thousand people into the park is likely to result in visitors challenging barriers, locks, and barricades.

-There exists the very real threat of vandalism. With locked facilities, protest groups in the area already angry at the Federal Government, and the county not having adequate law enforcement resources to actively patrol all of the facilities, vandalism and theft of government property are likely to occur.

Structural and Wildland Fire: The park has their own fire brigade and wildland fire staff under normal operating conditions. The county relies on volunteers for both of these functions. The closest county volunteer fire department is in Bryce City. The Bryce City Fire Department and staff have only been in operation for little over one year. The Bryce City Fire Department staff is inexperienced with live fire, having only responded to a few real fire calls since they have been in service. During these calls the park fire bridge was also called out to assist and was on scene several minutes before the Bryce City Fire Department. In one case, the fire was in Bryce City. The point being that the Bryce City Fire Department, as it stands, is ill prepared to deal with a major structural fire. If the county decides to open the park they would be responsible for these operations and liability.

- While the wildland fire season is winding down, all of the structures at Bryce are situated amidst a ponderosa pine forest. Under the right conditions, a wildfire could destroy every structure in the park. The county does not have the staff or the resources to monitor conditions, conduct prescribed burns and thinning projects that the park normally does.

7. What counties are adjacent to your Park and who are the county Sheriffs.

Garfield County, Sheriff Danny Perkins. Approximately four miles of the southern end of the park is in Kane County, who's Sheriff is Lemont Smith.

8. Activities to date involving the county Sheriffs. Where the Sheriffs have "opened" the park what that has consisted of (who in NPS witnessed the activities and what happened, if anything.). Meetings with Sheriffs and what the content was.

Sheriff Perkins has not yet attempted to "open" the park, nor has an attempt been made in the past. I meet each month with Sheriff Perkins as part of the Southern Utah Drug Task Force. These meets are productive in sharing intelligence and have led to several successful drug interdiction cases including dismantling several marijuana gardens over the years. The park as a whole, and the rangers more specifically have an excellent working relationship with Sheriff Perkins and his staff. Sheriff Perkins has even gone so far as to deputize all of our permanent rangers, despite criticism from his colleagues.

Our current relationship with Sheriff Perkins is still very cordial despite the current threat to "open" the park. Following is a brief summary of our current county interactions authored by Superintendent Bradybaugh:

Chief Ranger/IC Fagergren, POC Gonder and I met with Garfield County Commissioner Leland Pollock, Sheriff Danny Perkins, County Attorney Barry Huntington and Bryce Canyon City Mayor David Tebbs from 4pm to 5:30 pm this afternoon (10/8/13). We have not been contacted by Kane County (southern end of the park with no direct road access into the park from Kane County).

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TRO Questions

The following questions need to be answered for each park unit for the declaration of the Temporary Restraining Order.

Park Unit: Bryce Canyon National Park

1. Identify a declarant for each park appropriate to what is being asserted. This should be the Superintendent or someone else designated who can properly aver these facts as a knowledgeable person and someone who is excepted and/or readily available during this shutdown.

Name: Daniel Fagergren

 10/09/2013

Title: Chief Ranger

Credibility statement (basis for expertise and knowledge):

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Good Contact Phone Number: (gov. c) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) or (b) (6)

2. For each park, we need a picture of what normal staffing would be in October absent a shutdown. This data needs to include not only LEOs, but interpretive rangers, search and rescue, resource protection, safety, and maintenance. The numbers should be broken down in those categories by park.

LEOs: 10

Interpretive Rangers: 21

Search and Rescue: 10 (same as LEOs)

Resource Protection: 10

Safety: 1

Maintenance: 29

TOTAL: 71

3. Expected or average visitation for each Park for the month of October as well as, where possible, what the average daily visitation in the park would be.

Average Visitation = 120,900 Daily Visitation = 3900

4. What current staffing levels are in each Park, given the shutdown situation.

13 excepted staff

5. What is the activity for your park in October in terms of incident numbers (LE, SAR, EMS)?

151 LE, SAR, and EMS incidents

6. Given your staffing levels for the shutdown and projected visitation and activity level, identify imminent harm, long-term risks, and repercussions specific to your park.

Garfield County is very rural with a small sheriff department staff. Without additional resources, the Sheriff cannot provide the same level of law enforcement and emergency services as the park usually does when open.

Visitor Safety: The County does not have staff to orient visitors, and park brochures and newspapers would not be available to use as orientation tools:

-With a high percentage of international visitors, orientation and providing for their safety is a challenge even under usual park operations.

-Without adequate orientation on safety measures, sickness and dehydration from high elevation, dry environment and extremely steep hiking/walking conditions may result;

-Visitors utilizing trails without orientation can become lost – even knowledge of visitors in the backcountry would be lacking and therefore any SAR would be delayed;

-Some of our trails are currently closed due to hazards, such as rock falls, and without adequate staff to patrol these trail systems, visitors that violate these closures will be at risk of injury or death.

Resource Impacts: If the park is opened by the Sheriff, we expect impacts to resources:

- Local residents have challenged NPS authority in use of ATV's – under Sheriff's opening we could experience attempts to use ATV's and off-road damage to vegetation and Threatened species habitat;

- Trespass livestock issues have resulted from stockman cutting/removing fences: under Sheriff's management, perpetrators likely to test fences even more with potential damage to meadows, wet meadows and Threatened species habitat.

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- Under usual operations wildlife road kill is a problem and if speed limits are not strictly enforced, would be exacerbated under Sheriff's management.

- Lack of adequate toilet facilities will result in folks using bushes for screening and leaving excrement/toilet paper which takes extended periods to decompose, posing wildlife and public health issues.

- With a lack of county law enforcement staff conducting active patrols, resources such as wood and rocks are more prone to theft by visitors.

Facilities:

-The park, in many ways, is a small village and consists of over one hundred different structures and buildings, including; a historic and irreplaceable lodge, park staff and concession staff residential areas, bathrooms, historic structures, visitors center, and kiosks.

-Many of these buildings are alarmed with security protection systems and fire alarm systems. The county does not have access to them, nor do they have access to the codes to disarm them should an alarm be triggered.

-Burglar alarms are routed through a federal dispatch center (not the county dispatch) and generate an armed response by the rangers under normal operating conditions. The county has no mechanism to be notified of an intrusion alarm activation and, as stated, likely will not have the staff to respond at any given hour.

-The County would not be able to provide the custodian service and other maintenance staff necessary to open the park. Visitors trying to access facilities or using facilities without proper maintenance will be damaged and result in potential costly damage and repairs. Facilities are closed, but allowing several thousand people into the park is likely to result in visitors challenging barriers, locks, and barricades.

-There exists the very real threat of vandalism. With locked facilities, protest groups in the area already angry at the Federal Government, and the county not having adequate law enforcement resources to actively patrol all of the facilities, vandalism and theft of government property are likely to occur.

Structural and Wildland Fire: The park has their own fire brigade and wildland fire staff under normal operating conditions. The county relies on volunteers for both of these functions. The closest county volunteer fire department is in Bryce City. The Bryce City Fire Department and staff have only been in operation for little over one year. The Bryce City Fire Department staff is inexperienced with live fire, having only responded to a few real fire calls since they have been in service. During these calls the park fire brigade was also called out to assist and was on scene several minutes before the Bryce City Fire Department. In one case, the fire was in Bryce City. The point being that the Bryce City Fire Department, as it stands, is ill prepared to deal with a major structural fire. If the county decides to open the park they would be responsible for these operations and liability.

- While the wildland fire season is winding down, all of the structures at Bryce are situated amidst a ponderosa pine forest. Under the right conditions, a wildfire could destroy every structure in the park. The county does not have the staff or the resources to monitor conditions, conduct prescribed burns and thinning projects that the park normally does.

7. What counties are adjacent to your Park and who are the county Sheriffs.

Garfield County, Sheriff Danny Perkins. Approximately four miles of the southern end of the park is in Kane County, who's Sheriff is Lemont Smith.

8. Activities to date involving the county Sheriffs. Where the Sheriffs have "opened" the park what that has consisted of (who in NPS witnessed the activities and what happened, if anything.). Meetings with Sheriffs and what the content was.

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Chief Ranger/IC Fagergren, POC Gonder and I met with Garfield County Commissioner Leland Pollock, Sheriff Danny Perkins, County Attorney Barry Huntington and Bryce Canyon City Mayor David Tebbs from 4pm to 5:30 pm this afternoon (10/8/13). We have not been contacted by Kane County (southern end of the park with no direct road access into the park from Kane County).

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Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 6:06 PM
To: Cannon, Catherine
Cc: Colin Campbell; Cam Sholly; Michael Archer; Billy Shott; Lena Koschmann; Mary Risser
Subject: Re: Information you requested re Utah NPS

Can I get a bio so that I can get the declaration regarding the meeting today. I would also like to get your own narrative of what happened in this meeting today.

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From: Campbell, Colin <colin_campbell@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 5:58 PM
To: Cam Sholly; Charles Cuvelier
Subject: Fwd: FYI- UT

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From: Shott, Billy <billy_shott@nps.gov>
Date: Wed, Oct 9, 2013 at 3:35 PM
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Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 5:21 PM
To: Magnuson, Mark
Subject: Re: Protest Scheduled at ROMO

Copy Mark, good strategy

Sent from my iPhone

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Mark Magnuson

Chief Ranger

Rocky Mountain National Park

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From: Buschkowsky, Lee <lee_buschkowsky@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 5:14 PM
To: Lena Koschmann
Cc: Wayne Prokopetz; Mary Risser; Billy Shott; Michael Archer; Colin Campbell
Subject: DINO TRO Responses
Attachments: DINO TRO Responses.docx

Please see attached and feel free to call me using my cell number at 970-629-8683 if you have any questions as I'm working away from my office this afternoon.

Lee Buschkowsky
Chief Ranger
Dinosaur National Monument
(970) 374-3004 (office)
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"Don't find a fault. Find a remedy." - Henry Ford

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Subject: Zion TRO Info
Attachments: TRO Questions Zion NP 10.9.13.docx

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Sheriff Pulsipher proposes to open Zion Main canyon at 0800 on 10/10 and maintain a day use opening until 8pm. He will staff each entrance station area with 1 LE deputy and staff the Zion Mt Carmel Tunnel with SAR personnel who will manage oversize vehicle traffic. East side pullouts will be opened, cones removed. He will not issue Wilderness permits and any activity that requires a permit will remain closed; i.e. overnight backcountry and slot canyon permits. He will not open the closed areas along the Kolob Terrace road which access 1 campground (Lava Point) and many day use, overnight, and slot canyon trails. He will open the Kolob Canyons Scenic Drive (off I-15). He is planning on installing porta-potties in the main canyon and Kolob Canyons on the scenic drive. He plans to have inmate work crews collect trash and clean porta potties on a daily basis. He would have 1 LE Sheriff patrolling the main canyon scenic drive managing traffic and parking problems (we warned him that this will overwhelm is resources quickly). He plans to set up an IC post at or near the Zion NP Entrance Monument, Springdale side (south) and have 8-9 SAR team resources available on a daily basis.

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To: Kim Fondren
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Administration	0	0
Facility Management	7	1
Interpretation	10	0
Fees	8	0
Resource Stewardship and Science	1	0
Resource & Visitor Protection	4	3
Totals:	30	4

Canyonlands National Park, including all Group Support staffing	Normal October	During shutdown
Administration	12	1
Facility Management	16	4
Roads and Trails Crew	14	0
Project Crew	5	0
Interpretation	31	0
Resource Stewardship and Science	12	0
Resource and Visitor Protection	25	9
Totals	115	14

Hovenweep and Natural Bridges National Monuments	Normal October	During shutdown
Administration	1	0
Facility Management	6	2
Interpretation	2	0
Fees		
Resource Stewardship and Science	2	0
Resource and Visitor Protection	2	2
Totals:	13	4

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From: Mihata, Lindy <lindy_mihata@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 4:45 PM
To: Billy Shott; Mike Archer; Fowler, Lena; Mary Risser; Colin Campbell
Subject: Fwd: Challenge to Hole in the Rock Road

Billy,

See Jeff's write up below. I have spoke to Sheriff Perkins and the sign will be returned with the agreement that the sign (though a free standing temp sign on the side of the road stationed with the patrol vehicle) will not be placed on the county road.

Lindy

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From: Kracht, Jeff <jeff_kracht@nps.gov>
Date: Wed, Oct 9, 2013 at 1:06 PM
Subject: Challenge to Hole in the Rock Road
To: Lindy Mihata <lindy_mihata@nps.gov>

Lindy:

On 10/09/13 at approximately 1245 hours I was contacted by Garfield County Deputy Jared Dunton while working a soft closure a quarter mile down Hole in the Rock Road. Deputy Dunton advised me that the Sheriff told him to confiscate the Parks closure sign I had placed on a barricade. I told Dunton I would take the sign down but would like to keep the sign. Dunton stated that the Sheriff told him to confiscate the sign and place it into evidence. Because I did not want the sign to get damaged I placed the sign into the back of his patrol pick-up. I placed the barricade in the back of my pick-up. I then read the prepared statement to Deputy Dunton. I then asked Dunton if the Sheriff wants me to leave the area. Dunton stated "i can't tell you what to do". Dunton Cleared at 1250 hours.

Jeff Kracht /s/

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Lindy Mihata
Acting Chief Ranger
Glen Canyon National Recreation Area
928-608-6252

Young, Deirdre R

From: Picard, Therese <therese_picard@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 4:41 PM
To: Lena Koschmann; Colin Campbell; Billy Shott; Michael Archer; Cindy Purcell; Mary Risser
Subject: imminent harm to Zion

Hello everyone- you'll be getting our information piecemeal as we work through this day.

Under the current proposal from Washington County Sheriff, they would open up the Kolob Canyons and Zion Canyons. Zion Canyon sees 90% of the parks visitation on a daily basis.

Imminent Harm and Risk to Employees:

Zion is currently working on a skeletal crew so does not have the staffing to adequately respond to EMS, SAR or Structural fire calls if the park is opened. This places our very small staff (6 LE per day and 4 VUAs to turn around oversize traffic) under increasing pressure and increases the risk to their safety and well being. A rescue within Zion requires from 12 to 25 individuals depending on the location and injury. We have the staff to maintain a closure- not to provide full service and any emergency calls will be taxing our current resources and placing our employees at risk.

Visitors: Due to the skeletal crew for emergency services, the risk and imminent harm to the visitor is also increased as their safe evacuation and any medical care would be significantly delayed due to limited staffing. Additionally, visitor safety would be compromised with a limited staff to respond to visitor conflicts over parking issues, motor vehicle accidents, domestics and other emergency incidents. County response to emergencies in the local gateway towns are often a 30-60 minute response time.

Resource Harm and Risk:

A mandatory shuttle service was established through a concession in 2000 due to the increased traffic within the park. The Zion Canyon Scenic Drive has approximately 250-300 parking spaces available. No shuttle service will be available during this period so resource damage through off road travel/parking is a very real concern. Zion experiences parking issues every March and November (just before and after the shuttle season) with resource damage even though visitation is much lower in these months than October. They will probably be overwhelmed with parking problems within 1-2 hours. They are currently not planning to open up the Visitor Center lot which holds about 1000 cars but there are limited hiking options in this area. The VC lots during shuttle season fills before 1030am on a daily basis.

Opening up the pedestrian entrances places the Visitor Center building, Comfort Station and adjacent Watchman Campground (and its facilities) at risk for vandalism and damage. Opening up the museum places the museum, bathrooms and park offices at risk.

Wildlife/ Motor Vehicle Collisions:

While we experience these infrequently, there are many near misses with mule deer and Desert Big Horn Sheep with frequent "sheep jams" requiring rangers to deal with traffic control. We have an SOP in place to use copper ammunition to dispatch wounded wildlife due to the Condor reintroduction program. There is potential for increased MVAs with wildlife due to the Sheriff not planning to do any traffic enforcement as well as long term issues with the Condors if the deputies used lead ammo for any dispatching issues.

Impacts on Springdale

Backups at the South Entrance station with three lanes operating has traffic back ups of 1/2 mile. The sheriff is proposing one lane open at the entrance station so town should expect backups of at least 1 mile into the main section of town.

Hunt Season

It is also the hunt season which is increasing the burden and risk on law enforcement staff to prevent and/or investigate any poaching incidents.

I'm sure we've left something out so let us know- We will get you visitation numbers for October shortly.

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Young, Deirdre R

From: Mihata, Lindy <lindy_mihata@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 3:38 PM
To: Billy Shott; Mary Risser; Colin Campbell; Todd Brindle; Lena Koschmann; Mike Archer
Cc: Kean Mihata; Chris Cook
Subject: GLCA Garfield County removes NPS sign

All:

An hour ago, a Garfield County Deputy removed (and drove off with) a temporary NPS closed ahead sign in front of our LE ranger.

Our LE ranger was in a marked vehicle on the Hole in the Rock, 1/4 miles down from the highway (not on NPS lands) with the sign (not blocking the road) to notify potential park visitors of the closure so they would not unnecessarily drive the long and rough road to find out the park is closed.

The deputy told the ranger that he was taking the sign as evidence per instructions by Sheriff Perkins.

The very brief contact was not filmed but is being documented. I will forward that documentation once completed.

Lindy

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From: Roelandt, Paul <paul_roelandt@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 2:04 PM
To: Fondren, Kim; Barry Roth; Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Veronica Larvie; Catherine Cannon; Kevin Moore; Jock Whitworth; Leah McGinnis; Brian Carey; Todd Brindle; Cam Sholly; Edward Boling; Cynthia Purcell; Colin Campbell; Mary Risser; Laura Joss; Billy Shott; Casey Hagaman; Royce Orme; Jeffrey Bradybaugh
Subject: Cedar Breaks Response - Requested Information for DOJ

Hello Kim,

As requested Here is Cedar Breaks response to your questions sent late yesterday. Sorry it has taken me longer to get this to you than anticipated.

1. At Cedar Breaks , there have been no incidents of County Officials asserting authority to open the park to date

2. On Tuesday Oct. 8, CEBR Superintendent Paul Roelandt initiated extensive phone calls with Iron County Commissioner Alma Adams and Iron County Sheriff Mark Gower. Iron County's questions and concerns were focused on what areas or restrictions we were placing on visitors being able to use the park.

After discussing a whole host of related topics through out the day, Commissioner Adams Alma agreed that with our "typical" facility closure dates and high elevation winter almost upon us, "re-opening" the park wasn't feasible and this wasn't worth pursuing. Sheriff Gower said he had driven through Cedar Breaks this afternoon and noted that while facilities visitor center and restrooms were closed and signed, visitors appeared to be able to access scenic viewpoints. Mark said that his recent discussions with the Iron County Commissioners confirmed that the County has no issues with how CEBR is handling the shutdown.

CEBR Superintendent Paul Roelandt also initiated a phone call with Iron County Sheriff Mark Gower the afternoon of Tuesday Oct. 8. Mark

3. Usual Park Staffing for October: 22 persons

Law Enforcement = 2

Interpretation, Fees and Visitor Information = 9

Resource management = 2

Facility Maintenance = 5

Administration = 4

4. Average Park Visitation for October = 39,000

5. Current Shutdown staffing = 5

Maintenance / Public Health- 4

Law Enforcement Ranger = 1

As needed/part time (Superintendent, Human Resources, Additional LE) = 3

Let me know if you need additional details or information.

Paul

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From: Hiscock, John <john_hiscock@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 1:53 PM
To: Billy Shott; Colin Campbell; Mary Risser; Rena Fugate
Subject: St. George Spectrum Article on Emergency Proclamation of Counties - Ref. to No. AZ Counties

Billy/Colin:

For your reference if you haven't seen. Here is the news article from the St. George, UT Spectrum of Tuesday, Sept. 8th on emergency proclamations from So. Utah counties and participation of No. Arizona counties (Coconino and Mohave) as well.

Southern Utah emergency declared as message to Congress

By christopher smart

| *The Salt Lake Tribune*

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The Washington County Commission on Monday unanimously approved a resolution declaring a "local emergency" because of the economic disruptions arising from the shutdown of Zion National Park and federally run campgrounds.

"This closure is having a devastating impact on those Washington County residents that rely on visitors to federally managed land, especially those that rely almost exclusively on visitors to Zion," the resolution reads in part.

The action was intended as a message to Congress and federal officials to open national parks, said Washington County Commissioner Alan Gardner.

There is no provision for financial aid to residents and businesses.

"There is a significant amount of tourism connected to the park," Gardner said in an interview. "Those who are affected directly are getting real anxious."

Officials from Washington, Kane, San Juan, Garfield, Sevier, Grand, Iron, Wayne, and Piute counties – along with the representatives from Coconino and Mohave counties in Arizona — met in person and via conference call Monday to discuss the mounting economic impacts of national park closures in their respective areas, according to a prepared statement.

Springdale, the town at the entrance of Zion, normally sees 10,000 visitors a day this time of year, Gardner said. Now, it's like a ghost town.

Garfield County officials described a similar scenario surrounding the closure of Bryce Canyon National Park, Gardner said.

All the counties at the meeting reported stories of economic downturn and distress in their areas, according to the statement

Parks in Coconino and Mohave counties include GRCA, PISP, PARA, and LAME, at least. I have been in touch with Supts. Dickinson at LAME and Pepito at PARA to determine if they have heard anything about an actual Mohave County proclamation (that would affect the parks mentioned above). To date none of us have heard anything concrete concerning Mohave County action equivalent to UT county actions, but we have agreed to keep each other informed.

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From: Waldron, Suzanne <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 1:17 PM
To: Rick Frost; Blake Androff; Kate Kelly
Cc: Billy Shott; Colin Campbell; Mary Risser; Laura Joss; Michael Litterst; Cam Sholly; Peggy O'Dell
Subject: Re: Media interst in Utah

looping in others - he just called here too - nothing to say, yet

his number is 801-257-8605

On Wed, Oct 9, 2013 at 1:01 PM, Rick Frost (b) (6) wrote:
I got a call from Brian Maffley from the Salt Lake Tribune who is following the Utah efforts to force reopening of the National Parks there. I referred him to Billy, Mike and Sue. He is looking for a park person in Utah that can comment.

Sent from my iPad

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From: Purcell, Cynthia <cindy_purcell@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 1:16 PM
To: Cam Sholly
Cc: Billy Shott; Lena Koschmann; Colin Campbell; Mary Risser
Subject: IMPORTANT: Wash Co Sheriff Pulsipher enroute to Zion

He just told me he plans to open Zion at 0800 tomorrow. Requested a meeting today in preparation for this action.

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Young, Deirdre R

From: Purcell, Cynthia <cindy_purcell@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 1:12 PM
To: Billy Shott; Colin Campbell; Mary Risser
Subject: IMPORTANT: call from Wash Co Sheriff Pulsipher

He is on his way to the Park right now to meet with us reference his order to open Zion NP tomorrow AM at 0800 hrs.

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From: Shott, Billy <billy_shott@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 1:04 PM
To: Rick Frost
Cc: Colin Campbell; Mary Risser; Laura Joss; Michael Litterst; sue_waldron@nps.gov
Subject: Re: Media interest in Utah

yeah, I'm literally on the phone now with whoever you spoke with. Why did you give them my contact info?

On Wed, Oct 9, 2013 at 11:01 AM, Rick Frost <rickfrost.frost0@gmail.com> wrote:
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Young, Deirdre R

From: Risser, Mary <mary_risser@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 12:56 PM
To: Colin Campbell
Subject: Re: Iron County Sheriff moved barricades at CEBR

On Wed, Oct 9, 2013 at 10:37 AM, Bradybaugh, Jeffrey <jeff_bradybaugh@nps.gov> wrote:
Kim, in response to your e-mail, here is information you requested for Bryce Canyon National Park:

1. There have been no incidents to date regarding County Officials asserting authority to open the park to date
2. Park met with County officials on 10/8/13 regarding County's declaration of Economic Disaster and intent to open the park using Sheriff's "authority". A follow-up meeting is scheduled at 4pm 10/9/13 to discuss if County intends to proceed to open park
3. Usual Park Staffing for October: 75 persons
 - Law Enforcement and Search and Rescue = 9
 - Interpretation and Visitor Information = 21
 - Resource management = 10
 - Facility Maintenance = 29
 - Fire Management = 3
 - Administration = 3
4. Average Park Visitation for October = 120,900 monthly = 3,900 per day
5. Current Shutdown staffing = 13
 - Incident Commander = 1 (Chief Ranger)
 - Point of Contact/ Public Info Officer = 1
 - Communications/IT = 1
 - Maintenance/Public Health = 1
 - Law Enforcement Rangers = 8 (on various shifts to enforce closure)
 - As needed/part time (Superintendent, Air Quality Monitor, Electrician, Snowplow operator) = 1

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Sir Ernest Shackleton, 1874-1922
shipwrecked Antarctic Explorer



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On Wed, Oct 9, 2013 at 7:20 AM, Fondren, Kim <kim.fondren@sol.doi.gov> wrote:

see message below. re information for preliminary injunction involving your Park.

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From: **Fondren, Kim** <kim.fondren@sol.doi.gov>

Date: Tue, Oct 8, 2013 at 7:53 PM

Subject: Re: Iron County Sheriff moved barricades at CEBR

To: "Sholly, Cam" <cam_sholly@nps.gov>

Cc: Edward Boling <ted.boling@sol.doi.gov>, Barry Roth <barry.roth@sol.doi.gov>, Margaret O'Dell <peggy_o'dell@nps.gov>, Maureen Foster <Maureen_Foster@nps.gov>, Veronica Larvie <veronica.larvie@sol.doi.gov>, Catherine Cannon <kate_cannon@nps.gov>, Kevin Moore <kevin_moore@nps.gov>, Jock Whitworth <jock_whitworth@nps.gov>, Leah McGinnis <leah_mcginnis@nps.gov>, Brian Carey <brian_carey@nps.gov>, Todd Brindle <todd_brindle@nps.gov>

Cam,

The DOJ lawyers working on the preliminary injunction filing need 1) identified declarants for each park appropriate to what is being asserted. 2) Where the Sheriffs have "opened" the park what that has consisted of. e.g. at Cedar Brakes who in NPS witnessed the activities and what happened, if anything. 3) For each park, we need a picture of what normal staffing would be in October absent a shutdown. This data needs to include not only LEOs, but interpretive rangers, search and rescue, resource protection and safety and maintenance. The numbers should be broken down in those categories by park. 3) Expected or average visitation for each Park for the month of October as well as, where possible, what the average daily visitation in the park would be. 4) What current staffing levels are in each Park, given the shutdown situation. This data will need to be submitted on a Park by park basis for the parks identified. These parks include Arches, Canyonlands, Lake Powell, Zion, Bryce, Natural Bridges, Capitol Reef, Cedar Breaks(sp?) ,and Glen Canyon. The Superintendent or someone else designated who can properly aver these facts as a knowledgeable person needs to be identified as a potential declarant. We need a name, title and good contact phone number for these people. I have copied the people Kate Cannon identified on this e-mail, and I will make contact with as many as I can this evening. In addition it would be good to get an identified LEO contact for each park identified here and get a consolidated e-mail report on park by park basis of events today and tomorrow morning so that DOJ can use that information in it's filings for the preliminary injunction,. DOJ wants to file as early as COB in Utah tomorrow. I will do more with this in the morning. Thank you all for your help.

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From: Risser, Mary <mary_risser@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 12:08 PM
To: Purcell, Cynthia
Cc: Laura Joss; Colin Campbell
Subject: Re: Meeting with Washington County Sheriff

Hi Cindy,

Thanks for the update. We've also been hearing that sheriffs are passing on inaccurate information about other parks, so your decision to ground truth with other points of contact is a sound one.

Thanks again.

Mary

On Wed, Oct 9, 2013 at 10:03 AM, Purcell, Cynthia <cindy_purcell@nps.gov> wrote:
Sheriff Corey Pulsipher and Under-sheriff Bart Bailey meet with us in Zion yesterday to discuss the Sheriff's proposed opening of Zion NP. Superintendent Jock Whitworth was present along with me (IC), and District Rangers (Ops) Therese Picard, Chad Corey, and Ray O'Neil and PIO Aly Baltrus.

The Zion group had created a white board list of topics that we wanted to address. The Sheriff opened the discussion with "what would it take to...." run the Zion-Mt.Carmel tunnel, the campgrounds, open the scenic drive and restroom facilities.

Pulisipher stated that his primary purpose was to open the area up to tourist traffic to include tour bus passage through the tunnel so they could get into Springdale and spend money. He said he would not open any wilderness areas that require permits (example: technical slot canyons) and was considering opening day use hiking areas only. No lodge, no restaurant, no shuttle, no fee collection (stated that the NPS could do that if we wanted to). He wanted a count of exactly how many restrooms would need to maintain once opened (10 to include Scout Lookout on the Angels Landing trail), how many campsites (300) and what it would take to provide traffic control at the tunnel (how many officers).

The Sheriff stated that the primary purpose behind this meeting was to take the information back to the County Commissioner and then wait for the order to proceed from the Commissioner. He told me he would call me as soon as he receives this order.

We told him that it is our position that the Park is closed and that if he proceeds it would be a violation of Federal Law. We would not attempt to stop him by use of force as that would likely have lasting negative effects on our good working relations. We informed him of our duty as LE Rangers to protect the resources and the visitors but that if he opened the Park, he would be assuming liability for infrastructure and visitor protection; tort claims, MVA's, parking and traffic control, vandalism, etc.

The Sheriff reiterated that the purpose behind the proposed opening of the Park was to provide economic relief to the local communities. I am pretty confident that Under-sheriff Bailey understood that this proposal would cost the county more than it may gain in economic benefit. (Bailey stated that he suspected the damage has already been done). As for the Sheriff....he is enjoying the ride.

Lastly: I suspect that the Sheriff's are attempting to spread mis-information from one Park to the next. Yesterday Bryce heard that Zion was open - not true. And, I inadvertently passed on bad information received

from a field ranger about the Sheriff removing barricades in Cedar Breaks. I learned late yesterday that this didn't happen. Today's local paper suggests that Zion is ready to pass over the keys to the Sheriff (also not true). Lesson learned. I will call Park POC's directly to ground-truth information.

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From: Roelandt, Paul <paul_roelandt@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 12:01 PM
To: Campbell, Colin; Cam Sholly; Mary Risser
Subject: Re: Info needed: CEBR Response

Hello Cam,

As requested, here is a quick summary of the information Colin asked us to send you::

Sheriff Mark Gower - Iron County, Utah

NO ACTIONS taken to date. I spoke with Mark yesterday afternoon and he said he had driven through Cedar Breaks and said the County has no issues with how CEBR is handling the shutdown.

Per my discussions by phone with Iron County Commissioner Alma Adams yesterday, I don't believe they intend to take any actions to open CEBR. We are located at 10,000 feet elevation and in a typical year would be closing all visitor services, facilities and programs by Columbus Day (Oct.14). The main scenic drive stays open to vehicular traffic until the first big winter storm and we close the road ...typically by the week of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Our winter recreation season and programs usually begins by the first week of December when the snow is deep enough.

The local newspaper article I forwarded along to you earlier this morning reinforces this view.

Thanks... and let me know if you need additional information.

Paul

On Tue, Oct 8, 2013 at 5:26 PM, Campbell, Colin <colin_campbell@nps.gov> wrote:

Could each of you please prepare a short briefing of what you understood from the Sheriffs of their intent to open what parks or portions of parks,

Sheriffs name, and County.

Any actions to date. Paul, what happened at CEBR today.

And submit those to Cam Sholly at WASO VRP by tomorrow morning. This information is needed for TRO.

Colin

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From: Risser, Mary <mary_risser@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 11:35 AM
To: Brindle, Todd
Cc: Colin Campbell; Laura Joss; Billy Shott; Cam Sholly; Charles Cuvelier
Subject: Re: Status

Hi Todd,

Thanks for keeping us up-to-date with what's going on out your way. We appreciate it.

Mary

On Wed, Oct 9, 2013 at 8:47 AM, Brindle, Todd <todd_brindle@nps.gov> wrote:

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From: "Bailey, Rick" <rmbailey@sanjuancounty.org>
Date: Oct 9, 2013 7:42 AM
Subject: Status
To: <Lindy_Mihata@nps.gov>, <todd_brindle@nps.gov>
Cc:

Good Morning:

After I talked with you last night Todd, the Governor's Office called and requested that we give the Governor 24 hours to work on issues with the Department of Interior. We have agreed to do that and so nothing will happen today. Our liaison talked with Kate Cannon again last night and told her that we would be postponing our actions for at least 24 hours and she agreed that if we would do that and went in Thursday that they would remove the locks and then step back.

As far as the Recreation Area, we are continuing to make preparations to move forward if we have Kane County on board with us as we discussed yesterday. We have some commitments from the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources and the Utah Division of Parks and Recreation for their assistance. I am not sure what our time frame will be in regards to do this, whether that will be tomorrow or Friday. I am sure that the day will dictate to us what our plans are going to be and I will be in contact with you both.

Please feel free to contact me in your have any questions and/or concerns. We again very much appreciate the cordial visits and openness of our meeting yesterday and look forward to working closely with you on this issue as well as others.

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From: Campbell, Colin <colin_campbell@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 11:18 AM
To: 3onNVUgsHDncmZiV_apbVoZikn.bjqXjgdi_XVhkWZggikn.bjq@calendar-server.bounces.google.com
Subject: Out of office Re: Invitation: IMPORTANT CALL TODAY 12:00 MT UTAH PARKS w/ Colin, et al ... @ Wed Oct 9, 2013 12pm - 1pm (colin_campbell@nps.gov)

.Leadership transition has been passed to Acting Deputy RD Mary Risser. 303-969-2799

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From: Roelandt, Paul <paul_roelandt@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 11:09 AM
To: Fondren, Kim; Barry Roth; Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Veronica Larvie; Catherine Cannon; Kevin Moore; Jock Whitworth; Leah McGinnis; Brian Carey; Todd Brindle; Cam Sholly; Edward Boling; Cynthia Purcell; Colin Campbell; Mary Risser; Laura Joss; Billy Shott; Casey Hagaman; Royce Orme; John Hiscock; Jeffrey Bradybaugh; Michael Archer
Subject: Worth a Read: Today's Spectrum Newspaper Article : "Utah Governor Asks Obama to Reopen Parks" Copy Attached
Attachments: 10.9.13 Utah Spectrum Article Gov asks Obama to reopen parks.pdf

Good Morning,

I have attached an article from this mornings "St. George Spectrum" which gives a broad overview of the state of play

in the Southern Utah Counties efforts to reopen national parks. One statement in particular stands out on their plans to move forward:

" today..they plan to work out the logistics of what it is going to take to man the various national parks with only state and local resources"

I'll pass along more articles to this group as they become available. Let me know if there is someone else who should be added to this list, or if one of you prefers not to get this information.

Thanks for your help and support as we work through this!

Paul

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Gov. Herbert asks Obama to reopen parks

Written by Tracie Sullivan

Oct. 9, 2013 |

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CEDAR CITY — Utah Gov. Gary Herbert sent a letter to President Barack Obama on Tuesday requesting that he reopen the state's five national parks, along with national monuments, historic sites and recreation areas.

Herbert sent the letter based on Monday's actions of several Southern Utah county commissions that declared their communities in a "state of emergency."

In the letter to Obama, Herbert said the shutdown of Utah's federally managed lands is "devastating individuals and businesses that rely on these areas for their livelihood."

Herbert also said if the president won't provide federal funds to allow the parks and monuments to function, Herbert would like the president to authorize Utah "to use state, local and private funds to reopen these areas to the public."

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

In addition, the governor included the emergency declarations signed by the Utah counties that highlight the economic situation as a result of the shutdown.

Iron County Commissioner Dave Miller said the governor's decision to write the letter to the president shows his support of the county's actions.

"His letter demands that this must end immediately," Miller said. "It left no question where he stands now and it shows that we are all on the same page."

Iron County Sheriff Mark Gower visited Cedar Breaks and drove through Cedar Canyon Tuesday to see what services, campgrounds and overlooks were still open. Gower said Cedar Breaks had closed all restroom facilities as well as the visitors center; however, the overlooks were open and visitors could drive through. Throughout the canyon, campgrounds were closed and barricaded. Outside of Cedar Canyon, Yankee Meadows and Deer Haven were also blocked off. Water was shut off at various campgrounds.

Iron County Commissioner Alma Adams said Cedar Breaks closes its visitors center and restrooms this time of year but usually not for another 10 to 15 days. Since it's close to that time, Adams said commissioners don't plan on opening the bathroom facilities or turning the water back on.

Garfield, Kane and Washington county commissioners were making other plans Tuesday, as they hosted meetings to discuss the details of reopening the parks and recreation areas in their individual counties, including Bryce and Zion Canyon national parks and Glen Canyon National Recreation Area.

Today, they plan to work out the logistics of what it's going to take to man the various national parks with only state and local resources.

"It takes 230 federal employees to run Zion National Park," said Washington County Sheriff Cory Pulsipher. "We don't have that kind of manpower so we have to look at the logistics of this thing and figure out what we can do and what we can't do."

Garfield County Commissioner Leland Pollock said Bryce Canyon will open with a host of contingencies, meaning it will not be business as usual.

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The counties are still hopeful the federal government might go ahead and fulfill Herbert's request, but they are making plans to move forward to reopen and manage the parks using local law enforcement and money.

Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer made a similar request last week when she asked federal authorities to allow her to use state funds to reopen and maintain the Grand Canyon. As in the case of Utah, several businesses also agreed in Arizona to step up and help fund the reopening of the park. A park official there said as long as the federal government remains shut down, such a plan isn't an option. Local county commissioners said they don't expect to have any different response here.

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From: Campbell, Colin <colin_campbell@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 10:10 AM
To: Cam Sholly; Charles Cuvelier; Billy Shott
Subject: Fwd: San Juan County

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Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 9:52 AM
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Thanks, maybe some bright light

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Cc: Kim Fondren
Subject: Declarations requested by DOJ RE: Utah Parks

Billy/Colin:

I met with Kim Fondren, SOL and have provided information related to a declarations request from DOJ. Once you have identified the primary point of contact in the regional office could we have a telephone call to discuss the particulars.

Billy-I may get a format from the SOL regarding a declaration however it sounded like the style you used earlier this year on the UT law is what would be requested/appropriate.

Key points: Probable a regional declaration regarding park operations supported by written documentation from the park.

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DOJ wants to file as early as COB in Utah today 10/9.

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Thanks

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Subject: Re: Update: Interactions with Kane County and San Juan County Sheriffs and GLCA

I think we at Bryce Canyon must have missed a request/instructions from Colin this afternoon. To reiterate our staffing which I want to be sure is included in e-mail communications:

IC = Daniel Fagergren, Chief Ranger Cell# 435-691-4810
POC = Kathleen Gonder, Chief of Interpretation Cell# 435-690-0084

...and myself (Jeff Bradybaugh, Supt) monitoring the situation/participating as necessary Cell# 435-632-0440

IC Fagergren, POC Gonder and myself met with Garfield County Commissioner Leland Pollock, Sheriff Danny Perkins, County Attorney Barry Huntington and Bryce Canyon City Mayor David Tebbs from 4pm to 5:30 pm this afternoon

(10/8/13). Our report is similar to that reported by GLCA and we have drawn language from it. We have not been contacted by Kane County (southern end of the park with no direct road access from Kane County)

The meeting was cordial and non-confrontational. Commissioner Pollock and I began communication last evening regarding this topic when the first inkling of this issue began and we talked several times today prior to the 4 pm meeting, discussing actions taking place in the Governor's Office. There are numerous rumors and misinformation spinning among Counties and I would encourage direct verification of info between parks and offices.

With their declaration of an economic emergency, the Garfield County Commission desires, through the Sheriff, to establish access to BRCA...the County officials we met with were seeking information about park operations desiring to collaborate with the NPS to open portions of the park, focused on areas along the main park road where principal canyon viewpoints are located. We informed them clearly that park facilities are closed...and discussed Director Jarvis' respectful declination of third party assistance.

We discouraged access to NPS campgrounds and other visitor facilities which they generally agreed with. Their principal concern along with roadway opening is restroom access, which is also a concern for BRCA in terms of resource and public health issues...average visitation this time of year can range from 3 - 4,000 people under normal circumstances. Likely it will be lower given the existing closure which has tamped down tourism travel in the area for the time being.

We informed them that we did not want backcountry access allowed from various trailheads in order to protect resources and

due to high incident rate with EMS and SAR (>1100 in 2012). They understand, agreed and again maintained interest in viewpoint access along the main park road.

They inquired about opening concession services which we explained were closed by contract and also severely understaffed due to attrition and layoffs and they did not press the issue.

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We asked for some time to prepare, to let the Governor's letter to the President play out and for parties to consider ramifications of the possible action. All agreed to meet again at 4pm tomorrow (10/9/13) to see if the County is prepared to proceed.

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Subject: Re: Information needed for DOJ preliminary injunction/temporary restraining order

I just spoke with Tracy Glover from Kane County Sheriff's Office and they will NOT be at Glen Canyon tomorrow. Possibly Thursday. He stated he and Sheriff Smith are relaying the magnitude and scope of opening the park to the commissioners and trying to be sensible about it.

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Lindy

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The Sheriffs were going to report back to their commissions this evening but in all likelihood would continue to work towards opening up access to Halls Crossing and Bullfrog marinas, probably as soon as 0930 MDT tomorrow.

We asked for a heads up so that we could ensure that any incidents at the closed entrances could be handled in an orchestrated and non-confrontational manner.

If operational control of these areas is seized by local government, NPS staff has been directed to remove themselves from the scene after documenting the incident. We will revert to our core shutdown mission of protecting life and property.

GLCA staff is operating under ICS for the shutdown incident. Lindy Mihata (928.640.3114 cell) is IC beginning 10/9/13. Superintendent Todd Brindle (928.640.1586 cell) is available but on furlough. GLCA is under proprietary jurisdiction and has mutual aid/emergency response/SAR MOUs in place with both counties.

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Subject: Phone call with San Juan County Commissioner Phil Lyman

This afternoon I received a phone call from San Juan County Commissioner Phil Lyman. Acting CANY/ARCH Chief Ranger Kevin Moore was in my office and participated in the call.

Commissioner Lyman explained that the County Commissioners had sent an Emergency Declaration related to the closure of the National Parks to the Governor, and are awaiting his response. Lyman told us that the County and **San Juan County Sheriff Rick Eldredge** intended to take steps to re-open the Parks to the public, and he did not want that to surprise us. He said the action planned was not intended as a political statement but was because they want the public to have access to the parks. He expressed his hope that this could be done without conflict between us.

He told us that he and Sheriff Eldredge and others planned to arrive at Natural Bridges National Monument tomorrow, October 9, at 8:30am. They would approach the barricade on the park entrance road with the intention of removing the barricade to allow public access. They understand that NPS rangers would meet them there and inform them that the Monument is closed by federal law, and that violating that closure would violate federal law. The San Juan County party would express their intention nevertheless, and would act to move the barricade.

Once the San Juan County party had re-opened the Monument, they would likely leave one of their party there at the Monument entrance, and the rest of the party would proceed to Hall's Crossing in Glen Canyon National Recreation Area to perform similar actions. He anticipated arriving at Halls Crossing around 9:30am.

The conversation was courteous and cordial.

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To: Cam Sholly
Cc: Colin Campbell
Subject: Meeting today with Grand County Sheriff Steven White

Today, October 8, 2013, CANY/ARCH Acting Chief Ranger Kevin Moore and I met with Grand County Sheriff Steven White and Chief Deputy Darrel Mecham at their request.

Sheriff White explained that the Grand County Council had just voted to adopt a "Proclamation Declaring a State of Local Emergency Due to the Economic Disruptions Arising out of the Closure of Arches and Canyonlands National Parks and Federally Managed Campgrounds", and had sent it to the Governor of Utah. White said that if the Governor approves the Grand County declaration, he (White) would act to open Arches National Park. In response to our question, White also said that they might choose to act to open Arches National Park even if the Governor did not approve the Grand County declaration.

He explained that "opening the park" meant opening the roads and trails to the public. In answer to our question, he expressed uncertainty about whether they would attempt to open the Arches Visitor Center.

White told us that his intention, and the County Council's, is that any such action proceed peacefully, without confrontation. He said that he and the County understand the importance of protecting the natural and cultural resources of the park, and would seek NPS advice on rules and practices to achieve that. He told us that their purpose would be to re-open the Park for the public and to manage it in the same way the NPS has been managing it, including adopting NPS permit systems and commercial use limitations. He hoped that the NPS and the Sheriff's office could collaborate in managing the open Park, and that the Sheriff and County wanted to assist the NPS until the budget issues are resolved.

White told us he hopes that the NPS would open the restroom facilities for the public throughout the Park, and that the County would maintain them if the NPS chose not to also maintain them. If the NPS did not make the restroom facilities available then the County would bring in and maintain portable toilets instead.

White told us that he would call us prior to coming to Arches to re-open the Park.

At one point in the conversation White alluded to his discussions with his San Juan County counterpart that included White working on behalf of the San Juan County Sheriff to open the White Rim area in Canyonlands National Park.

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I'll keep you updated if anything changes.

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On Oct 8, 2013, at 7:34 PM, "Carey, Brian" <brian_carey@nps.gov> wrote:

Supt. Todd Brindle and GLCA staff met with Sheriff Rick Eldredge (San Juan County, UT) and Sheriff Lamont Smith (Kane County, UT) and their staff this afternoon. Representative of Coconino County, AZ Sheriff sat in.

The meeting lasted about 1 1/2 hours and was cordial, respectful, non-confrontational.

Meeting takeaway is that due to the declaration of economic emergency at the county level, the respective commissions had directed the Sheriffs to establish access to Lake Powell, and the Sheriffs were seeking information about NPS operations in order to collaborate with the NPS to open these areas, specifically marina access at Halls Crossing and Bullfrog and access to an NPS campground/accessible shoreline/ORV play area at Lone Rock.

Todd reiterated that Director's stance on respectful declination of offers of third party assistance. Sheriffs wanted to know operational information on how to provide restrooms, how to inspect and treat boats for aquatic invasive species, etc. so that they could do a good job. They were not focused on opening up concession services.

We discussed our concerns which centered around the county's assumption of all liability for visitor safety, personal property protection (e.g. high-dollar private houseboats), resource protection, emergency response, criminal investigation and the like if they choose to effect a takeover of operations of the federal facility.

The Sheriffs were going to report back to their commissions this evening but in all likelihood would continue to work towards opening up access to Halls Crossing and Bullfrog marinas, probably as soon as 0930 MDT tomorrow.

We asked for a heads up so that we could ensure that any incidents at the closed entrances could be handled in an orchestrated and non-confrontational manner.

If operational control of these areas is seized by local government, NPS staff has been directed to remove themselves from the scene after documenting the incident. We will revert to our core shutdown mission of protecting life and property.

GLCA staff is operating under ICS for the shutdown incident. Lindy Mihata (928.640.3114 cell) is IC beginning 10/9/13. Superintendent Todd Brindle (928.640.1586 cell) is available but on furlough. GLCA is under proprietary jurisdiction and has mutual aid/emergency response/SAR MOUs in place with both counties.

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Could each of you please prepare a short briefing of what you understood from the Sheriffs of their intent to open what parks or portions of parks,

Sheriffs name, and County.

Any actions to date. Paul, what happened at CEBR today.

And submit those to Cam Sholly at WASO VRP by tomorrow morning. This information is needed for TRO.

Colin

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We'll all be in touch tomorrow.

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Colin/Billy,

Can we touch base when you get in and develop the best approach here?

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> Regards,****
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Young, Deirdre R

From: Campbell, Colin <colin_campbell@nps.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 08, 2013 7:27 PM
To: Kate Cannon; Todd Brindle; Paul Roelandt; Cynthia Purcell; Brian Carey; Leah McGinnis
Cc: Billy Shott; Mary Risser
Subject: Info needed

Could each of you please prepare a short briefing of what you understood from the Sheriffs of their intent to open what parks or portions of parks,

Sheriffs name, and County.

Any actions to date. Paul, what happened at CEBR today.

And submit those to Cam Sholly at WASO VRP by tomorrow morning. This information is needed for TRO.

Colin

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From: Paul Henderson <paul_henderson@nps.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 08, 2013 7:24 PM
To: Colin_Campbell@nps.gov; billy_shott@nps.gov; mary_risser@nps.gov;
Rena_Fugate@nps.gov
Subject: Fwd: Governor Urges President to Re-open Utah's National Parks, Monuments
Attachments: Pres. Obama Request to Open Utah's National Parks Oct 8 2013.pdf; 10.8.13 Governor Requests President to Re-open Utah's National Parks.pdf

Paul Henderson
Assistant Superintendent
Arches & Canyonlands National Parks
Hovenweep & Natural Bridges National Monuments
Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Moore, Kevin" <kevin_moore@nps.gov>
Date: October 8, 2013, 3:19:26 PM MDT
To: Catherine Cannon <Kate_Cannon@nps.gov>, Paul Henderson <paul_henderson@nps.gov>
Subject: Fwd: FW: Governor Urges President to Re-open Utah's National Parks, Monuments

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From: **Steve White** <swhite@grandcountysheriff.org>
Date: Tue, Oct 8, 2013 at 3:09 PM
Subject: FW: Governor Urges President to Re-open Utah's National Parks, Monuments
To: "Moore, Kevin" <kevin_moore@nps.gov>

From: Ruth Dillon [mailto:rdillon@grandcountyutah.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 08, 2013 2:38 PM
To: Lisa Church; Kristin Millis; Marian DeLay ; Andrew Fitzgerald; David Tubbs; 'Debbie Swasey '; Diana Carroll; John Cortes; Peggy Taylor; Steve White; Kate Cannon ; info@moabchamber.com; 'Mayor Dave'; Donna Metzler ; 'Ashley Korenblat'; Kelly Pehrson; Dean Cox; Phil Mueller; 'Jeff Flanders'; 'Christy Williams'; cindy@cnha.org; Andrea Brand; Andy Smith; bjackson@grandcountyutah.net; Carrie Valdes; Connie Haycock; Darrel Mecham; Jeff Whitney; Jim Webster; Kelly Braun; Krissie Braun; Lee Shenton; Marvin Day; Matt Cenicerros ; Orlinda Robertson; Ruth Dillon; Sherilyn Sowell; sswift@grandcountyutah.net; Terri Hines; Tim Higgs; Verleen Striblen ; Veronica Bullock; Elizabeth Tubbs; Gene Ciarus; Jim Nyland; Ken Ballantyne ; 'Lynn Jackson'; Pat Holyoak ; Rory Paxman
Cc: Melody Harkwright; Michele Hill; 'Mike Diem'
Subject: FW: Governor Urges President to Re-open Utah's National Parks, Monuments

From: Michael Mower [<mailto:mikemower@utah.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2013 12:23 PM
To: Leland Pollock; Gardner, Alan; Cameron Noel; john.jones@carbon.utah.gov;
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gcsso@color-country.net; Gene Ciarus; Kenneth Ballantyne; swhite@grand.utah.gov;
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Cc: Pearce, John; Robert Spendlove; Alan Matheson; Kathleen Clarke; Shannon Simonsen
Subject: Fwd: Governor Urges President to Re-open Utah's National Parks, Monuments

October 8, 2013

Hello Commissioners & Sheriffs:

The following is a copy of the press release just issued by Governor Herbert. It also includes a copy of the letter he sent to President Obama. Thanks to all of you who sent us copies of your emergency declarations. They have been included in the letter to the President and the U.S. Department of the Interior. If there are other declarations issued and sent to the Governor, they will be forwarded to the White House as well. We hope to hear very soon from the White House and the Department of Interior about a way to resolve this very challenging problem we are facing due to the Government shutdown.

Regards,

Mike Mower

Deputy Chief of Staff

Office of Utah Governor Gary R. Herbert

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From: **Nate McDonald** <nmcdonald@utah.gov>

Date: Tue, Oct 8, 2013 at 11:59 AM
Subject: Governor Urges President to Re-open Utah's National Parks, Monuments
To:

**The attached contains the following and a letter to the President.*

For Immediate Release

Oct. 8, 2013

Contact: Nate McDonald

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SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
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GARY R. HERBERT
GOVERNOR

GREG BELL
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

October 8, 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:

I am pleased to be the Governor of a state that is home to the “Mighty Five” – five stunningly beautiful and unique national parks: Zion, Bryce, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef, and Arches. In addition, Utah is home to several national monuments, historic sites, and recreation areas, including Glen Canyon, Rainbow Bridge, Hovenweep, Natural Bridges, Grand Staircase/Escalante, Monument Valley, Timpanogos Cave, Golden Spike, Dinosaur, Flaming Gorge, and Cedar Breaks. Each of these sites is a national treasure.

As Governor, I am writing on behalf of the people who call these areas home, as well as the millions of tourists who visit these venues annually. The unwarranted shut down of the national parks and other federal facilities is devastating individuals and businesses that rely on these areas for their livelihood. These closures must end immediately.

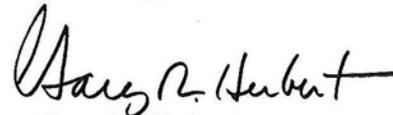
To that end, I formally request that, absent federal funding to maintain and operate national parks and monuments located in Utah, the State of Utah be authorized to use state, local, and private funds to reopen these areas to the public.

October is a peak season for tourism in many parts of Utah. The current federally-mandated closure is decimating the bottom line of bed-and-breakfast business owners and operators in Torrey, outfitters at Bryce Canyon City, and restaurant owners in Moab. All businesses are unfairly suffering the consequences of inaction and a lack of leadership in Washington. Economic disruptions caused by the closure have risen to the level of being an “internal disturbance” under the law, and several counties have declared local emergencies. Copies of these declarations are enclosed with this letter.

I look forward to working with local officials and the superintendent of each national park and site in Utah to determine a plan whereby we will be able to reopen these parks expeditiously. All that is necessary at this point is the permission to proceed from you and Department of Interior Secretary Jewell.

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Sincerely,



Gary R. Herbert
Governor

Enclosures (7)

cc: Secretary Sally Jewell
Senate Speaker Harry Reid
Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell
House Speaker John Boehner
House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi
Senator Orrin Hatch
Senator Mike Lee
Congressman Bob Bishop
Congressman Jason Chaffetz
Congressman Jim Matheson
Congressman Chris Stewart
John Jones, President of the Utah Association of Counties



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To: Cam Sholly
Subject: Fwd: Iron County Sheriff moved barricades at CEBR

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Date: Tue, Oct 8, 2013 at 4:27 PM
Subject: Iron County Sheriff moved barricades at CEBR
To: Mary Risser <mary_risser@nps.gov>, Billy Shott <Billy_Shott@nps.gov>, Colin Campbell <colin_campbell@nps.gov>
Cc: Paul Roelandt <Paul_Roelandt@nps.gov>

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From: Campbell, Colin <colin_campbell@nps.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 08, 2013 6:30 PM
To: Mary Risser
Subject: Fwd: BREWSTER COUNTY TO PURSUE INJUNCTION

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From: **taylor, scott** <scott_taylor@nps.gov>
Date: Mon, Oct 7, 2013 at 9:41 AM
Subject: BREWSTER COUNTY TO PURSUE INJUNCTION
To: Colin Campbell <colin_campbell@nps.gov>

Colin,

Pasted in below is the Big Bend Gazette article we discussed. Their website is down right now (<http://bigbendgazette.com>) so there is no further articles that I can access. The Brewster county website also gives no helpful information.

Thanks for talking with me today.

Scott Taylor
Acting Chief Ranger/Pilot
Big Bend National Park
P.O. Box 129
Big Bend, TX 79834
Work: (432) 477-1185, or (432) 371-2398
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BREWSTER COUNTY TO PURSUE INJUNCTION TO OPEN BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK

Brewster County Commissioners Court voted this afternoon to seek a temporary injunction against the U.S. Department of the Interior to open Big Bend National Park.

Currently the park is closed to all visitation including road access due to the shutdown of the Federal Government. all National Parks and National Forests throughout the nation are closed as a result of the shutdown.

Currently all roads that traverse Yosemite National Park in California are open to through traffic only. Why the through roads in Big Bend National Park are closed is a mystery.

More on this breaking story later tonight.

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From: Campbell, Colin <colin_campbell@nps.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 08, 2013 6:29 PM
To: Mary Risser
Subject: Fwd: Proclamation and press release
Attachments: Government Shutdown Press Release 2013.pdf; 131007 Local Emergency Declaration_economic park closure.doc

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From: Michael Archer <mike_archer@nps.gov>
Date: Mon, Oct 7, 2013 at 8:06 PM
Subject: Fwd: Proclamation and press release
To: Campbell Colin <colin_campbell@nps.gov>
Cc: Koschmann Lena <lena_koschmann@nps.gov>

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Purcell, Cynthia" <cindy_purcell@nps.gov>
Date: October 7, 2013, 5:41:00 PM MDT
To: Therese Picard <therese_picard@nps.gov>, Chad Corey <chad_corey@nps.gov>, "Ray O'Neil" <ray_o'neil@nps.gov>, Billy Shott <Billy_Shott@nps.gov>, Michael Archer <mike_archer@nps.gov>, Jock Whitworth <jock_whitworth@nps.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Proclamation and press release

FYI: Keeping track of the Governors Response.

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From: Cory Pulsipher <cpulsipher@washerriff.net>
Date: Mon, Oct 7, 2013 at 3:42 PM
Subject: Proclamation and press release
To: Cynthia Purcell <cindy_purcell@nps.gov>

Cindy

They just released this to the media so I figured I would forward to you.

Cory Pulsipher
Washington County Sheriff

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Cindy J. Purcell
Chief Park Ranger
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Contact:

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Washington County Commission Passes Local Emergency Resolution

St. George, Utah – Commissioners from Washington, Kane, San Juan, Garfield, Sevier, Grand, Iron, Wayne, and Paiute Counties – along with the Supervisors from Coconino and Mohave Counties in Arizona - met in person and via conference call this morning to discuss the mounting economic impacts of National Park closures in their respective areas.

Commissioners from Garfield County stated that the closure of Bryce Canyon is impacting hoteliers and others who depend on the flow of tourists for their livelihood. Springdale, the gateway to Zion National Park, normally sees ten thousand visitors a day. The town, in spite of its messaging effort that it is open for business, is eerily empty. In turn, each of the counties in attendance reported similar stories of economic downturn and distress in their areas.

Later, in an emergency County Commission meeting held at one o'clock this afternoon, The Washington County Board of Commissioners unanimously passed a proclamation declaring a local emergency in Washington County due to the economic disruptions arising from the closure of Zion National Park and federally managed campgrounds. A copy of the resolution was forwarded to Governor Herbert following the meeting.

A copy of the resolution is attached to this press release.

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PROCLAMATION
DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, UTAH
DUE TO THE ECONOMIC DISRUPTIONS ARISING OUT OF THE CLOSURE OF ZION
NATIONAL PARK AND FEDERALLY MANAGED CAMPGROUNDS

WHEREAS, Washington County is a political subdivision of the State of Utah;

WHEREAS, over 75% of land in Washington County is managed by the federal government;

WHEREAS, Zion National Park (“Zion” or “the Park”) is located in Washington, Kane, and Iron Counties;

WHEREAS, Zion receives approximately 3 million visitors annually, and the vast majority of those visitors pass through commercial areas of Washington County to gain access to Park;

WHEREAS, those visitors not only enjoy the natural beauties of Zion, but also enjoy the accommodations, restaurants, and shopping venues in the County;

WHEREAS, a significant number of residents in Washington County rely on the tourism industry created by Zion visitors for income;

WHEREAS, a significant portion of the annual visitors come to Zion in the month of October to enjoy the fall temperatures and avoid the summer crowds—by no means has the tourism season ended at the beginning of October;

WHEREAS, visitors also come to Washington County to recreate in federally managed lands outside of Zion—especially during the deer hunt that occurs annually in October;

WHEREAS, the operation of federally managed campgrounds brings tourism to Washington County;

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2013, the federal government closed Zion National Park, as well as all of the other National Parks, National Recreation Facilities, and federally managed campgrounds in the State of Utah;

WHEREAS, this closure is having a devastating impact on those Washington County residents that rely on visitors to federally managed land, especially those that rely almost exclusively on visitors to Zion;

WHEREAS, this severe and direct impact has an indirect impact on the rest of the economy in Washington County because of the lack of spending by those residents directly impacted by the lack of tourists; and

WHEREAS, the overall economic disruptions caused by the closure, which is an “internal disturbance” under the law, are sufficient for Washington County to declare a Local Emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Utah Code Annotated Section 53-2a-208 (West 2013), on behalf of the citizens of Washington County, the Washington County Commission declares Washington County to be in a state of “Local Emergency”;

FURTHERMORE, pursuant to Utah Code Annotated Section 53-2a-208(d), Washington County is authorized to provide all appropriate aid and assistance in relation to this Proclamation.

COMMISSION

WASHINGTON COUNTY

James Eardley, County Commission Chair
October ____, 2013

ATTEST:

Kim W. Hafen
Washington County Clerk

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From: Koschmann, Lena <lena_koschmann@nps.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 08, 2013 6:24 PM
To: Michael Archer; Billy Shott; Rena Fugate; Mary Risser; Colin Campbell
Subject: Unit Log Oct. 8, 2013
Attachments: 20131008_ICS214_Unit Log_Koschmann.doc

Let me know if any additional information or clarification is needed.

Thank you,

Lena B. Koschmann
Acting Regional Law Enforcement Specialist
National Park Service Intermountain Region
O: 303-969-2641
C: 631-241-4792

	employees and check on them.
1330-	Office. Update 214, respond to e-mails and tally incoming data.
1430	Brief call with GRCA to confirm data call ask re: confrontations and vandalism.
1435	Call with Aaron Shandor for an update on the afternoon WASO call.
1436	E-mail from Charles Cuvelier requesting phone call with Colin and I. We called him, and he passed along "intel" from BLM that three Sheriffs were en route to the parks in their counties to "reopen" them. Colin and I contacted the parks in question (Arches, Cedar Breaks, and Glen Canyon) and passed along the info. GLCA said that they had an already-scheduled meeting with the Sheriff in question, which was to take place starting at 1500 MST. Cindy Purcell (for LE at Zion and CEBR) passed along that she met with the Sheriff of Washington County, who said that the UT Governor had sent a letter to Washington, and that the SO was waiting for word from the Governor and their Comissioners on whether they'd reopen the parks. Colin was able to reach CANY/ ARCH and pass along the info to them. As of 1550 hrs, no updates from the park of any actual "reopening" attempts.
1530	Call with Billy Shott to brief him on the situation.
1540	Call with Duty Officer Dewey to brief him on the situation.
1535	Rec'd call from Lane Baker at SEAZ stating that several Swiss Diplomats had shown their diplomatic papers and entered the park on bicycles. They were educated, and then entered the park anyway. Lane sent a follow-up e-mail with the specifics.

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Young, Deirdre R

From: Benjamin, John <john_benjamin@nps.gov>
Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2013 2:36 PM
To: Mary Risser; Laura Joss; Colin Campbell; Rena Fugate
Subject: Local Reaction to the shutdown

Folks,

Thank you for your continued support from IMR.

Carlsbad Caverns is staying pretty quiet. We got about a quarter of an inch of rain this morning which will keep our fire danger low. The four Rangers are keeping a good patrol schedule that includes our north boundary where bow hunting season is now open.

The White's City folks tell us that about 10 cars a day go around our first warning barricade that only closes the inbound land. They go to the locked gate at the entrance sign and spend a few minutes there before leaving.

The editorial in Saturday's Current-Argus scolded the Governor for not wanting to spend state funds to open CAVE and the other National Parks in New Mexico.

The local NM State Park, Living Desert, is seeing a spike in their visitation that they attribute directly to CAVE being closed.

Heard an interesting story from a chamber of commerce member: The Holiday Inn Express in town had a tour bus or elderly folks Thursday night who were expressing their extreme disappointment to the staff that CAVE was closed. One of the elderly ladies started a loud discussion about their having come thousands of miles to see the Caverns and should go out to the park and "storm the gate". That would have been interesting.

Some of our seasonal employees have left to go home and may well not return. That will present problems when (if) the park opens.

Again, thank you all for continued support from up there in the Mile High City.

John

Young, Deirdre R

From: Sholly, Cam <cam_sholly@nps.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 08, 2013 6:17 PM
To: Koschmann, Lena
Cc: Colin Campbell; Billy Shott; Michael Archer; Charles Cuvelier
Subject: Re: Secretary's Call with Governor

Thanks - that's exactly the info we need. TRO request is being written up now and they've asked us to provide any and all information relating to contact with the Sheriff's -- good or bad.....

Cameron Sholly
Associate Director
Visitor and Resource Protection
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On Tue, Oct 8, 2013 at 6:08 PM, Koschmann, Lena <lena_koschmann@nps.gov> wrote:
No reports of actions being taken on the ground at this time. GLCA had a meeting with their local Sheriffs this afternoon, within the past hour, and I've gotten no update as to the outcome of that meeting. Cindy Purcell (ZION/ CEBR) reported that the Washington County Sheriff met with her and stated that he was waiting on word from his Governor and local Commissioners before he would take action to "reopen the parks." Captain Dewey is our after-hours duty officer tonight, and has been briefed on the situation; he will be available to take any incoming reports overnight. We will continue to pass along any information as we receive it.

Thanks,

Lena B. Koschmann
Acting Regional Law Enforcement Specialist
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On Tue, Oct 8, 2013 at 4:01 PM, Sholly, Cam <cam_sholly@nps.gov> wrote:
Apparently the governor told the secretary he was going to reach out to the Sheriff's association to dissuade any disruptive actions in parks by state or local LE.

TRO request is being processed by DOJ.

Please continue feeding us any info you get from the parks on activities on the ground.

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Thanks,

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To: Colin Campbell
Subject: Fwd: Letter from the Governor
Attachments: 2013_10_08_15_08_52.pdf

Colin

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I wanted to touch base with you on this and get some guidance on a few things they we're asking of me. If you could call at (b) (6) when you can?

Thanks

Sent from my iPad

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Date: October 8, 2013 at 3:12:41 PM MDT
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Subject: Letter from the Governor

Leah,

Attached is the letter Commissioner Fillmore was talking about. Thanks!!

Tawni



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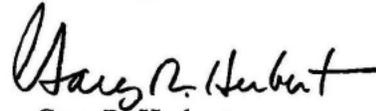
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Also, the Secretary is talking to the Governor in 45 minutes.

Important to get real information as it's happening on the ground.

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To: Campbell, Colin
Subject: Re: GLCA

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Subject: Info

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From: Koschmann, Lena <lena_koschmann@nps.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 08, 2013 4:36 PM
To: Cuvelier, Charles
Cc: Colin Campbell
Subject: Re: Local Sheriff Activity-GLCA, Arches

Yes. Colin-- I'm finishing up a quick call, and then will walk down to your office, if you're free.

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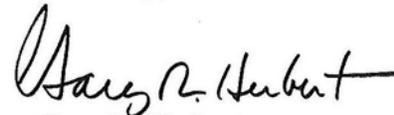
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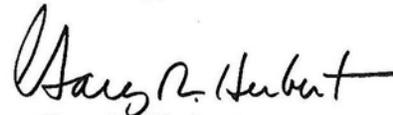
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Governor Urges President to Re-open Utah's National Parks, Monuments

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

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

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

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

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

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

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From: Joss, Laura <laura_joss@nps.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 08, 2013 2:28 PM
To: Brindle, Todd
Cc: Carey, Brian; Colin Campbell; Mary Risser; Billy Shott; Rena Fugate; Kate Cannon
Subject: Re: Update on San Juan County - Conversation with Sheriff Eldredge

Thanks Todd -- this is very helpful. I will share this with WASO this afternoon when I update Peggy about the overall situation.

Laura

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Sent: Tuesday, October 08, 2013 2:24 PM
To: Campbell, Colin
Subject: Re: Possible update for the call...

OK - thanks

On Tue, Oct 8, 2013 at 12:16 PM, Campbell, Colin <colin_campbell@nps.gov> wrote:
We did this over the weekend. Looks like at least one person found value in it.

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From: Austin, Paul <paul_austin@nps.gov>
Date: Tue, Oct 8, 2013 at 10:46 AM
Subject: Possible update for the call...
To: Lena Koschmann <lena_koschmann@nps.gov>, Colin Campbell <colin_campbell@nps.gov>

Lena -

An idea for the call - I would be helpful to have a very brief overview of any significant incidents in IMR and other regions during the call if possible as was done Sat/Sun. Heard Zion might have had something, GRCA, etc....

Thanks.

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Cc: Cynthia Purcell; Rosalie Pepito; William Dickinson; Mary Hinson; Jeff Bradybaugh; Kate Cannon
Subject: So. Utah / No. Arizona Proclamations Affecting NPS Units

I have tried to contact some of our PW friends in Mohave County, AZ to find out whether anyone has specifically heard about a Mohave County proclamation and/or actions by Mohave County sheriffs to open NPS units.

I got ahold of Rosie Pepito (Supt.) at PARA and she is going to contact her LAME staff. She indicated that she will get back to me.

A good contact as well, as she and I talked about area support as needed and Todd Seliga's situation at Tuweep. All good to know.

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Subject: Utah's emergency declaration authority for counties
Attachments: 53_02a020800.pdf

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(2) A declaration of a local emergency:

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(b) provides a legal basis for requesting and obtaining mutual aid or disaster assistance from other political subdivisions or from the state or federal government;

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(b) a county shall declare to the state;

(c) the state shall declare to the federal government; and

(d) a tribe, as defined in Section 23-13-12.5, shall declare as determined under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 5121 et seq.

(5) Nothing in this part affects:

(a) the governor's authority to declare a state of emergency under Section 53-2a-206; or

(b) the duties, requests, reimbursements, or other actions taken by a political subdivision participating in the state-wide mutual aid system pursuant to Title 53, Chapter 2a, Part 3, Statewide Mutual Aid Act.

Renumbered and Amended by Chapter 295, 2013 General Session

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Subject: Re: Cedar Breaks Update: Emergency Declaration from 7 Utah Counties

Good Morning Everyone,

Thanks Jeff for passing along this information. I've also been talking with our local tourism folks, reading the papers and heard the piece on NPR this morning. I got a call back from Iron County Commissioner Alma Adams this morning. His questions were focused on what areas or restrictions we were placing on visitors being able to use the park.

I told him that our primary access road / scenic drive (Hwy 148) and connector State Route 143 remain open for vehicular access. Both of these are pass through roads and important for access to other routes and communities on Cedar Mountain. We we have signed all of our overlooks, parking lots and trail access points as "area closed due to the government shutdown". We have gates closed and barricades up restricting access to service roads that serve our maintenance areas, utility systems, housing area, campground and administrative areas.

Alma asked if there was any way we could open our restrooms for visitor use. I told him that at 10,000 feet elevation, the cold below freezing temperatures at night were already upon us. We have had several significant snowfalls already, with patches of snow remaining on the ground. We typically close all visitor facilities on Columbus Day (Oct. 14) in preparation for our winter recreational season. This includes water systems and restrooms. With ongoing uncertainties about when the shutdown might end, our facility manager is moving ahead with winterization to prevent frozen pipes and damaged buildings.

He asked about the possibility of (presumably the County) placing porta potties in key locations for visitors to use. I told him the challenge with those is keeping them clean and serviced. They also can freeze up depending upon the type of chemicals used. He agreed that with our "typical" facility closure dates and high elevation winter almost upon us, this wasn't worth pursuing.

Alma said that the Governor has all the declarations and paperwork showing support from all the Counties effected by the park closures, and was working with Utah's legislative offices to put pressure on the feds in Washington to open the parks.

Our excepted employees report our visitation has been high. This past weekend we often had a full parking lot at the Visitor Center / Pt. Supreme area, which included bus tours, bicycle groups and Elderhostel vans. We continue to have a visible law enforcement presence, and provide visitors with a list of alternative state parks and local places to visit that was put together by our local tourism office.

Hope this perspective helps... and call my cell (b) (6) if you'd like additional details.

Paul

On Tue, Oct 8, 2013 at 7:36 AM, Bradybaugh, Jeffrey <jeff_bradybaugh@nps.gov> wrote:

Latest news report on this topic from St. George Spectrum below...also news report/interview with Iron County officials on KUER public radio across the state this morning reporting counties discussing using sheriff departments to "open locked gates"

Note Iron County Sheriff is today "scoping out" what is closed or barricaded around Cedar Canyon/Cedar Breaks NM...counties are threatening possible opening of parks via county sheriffs...since last night I haven't been able to get a copy of one of the declarations yet

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The entrance to Zion National Park is shown April 26, 2011. Counties in the region are considering actions to regain access to federal lands in the region. Jud Burkett / The Spectrum & News

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County governments across Southern Utah moved to condemn the shutdown of national parks by declaring a state of emergency due to the economic impact that the closure of federally managed lands have had on local communities.

Washington and Iron counties both filed separate resolutions Monday after several counties held a meeting to discuss solutions to the current closures.

Representatives from Garfield, Wayne, Sevier, Paiute, San Juan and Grand counties all attended the meeting, some of them participating by phone. Mohave and Coconino counties in Arizona also were represented.

Proclamations similar to the ones from Iron and Washington counties were issued by Kane and Garfield counties. Coconino County later decided it would first try an alternative route, said public information officer Nathan Gonzalez.

“We’re going to try some other things first like working with the community businesses and the Chamber of Commerce to get the word out that there are still lots of things to do here even though the national parks are closed,” Gonzalez said.

As for Iron and Washington counties, the commissioners are done talking and ready to put action behind their written resolution.

“We’re not asking for federal funds in this resolution,” said Iron County Commissioner Dave Miller. “We are asking for them to restore the parks to an open status, and if they are not going to do it we will do it ourselves.”

Miller, along with Iron County Commissioners Jim Brinkerhoff and Alma Adams, and Iron County Sheriff Mark Gower met Monday evening to discuss their next step. The commissioners agreed, per advice by legal counsel, that they needed to wait to hear from the governor before taking any further action. Commissioners are hopeful he will support their decision to open up the parks regardless of a lack of federal oversight.

The governor’s deputy chief of staff and director of communications, Ally Isom, confirmed Monday night that Gov. Gary Herbert received the resolutions and reviewed them. However, no other comment was available at press time.

The parks closed a week ago when a dispute in Congress over the Affordable Care Act, also known as “Obamacare,” froze much of the funding for the federal government and put more than 800,000 federal employees on furlough.

Following word from the governor today, the Iron County commissioners have ordered Gower to prepare to unlock all restrooms and any roads that are barricaded. Gower said he is ready and willing to do as he’s been asked.

“We will do it in an orderly and controlled manner, but we will do whatever is necessary to open those lands,” Gower said.

When asked what he planned to do if met with resistance by the federal government, Gower said he still would open the federal lands.

“I don’t want to use force or violence,” Gower said. “I don’t want it to get ugly, but at some point they are going to have to step aside.”

Washington County Commissioner, Alan Gardner said his county also will do what it has to do to open the federally managed lands, including sending Sheriff Cory Pulsipher to remove barriers.

Generally, September and October are popular months for tourism as the summer winds down and kids go back to school. Many people enjoy this time of year to visit the national parks.

Nick Smith, owner of Seldom Seen Adventures in Kanab, said these two months are important for his business. Smith recently helped to organize the group, Occupy National Parks.

Members of the group jumped the gate in Zion National Park last weekend in protest to the park’s closure. They set this upcoming weekend, Oct. 12,

to do it again. This time, however, they hope to get at least a 100 to 200 people to participate.

Gardner said he doesn't discourage anyone from ignoring the barriers as he believes these lands are the public's and only entrusted to government to care for — not to control.

Gardner isn't just angry about the parks being closed but also all of the public lands surrounding the communities.

“What's really disgusting is it's not just the parks (the government) has tried to shut down; it's the whole public lands,” he said. “You have national forest campgrounds, BLM campgrounds — anything that has a federal deal attached to it. We can't even get cinder for our roads because they've closed the road to where we get it.”

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Maria Twitchell, executive director for the Cedar City-Brian Head Tourism Bureau, told commissioners at the meeting Monday night that the closest they could come to estimating the economic impact to the community is by figuring that tourists spend an average of \$130 per day, per person.

“If you estimate, 500 cars daily going through Cedar Breaks, then that's a loss right there of \$65,000 a day. And there are a lot more than 500 cars that go through Cedar Breaks a day,” she said.

Commissioners discussed how the \$130 is a loss of food, hotels and activities tourists usually spend their money on while here.

Twitchell said, her office has been overwhelmed with trying to redirect visitors to other areas and activities this last week and helping them find alternatives to the national parks.

“Many of these people have saved up for two years to go on vacation to our area,” Twitchell said. “They’re essentially displaced.”

Hotels are also seeing the repercussions of the closures as they experience early check-outs and cancellations. Ruby’s Inn, located at the entrance of Bryce Canyon National Park, reported it has lost nearly \$1 million in cancellations, and that number doesn’t include the decrease in spending on meals and activities.

Lance Syrett, Ruby’s Inn Resort Level Hotel general manager, said he has had to cut prices in half due to the closures to entice people to stay.

The Utah Office Tourism launched a \$3.1 million advertising campaign this last spring and summer to promote the state’s five national parks known as the “The Mighty Five.” They include Arches, Bryce Canyon, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef and Zion national parks.

Roxie Sherwin, director of the St. George Area Convention and Tourism Office, said she is concerned that the money spent on the campaign built momentum that will be lost the longer the shutdown continues.

“I’m really concerned about the potential long-term damage that’s going to be done the longer this continues,” she said. “A lot of money has been on marketing campaigns built around these parks. What’s it going to cost to regain that marketing momentum? What does it cost to put it back together?”

Approximately 3 million people visit Zion annually. This time of year, they see nearly 10,000 people a day — but not now. According to Sherwin and Smith, Springdale, the city located just outside of Zion, is nearly empty.

“Just go through Springdale,” Sherwin said. “It’s a ghost town.”

Commissioners asked Gower to drive up to Cedar Breaks and through Cedar Canyon today to find out what roads have been barricaded and any other areas that the federal government has closed off.

Washington and Iron County commissioners did not state how long they will wait for the governor before going forward with their plans but did agree they don't feel they need his permission.

The resolutions passed by the commissioners are in accordance with Utah Code, which authorizes the counties to provide all appropriate aid and assistance in relation to this proclamation.

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Sir Ernest Shackleton, 1874-1922
shipwrecked Antarctic Explorer

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On Mon, Oct 7, 2013 at 6:25 PM, Bradybaugh, Jeffrey <jeff_bradybaugh@nps.gov> wrote:

Folks:

County Commissioners from 7 Utah Counties have met and prepared Emergency Declarations regarding the economic impacts of closures of national parks in Southern Utah. I was checking in with one of our Commissioners this evening and he said he was getting ready to call me about it...the declarations have been forwarded to the Governor to ask him to intercede to get the national parks open using his emergency/disaster authority.

Below is an initial article on the St. George newspaper's website...it inadvertently does not mention Garfield County, but the Commissioner confirmed with me that Garfield is included...

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Several counties in the region — including Washington, Iron, Kane, Grand and Piute counties in Utah and Coconino County in Arizona — all have filed separate resolutions declaring a state of emergency due to the impact the closure of the federally managed lands have had on the economy both financially and in tourism numbers.

Iron County Commissioner Dave Miller called the closures, “a stunt by clowns in the White House and is nothing less than an exercise in abuse of power.”

Local leaders are in discussions as to what their next step will be. However, Miller said, “these are federally managed lands held in trust and when those lands are mismanaged the state and the political subdivisions of the state not only have right but also the responsibility to make sure they are managed beneficially on behalf of the public.”

We'll forward any more info, as we get it

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Subject: Fwd: WA County Emergency Declaration language
Attachments: PROCLAMATION DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.docx

We tracked down a copy of the Washington County Emergency proclamation...likely the other counties' proclamations are similar...deals with parks and other public lands facilities

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From: David Uberuaga <dave_uberuaga@nps.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 08, 2013 10:37 AM
To: Colin Campbell
Subject: GRCA update all good here considering!!

Colin,

Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick's stakeholders conference call went very well. She focused on the need for a CR not piecemeal legislation. She said her staff reviewed the park service's ability to accept third party payments and concluded we couldn't under the federal shutdown.

2. River protesters at lee's ferry. We rolled out the procedures for handling river permittees and it was well received from all the key players.

3. South Utah county Supervisors meeting. You got the update from Bradybaugh.

4. Business protest at South Entrance today at 1:00. We are prepared and I reminded our IMT that the protesters are just trying to bring attention to the shutdown impacts on the community. I will be there to address the crowd.

Yesterday worked out just fine and I expect today will too.
No need for reinforcements today.

Dave

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Subject: Re: Emergency Declaration from 7 Utah Counties

Latest news report on this topic from St. George Spectrum below...also news report/interview with Iron County officials on KUER public radio across the state this morning reporting counties discussing using sheriff departments to "open locked gates"

Note Iron County Sheriff is today "scoping out" what is closed or barricaded around Cedar Canyon/Cedar Breaks NM...counties are threatening possible opening of parks via county sheriffs...since last night I haven't been able to get a copy of one of the declarations yet

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The entrance to Zion National Park is shown April 26, 2011. Counties in the region are considering actions to regain access to federal lands in the region. Jud Burkett / The Spectrum & News

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County governments across Southern Utah moved to condemn the shutdown of national parks by declaring a state of emergency due to the economic impact that the closure of federally managed lands have had on local communities.

Washington and Iron counties both filed separate resolutions Monday after several counties held a meeting to discuss solutions to the current closures.

Representatives from Garfield, Wayne, Sevier, Paiute, San Juan and Grand counties all attended the meeting, some of them participating by phone. Mohave and Coconino counties in Arizona also were represented.

Proclamations similar to the ones from Iron and Washington counties were issued by Kane and Garfield counties. Coconino County later decided it would first try an alternative route, said public information officer Nathan Gonzalez.

“We’re going to try some other things first like working with the community businesses and the Chamber of Commerce to get the word out that there are still lots of things to do here even though the national parks are closed,” Gonzalez said.

As for Iron and Washington counties, the commissioners are done talking and ready to put action behind their written resolution.

“We’re not asking for federal funds in this resolution,” said Iron County Commissioner Dave Miller. “We are asking for them to restore the parks to an open status, and if they are not going to do it we will do it ourselves.”

Miller, along with Iron County Commissioners Jim Brinkerhoff and Alma Adams, and Iron County Sheriff Mark Gower met Monday evening to discuss their next step. The commissioners agreed, per advice by legal counsel, that they needed to wait to hear from the governor before taking any further action. Commissioners are hopeful he will support their decision to open up the parks regardless of a lack of federal oversight.

The governor's deputy chief of staff and director of communications, Ally Isom, confirmed Monday night that Gov. Gary Herbert received the resolutions and reviewed them. However, no other comment was available at press time.

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The parks closed a week ago when a dispute in Congress over the Affordable Care Act, also known as "Obamacare," froze much of the funding for the federal government and put more than 800,000 federal employees on furlough.

Following word from the governor today, the Iron County commissioners have ordered Gower to prepare to unlock all restrooms and any roads that are barricaded. Gower said he is ready and willing to do as he's been asked.

"We will do it in an orderly and controlled manner, but we will do whatever is necessary to open those lands," Gower said.

When asked what he planned to do if met with resistance by the federal government, Gower said he still would open the federal lands.

"I don't want to use force or violence," Gower said. "I don't want it to get ugly, but at some point they are going to have to step aside."

Washington County Commissioner, Alan Gardner said his county also will do what it has to do to open the federally managed lands, including sending Sheriff Cory Pulsipher to remove barriers.

Generally, September and October are popular months for tourism as the summer winds down and kids go back to school. Many people enjoy this time of year to visit the national parks.

Nick Smith, owner of Seldom Seen Adventures in Kanab, said these two months are important for his business. Smith recently helped to organize the group, Occupy National Parks.

Members of the group jumped the gate in Zion National Park last weekend in protest to the park's closure. They set this upcoming weekend, Oct. 12, to do it again. This time, however, they hope to get at least a 100 to 200 people to participate.

Gardner said he doesn't discourage anyone from ignoring the barriers as he believes these lands are the public's and only entrusted to government to care for — not to control.

Gardner isn't just angry about the parks being closed but also all of the public lands surrounding the communities.

“What's really disgusting is it's not just the parks (the government) has tried to shut down; it's the whole public lands,” he said. “You have national forest campgrounds, BLM campgrounds — anything that has a federal deal attached to it. We can't even get cinder for our roads because they've closed the road to where we get it.”

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Maria Twitchell, executive director for the Cedar City-Brian Head Tourism Bureau, told commissioners at the meeting Monday night that the closest they could come to estimating the economic impact to the community is by figuring that tourists spend an average of \$130 per day, per person.

“If you estimate, 500 cars daily going through Cedar Breaks, then that's a loss right there of \$65,000 a day. And there are a lot more than 500 cars that go through Cedar Breaks a day,” she said.

Commissioners discussed how the \$130 is a loss of food, hotels and activities tourists usually spend their money on while here.

Twitchell said, her office has been overwhelmed with trying to redirect visitors to other areas and activities this last week and helping them find alternatives to the national parks.

“Many of these people have saved up for two years to go on vacation to our area,” Twitchell said. “They’re essentially displaced.”

Hotels are also seeing the repercussions of the closures as they experience early check-outs and cancellations. Ruby’s Inn, located at the entrance of Bryce Canyon National Park, reported it has lost nearly \$1 million in cancellations, and that number doesn’t include the decrease in spending on meals and activities.

Lance Syrett, Ruby’s Inn Resort Level Hotel general manager, said he has had to cut prices in half due to the closures to entice people to stay.

The Utah Office Tourism launched a \$3.1 million advertising campaign this last spring and summer to promote the state’s five national parks known as the “The Mighty Five.” They include Arches, Bryce Canyon, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef and Zion national parks.

Roxie Sherwin, director of the St. George Area Convention and Tourism Office, said she is concerned that the money spent on the campaign built momentum that will be lost the longer the shutdown continues.

“I’m really concerned about the potential long-term damage that’s going to be done the longer this continues,” she said. “A lot of money has been on marketing campaigns built around these parks. What’s it going to cost to regain that marketing momentum? What does it cost to put it back together?”

Approximately 3 million people visit Zion annually. This time of year, they see nearly 10,000 people a day — but not now. According to Sherwin

and Smith, Springdale, the city located just outside of Zion, is nearly empty.

“Just go through Springdale,” Sherwin said. “It’s a ghost town.”

Commissioners asked Gower to drive up to Cedar Breaks and through Cedar Canyon today to find out what roads have been barricaded and any other areas that the federal government has closed off.

Washington and Iron County commissioners did not state how long they will wait for the governor before going forward with their plans but did agree they don’t feel they need his permission.

The resolutions passed by the commissioners are in accordance with Utah Code, which authorizes the counties to provide all appropriate aid and assistance in relation to this proclamation.

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On Mon, Oct 7, 2013 at 6:25 PM, Bradybaugh, Jeffrey <jeff_bradybaugh@nps.gov> wrote:

Folks:

County Commissioners from 7 Utah Counties have met and prepared Emergency Declarations regarding the economic impacts of closures of national parks in Southern Utah. I was checking in with one of our Commissioners this evening and he said he was getting ready to call me

about it...the declarations have been forwarded to the Governor to ask him to intercede to get the national parks open using his emergency/disaster authority.

Below is an initial article on the St. George newspaper's website...it inadvertently does not mention Garfield County, but the Commissioner confirmed with me that Garfield is included...

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Several counties in the region — including Washington, Iron, Kane, Grand and Piute counties in Utah and Coconino County in Arizona — all have filed separate resolutions declaring a state of emergency due to the impact the closure of the federally managed lands have had on the economy both financially and in tourism numbers.

Iron County Commissioner Dave Miller called the closures, “a stunt by clowns in the White House and is nothing less than an exercise in abuse of power.”

Local leaders are in discussions as to what their next step will be. However, Miller said, “these are federally managed lands held in trust and when those lands are mismanaged the state and the political subdivisions of the state not only have right but also the responsibility to make sure they are managed beneficially on behalf of the public.”

We'll forward any more info, as we get it

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Thanks

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On Oct 8, 2013, at 6:20 AM, "Turk, Larry" <larry_turk@nps.gov> wrote:

The author is San Juan County Commissioner Phil Lyman.

On Mon, Oct 7, 2013 at 9:48 PM, Brindle, Todd <todd_brindle@nps.gov> wrote:
Thanks Larry - not clear who is the author?

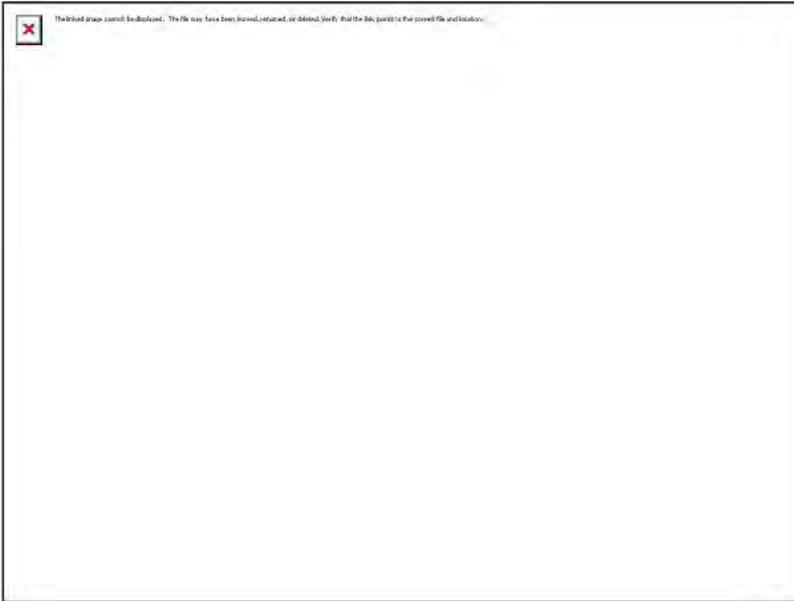
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On Mon, Oct 7, 2013 at 8:27 PM, Turk, Larry <larry_turk@nps.gov> wrote:

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STATE HWY 276 - CLOSED DUE TO THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN Today, I (along with Sheriff Eldredge and County Administrator Kelly Pehrson) met with Commissioners and... Sheriffs from Utah's southern counties to draft a declaration of a "state of emergency" based on the economic disruptions caused by closing our national parks and other public places. We are not going to sit idle while the Federal Government destroys the local economy! They are spending more money to keep people out than it would cost to let people in. This Wednesday, the plan is to peacefully remove the barriers to places like Lake Powell, Natural Bridges, Canyonlands, and Hovenweep, and allow visitors to enjoy THEIR public places. Sadly, there have already been thousands of people laid off right here in Utah (over 500 at Lake Powell alone). Folks at Aramark said that they would not reopen even if the Shutdown ends because they are so close to the end of their season anyway. Thousands of visitors who, collectively, would have spent millions of dollars, have been locked out. While this is an urgent economic issue, it is also a jurisdictional conflict. Counties (and States) are more than stewards of the federal estate, they have power to govern within their respective geographic boundaries.

Just heads up.

Larry

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Sent: Monday, October 07, 2013 9:18 PM
To: cindy purcell; Michael Archer; Billy Shott; Colin Campbell
Subject: Fwd: utah sheriffs

Ranger Therese Picard

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Date: October 7, 2013, 19:05:01 MDT
To: Daniel Fagergren <daniel_fagergren@nps.gov>, Therese Picard <therese_picard@nps.gov>, "Ray O'Neil" <ray_o'neil@nps.gov>, Lindy Mihata <lindy_mihata@nps.gov>
Cc: Matthew Harrison <matthew_harrison@nps.gov>
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Subject: Emergency Declaration from 7 Utah Counties

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To: BOS+3 <bos+3@coconino.az.gov>
Subject: Follow Up - Ann Kirkpatrick Conference Call

Dear Board Members,

The main item discussed with Rep. Kirkpatrick today was a Continuing resolution that would fund the federal government for five weeks and could be put into effect immediately as early as tonight to get the government reopened tomorrow.

Letters are needed to urge all members of Congress to put forth the continuing resolution for a vote so that the government can be reopened.

The speaker of the house has not brought this resolution forward thus letters are needed to urge this along.

I have asked Matt Rudig to draft a letter that would support a continuing resolution and also a letter that contains the impacts the government shutdown is having on Coconino County and especially the impacts to our tourism economy.

The letter will be ready for our review tomorrow at Roundtable so that we can give direction to staff.

Please call me if you have any questions between today and tomorrow morning.

Liz

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<Ron.Lee@mail.house.gov>, "Gallus, Carmen"
<Carmen.Gallus@mail.house.gov>
**Subject: Follow Up - Ann Kirkpatrick
Conference Call**

Hi All –

Thanks you so much for joining us on our Grand Canyon Conference Call this morning. I know the Congresswoman really appreciated hearing your questions and concerns.

I wanted to make sure you all received the necessary follow-up materials.

- First off, below you will find Carmen, Ken, and Ron's contact info.

Carmen Gallus, Chief of Staff,
Carmen.gallus@mail.house.gov

Ken Montoya, Legislative Director,
ken.montoya@mail.house.gov, 202-225-3361

Ron Lee, District Director,
Ron.Lee@mail.house.gov, 928-213-9977

- Second, you will find the article by the Arizona Republic Editorial Board in support of passing a Clean CR [by clicking here](#).

Like the Congresswoman said, we will reconvene the group for another phone call after we get updated info regarding the Discharge Papers and the Shutdown in general. Please stay tuned for more info on that next call.

If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact me! I look forward to talking to you all soon!

Best,

Samantha Frisby | Scheduler

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Cc: Keene Joanne <jkeene-MigrationWiz@coconino.az.gov>, "Rudig, Matt" <mrudig@coconino.az.gov>
Subject: Summary of Utah conference call

The call this morning with the Utah Counties was basically discussing the impact that the federal shutdown having on public lands and tourism economies.

The Utah Counties discussed several strategies to try to get their governor to write a letter similar to Gov. Brewer's letter which requests the state and local governments and private funding be used to reopen national parks and public lands.

The Utah counties talked about declaring a state of emergency and forwarding that resolution to their governor hoping that if they declared a state of emergency due to financial losses they would be allowed to reopen their parks and public lands.

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Sent: Monday, October 07, 2013 11:42 AM
To: Colin Campbell
Subject: BREWSTER COUNTY TO PURSUE INJUNCTION

Colin,

Pasted in below is the Big Bend Gazette article we discussed. Their website is down right now (<http://bigbendgazette.com>) so there is no further articles that I can access. The Brewster county website also gives no helpful information.

Thanks for talking with me today.

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Currently the park is closed to all visitation including road access due to the shutdown of the Federal Government. all National Parks and National Forests throughout the nation are closed as a result of the shutdown.

Currently all roads that traverse Yosemite National Park in California are open to through traffic only. Why the through roads in Big Bend National Park are closed is a mystery.

More on this breaking story later tonight.

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Cc: Diane Chalfant
Subject: Re: Colin, Call with you this afternoon? Can't open the POC list so don't have your direct #

You bet, looks like you guys have this stuff covered well.

Colin

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To: colin_campbell@nps.gov; Rena Fugate
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<margaret_o'dell@nps.gov>
Subject: IMR RD Callback request

Peggy: I would like to ask your approval to go into the office on a callback basis for a few hours Monday and Tuesday to give guidance on the high profile issues at numerous parks in AZ and UT who are dealing with re-opening requests by their delegations, closure bypasses (the Take Back Our Parks campaign) and also to assist with the major storm damage issues at parks in WY and MT from this weekend's heavy snow (some areas received up to 4').

Unless I hear to the contrary from you, I'd like to go in around 9am Mountain time.

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Laura

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To: Colin Campbell
Subject: Re: SEVERAL MTGS TOMORROW MONDAY, OCT 7

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William Shott

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To: Brian Carey <Brian_Carey@nps.gov>

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Date: Oct 6, 2013 4:17 PM

Subject: SEVERAL MTGS TOMORROW MONDAY, OCT 7

To: "Brindle, Todd" <todd_brindle@nps.gov>

Cc:

Todd, there are several meetings tomorrow, Monday, Oct 7:

1. **8 a.m.** - Six County Association of Governments (Juab, Millard, Piute, Sanpete, Sevier and Wayne counties) and Kane County are meets tomorrow in the Washington County Council Chamber, 197 E. Tabernacle, St. George, Utah. Coconino County is invited to participate to discuss the opening the Grand Canyon National Park. I plan to call into this meeting from Marble Canyon.
2. **10:30 a.m.** - Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick conference call to discuss the closure of the Grand Canyon. Coconino County Board Chair Liz Archuleta will call into this meeting.
3. **1 p.m.** - Superintendent Dave and I (I was invited to join Dave) meet with the private river trips camped at Marble Canyon to discuss options on their river trip permits. Dave tells me we'll meet with the commercial river runners separately after we meet with the privates.
4. **Tuesday, Oct. 8** – The AZ Governor's office conference call re: National parks – I don't have details. I'll email when it comes in.

I'll keep you updated as I learn more.

Lena

[<image004.jpg>](#)Lena Fowler

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Sent: Sunday, October 06, 2013 3:24 PM

To: Fowler, Lena

Subject: Re: Fwd: Ann Kirkpatrick - Grand Canyon Closure Conference Call

This is a different meeting?

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Dear Board Members,

Please read the email below. I will be on the call representing Coconino County. I asked Matt to join me as the incoming Chair. Matt has agreed to step aside to have Art on the call to give the perspective of Tusayan business owners. I realize all of us might wish to be on the call however that is not possible since we are not posted for a quorum and the intention of the invitation is specific to the chair of the board. I will clearly communicate the impacts to our county. If you have specific key messages you would like for me to convey, please get me talking points no later than 10:00 tomorrow morning.

Thank you,

Liz

Elizabeth Archuleta, Coconino County Supervisors

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<Sam.Frisby@mail.house.gov>
Date: October 4, 2013 at 12:53:42 PM MST
To: Undisclosed recipients.;
Subject: Ann Kirkpatrick - Grand Canyon
Closure Conference Call

I want to bring leaders of the Grand Canyon community together on Monday, October 7th, for a call to discuss the government shut down and how it is affecting Northern Arizona and the local communities.

The call will be Monday, October 7th, at 10:30 AM PST (1:30 PM EST). Please dial: Not [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and enter the code: Not [REDACTED] Responsi
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Please contact my scheduler, Sam Frisby, to let her know if you will be able to join the call. You can reach her at Sam.Frisby@mail.house.gov or 202-225-3361.

Thank you and I look forward to speaking with you Monday.

Sincerely,

Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick

Best,

Samantha Frisby | Scheduler

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1. **8 a.m.** - Six County Association of Governments (Juab, Millard, Piute, Sanpete, Sevier and Wayne counties) and Kane County are meets tomorrow in the Washington County Council Chamber, 197 E. Tabernacle, St. George, Utah. Coconino County is invited to participate to discuss the opening the Grand Canyon National Park. I plan to call into this meeting from Marble Canyon.
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3. **1 p.m.** - Superintendent Dave and I (I was invited to join Dave) meet with the private river trips camped at Marble Canyon to discuss options on their river trip permits. Dave tells me we'll meet with the commercial river runners separately after we meet with the privates.
4. **Tuesday, Oct. 8** – The AZ Governor's office conference call re: National parks – I don't have details. I'll email when it comes in.

I'll keep you updated as I learn more.

Lena

[<image004.jpg>](#)Lena Fowler

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Sent: Sunday, October 06, 2013 3:24 PM
To: Fowler, Lena
Subject: Re: Fwd: Ann Kirkpatrick - Grand Canyon Closure Conference Call

This is a different meeting?

Todd W. Brindle
Superintendent
Glen Canyon National Recreation Area
Rainbow Bridge National Monument
P.O. Box 1507
691 Scenic View Drive
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Dear Board Members,

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Thank you,

Liz

Elizabeth Archuleta, Coconino County Supervisors

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Flagstaff, AZ. 86001

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From: "Frisby, Sam" <Sam.Frisby@mail.house.gov>
Date: October 4, 2013 at 12:53:42 PM MST
To: Undisclosed recipients;;
Subject: Ann Kirkpatrick - Grand Canyon Closure
Conference Call

I want to bring leaders of the Grand Canyon community together on Monday, October 7th, for a call to discuss the government shut down and how it is affecting Northern Arizona and the local communities.

The call will be Monday, October 7th, at 10:30 AM PST (1:30 PM EST). Please dial: Not [REDACTED] and enter the code: [REDACTED]

Please contact my scheduler, Sam Frisby, to let her know if you will be able to join the call. You can reach her at Sam.Frisby@mail.house.gov or 202-225-3361.

Thank you and I look forward to speaking with you Monday.

Sincerely,

Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick

Best,

Samantha Frisby | Scheduler

Office of Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick (AZ-01)

330 Cannon House Office Building | Washington D.C. | [202-225-3361](tel:202-225-3361)

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Subject: Re: Colin, Call with you this afternoon? Can't open the POC list so don't have your direct #

Speaking with Peggy in A.M. About our participation will let you know.

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> Colin,
> Sorry about not calling back to you sooner but I took a little down
> time to watch my team get beat. Now I realize I don't have your direct
> number in my phone. In addition to the highway issue there are three
> different Grand Canyon stakeholders meeting/ Conf calls tomorrow 1.
> Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick is having a call-in for her business
> constituents impacted by the closure. I'm invited.
> 2. The Governor's office is having a river stakeholders call. I'm not invited.
> 3. Utah county's are meeting in St.George Utah about impacts from
> park closures. I think I'm invited?
>
> Call me anytime.
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Cc: Margaret O'Dell; Cam Sholly
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Looping others

Sue Waldron
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To: Colin Campbell
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Thanks. Things really seem to be ramping up. Talk to you tomorrow.

Cameron Sholly
Associate Director
Visitor and Resource Protection
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When: Tuesday October 8 at 1pm

Where: ADOT Right of way next to the South Rim Boundary of the Grand Canyon National Park

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

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From: Davison, Mark <mark_davison@nps.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2013 11:23 AM
To: Colin Campbell; Billy Shott; Lena Koschmann
Subject: Mesa County Sheriff

Everyone,

I just got off the phone with the Mesa County Sheriff and he has volunteered to patrol and provide SAR services to the monument on Rim Rock Drive. He is getting added pressure from groups in town to take over the monument and open everything up. His feeling it is inevitable this is going to happen and wants to keep the peace at all cost.

I left this message on Billy's cell phone also.

Thanks,

Mark Davison
Chief Ranger
Colorado National Monument
(970)858-3617 x 312 (o)
(970)778-5198 (c)

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From: Carey, Brian <brian_carey@nps.gov>
Sent: Sunday, October 06, 2013 7:52 PM
To: Colin Campbell; Billy Shott; Rena Fugate
Subject: Fwd: SEVERAL MTGS TOMORROW MONDAY, OCT 7
Attachments: image004.jpg; image003.png; image001.gif

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Subject: Fwd: SEVERAL MTGS TOMORROW MONDAY, OCT 7
To: Brian Carey <Brian_Carey@nps.gov>

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Date: Oct 6, 2013 4:17 PM
Subject: SEVERAL MTGS TOMORROW MONDAY, OCT 7
To: "Brindle, Todd" <todd_brindle@nps.gov>
Cc:

Todd, there are several meetings tomorrow, Monday, Oct 7:

1. **8 a.m.** - Six County Association of Governments (Juab, Millard, Piute, Sanpete, Sevier and Wayne counties) and Kane County are meets tomorrow in the Washington County Council Chamber, 197 E. Tabernacle, St. George, Utah. Coconino County is invited to participate to discuss the opening the Grand Canyon National Park. I plan to call into this meeting from Marble Canyon.
2. **10:30 a.m.** - Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick conference call to discuss the closure of the Grand Canyon. Coconino County Board Chair Liz Archuleta will call into this meeting.
3. **1 p.m.** - Superintendent Dave and I (I was invited to join Dave) meet with the private river trips camped at Marble Canyon to discuss options on their river trip permits. Dave tells me we'll meet with the commercial river runners separately after we meet with the privates.
4. **Tuesday, Oct. 8** – The AZ Governor's office conference call re: National parks – I don't have details. I'll email when it comes in.

I'll keep you updated as I learn more.

Lena



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Sent: Sunday, October 06, 2013 3:24 PM
To: Fowler, Lena
Subject: Re: Fwd: Ann Kirkpatrick - Grand Canyon Closure Conference Call

This is a different meeting?

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To: BOS+3 <bos+3@coconino.az.gov>, BOS/Assistants <bos-assistants@coconino.az.gov>, BOS+3 <bos+3@coconino.az.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Ann Kirkpatrick - Grand Canyon Closure Conference Call

Dear Board Members,

Please read the email below. I will be on the call representing Coconino County. I asked Matt to join me as the incoming Chair. Matt has agreed to step aside to have Art on the call to give the perspective of Tusayan business owners. I realize all of us might wish to be on the call however that is not possible since we are not posted for a quorum and the intention of the invitation is specific to the chair of the board. I will clearly communicate the impacts to our county. If you have specific key messages you would like for me to convey, please get me talking points no later than 10:00 tomorrow morning.

Thank you,

Liz

Elizabeth Archuleta, Coconino County Supervisors

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Flagstaff, AZ. 86001

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Frisby, Sam" <Sam.Frisby@mail.house.gov>

Date: October 4, 2013 at 12:53:42 PM MST

To: Undisclosed recipients;;

Subject: Ann Kirkpatrick - Grand Canyon Closure Conference Call

I want to bring leaders of the Grand Canyon community together on Monday, October 7th, for a call to discuss the government shut down and how it is affecting Northern Arizona and the local communities.

The call will be Monday, October 7th, at 10:30 AM PST (1:30 PM EST).

Please dial: Not Responsive and enter the code: Not Responsive

Please contact my scheduler, Sam Frisby, to let her know if you will be able to join the call. You can reach her at Sam.Frisby@mail.house.gov or 202-225-3361.

Thank you and I look forward to speaking with you Monday.

Sincerely,

Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick

Best,

Samantha Frisby | Scheduler

Office of Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick (AZ-01)

330 Cannon House Office Building | Washington D.C. | [202-225-3361](tel:202-225-3361)

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To: Margaret O'Dell
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FYI, sorting it out

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From: Reed Robinson <reed_robinson@nps.gov>
Sent: Sunday, October 06, 2013 12:51 PM
To: Colin Campbell; Billy Shott; Rena Fugate
Subject: DETO status

As of today 10/6 DETO is:

Without power (day 3), landlines due to snowstorm Atlas (employees in PERM/SEAS housing). Very preliminary estimates \$10-20k in damages. We will develop an emergency repair Pkg. Most arterial roads are open, however, I90 is closed from Gillette to Wall SD. Staff continues to clear main park roads and a spur road that serves as only access to two private landowners.

****confidential****

On a personnel front. Prior to shutdown DETO was in the midst of addressing two separate actions in the VRP division. However, early this morning an facility management employee that EODd Sept 1 resigned/quit/AWOL without notice to the supervisor. While none of those terms necessarily apply while furloughed it's indicative of the employees state of mind and commitment to mission albeit under extraordinary circumstances. If there is an opportunity to discuss what if anything we can execute on the employee relations front during the shutdown please advise.

Best

Rees

Sent from my iPhone

Young, Deirdre R

From: Campbell, Colin <colin_campbell@nps.gov>
Sent: Sunday, October 06, 2013 12:00 PM
To: Jeffrey O'Dell
Subject: Fwd: GRCA River Permit accommodation plan
Attachments: Options for River Permits.docx

Hello Peggy,

Please see attached. This is something Dave and I have discussed to hopefully soften the consequence of trips being cancelled. Individuals (private party permits) wait years in the lottery, and trips are carefully planned for months, if not years. Understandably so, people were extremely upset not to get to go.

The new release this soon was new to me, and want to make sure we have WASO buy-in before proceeding.

Thanks,

Colin

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Date: Sun, Oct 6, 2013 at 12:18 AM
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To: Colin Campbell <Colin_Campbell@nps.gov>, Billy Shott <Billy_Shott@nps.gov>, Bill Wright <Bill_Wright@nps.gov>
Cc: Doug Lentz <Doug_Lentz@nps.gov>, Robin Martin <Robin_Martin@nps.gov>, Diane Chalfant <Diane_Chalfant@nps.gov>

Colin & Billy

FYI -- We have been working with the river community to come up with a plan once the park opens. Basically we will refund river permit fees for all private/general public permit holders and allow them to reschedule their trip with priority placement anytime in the next three years. We also have a process & plan in place to launch trips already waiting outside the park.

We also worked with the river concessioners giving them the user days they lost based on the number of trips cancelled during the shutdown.

Below is the detailed write-up.

Unless you any concerns we will announce this plan on Monday as a news release and begin to contact each party affected through emails & other means.

Dave

Dave Uberuaga
Superintendent,
Grand Canyon National Park Dave_Uberuaga@nps.gov.
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Cc: William Vandergraff <bill_vandergraff@nps.gov>, Kirby-Lynn Shedlowski <kirbylynn_shedlowski@nps.gov>, Maureen Oltrogge <maureen_oltrogge@nps.gov>
Subject: River Permit accommodation plan

Attached is the plan for dealing with river permits

Let me know if there are an edits.

--

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Deputy Regional Director, Operations
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River Permit Accommodation Plan

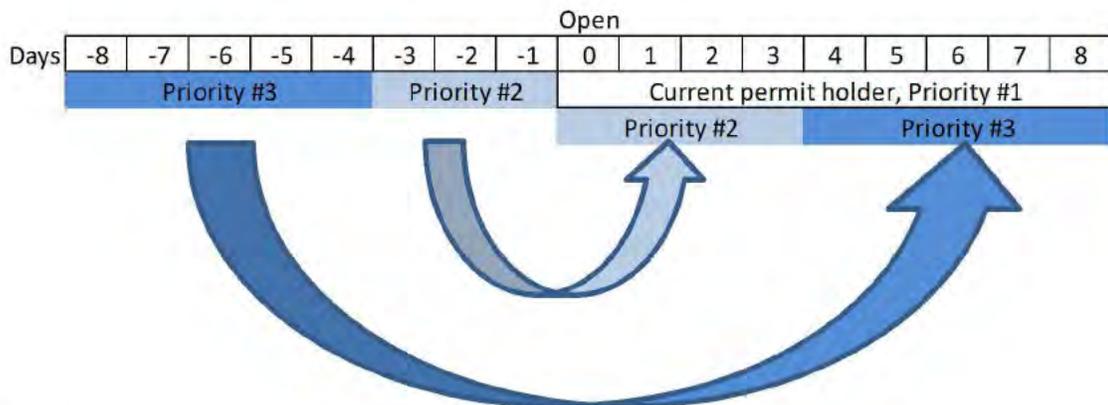
All permit holders who were denied their scheduled launch due to the Government Shutdown will receive a refund for permit fees. The permit holder will be entitled to reschedule for a Colorado River trip with their choice of dates in 2013, 2014, 2015, or 2016. They must submit their choices for trip dates within 60 days. Submissions must be a flexible since we will not allow more than 3 launches in a day and must be within parameters of the season. Only the permit holder will be allowed to reschedule a trip and the option is non-transferrable.

The river permit holders who had launch dates 3 days previous to opening and including opening day may choose to get a refund for permit fees and reschedule with the same parameters as above or launch after opening. The maximum number of launches will be adjusted to 4 per day for the first 2 days after opening. After that, the maximum will be 3 launches per day until the back log has been cleared. River permit holders with the current launch date will have priority to launch on their scheduled date. The additional launch openings will be offered to the permit holder from 3 days prior, then 2 days, then 1 day. This will clear trips that are immediately prepared to leave. Any trip launching later than scheduled will be able to travel on the river for the same number of days as on their permit.

The river permit holders who had launch dates greater than 3 days prior to opening day may choose to get a refund for permit fees and reschedule with the same parameters as above or launch after opening. Subsequent launch openings to this group will be prioritized by their launch dates.

The river permit holders who have launch dates up to 3 days after opening day may choose to launch on time or get a refund for permit fees and reschedule with the same parameters as above.

Original permit for launch during closed period Oct. 1 to 3 days prior to opening	Refund	Reschedule trip in 2013, 2014, 2015 or 2016	or	Launch after 3 days of opening with max of 3 trips per day. Prioritization based on original launch date.
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Original permit for river within 3 days after opening	Refund	Reschedule trip in 2013, 2014, 2015 or 2016	or	Launch as scheduled



- Priority #1: Trips scheduled to launch for that day
- Priority #2: Trips scheduled within 3 days of opening
- Priority #3: Trips scheduled from Oct 1 to within 3 days of opening

Young, Deirdre R

From: Reynolds, William <william_f_reynolds@nps.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 07, 2013 5:07 PM
To: Maureen Foster
Cc: Sue Waldron; Shawn Benge; Michael Litterst
Subject: Fwd:
Attachments: Press Release 10-3-13 Park Closure.doc; 20131004100118050.pdf

Good afternoon, Maureen! We know you have a lot going on, but GRSM asked me to follow up on this letter from last week from Blount County to Secretary Jewell. Do you know if it has been "officially" received yet and, if so, has it been responded to? If a response has been sent, can we get a copy? We just want to make sure it is being tracked and answered.

Please let me know if there is anything you need me to do.

Thanks much,

Bill

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

Sue, wanted to make sure you saw these, especially the letter to the Secretary.

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

Bill

--
William F. Reynolds
Assistant Regional Director
National Park Service Southeast Region
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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release
October 3, 2013

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

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

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



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October 3, 2013

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

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

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Young, Deirdre R

From: Reynolds, William <william_f_reynolds@nps.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 04, 2013 3:38 PM
To: Suzanne Waldron; Michael Litterst
Cc: Maureen Foster; Shawn Bengé
Subject: Fwd:
Attachments: Press Release 10-3-13 Park Closure.doc; 20131004100118050.pdf

Sue, wanted to make sure you saw these, especially the letter to the Secretary.

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

Bill

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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release
October 3, 2013

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

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

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



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October 3, 2013

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

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From: Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2013 11:40 AM
To: Risser, Mary; O'Dell Peggy; Jarvis Jon; Sheaffer Bruce
Cc: Maureen Foster; Cam Sholly; Rena Fugate; Billy Shott; Litterst Mike
Subject: Re: Cedar Breaks

Thanks mary looping others

Sue Waldron
Assistant Director, Communications
National Park Service

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 13, 2013, at 11:34 AM, "Risser, Mary" <mary_risser@nps.gov> wrote:

Cedar Breaks has some unique challenges because the visitor use parts of the park are at 10,000 feet and would normally be in the process of closing for the season.

CEBR has determined that going the extra mile to provide on site visitor services later in the season than typical is well worth our efforts to maintain our strong and productive relationships with our regional and community partners. We plan to open the park and provide visitor services starting on Saturday, Oct.12 and run through COB Sunday Oct.20. Our management team agreed that due to the reality of winter quickly approaching, this will be the absolute drop dead date to close all of our visitor services and facilities REGARDLESS of the status of the shutdown or more funding being made available from the State of Utah.

We have reviewed upcoming weather conditions and the status of our buildings, roads, overlooks, utilities, and trails, and determined that we have adequate staffing and conditions to meet the measure you outlined yesterday: to open **when we can we safely manage public visitation**.

We plan to open the scenic drive and all of our viewpoints, our Visitor Center, information desk, ranger station and our hiking trails. Our campground closed on September 22 and will remain closed until next spring. We will maintain our regular schedule of interpretive programs, and our fee operation will be open every day from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Due to the safety concerns present with ever changing weather conditions at 10,000 feet elevation, we will be adding a significant number of signs near our trail heads, overlooks and parking areas. These signs will alert visitors to the potential for ice, snow and slippery conditions. We have assigned specific staff to make sure that identified problem areas will be monitored and maintained to be as safe as possible consistent with winter conditions.

Our cooperating association bookstore, managed by the Zion Natural History Association, will be fully stocked and operational and will be open on the same 9 to 5 schedule as the rest of our visitor services. Our hard working facilities staff was able to re-open our primary restroom facility at the Visitor Center / Pt. Supreme area, which is always a popular spot for our visitors!

We appreciate everything that everyone at IMR and WASO are doing to support our efforts.. and will keep you in the loop as to how things are going.

Mary

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From: Margaret O'Dell <peggy_o'dell@nps.gov>
Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2013 10:07 AM
To: Sally Jewell; Nicole Buffa; Laura Davis; Jack Haugrud; Edward Boling; Barry Roth; Robert Eaton; Kate Kelly; Blake J Androff; Sue Waldron; Michael Litterst; Jody Lyle; Jon Jarvis; Maureen Foster; Bruce Sheaffer; Lena McDowall; Cam Sholly; David Vela; Jeffrey Compton; Sarah Neimeyer; Pam Haze
Subject: Fwd: Opening Bryce Canyon National Park Today!!!

Morning All

Thought you would appreciate seeing the first story that came in from Bryce about opening. Thanks to all for the part you played in making this happen.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Risser, Mary" <mary_risser@nps.gov>
Date: October 11, 2013, 8:37:47 PM EDT
To: "Margaret O'Dell" <peggy_o'dell@nps.gov>, Maureen Foster <maureen_foster@nps.gov>, Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
Cc: Rena Fugate <rena_fugate@nps.gov>, Billy Shott <billy_shott@nps.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Opening Bryce Canyon National Park Today!!!

Hi Peggy,

Here is the email that I received from Jeff Bradybaugh at Bryce a little while ago. Tomorrow morning I'll ask the other superintendents to report how the opening went tomorrow morning and will forward additional notes to you.

Have a good weekend and thanks for all you are doing.

Mary

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Bradybaugh, Jeffrey <jeff_bradybaugh@nps.gov>
Date: Fri, Oct 11, 2013 at 5:53 PM
Subject: Re: Opening Bryce Canyon National Park Today!!!
To: Mary Risser <mary_risser@nps.gov>, Colin Campbell <colin_campbell@nps.gov>, Laura Joss <laura_joss@nps.gov>, Billy Shott <billy_shott@nps.gov>, Rena Fugate <rena_fugate@nps.gov>
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A quick update on opening of Bryce Canyon NP:

Everything is going smoothly!

There was quite a line of vehicles this afternoon at our gate as our 3 pm opening approached...several miles long! The initial group of vehicles that came in, according to our counter, was 471...including tour buses, motor-homes, cars, motorcycles, etc. and they are still coming... Of note, folks coming into the visitor center were very happy and were shaking rangers' hands and just delighted to see the park open!

Thanks for all your cooperation and support! Its a team effort!!

Jeff Bradybaugh
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"Optimism is true moral courage"
Sir Ernest Shackleton, 1874-1922
shipwrecked Antarctic Explorer



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From: Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2013 11:55 AM
To: Alyssa Baltrus
Cc: Cynthia Purcell; Ray O'Neil; Therese Picard
Subject: Re: Senator Urquhart leading Occupy Zion protest Saturday

Now? I see a clip that he's inviting them on Saturday? If it's now, do you have a clip we can forward around?

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Sent from my iPhone

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 10, 2013 9:42 AM  
**To:** Cynthia Purcell; Ray O'Neil; Therese Picard  
**Cc:** Michael Litterst  
**Subject:** Senator Urquhart leading Occupy Zion protest Saturday

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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 09, 2013 9:57 PM  
**To:** Litterst, Michael  
**Subject:** Re: salt lake Tribune

Thank you sir..

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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 09, 2013 9:12 PM  
**To:** Brian Maffly  
**Cc:** newsdesk@kutv2.com  
**Subject:** Re: Interior statement

Gentlemen:

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

Mike

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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 09, 2013 7:52 PM  
**To:** Litterst, Michael  
**Subject:** RE: Interior statement  
**Attachments:** image001.png

Thanks.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 09, 2013 5:09 PM  
**To:** Brian Maffly  
**Cc:** SaltLakeNews  
**Subject:** Re: Interior statement

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**From:** Howard Berkes <HBerkes@npr.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 09, 2013 7:48 PM  
**To:** 'Litterst, Michael'  
**Subject:** RE: 5th Utah county declares state of emergency...indicates intent to manage National Park areas itself...

We're publishing now...

Howard Berkes | Rural Affairs Correspondent | National Public Radio

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**From:** Litterst, Michael [mailto:mike\_litterst@nps.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 09, 2013 4:39 PM  
**To:** Howard Berkes  
**Subject:** Re: 5th Utah county declares state of emergency...indicates intent to manage National Park areas itself...

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Statement ASAP please

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From: Litterst, Michael [mailto:mike_litterst@nps.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 3:51 PM

To: Howard Berkes

Subject: Re: 5th Utah county declares state of emergency...indicates intent to manage National Park areas itself...

Howard:

Thanks for the note. We're working on a statement and hope to have it ready quickly. What deadline are you up against?

Mike

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To: Catherine Cannon
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Subject: Re: 5th Utah county declares state of emergency...indicates intent to manage National Park areas itself...

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To: 'Litterst, Michael'
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I just listened to a recording of the San County Commission meeting on this. They talked about taking over Natural Bridges tomorrow morning. And they say they've kept Kate Cannon informed. They make it sound like NPS will not object.

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From: Alyssa Baltrus <alyssa_baltrus@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 4:55 PM
To: Litterst, Michael
Subject: Re: Sherif planning on opening main Zion canyon at 8am

Thanks... I do think I have 3 media outlets that seem sympathetic to our plight... Or at least capable of reporting 2 sides to a story ;).... But everyone else... Ya'll do know that there was a pole out last year about who should run Utah's National Parks... #1- church, 2- state, 3- local, 4- federal...

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On Oct 9, 2013, at 2:48 PM, "Litterst, Michael" <mike_litterst@nps.gov> wrote:

Sorry, came to the other message first. We'll get you something. For now, I'm just screening my calls from 801!

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On Wed, Oct 9, 2013 at 4:28 PM, Alyssa Baltrus <[alyssa\\_baltrus@nps.gov](mailto:alyssa_baltrus@nps.gov)> wrote:  
Can you assist me with media or give me some talking points?

Thanks,  
Aly

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**To:** Kate Kelly; Blake Androff  
**Subject:** UPDATE to Utah statement

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

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To: Rick Frost; Blake Androff; Kate Kelly
Cc: Billy Shott; Colin Campbell; Mary Risser; Laura Joss; Michael Litterst; Cam Sholly; Peggy O'Dell
Subject: Re: Media interest in Utah

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The counties are still hopeful the federal government might go ahead and fulfill Herbert's request, but they are making plans to move forward to reopen and manage the parks using local law enforcement and money.

Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer made a similar request last week when she asked federal authorities to allow her to use state funds to reopen and maintain the Grand Canyon. As in the case of Utah, several businesses also agreed in Arizona to step up and help fund the reopening of the park. A park official there said as long as the federal government remains shut down, such a plan isn't an option. Local county commissioners said they don't expect to have any different response here.

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Members of the group jumped the gate in Zion National Park last weekend in protest to the park's closure. They set this upcoming weekend, Oct. 12, to do it again. This time, however, they hope to get at least a 100 to 200 people to participate.

Gardner said he doesn't discourage anyone from ignoring the barriers as he believes these lands are the public's and only entrusted to government to care for — not to control.

Gardner isn't just angry about the parks being closed but also all of the public lands surrounding the communities.

“What’s really disgusting is it’s not just the parks (the government) has tried to shut down; it’s the whole public lands,” he said. “You have national forest campgrounds, BLM campgrounds — anything that has a federal deal attached to it. We can’t even get cinder for our roads because they’ve closed the road to where we get it.”

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Maria Twitchell, executive director for the Cedar City-Brian Head Tourism Bureau, told commissioners at the meeting Monday night that the closest they could come to estimating the economic impact to the community is by figuring that tourists spend an average of \$130 per day, per person.

“If you estimate, 500 cars daily going through Cedar Breaks, then that’s a loss right there of \$65,000 a day. And there are a lot more than 500 cars that go through Cedar Breaks a day,” she said.

Commissioners discussed how the \$130 is a loss of food, hotels and activities tourists usually spend their money on while here.

Twitchell said, her office has been overwhelmed with trying to redirect visitors to other areas and activities this last week and helping them find alternatives to the national parks.

“Many of these people have saved up for two years to go on vacation to our area,” Twitchell said. “They’re essentially displaced.”

Hotels are also seeing the repercussions of the closures as they experience early check-outs and cancellations. Ruby’s Inn, located at the entrance of Bryce Canyon National Park, reported it has lost nearly \$1 million in

cancellations, and that number doesn't include the decrease in spending on meals and activities.

Lance Syrett, Ruby's Inn Resort Level Hotel general manager, said he has had to cut prices in half due to the closures to entice people to stay.

The Utah Office Tourism launched a \$3.1 million advertising campaign this last spring and summer to promote the state's five national parks known as the "The Mighty Five." They include Arches, Bryce Canyon, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef and Zion national parks.

Roxie Sherwin, director of the St. George Area Convention and Tourism Office, said she is concerned that the money spent on the campaign built momentum that will be lost the longer the shutdown continues.

"I'm really concerned about the potential long-term damage that's going to be done the longer this continues," she said. "A lot of money has been on marketing campaigns built around these parks. What's it going to cost to regain that marketing momentum? What does it cost to put it back together?"

Approximately 3 million people visit Zion annually. This time of year, they see nearly 10,000 people a day — but not now. According to Sherwin and Smith, Springdale, the city located just outside of Zion, is nearly empty.

"Just go through Springdale," Sherwin said. "It's a ghost town."

Commissioners asked Gower to drive up to Cedar Breaks and through Cedar Canyon today to find out what roads have been barricaded and any other areas that the federal government has closed off.

Washington and Iron County commissioners did not state how long they will wait for the governor before going forward with their plans but did agree they don't feel they need his permission.

The resolutions passed by the commissioners are in accordance with Utah Code, which authorizes the counties to provide all appropriate aid and assistance in relation to this proclamation.

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On Mon, Oct 7, 2013 at 6:25 PM, Bradybaugh, Jeffrey <jeff_bradybaugh@nps.gov> wrote:

Folks:

County Commissioners from 7 Utah Counties have met and prepared Emergency Declarations regarding the economic impacts of closures of national parks in Southern Utah. I was checking in with one of our Commissioners this evening and he said he was getting ready to call me about it...the declarations have been forwarded to the Governor to ask him to intercede to get the national parks open using his emergency/disaster authority.

Below is an initial article on the St. George newspaper's website...it inadvertently does not mention Garfield County, but the Commissioner confirmed with me that Garfield is included...

**The entrance to Zion National Park is shown Tuesday, April 26, 2011.
Jud Burkett / The Spectrum**

Written by

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Several counties in the region — including Washington, Iron, Kane, Grand and Piute counties in Utah and Coconino County in Arizona — all have filed separate resolutions declaring a state of emergency due to the impact the closure of the federally managed lands have had on the economy both financially and in tourism numbers.

Iron County Commissioner Dave Miller called the closures, “a stunt by clowns in the White House and is nothing less than an exercise in abuse of power.”

Local leaders are in discussions as to what their next step will be. However, Miller said, “these are federally managed lands held in trust and when those lands are mismanaged the state and the political subdivisions of the state not only have right but also the responsibility to make sure they are managed beneficially on behalf of the public.”

We'll forward any more info, as we get it

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From: Reynolds, William <william_f_reynolds@nps.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 07, 2013 5:07 PM
To: Maureen Foster
Cc: Sue Waldron; Shawn Benge; Michael Litterst
Subject: Fwd:
Attachments: Press Release 10-3-13 Park Closure.doc; 20131004100118050.pdf

Good afternoon, Maureen! We know you have a lot going on, but GRSM asked me to follow up on this letter from last week from Blount County to Secretary Jewell. Do you know if it has been "officially" received yet and, if so, has it been responded to? If a response has been sent, can we get a copy? We just want to make sure it is being tracked and answered.

Please let me know if there is anything you need me to do.

Thanks much,

Bill

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From: Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
Sent: Sunday, October 06, 2013 9:53 PM
To: Colin Campbell; Foster Maureen; Jarvis Jon; Litterst Mike; Kelly Kate; Androff Blake; Sheaffer Bruce
Cc: Margaret O'Dell; Cam Sholly
Subject: Re: Media Alert: Tuesday 1pm Protest At The Grand Canyon: Business Leaders, Northern Arizona Residents Fed Up With Federal Shutdown

Looping others

Sue Waldron
Assistant Director, Communications
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Sent from my iPad

On Oct 6, 2013, at 9:03 PM, Colin Campbell <colin_campbell@nps.gov> wrote:

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CONTACT:

Clarinda Vail

Manager, Red Feather Properties

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Fed Up With The Feds South Rim Community/ Businesses Lead Tuesday 1pm Protest At The Grand Canyon

(TUSAYAN, Ariz.) There is going to be a protest at the gates of the Grand Canyon as businesses in Northern Arizona and the people who work there suffer because the federal government has turned down offers of financial assistance from South Rim business owners, the State of Arizona, and the adjacent town of Tusayan to partially open the Grand Canyon during the government shutdown as was done in 1995.

The protesters will gather at 1pm October 8th in the ADOT right-of-way just south of the Grand Canyon National Park South Rim entrance gates. (In front of where the old Moqui Lodge was.)

The Town of Tusayan voted to appropriate more than \$200,000 and businesses in the town have pledged another \$150,000 to fund a partial opening of the Grand Canyon National Park during the government shutdown. The economic loss caused by closing the Canyon has created huge losses for businesses in northern Arizona.

On October 4th, Arizona Senators John McCain and Jeff Flake wrote a letter to the Secretary of the Interior requesting that the department reconsider its refusal to use non-federal funds to operate the Canyon as was done during a government shutdown in 1995. The letter states in part: "We fail to understand why the Department and the NPS would dismiss the efforts of Arizonans trying to proactively address this situation."

Governor Brewer, House Speaker Andy Tobin, and Senate President Andy Biggs also wrote President Obama asking the administration to allow the use of non-federal funds to operate the Canyon. The letter states in part: "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."

Sadly, Governor Brewer has thus far been unable to repeat then-Governor Symington's success in partially opening the Canyon during a Government shutdown in 1995. That may have something to do with the fact that the Obama Administration is unwilling to negotiate with respect to the Grand Canyon or any other national parks.

In fact, a Park Ranger in Washington DC was quoted by The Washington Times as saying, "We've been told to make life as difficult for people as we can. It's disgusting."

Red Feather Properties, which has been serving tourists in northern Arizona for nearly a century, initiated the idea and pledged the first \$25,000. Red Feather Properties Manager Clarinda Vail said, "We thank our senators, our Governor and our legislative leaders for their support during this crisis in Northern Arizona. We pray that their efforts will change some minds within the Obama Administration."

Who: South Rim residents and business leaders

What: Protest at the Grand Canyon

When: Tuesday October 8 at 1pm

Where: ADOT Right of way next to the South Rim Boundary of the Grand Canyon National Park

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

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From: Waldron, Suzanne <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 03, 2013 5:17 PM
To: Litterst, Michael
Subject: Re: Public reaction to closure ORCA

we probably don't need to - figure they already have - but a good thing for us to do...

i'd also suggest responding to Blake's note about the donation statement that you are releasing the Rushmore letter

On Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 5:14 PM, Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> wrote:
Do we need to tell them it's ok to change the sign from "facility" to "trail?" Or just go to a more all-encompassing "This national park is closed?"

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**Subject:** Re: Public reaction to closure ORCA  
**To:** "Dalby, Craig" <[craig\\_dalby@nps.gov](mailto:craig_dalby@nps.gov)>  
**Cc:** Suzanne Waldron <[sue\\_waldron@nps.gov](mailto:sue_waldron@nps.gov)>, Michael Litterst <[mike\\_litterst@nps.gov](mailto:mike_litterst@nps.gov)>

The whole confusion around a "trail" being a "facility" has been a problem with the signage for a number of our parks.

On Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 1:49 PM, Dalby, Craig <[craig\\_dalby@nps.gov](mailto:craig_dalby@nps.gov)> wrote:  
FYI

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Subject: Fwd: Public reaction to closure ORCA  
To: Craig Dalby <[craig\\_dalby@nps.gov](mailto:craig_dalby@nps.gov)>

Hey Craig-

Thought you would want to see this too.

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... of one country- all of us  
facing the stars  
hope- a new constellation  
waiting for us to map it  
waiting for us to name it- together

Richard Blanco  
One Today  
Inaugural poem

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Scott, Vicki,

# THE SKINNY:

**Waldorf School from Portland drove up here and went hiking despite the signs, gave some of our concession employees a ration of manure, and stated that they did not believe that they "should be stopped from using their public lands, by a bunch of idiots in Washington."**

**They were escorted out. No violation notices issued, no use of force - etc. To remedy the situation or make it much clearer that trails access is not permitted, see the attached photos.**

## The complete version

Yesterday we had the Waldorf school from Portland OR come up here and ignore the signs stating the facility is closed. They went for a hike on the Big Tree Trail. I asked a couple of the kids I found (8th graders) where their leader/teacher was, and they were still up on the trail. It took until 1730 to get all of them back down off the trail.

When I contacted the leader, he stated "I'll bet you have some words for me." I replied that I had a question. "Why they chose to ignore the signs stating facility closed." He responded, "I don't think we should be held hostage by idiots in Washington, to go out on our public lands." I explained to the leader that we did not have the resources available to care for them out on the trails with the shutdown, furlough going on. The responded that they felt that they had a sufficient adult to kid ratio, knew what they were doing in a wilderness area, and did not need any help."

I then asked, what about the lesson that the kids learn in going where they are not supposed to be? He and I waited a bit and then I suggested that perhaps they could then discuss as a class how to affect change, and expressing to your elected officials how you see the situation. He said it wouldn't make any difference, and I stated, "Well, it is like voting, if you don't vote you don't have the right to complain." Another pause and he stated, "I know you are just doing your job."

Once they were on their way out, one of the other adults stated that we should have signs out. I explained to the person that we had signs in Cave Junction (nearest cross street - developed area) and then again at the Grayback Campground, then again, at the entrance sign, plus the signs that they walked by to go hiking. "Well the visitor center told us we could go hiking."

The approved signs are up at the VC and this guy was not being truthful, our partner agencies are well aware of the closures, and that it includes the trail.

I found out today that it was probably these same folks that gave a ration of manure to some of the concession, who is going through end of year shutdown procedures (cleaning etc). I advised the concession folks in no uncertain terms that they needed to call us when that happened, so that we could respond and address the situation. Like many parks we have more than one area to check on, and cannot station an LE Ranger at every point to keep people out.

## FUTURE

This weekend - if it is nice weather we may more push-back. Rifle season for deer also opened last weekend - and it poured, so this weekend should see more hunters on the USFS lands surrounding us. If we are, I recommend having two LE on duty for the high visitation times of day.

We are also going to need to change the official wording, as most folks out here don't understand/accept that facility means trails also.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 01, 2013 3:31 PM  
**To:** Jennifer Anzelmo-Sarles  
**Subject:** Fwd: GRTE PIO is Jenny for shutdown  
**Attachments:** Talking points officials conf call\_JR.docx

Thanks - it's always helpful when I can cite effects at specific parks.

I think Rick is on.

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Date: Tue, Oct 1, 2013 at 3:22 PM
Subject: Re: GRTE PIO is Jenny for shutdown
To: "Litterst, Michael" <mike_litterst@nps.gov>

Here are FAQ's I put together for Mary this am on her conf call. I'm not distributing these, but thought i'd share with you. Who is the IMR PIO contact? Good luck!

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On Tue, Oct 1, 2013 at 1:20 PM, Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> wrote:
Thanks, Jenny. I'm sure I'll be in touch!

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What happened?

Since Congress was unable to reach an agreement on a budget, Grand Teton National Park and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway are implementing contingency plans to close the parks. The parks will be closed for the duration of this lapse in appropriations.

We are hopeful that Congress will act quickly to pass a continuing resolution to fund the federal government.

What exactly will be closed?

The parks are closed to **all public access and recreational activities** for the duration of the shutdown.

What will stay open?

Highway 26/89/191 from the park's south boundary, 4 miles north of Jackson, to the park's east boundary, 2 miles east of Moran, would remain open to **through traffic**. Scenic view turn-outs will be closed. Essentially you will still be able to access the Jackson Hole Airport and drive from Jackson to Dubois.

When do I need to be out of the park?

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If I leave the park for dinner in Jackson, can I get back in?

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From: Anzelmo-Sarles, Jennifer <jenny_anzelmo-sarles@nps.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 01, 2013 3:23 PM
To: Litterst, Michael
Subject: Re: GRTE PIO is Jenny for shutdown
Attachments: Talking points officials conf call_JR.docx

Here are FAQ's I put together for Mary this am on her conf call. I'm not distributing these, but thought i'd share with you. Who is the IMR PIO contact? Good luck!

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What happened?

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We are hopeful that Congress will act quickly to pass a continuing resolution to fund the federal government.

What exactly will be closed?

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What will stay open?

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From: Dan Bammes <dbammes@kuer.org>
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2013 12:35 PM
To: mike_litterst@nps.gov
Subject: Utah's national parks
Attachments: image001.jpg

With five national parks and as many national monuments, a lot of folks in Utah are concerned about what happens in the event of a government shutdown. I'd like to do an interview with someone at NPS who can address that. Please call at 801-581-6624.

Thanks --

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From: Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2013 12:03 PM
To: Alyssa Baltrus
Cc: Cynthia Purcell; Ray O'Neil; Therese Picard; Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Cam Sholly; Sue Waldron; Kate Kelly; Blake Androff; Colin Campbell
Subject: Re: Senator Urquhart leading Occupy Zion protest Saturday

+ others

Here's the clip. Sen. Urquhart is inviting people to come join him in a walk at Zion on Saturday.

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 10, 2013 11:58 AM  
**To:** Picard, Therese; Alyssa Baltrus  
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Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2013 12:41 PM
To: Jane Ahern; Skip Brooks
Subject: Wittman's testimony on Jamestown

Wittman's question to Jon on Jamestown was wrong on so many levels, not the least of which stating that HJ (which he keeps calling Jamestown Settlement) stayed open in 1995.

And now he just said Carrot Tree is paying rent while closed. No, their franchise fee is based on sales, so if there's no visitors, he pays no fee.

Grrrrrr!

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Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 4:44 PM
To: Dalby, Craig
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Subject: RE: URGENT: Federal Government Closure & Girlfriends Half Marathon
To: "Shine, Gregory" <greg_shine@nps.gov>, cindys@nwpersonaltraining.com
Cc: kerry.peck@cityofvancouver.us, "Donovan, Stacey" <Stacey.Donovan@cityofvancouver.us>, jill.brown@cityofvancouver.us, "Bader, Jan" <Jan.Bader@cityofvancouver.us>, Tracy Fortmann <Tracy_Fortmann@nps.gov>, Eva Dodd <eva_dodd@nps.gov>, Scott Wanek <scott_wanek@nps.gov>, Rene

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Cindy and Sherri,

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Cheers,

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Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 11:49 AM

To: Sherri McMillan; cindys@nwpersonaltraining.com

Cc: kerry.peck@cityofvancouver.us; Donovan, Stacey; jill.brown@cityofvancouver.us; Bader, Jan; Tracy Fortmann; Eva Dodd; Scott Wanek; Rene Buehl; Craig Dalby

Subject: Fwd: URGENT: Federal Government Closure & Girlfriends Half Marathon

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To follow up on my email of October 3, this is another reminder that due to the federal government shutdown, all 401 units of the national park system, including Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, are closed, education programs and special events are canceled, and special use permits are rescinded.

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We apologize for the inconvenience, and want you to know that we've reached out to officials with the City of Vancouver, who have already been in contact with you. They indicate that they will continue to work with you to identify alternative routes that do not include access to the national park. The city's contact until October 14 is Kerry Peck, and she can be reached at kerry.peck@cityofvancouver.us.

Thank you for your understanding, and we remain hopeful that the government will reopen shortly.

Cheers,

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To: Caldwell, Michael
Cc: Cam Sholly; Stephen M Clark; Michael Litterst
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Sent: Thursday, October 03, 2013 12:17 PM
To: Michael Litterst
Subject: Re: Event Needs Exception to the Shutdown

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From: Ahern, Jane <jane_ahern@nps.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 03, 2013 11:44 AM
To: Michael Litterst
Subject: Fwd: Event Needs Exception to the Shutdown

Situational awareness only at this point.

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From: Caldwell, Michael <mike_caldwell@nps.gov>
Date: Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 11:35 AM
Subject: Fwd: Event Needs Exception to the Shutdown
To: Brian Strack <brian_strack@nps.gov>, Jane Ahern <Jane_Ahern@nps.gov>, Stephen M Clark <Stephen_M_Clark@nps.gov>

there is so much wrong with this request...i will answer

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To: mike caldwell <mike_caldwell@nps.gov>, brian_strack@nps.gov, steve_m_clark@nps.gov
Cc: Betsy Haynes <betsy_haynes@nps.gov>, (b) (6)

Hi Mike,

We have a request from a group that was approved for a SPU to hold a fundraising 5K Marathon on park grounds. The group requests that the run be allowed to continue on park grounds even if the shutdown continues through October 19, 2013.

Background Information: Special Park Use YMCA 5K Run – Oct. 19, 2013 (Scheduled for 9 a.m. - 12 noon)

BOWA has approved an SPU request for a 5K run fundraiser to be held Saturday, Oct. 19, 2013 from 9 a.m. - noon. The participant runners plus EMT "spotters" will total no more than 100 persons.

The run is a fundraising event partnership between Smith Mt. Lake YMCA and Franklin County Humane Society with support from Carilion Medical and Willard Corporation, a local development company that has a relationship with the park through adjacent land development history and current community development interests.

This event is considered by the park to not only be a worthy special event but has strong community building component as well. This run is part of a debt-reducing campaign to remain sustainable and viable. It is a high-visibility effort that the community and the park strongly supports.

The YMCA facility at 293 FirstWatch Drive, just off Rt. 122 in the LakeWatch Plantation subdivision, opened in January 2008, following a capital fundraising campaign which began in 2006 and resulted in approximately \$1 million in pledges—43 percent of the estimated \$2.3 million cost to build and equip the 'Y' structure. A loan was secured and construction began in 2007.

"Unfortunately, the financial meltdown of 2008 resulted in over \$300,000 of the pledged funds never being realized," Garry Angle, Franklin County YMCA Executive Director, explained. "Member One, the bank that holds our note, has graciously allowed us four years of paying interest only on the loan, but because of bank regulations we must revert to the traditional payment structure beginning Oct. 15. Our cash flow won't cover interest-plus-principal payments on the still-outstanding amount."

By reducing the principal loan balance the current 500-plus members' fees will permit the YMCA to continue operating as a full service facility. Through the generosity of a lead donor, a challenge has been issued to the Y family. The donor will match dollar for dollar every pledge made to the campaign up to a total of \$300,000 during October. Success of this effort will reduce the loan by \$600,000 and firmly place YMCA as a sustainable operation.

Planning for the event, including registration and fee collection by the Permittee, is well underway and the event planner, Andrea Fansler, feels she has no other options available for a new running course. The event starts on adjacent property where all parking and staging takes place. The runners cross a field and then enter park property through a boundary gate. The runners then utilize the park's 1 ½ mile Jack-O-Lantern Branch Heritage Trail to complete a loop run that takes them back out of the park through the same gate and to the finish line on adjacent property. Only the trail and a short distance to access the trail will be utilized by the SPU. The park main entrance, visitor center, bathrooms, etc. will not be used.

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From: Breanna Edwards <Breanna.Edwards@theroot.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 01, 2013 2:55 PM
To: Shutdown, DOI; blake_androff@ios.doi.gov
Cc: Michael Litterst
Subject: Re: Request for information on cancelled KKK rally at Gettysburg Park

Thank you so much for your quick response, Blake! I appreciate all the hard work you are doing in the wake of the shutdown.

I look forward to hearing from you Mike!

Cheers,
Breanna.

From: <Shutdown>, DOI <doi_shutdown@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Tuesday, October 1, 2013 2:52 PM
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Sent: Tuesday, October 01, 2013 2:20 PM
To: klangley@post-gazette.com
Subject: Fwd: Deadline inquiry from Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Karen:

I have forwarded your message on to Gettysburg National Military Park, as our office doesn't have the specific closure plans for each of the 401 sites in the National Park System. If there is someone there on the "excepted from furlough" list, they will respond. If you have questions on the effects and impacts of the closure to the National Park Service as an agency, I can assist with that.

Mike

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**From:** **Shutdown, DOI** <[doi\\_shutdown@ios.doi.gov](mailto:doi_shutdown@ios.doi.gov)>  
**Date:** Tue, Oct 1, 2013 at 1:59 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Deadline inquiry from Pittsburgh Post-Gazette  
**To:** Karen Langley <[klangley@post-gazette.com](mailto:klangley@post-gazette.com)>  
**Cc:** Michael Litterst <[mike\\_litterst@nps.gov](mailto:mike_litterst@nps.gov)>

Hi Karen -

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Karen

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 01, 2013 2:18 PM  
**To:** James Kirby; Katie Lawhon  
**Subject:** Fwd: Deadline inquiry from Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Are either of you excepted that can tackle this? I can give agency-wide information, but don't have the sanity to speak on 401 different park shutdown plans.

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From: Waldron, Suzanne <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 01, 2013 12:00 PM
To: Mike Litterst
Subject: Fwd:

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From: **Reidenbach, Dennis** <dennis_reidenbach@nps.gov>
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Cc: Mike Caldwell <Mike_Caldwell@nps.gov>, Gay Vietzke <Gay_Vietzke@nps.gov>, Jane Ahern <Jane_Ahern@nps.gov>, Stephen Clark <Stephen_M_Clark@nps.gov>, Jonathan Meade <jonathan_meade@nps.gov>

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Subject: Fwd:
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From: **Lawhon, Catherine** <katie_lawhon@nps.gov>
Date: Tue, Oct 1, 2013 at 9:45 AM
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Gettysburg Park Media Statement

For Release: October 1, 2013

Contact: Katie Lawhon

Phone: 717/ 334-1124 x 3121

Statement - Due to Government shutdown, Gettysburg National Military Park rescinds all permits, including October 5th First Amendment Activity

Because of the federal government shutdown, Gettysburg National Military Park (NMP) has rescinded all permits for special events, including the October 5th first amendment demonstration to be held by the Confederate White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The group had received a special use permit to exercise their first amendment rights at Gettysburg NMP on the afternoon of October 5 on the lawn north of Meade's Headquarters along Taneytown Road. This event has been cancelled.

The group requested the permit under the first amendment of the United States Constitution which grants all citizens the rights to freedom of speech. As custodians of land owned by the American people, the National Park Service has a responsibility to make that land available for exercising those rights. The Code of Federal Regulations (36 CFR 2.51), the Director's Orders on Special Park Use and the Management Policies of the National Park Service all provide clear guidance on First Amendment activities in the parks.

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Sent: Tuesday, October 01, 2013 10:09 AM
To: Michael Litterst
Subject: Fwd: KKK event

Language on WHY the permits are pulled during shutdown, from Cam. Sent GETT PR separately

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Subject: Fwd: KKK event
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Cc: Mike Caldwell <Mike_Caldwell@nps.gov>, Gay Vietzke <Gay_Vietzke@nps.gov>, Jane Ahern <Jane_Ahern@nps.gov>, Stephen Clark <Stephen_M_Clark@nps.gov>

Jon, Michael

Steve and I were just on the phone with GETT and closed the loop that the permit is being rescinded.

Dennis

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From: Sholly, Cam <cam_sholly@nps.gov>
Date: Tue, Oct 1, 2013 at 8:37 AM
Subject: Re: KKK event
To: James Kirby <bob_kirby@nps.gov>
Cc: Dennis Reidenbach <dennis_reidenbach@nps.gov>, Michael Caldwell <mike_caldwell@nps.gov>, Gay Vietzke <gay_vietzke@nps.gov>, Bruce Sheaffer <Bruce_Sheaffer@nps.gov>, Jonathan Meade <jonathan_meade@nps.gov>, Michael Slobodian <michael_slobodian@nps.gov>, Stephen Clark <Stephen_M_Clark@nps.gov>, Alexa Molnar <Alexa_Molnar@nps.gov>, Ryan Levins <Ryan_Levins@nps.gov>, Randolph Myers <randolph.myers@sol.doi.gov>

The "park" cannot be opened simply because the event is occurring. If we did that, then all anyone would need to say is "1st Amendment" to gain access to closed park areas.

I would officially rescind the permit with the justification being that the government is shut down and lack of funding requires the closing of the park to the public, which includes permitted activities. Try to gauge what their course of action is going to be.

Your staffing plan (ELO) should be geared to deny access to the park if they show up, not to manage the event as originally planned. If we need to all get on a call with the solicitor here and Bruce, we can.

Cameron Sholly
Associate Director
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On Mon, Sep 30, 2013 at 9:46 PM, James Kirby <bob_kirby@nps.gov> wrote:
I'll answer your questions in the order asked.

#1. Yes, the permit was approved but the permittee was advised when he came in to sign the permit that in the event of a government shutdown, it would be revoked.

#2. Yes, we did contact the KKK and made sure they knew that in the event the government was to shutdown their permit would be revoked, but that they could reschedule it at a later date. They have not volunteered to withdraw it.

#3. The area can not be closed to the public easily. The USPP has requested we provide tighter security so that everyone will be wanded (hand held metal detector). This would require somewhat of an elaborate set up of bike rack barricades and snow fencing to create crowd control corridors and crowd separators. Dennis and Gay know the site layout from the June 30th "New Birth of Freedom" event. Its on a big gently sloping hillside just below the brow of the hill where the old cyclorama used to sit. Consequently, there are two large parking lots nearby where the public and demonstrators would have normally parked if we were not to shutdown. If we go ahead with this event we'll need to make this parking available to both the demonstrators, counter demonstrators, the media and the curious public. Taneytown Road runs nearby but there is no place for the public to park along that road. The entire area is located directly across the street (Taneytown Road) from the park ranger station.

#4. We know we'll have a lot of spectators since the KKK has been stirring up the town for a couple weeks with inflammatory posters and mailers. The story has gone viral and was also carried on a BBC news report. Local media interest is high. We have had inquiries from at least one individual who is curious about obtaining a counter-demonstration permit. There will be counter protests and support rallies in town at the local YWCA. Other demonstrators are expected to show up without benefit of a permit.

We had anticipated using maintenance staff to erect the bicycle racks (barricades) and to install pig-tail posts from which we'll string caution tape and snow fence as crowd funneling devices and separators. This cost was built into the ELO request. This staffing will have to be brought back off furlough if we were to shutdown.

Interest in this event appears to be high. The GETT/EISE law enforcement staff cannot safely handle this event without USPP and other LE support. If we proceed, we'll have to open the park to the public and be fully supported by other LE resources.

Bob Kirby 717-334-1124 x3351

On Sep 30, 2013, at 8:53 PM, Dennis Reidenbach
<dennis_reidenbach@nps.gov> wrote:

> Bob,
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> Spoke with Cam late in the day, and forwarded one of Peggy's emails
> that said that WASO was still working through all of the issues
> regarding the ELO request and the First Amendment permit request. To
> make sure everyone is on the same page please answer the following:
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> 1). Was the permit approved at any point? If so, when?
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> 2). Did we contact the KKK and tell them we were revoking a permit or
> did they withdraw it based on the shutdown threat or discussions
> initiated by us?
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> 3). Some folks aren't completely familiar with the site. Is the
> area where the permit was granted accessible to the public (even if
> the park was closed) or in area that could otherwise be closed off
> during the shutdown?
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> 4.....anything else that folks should know.
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> Thanks.
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From: Ahern, Jane <jane_ahern@nps.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 01, 2013 9:53 AM
To: Michael Litterst; Suzanne Waldron
Subject: Fwd:

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From: Lawhon, Catherine <katie_lawhon@nps.gov>
Date: Tue, Oct 1, 2013 at 9:45 AM
Subject:
To:

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Gettysburg Park Media Statement

For Release: October 1, 2013

Contact: Katie Lawhon

Phone: 717/ 334-1124 x 3121

**Statement - Due to Government shutdown, Gettysburg National Military Park
rescinds all permits,**

including October 5th First Amendment Activity

Because of the federal government shutdown, Gettysburg National Military Park (NMP) has rescinded all permits for special events, including the October 5th first amendment demonstration to be held by the Confederate White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The group had received a special use permit to exercise their first amendment rights at Gettysburg NMP on the afternoon of October 5 on the lawn north of Meade's Headquarters along Taneytown Road. This event has been cancelled.

The group requested the permit under the first amendment of the United States Constitution which grants all citizens the rights to freedom of speech. As custodians of land owned by the American people, the National Park Service has a responsibility to make that land available for exercising those rights. The Code of Federal Regulations (36 CFR 2.51), the Director's Orders on Special Park Use and the Management Policies of the National Park Service all provide clear guidance on First Amendment activities in the parks.

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From: Michael Litterst <mike_litterst@nps.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2013 10:26 PM
To: Katie Lawhon
Subject: Fwd: From NPS.gov: Issue of Rally Permit by Gettysburg National Mil Park to the KKK after the 150 Reunion of Civil WAR

Not like you don't have anything else to do this week, but do you have a standard response for these that you can reply with? If there's too much going on with the shutdown, let me know and I can pull something together; I'm on the excepted list so I've got some time this week.

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Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 9:49 PM
To: Waldron, Suzanne
Cc: Michael Litterst; Blake Androff; Kate Kelly
Subject: Re: Events - Need one or two sentences approved by WASO/DOI

Thanks Sue, I'm going to talk to Dennis/Gay about the permit question. I also want to talk to the lead ranger on the ground at NERI. We appreciate the assistance/advice, since this is the first of two larger events in NER coming up.

Jane

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Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 2:25 PM
To: Blake Androff; Kate Kelly
Cc: Mike Litterst
Subject: nps statement for bridge day at new river

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To: Ahern, Jane
Cc: Michael Litterst
Subject: Re: Events - Need one or two sentences approved by WASO/DOI

we were working on something like this on friday that got overtaken by events =- jody did a draft - let me find it, take a look and send it along

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To: Michael Litterst; Suzanne Waldron
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From: Michael Caldwell <mike_caldwell@nps.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2013 2:09 PM
To: Litterst, Michael
Cc: Androff, Blake; Suzanne Waldron; Katherine Kelly; Margaret O'Dell; Cam Sholly; Maureen Foster; Jane Ahern
Subject: Re: WSJ writing about Fort Wadsworth

Yes. We are starting to field questions. I've asked from the park what the costs are to support our role in the event and operationally what it means to allow set up to begin as early as next week.

The marathon begins at Ft Wadsworth and as you recall last year was cancelled in the aftermath of Sandy.

Cam - can we discuss tomorrow?

Mike

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From: Sholly, Cam <cam_sholly@nps.gov>
Sent: Saturday, October 05, 2013 9:10 AM
To: Bengé, Shawn
Subject: Re: Any updates this morning on how it went last night?

I can talk now if you want to call my cell when you're ready.

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From: Mark Woods <mark_woods@nps.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 04, 2013 5:32 PM
To: Benge, Shawn
Subject: Re: Name of PIO

Thank you.

Mark H. Woods
Superintendent
Blue Ridge Parkway

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 4, 2013, at 5:31 PM, "Benge, Shawn" <shawn_benge@nps.gov> wrote:

Dana Soehn

On Fri, Oct 4, 2013 at 5:04 PM, Woods, Mark <mark_woods@nps.gov> wrote:
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From: Reynolds, William <william_f_reynolds@nps.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 04, 2013 5:24 PM
To: Shawn Bengel; David Horne
Subject: Current issues list

FORA - playhouse open tomorrow night for play?
CAHA - Avon Pier question from Sen. Hagan's office
GRSM - Blount County letter to Secretary re - Cades Cove
GRSM - Swain County inquiry re - cemetery access next weekend
BLRI - Pisgah Inn
KIMO - Overmountain Victory events this weekend and Monday, 10/7
VIIS - "Occupy Maho Bay" this weekend (?)
BISC - Columbus Day events next weekend
GUIS & JELA - TS Karen
LIRI - 1/2 Marathon next weekend
CHCH - 150th events next weekend

I might have missed something, so please let me know if you know of something else.
Bill

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Young, Deirdre R

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Sent: Friday, October 04, 2013 5:05 PM
To: Shawn Bengé
Cc: William Reynolds
Subject: Name of PIO

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From: Horne, David <david_horne@nps.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 04, 2013 3:49 PM
To: Steve Stinnett
Cc: Mark Woods; Shawn Bengel
Subject: Two Ranger in route

Steve,

Two Ranger are heading your way.

Chris Fraser from CHIT/CHAT
John Housch from CUGA

They are completing a hard-copy Travel Authorization and both traveling in a patrol vehicle. They were asked to coordinate with BLRI dispatch and arrive no later than 2100 hours.

You mentioned two Rangers would suffice; please let me know if this is still the case as Big South Fork was unable to find someone.

David Horne
Chief Ranger (acting)
Southeast Region
National Park Service

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Mobile: 303-726-5841

Young, Deirdre R

From: Reynolds, William <william_f_reynolds@nps.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 04, 2013 2:42 PM
To: Shawn Bengel; Clayton Jordan; David Horne; Steve Stinnett; Mark Woods
Subject: BLRI and GRSM - National media calls

BLRI - direct to me at 404-507-5612

GRSM - direct to Mike Litterst in WASO at 202-208-6843

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404-507-5612

From: Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2013 12:10 PM
To: Oltrogge, Maureen
Cc: Risser, Mary; O'Dell Peggy; Jarvis Jon; Sheaffer Bruce; Androff Blake; Kelly Kate; Patterson Kyle; Maureen Foster; Cam Sholly; Rena Fugate; Billy Shott; Kirby-Lynn Shedlowski; Dave Uberuaga; Bill Wright
Subject: Re: Feedback about public confusion from a closed park

Thanks mo

Sue Waldron
Assistant Director, Communications
National Park Service

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 13, 2013, at 11:46 AM, "Oltrogge, Maureen" <maureen_oltrogge@nps.gov> wrote:

Yes, we'll reach out to the AZ AP and others to do what we can on our end.

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Public Affairs Officer
Grand Canyon National Park
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Subject: Re: Feedback about public confusion from a closed park

Thanks kyle

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From: Blake Androff <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2013 8:26 AM
To: Litterst, Michael
Cc: Kate Kelly; Tim Cash; Sue Waldron; Jonathan Jarvis; Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster
Subject: Re: PBS NewsHour - Political deadlock drags on as Americans feel effects of government shutdown

Great job.

Blake Androff
Deputy Director of Communications
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On Oct 2, 2013, at 8:00 AM, "Litterst, Michael" <mike_litterst@nps.gov> wrote:

Here's the piece from NewsHour last night. NPS is a the beginning of the segment.

http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/politics/july-dec13/shutdown1_10-01.html

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**From:** Androff, Blake <blake\_androff@ios.doi.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 02, 2013 1:26 PM  
**To:** Laura Davis; Nicole Buffa; Jonathan Jarvis; Margaret O'Dell; Suzanne Waldron; Michael Litterst; Katherine Kelly; Tim Fullerton  
**Subject:** Greenwire: Destination wedding? Congress plays the party pooper

## **Destination wedding? Congress plays the party pooper**

Phil Taylor, E&E reporter

Published: Wednesday, October 2, 2013

As lawmakers wage ideological war over government spending and Obamacare, Zach Kouwe's big plan for a national park wedding hangs in the balance.

Kouwe, 35, is scheduled to marry Drake Lucas, 34, on Oct. 13 at the Ahwahnee Hotel in Yosemite National Park, which is one of more than 400 park units closed yesterday by the government shutdown.

"We're trying to figure out a plan B," said Kouwe, a Brooklyn resident who said he was up past midnight Monday watching C-SPAN in nervous anticipation. "Hopefully, Congress gets its act together."

In addition to turning away an estimated 750,000 national park visitors a day, this week's government shutdown -- the first since 1996 -- could derail scores of weddings from Yosemite to the Great Smoky Mountains, Shenandoah and the National Mall.

Lovebirds who have stressed for months over caterers, dress colors and quarreling in-laws must now worry about whether Congress will reopen their wedding venues in time.

The shutdown has already caused one wedding party to cancel its reservation this weekend at Shenandoah's Skyland Resort, said Helen Morton, director of sales and marketing for Delaware North Cos. Inc., which operates the resort at the top of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

"We just felt very poorly for them," Morton said, adding that the bride and groom received a full refund and have secured another location in Page County, Va.

Another wedding is scheduled the following weekend, which would coincide with the peak of Shenandoah's famous fall foliage, she said.

Carol Johnson, a spokeswoman for the Park Service's National Mall and Memorial Parks unit, this week told *The Washington Post* that there are 24 weddings scheduled on the Mall in October. Great Smoky Mountains officials told a Knoxville, Tenn., television station that the park, the nation's most visited, has 27 weddings planned in the first two weeks of October alone.



Drake Lucas (left) and Zach Kouwe plan to tie the knot Oct. 13 at Yosemite National Park -- as long as Congress funds the government. Photo courtesy of Zach Kouwe.

Kouwe said he picked Yosemite because his fiancée grew up in California, hiked with her dad in Yosemite and worked at the Ahwahnee.

The historic 1920s lodge features an airy, timbered interior and stunning views of Yosemite Falls, Half Dome and Glacier Point.

Kouwe said he's considering moving the wedding to the Tenaya Lodge outside the park's southern gate but said it lacks the sweeping views of the Yosemite Valley as well as the park's romantic vibe.

"There are a lot worse problems in the world than me getting married," said Kouwe, who said he blames the shutdown on a "small group of ideologues" in Congress bent on striking down the president's signature health care reforms. "But they need to know it affects real people."

Kouwe said he has only nine immediate family members coming to his wedding, which would make venue changes relatively easy -- though no less frustrating.

Others including Sean Coughlin, 26, of Burbank, Calif., are not so lucky.

Coughlin is scheduled to marry his fiancée Sunday at the Paramount Ranch in California's Santa Monica Mountains. He's bringing 80 guests, half of whom are flying in from the East Coast, where he grew up.

"The wedding must go on," the Philadelphia native said last night as he was leaving his job at Nickelodeon Games to begin his vacation. "Instead of enjoying it, I'm scouting new locations."

The Park Service's 2,700-acre ranch, which was purchased in 1927 by Paramount Studios and used as a set for numerous Western movies, features a replica Main Street and a sheriff's office where Coughlin planned to install a photo booth for his guests.

The ceremony was to take place in an open field next to a large oak tree.

Coughlin said the Park Service contacted him early yesterday to say its staff had been furloughed and the gates to the ranch had been closed. While the park staff has been very accommodating and provided a list of contacts at California state parks, few sites offer the same history, scenery and amenities as the ranch, he said.

"Paramount Ranch is one of the most unique places we found," Coughlin said. Malibu Creek State Park has similar open fields, he said, but it also lacks electricity, meaning they'd have to haul in generators to make a go of it.

Nicole of San Diego planned to get married Saturday at Joshua Tree National Park in Southern California, where she and her fiancé first fell in love camping together and later got engaged.

"I'm pretty much in a panic," said the 28-year-old graphic designer, who declined to provide her last name. "We were aware of [the shutdown], but we never in a million years thought it was going to come to it."

Although Nicole said she has a plan B and C, neither location is as sentimental to her and her groom as Joshua Tree, which is named after the native yuccalike tree that dots the park's Mojave Desert landscape.

"The fact that the government is standing in the way of my dream wedding is very frustrating," she said. "It makes me sad how many people's special days are being ruined because of this."

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**From:** Boling, Edward <ted.boling@sol.doi.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 08, 2013 6:23 PM  
**To:** Sholly, Cam  
**Cc:** Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Barry Roth; Kim Fondren  
**Subject:** Re: Secretary's Call with Governor

Thanks, Cam.

Looping in Barry and Kim, who are working with me and the BLM side of SOL on the litigation report.

Ted Boling  
Deputy Solicitor -- Parks & Wildlife  
U.S Department of the Interior  
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On Tue, Oct 8, 2013 at 6:15 PM, Sholly, Cam <[cam\\_sholly@nps.gov](mailto:cam_sholly@nps.gov)> wrote:  
Ted,

Here is the latest update from region and UT parks -

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Cameron Sholly  
Associate Director  
Visitor and Resource Protection  
National Park Service  
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(202) 501-1287-f

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Koschmann, Lena** <[lena\\_koschmann@nps.gov](mailto:lena_koschmann@nps.gov)>  
Date: Tue, Oct 8, 2013 at 6:08 PM  
Subject: Re: Secretary's Call with Governor  
To: "Sholly, Cam" <[cam\\_sholly@nps.gov](mailto:cam_sholly@nps.gov)>  
Cc: Colin Campbell <[Colin\\_Campbell@nps.gov](mailto:Colin_Campbell@nps.gov)>, Billy Shott <[Billy\\_Shott@nps.gov](mailto:Billy_Shott@nps.gov)>, Michael Archer <[Mike\\_Archer@nps.gov](mailto:Mike_Archer@nps.gov)>, Charles Cuvelier <[charles\\_cuvelier@nps.gov](mailto:charles_cuvelier@nps.gov)>

No reports of actions being taken on the ground at this time. GLCA had a meeting with their local Sheriffs this afternoon, within the past hour, and I've gotten no update as to the outcome of that meeting. Cindy Purcell

(ZION/ CEBR) reported that the Washington County Sheriff met with her and stated that he was waiting on word from his Governor and local Commissioners before he would take action to "reopen the parks." Captain Dewey is our after-hours duty officer tonight, and has been briefed on the situation; he will be available to take any incoming reports overnight. We will continue to pass along any information as we receive it.

Thanks,

Lena B. Koschmann  
Acting Regional Law Enforcement Specialist  
National Park Service Intermountain Region  
O: 303-969-2641  
C: 631-241-4792

On Tue, Oct 8, 2013 at 4:01 PM, Sholly, Cam <[cam\\_sholly@nps.gov](mailto:cam_sholly@nps.gov)> wrote:

Apparently the governor told the secretary he was going to reach out to the Sheriff's association to dissuade any disruptive actions in parks by state or local LE.

TRO request is being processed by DOJ.

Please continue feeding us any info you get from the parks on activities on the ground.

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**From:** Benge, Shawn <shawn\_benge@nps.gov>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 05, 2013 11:50 AM  
**To:** Margaret O'Dell  
**Cc:** Edward Boling; Barry Roth; Maureen Foster; Jon Jarvis; Cam Sholly; Sarah Neimeyer  
**Subject:** Re: I have a major problem in St John

There are two issues related to "open beaches" in the Carribean.



Standy-by while I attempt to locate relevant documents to sent to Cam /SOL.

On Sat, Oct 5, 2013 at 9:35 AM, Margaret O'Dell <[peggy\\_o'dell@nps.gov](mailto:peggy_o'dell@nps.gov)> wrote:

Shawn have you all been working this issue at all?

I am copying the lawyers in case we need their assistance to make a legal determination. Please reply to all so we can begin to work thru the issue. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Sarah Neimeyer <[sarah\\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov](mailto:sarah_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov)>  
**Date:** October 5, 2013, 9:05:30 AM EDT  
**To:** Jon Jarvis <[Jon\\_Jarvis@nps.gov](mailto:Jon_Jarvis@nps.gov)>, "Margaret O'Dell" <[peggy\\_o'dell@nps.gov](mailto:peggy_o'dell@nps.gov)>  
**Cc:** Maureen Foster <[maureen\\_foster@nps.gov](mailto:maureen_foster@nps.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: I have a major problem in St John

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** DMCGVI00 <[DMCGVI00@mail.house.gov](mailto:DMCGVI00@mail.house.gov)>  
**Date:** October 4, 2013 6:34:09 PM EDT  
**To:** "Nicole M. Isaac (b) (6)" <Nicole M. Isaac (b) (6)>  
"sarah\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov" <[sarah\\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov](mailto:sarah_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: I have a major problem in St John

I spoke to someone after 5 otherwise I would have tried to reach the Park Director. The Superintendent is following his directive. But St John can be problematic

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Isaac, Nicole M. [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 04, 2013 05:54 PM  
**To:** DMCGVI00; Neimeyer, Sarah <[sarah\\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov](mailto:sarah_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov)>  
**Cc:** Samuels, Jonathan D. <(b) (6)>  
**Subject:** RE: I have a major problem in St John

Thanks Congresswoman; adding Sarah from the Department of the Interior and they will be in touch.

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**From:** DMCGVI00 [mailto:[DMCGVI00@mail.house.gov](mailto:DMCGVI00@mail.house.gov)]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 04, 2013 5:36 PM  
**To:** Isaac, Nicole M.  
**Subject:** I have a major problem in St John

We have an "open beach" law that says all of our beaches belong to the people of the VI and we must bel allowed access even to private beaches.

The National Park in St John occupies over 2/3rds of the Island and all of the best beaches are in the Park.

I can understand not tourists as the concessions are not operating. But Virgin Islanders should be allowed at their own risk - holdding the Park harmless.

Do you think someone can overrife that just for Virgin. Islanders

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**Shawn Bengé**

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**Sent:** Monday, September 30, 2013 8:40 PM  
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**Cc:** Katherine Kelly; Jessica L Kershaw  
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**Subject:** Re: REQUEST

Anything you can get. Number of weddings this week. List of names of people. Key examples of ones that will be canceled. Any aggregate numbers of weddings by park, by year, by region, by ....

Blake Androff  
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+Nikki to this chain as she's going to be helping us with weddings

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On Sep 30, 2013, at 9:04 PM, "Androff, Blake" <[blake\\_androff@ios.doi.gov](mailto:blake_androff@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Did a quick search:

Anecdotaly, there are 24 scheduled just on the National Mall for October (see: <http://www.lohud.com/usatoday/article/2897257>) and there are many throughout the year at our iconic parks, like Yellowstone (see: <http://www.mcclatchydc.com/2013/09/30/203699/shutdown-would-mean-furloughs.html#.UkoegGQ-tFN>)

27 weddings are permitted for the first two weeks in the Great Smoky Mountains (see: <http://www.wate.com/story/23570752/great-smoky-mountains-preparing-for-possible-government-shutdown>)

On Mon, Sep 30, 2013 at 9:02 PM, Suzanne Waldron <[sue\\_waldron@nps.gov](mailto:sue_waldron@nps.gov)> wrote:  
I believe the answer is no. We issue permits but they are park specific and no central repository

Have calls in to a couple big parks about weddings. Nothing in permits in yellowstone. Waiting to hear back from others

Sue Waldron  
Assistant Director, Communications  
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We have been asked to pull whatever aggregate data we have on the number of weddings in national parks.... tonight. Is this something that is in any way tracked?

I am on my direct (b) (6) anyone wants to discuss.

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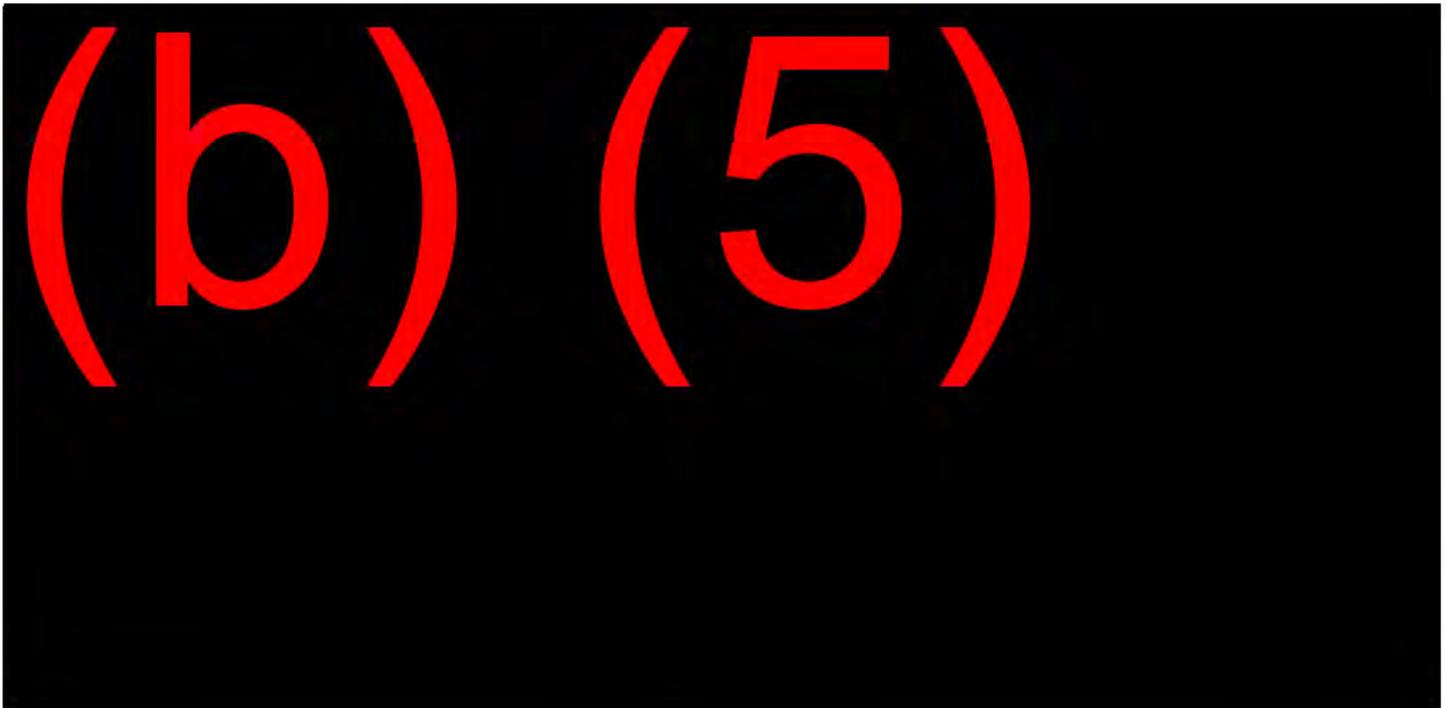
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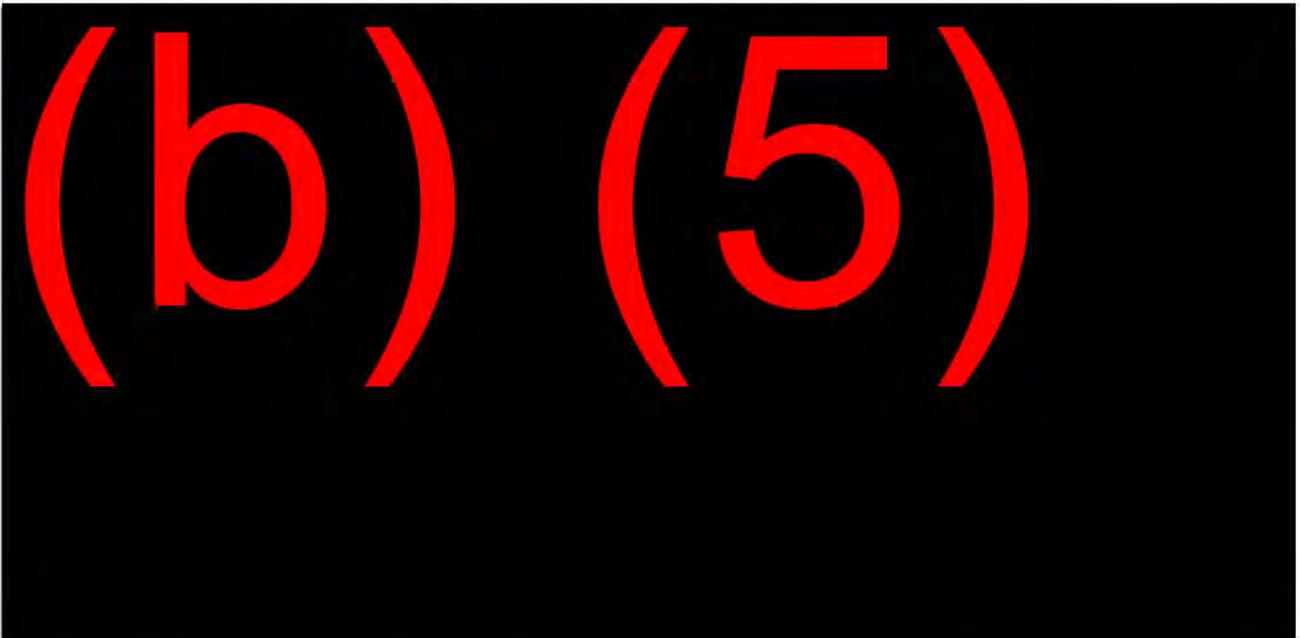
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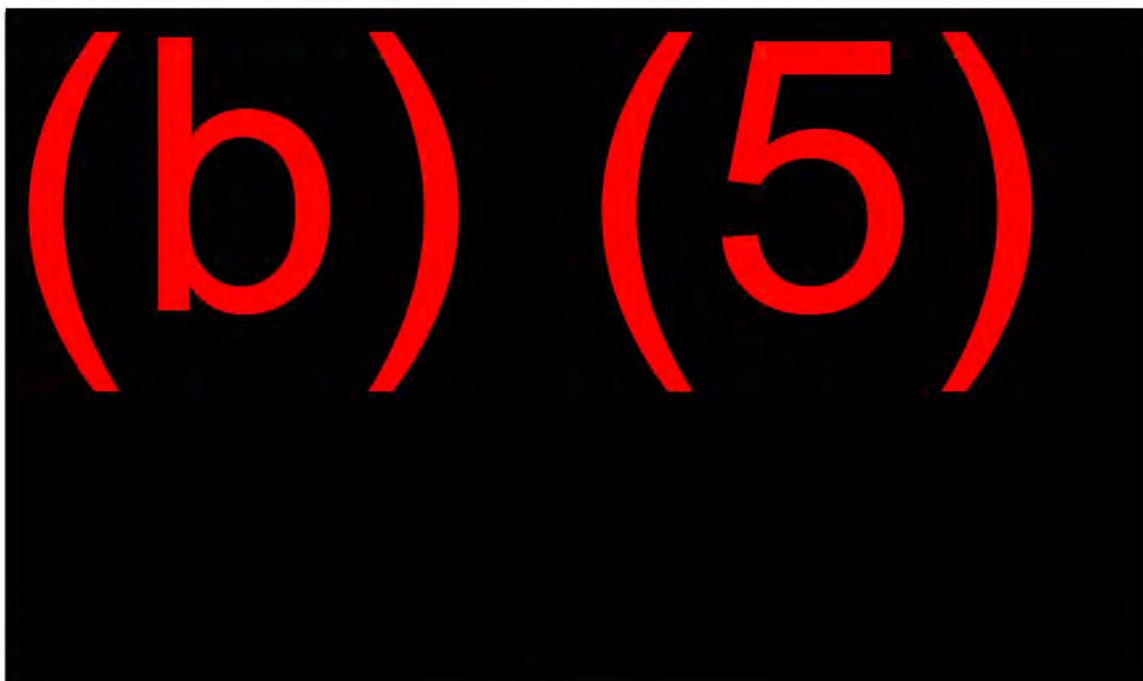
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**To:** Margaret O'Dell  
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**Subject:** Re: Hunting on NPS lands

Exactly what we thought but wanted to check. Thanks and good luck this morning.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 1, 2013, at 9:54 AM, Margaret O'Dell <peggy\_o'dell@nps.gov> wrote:

> Ben

> Most places that allow hunting we don't issue permits. There are  
> probably a few places out west that do issue permits but I don't want  
> to ask until later in day after they process their employees. We will  
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> On Oct 1, 2013, at 8:19 AM, "Milakofsky, Benjamin"

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 08, 2013 3:07 PM  
**To:** Jonathan Jarvis; Margaret O'Dell; Foster, Maureen  
**Cc:** Barry Roth; Jack Haugrud  
**Subject:** Draft amendments to the Director's 10/1 Closure Determination  
**Attachments:** National Closure Determination and Notice AK amendment 10 8 draft SOL.docx

Attached is the SOL draft, as we discussed this morning.  
Barry and I will be down at 4pm to discuss.

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## Amendment to National Park System Closure Determination and Notice

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 1.5, effective at 12:01 a.m. on October 1, 2013, all units of the National Park System nationwide were closed to public visitation and use, subject to the conditions and exceptions described in the Director's October 1, 2013 Closure Determination and Notice. That national closure determination and notice was necessitated by a lapse in funds appropriated by the United States Congress for the operation of the National Park System, is necessary to maintain public health and safety in units of the National Park System and to protect park resources and values during the shutdown period, and remains in effect until funding is restored.

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**From:** John Johnson (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 08, 2013 5:27 PM  
**To:** jon\_jarvis@nps.gov  
**Subject:** National Parks Concern

Dear Director,

Why have you closed our park areas in Washington, DC, while leaving others open? On a visit to Philly this weekend I was able to enjoy all national parks (that I noticed), but in DC everything is still roped off, and for those that aren't people are asked to vacate the areas if they spend any amount of time on them. I visited the National Constitution Center, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington Square, and many other park areas that had National Park arrowheads all over the place. The ranger I spoke with (who was not furloughed) told me they managed to keep some areas open. Why don't you do this in DC, where I live?

Thanks for your time.

Best wishes.

John Johnson

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**From:** Michael Litterst <mike\_litterst@nps.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 30, 2013 7:58 AM  
**To:** Jonathan Jarvis; Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Sue Waldron; Kate Kelly; Blake Androff; Jessica Kershaw; Emily Beyer  
**Subject:** NBC Nightly News - How the government shutdown will affect you

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**Sent:** Monday, September 30, 2013 8:08 AM  
**To:** Michael Litterst  
**Cc:** Jonathan Jarvis; Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Sue Waldron; Kate Kelly; Jessica Kershaw; Emily Beyer  
**Subject:** Re: NBC Nightly News - How the government shutdown will affect you

Nice job. Parks as "the first visible sign".

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**Sent:** Monday, September 30, 2013 6:20 PM  
**To:** Jonathan Jarvis; Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster  
**Cc:** Edward Keable; Barry Roth; Myers, Randolph  
**Subject:** National written determination that will satisfy 36 C.F.R. § 1.5(c)

Jon, Peggy, and Maureen,

Barry and I just met with Ed Keable, and I think we're all more or less on the same page. Barry and I will be available tomorrow morning to assist with drafting a national written determination that will satisfy 36 C.F.R. § 1.5(c) and that individual parks will be able to supplement as necessary. If Barry and I are furloughed, Ed and Randy will be available to assist further after we leave. I'll check in with you when I arrive in the morning.

Rob

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Anything you can get. Number of weddings this week. List of names of people. Key examples of ones that will be canceled. Any aggregate numbers of weddings by park, by year, by region, by ....

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 01, 2013 8:01 AM  
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**To:** Suzanne Waldron; Peggy O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Jonathan Jarvis  
**Cc:** Tobin Tracey  
**Subject:** Weddings etc.

Hello-

Just a quick sampling of a few parks and the wedding permits.

The Mall had 9 weddings scheduled through October 6th, people from all over the country. Shenandoah had one this weekend that was roughly a \$20000 investment in the park with the concessioner. Bride was very upset according to management assistant. (Another is scheduled for the 12th.) The Virgin Islands has one scheduled for Wednesday, October 2, 2013. Great Smokey Mountains has 28 weddings scheduled over the next two weeks. (see forwarded e-mail.)

Other events:

Shenandoah cancelled a international tourism filming today because of the closure. JEFF is cancelling the Macy's Lighting of the Arch pink for breast cancer awareness. ACAD is cancelling a benefit bicycle ride to support cancer research.

And, of course, Yosemite is the Google Doodle for the Day!

## 1. [News for Yosemite National Park](#)



Washington Post

### 1. [\*\*YOSEMITE: As government shuts down, Google marks anniversary of national park you suddenly cannot see\*\*](#)

Washington Post (blog) - 1 hour ago

Google Doodle celebrates a *national* treasure that as of today, because of federal shutdown, you cannot go see.

### 2. [Google celebrates Yosemite's birthday as government shuts ...](#)

CNET - by Daniel Terdiman - 9 minutes ago

### 3. [Google Celebrates Yosemite's Birthday Because You Can't](#)

Slate Magazine (blog) - by Matthew Yglesias

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". . . the Constitution will endure as a vital charter of human liberty as long as there are those with the courage to defend it, the vision to interpret it, and the fidelity to live by it."-Justice William Brennan

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**From:** Hard, Joel <joel\_hard@nps.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 26, 2013 3:09 PM  
**To:** Margaret O'Dell; Bruce Sheaffer  
**Subject:** shutdown

Boss,

We are just finalizing the excepted and furlough lists and will have them to you soon. As we prepare to share the contingency plan with staff I would like to provide some Alaska specific guidance to reflect our unique circumstance and avoid staff and public confusion. Moving people out of parks here simply isn't possible. Is this language acceptable to you?

Tx,  
J

#### Alaska Specific Guidance on Closures:

While nationally parks may be formally closed with no admittance, the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) provides unique direction for Alaska park managers to fully consider in the event of government shutdown and closure of parks. A cautious approach and good judgment will minimize public and employee confusion and problems.

The many millions of acres of parks and preserves in Alaska were made broadly open and accessible to the public and no fees for entrance or admittance were allowed by the legislation. Subsistence, hunting and access to in-holdings were authorized by the law and the public undertaking these activities may be engaged in these activities in the remotest areas of parks and preserves at the time of shutdown. Noticing them of any requirement to depart park areas would not be reasonably possible.

Closure of government facilities is fully required; however access to the backcountry - areas generally open without fees or permits - will not be curtailed. Subsistence access and activities, sport hunting, in holder access, and other uses requiring no entry fees, permits or government required orientation will be allowed to continue during shutdown. To the fullest extent possible, parks will provide notice of closed facilities and operations and alert the public that limited if any NPS emergency responses or services will be available during the government shutdown.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 02, 2013 11:25 AM  
**To:** Neubacher, Patricia; Jon Jarvis; Peggy O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Blake Androff; Kate Kelly  
**Cc:** Michael Litterst; Craig Dalby; Scott Wanek  
**Subject:** Re: CRMO getting major media outlet inquiries on how shutdown is affecting on-going SAR

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On Oct 2, 2013, at 10:54 AM, "Neubacher, Patricia" <[patty\\_neubacher@nps.gov](mailto:patty_neubacher@nps.gov)> wrote:

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**From:** Buckley, Daniel <[dan\\_buckley@nps.gov](mailto:dan_buckley@nps.gov)>  
**Date:** Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 7:50 AM  
**Subject:** CRMO getting major media outlet inquiries on how shutdown is affecting on-going SAR  
**To:** Stephanie Burkhart <[stephanie\\_burkhart@nps.gov](mailto:stephanie_burkhart@nps.gov)>, Patricia Neubacher <[patty\\_neubacher@nps.gov](mailto:patty_neubacher@nps.gov)>, Christine Lehnertz <[chris\\_lehnertz@nps.gov](mailto:chris_lehnertz@nps.gov)>, Palmer Jenkins <[chip\\_jenkins@nps.gov](mailto:chip_jenkins@nps.gov)>

Want to give you a heads up we are fielding questions from CNN, NBC, ABC, etc on our Blakeslee SAR and how the government shutdown is affecting it... I am writing a press release now and will copy you when we send it out. Call me at my office if you have questions.

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(510) 604-9998 cell

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**From:** Joss, Laura <laura\_joss@nps.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 01, 2013 10:41 AM  
**To:** Margaret O'Dell  
**Subject:** Pulse check

Our understanding is that, as a Phase I step, parks are closed and we are not allowing new entry. Just wanted to clarify with you because some of our parks are interpreting this differently and want to allow entry during Phase I.

Laura

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**From:** Waldron, Suzanne <sue\_waldron@nps.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 02, 2013 2:08 PM  
**To:** Craig Dalby; Jon Jarvis; Peggy O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Kate Kelly; Blake Androff  
**Cc:** Mike Litterst  
**Subject:** Fwd: BlakesleeSearch 10/2/13 AM Update  
**Attachments:** 10\_02\_13 morning draft news release.pdf

looping others (and apologies if this is a duplicate!)

search and recovery ops ongoing -

CNN expected thsi afternoon

note:

"Craters of the Moon has 19 employees. It was planned to have all but three of those employees on furlough during the shutdown. With the search still on-going the park received permission to keep ten additional employees on as "excepted" and continue with the search, now concentrated in an area of the park known as the Derelict Lava Flow."

On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 12:48 PM, Dalby, Craig <[craig\\_dalby@nps.gov](mailto:craig_dalby@nps.gov)> wrote:  
FYI, this is the final press release. Also, Dan says that CNN is flying a news team to the park, ETA this afternoon.

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

----- Forwarded message -----  
From: **Buckley, Daniel** <[dan\\_buckley@nps.gov](mailto:dan_buckley@nps.gov)>  
Date: Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 9:28 AM  
Subject: BlakesleeSearch 10/2/13 AM Update  
To:

Attached please find the update for the Blakeslee SAR at Craters of the Moon National Monument & Preserve.

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**From:** Rachel Jacobson <rachel\_jacobson@ios.doi.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 03, 2013 8:31 AM  
**To:** D\_M\_Ashe@fws.gov; r\_w\_gould@fws.gov; Stephen\_Guertin@fws.gov;  
Jon\_Jarvis@nps.gov; peggy\_o'dell@nps.gov  
**Cc:** Michael\_Bean@ios.doi.gov  
**Subject:** Do we need to discuss Alaska issues?

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**From:** Dan Ashe <d\_m\_ashe@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 03, 2013 8:52 AM  
**To:** Rachel Jacobson  
**Cc:** r\_w\_gould@fws.gov; Stephen\_Guertin@fws.gov; Jon\_Jarvis@nps.gov;  
peggy\_o'dell@nps.gov; Michael\_Bean@ios.doi.gov  
**Subject:** Re: Do we need to discuss Alaska issues?

I spoke to Jon this morning. I think we're okay. I'll talk to my team this morning.

Dan Ashe  
Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

On Oct 3, 2013, at 8:32 AM, Rachel Jacobson <[rachel\\_jacobson@ios.doi.gov](mailto:rachel_jacobson@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

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**To:** D\_M\_Ashe@fws.gov  
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peggy\_o'dell@nps.gov; Michael\_Bean@ios.doi.gov  
**Subject:** Re: Do we need to discuss Alaska issues?

Ok. Keep us posted if we can be of assistance on this or any other matters.

----- Original Message -----

From: Dan Ashe [[mailto:d\\_m\\_ash@fws.gov](mailto:d_m_ash@fws.gov)]  
Sent: Thursday, October 03, 2013 05:51 AM  
To: Rachel Jacobson <[rachel\\_jacobson@ios.doi.gov](mailto:rachel_jacobson@ios.doi.gov)>  
Cc: [r\\_w\\_gould@fws.gov](mailto:r_w_gould@fws.gov) <[r\\_w\\_gould@fws.gov](mailto:r_w_gould@fws.gov)>; [Stephen\\_Guertin@fws.gov](mailto:Stephen_Guertin@fws.gov) <[Stephen\\_Guertin@fws.gov](mailto:Stephen_Guertin@fws.gov)>;  
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**Sent:** Thursday, October 03, 2013 9:37 AM  
**To:** Jon Jarvis; Peggy O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Mike Litterst; Cam Sholly; Raymond Vela; Lena McDowall; Bruce Sheaffer  
**Subject:** Fwd: Google Alert - national park shut down

fyi - will send stories around as warranted

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**From:** Google Alerts <[googlealerts-noreply@google.com](mailto:googlealerts-noreply@google.com)>  
**Date:** Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 6:44 AM  
**Subject:** Google Alert - national park shut down  
**To:** [sue\\_waldron@nps.gov](mailto:sue_waldron@nps.gov)

News

10 new results for **national park shut down**

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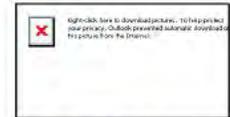
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Washington monuments, **parks** barricaded for shutdown...: Barricades, fences and "**closed**" signs were popping up all over the nation's capitol Tuesday, the first ...  
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Maryland's Catoclin Mountain **Park** is **closed** to the public and 30 **park** employees have been furloughed as part of the federal government **shutdown** that began ...

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[US Government Shutdown Closes National Parks, Hurts Local ...](#) Kraig Becker

One of the worst side effects from the **shutdown** of the U.S. government has been the complete closure of all of the country's **national parks**. Not only is this a ...

[The Adventure Blog](#)

[Rock Creek Park: Not Actually Very Closed - City Desk](#) Perry Stein

So I headed to the park Tuesday afternoon to see just how deserted it would be and, if someone were hypothetically to want to enter a **closed national park**, how ...

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[National Parks Close As Other Public Lands Stay Open | WEKU](#) NPR: Howard Berkes

From Acadia in Maine to Zion in Utah to the North Cascades in Washington, America's 401 **National Park** areas have gates blocking entrance roads. The.

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[Rocky Mountain National Park Closed | The Estes Park News](#) Estes Park News

Due to the government **shutdown**, Rocky Mountain **National Park** has been **closed** until government services are restarted.

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**Web** 2 new results for **national park shut down**

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All 401 **National Parks** across the country - from Yellowstone **National Park** in Wyoming to the Statue of Liberty in New York - have **closed** to tourists, along with ...

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**From:** Waldron, Suzanne <sue\_waldron@nps.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 03, 2013 9:42 AM  
**To:** Jon Jarvis; Peggy O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Bruce Sheaffer; Mike Litterst; Kate Kelly; Blake Androff; Cam Sholly; Lena McDowall; Raymond Vela  
**Subject:** Fwd: Google Alert - Jeffrey Olson national park service

nice story

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From: **Google Alerts** <[googlealerts-noreply@google.com](mailto:googlealerts-noreply@google.com)>  
Date: Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 3:38 AM  
Subject: Google Alert - Jeffrey Olson national park service  
To: [sue\\_waldron@nps.gov](mailto:sue_waldron@nps.gov)

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**From:** Dan Wenk <dan\_wenk@nps.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 02, 2013 4:12 PM  
**To:** O'Dell, Margaret  
**Subject:** Re: Loved the geyser shot!

Not sure a call is necessary unless he has something to say. The call with region this morning was a nothin-burger. By the end of the day tomorrow we we be at the end of phase two.

If he has insights into what is happening with negotiations, expectations for reopening, clarifications on what to do when communities or states come forward to keep the park open, etc might be good. But if it is we are really proud of you, you've been through a lot, your all valued but now we have to send more of you home because the visitors are it of the parks, it's a 50/50 proposition.

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 2, 2013, at 1:37 PM, "O'Dell, Margaret" <[peggy\\_o'dell@nps.gov](mailto:peggy_o'dell@nps.gov)> wrote:

Yeah, just a lot of nonsense. Poor folks on National Mall. I will call later and catch up. You are working right? Lots of RDs with separation anxiety....

I think I will suggest that Jon do another all hands call later this week just to check in with folks...do you have an opinion about that?

On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 3:35 PM, Dan Wenk <[dan\\_wenk@nps.gov](mailto:dan_wenk@nps.gov)> wrote:  
You doing okay?

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 2, 2013, at 1:34 PM, Margaret O'Dell <[peggy\\_o'dell@nps.gov](mailto:peggy_o'dell@nps.gov)> wrote:

> Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Neubacher, Patricia <patty\_neubacher@nps.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 03, 2013 10:15 AM  
**To:** Suzanne Waldron; Maureen Foster; Margaret O'Dell; Jon Jarvis; Bruce Sheaffer  
**Cc:** Craig Dalby; Scott Wanek  
**Subject:** Fwd: Occupy Yosemite Protest Scheduled for Friday | National Parks | SoCal Wanderer | KCET

Forwarded to us this am from Chris.

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**From:** Chris Lehnertz <[chris\\_lehnertz@me.com](mailto:chris_lehnertz@me.com)>  
**Date:** Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 7:11 AM  
**Subject:** Occupy Yosemite Protest Scheduled for Friday | National Parks | SoCal Wanderer | KCET  
**To:** Neubacher Patty <[Patty\\_Neubacher@nps.gov](mailto:Patty_Neubacher@nps.gov)>, [scott\\_wanek@nps.gov](mailto:scott_wanek@nps.gov), [craig\\_dalby@nps.gov](mailto:craig_dalby@nps.gov)

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**From:** Suzanne Waldron <[sue\\_waldron@nps.gov](mailto:sue_waldron@nps.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 03, 2013 10:43 AM  
**To:** Cam Sholly; Peggy O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Jon Jarvis  
**Subject:** Fwd: possible protest this weekend

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**From:** "Ahern, Jane" <[jane\\_ahern@nps.gov](mailto:jane_ahern@nps.gov)>  
**Date:** October 3, 2013, 10:15:45 AM EDT  
**To:** Michael Litterst <[mike\\_litterst@nps.gov](mailto:mike_litterst@nps.gov)>, Suzanne Waldron <[sue\\_waldron@nps.gov](mailto:sue_waldron@nps.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: possible protest this weekend

FYI - possible weekend event at FOMC Sunday morning.

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**From:** Clark, Stephen <[stephen\\_m\\_clark@nps.gov](mailto:stephen_m_clark@nps.gov)>  
**Date:** Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 9:35 AM  
**Subject:** Fwd: possible protest this weekend  
**To:** Jane Ahern <[Jane\\_Ahern@nps.gov](mailto:Jane_Ahern@nps.gov)>  
**Cc:** Charles Cuvelier <[charles\\_cuvelier@nps.gov](mailto:charles_cuvelier@nps.gov)>, Michael Caldwell <[Mike\\_Caldwell@nps.gov](mailto:Mike_Caldwell@nps.gov)>, Brian Strack <[brian\\_strack@nps.gov](mailto:brian_strack@nps.gov)>

Good morning Jane,

Just a heads up from FOMC about his coming Sunday..I'll give Glen a call as well..

Stephen M. Clark  
Regional Chief Ranger  
Northeast Region  
215.597.4940 (Office)  
267.252.1909 (Cell)  
200 Chestnut Street- Suite 343  
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**From:** Clark, Glen <[glen\\_clark@nps.gov](mailto:glen_clark@nps.gov)>  
**Date:** Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 9:26 AM  
**Subject:** possible protest this weekend  
**To:** Stephen Clark <[stephen\\_m\\_clark@nps.gov](mailto:stephen_m_clark@nps.gov)>, Michael Caldwell <[mike\\_caldwell@nps.gov](mailto:mike_caldwell@nps.gov)>,

Brian Strack <[brian\\_strack@nps.gov](mailto:brian_strack@nps.gov)>

Steve,

Of course we are monitoring this site as well as others. I will let you know if it looks likely that this will become an incident. Please let me know if you have any questions.

from Craigslist (10/2/13)

Visit Fort McHenry Sunday morning @ 10am out of respect for those who died in 1814 fighting the British to keep our rights. Also for all those prior to and after 1814 who gave the ultimate sacrifice or lost limbs to preserve our rights. Bullshit. !!!! Our leaders have no right to close Fort McHenry. This property belongs to all. I'm going and will not be armed. Nor will I fight with Police if they illegally arrest me. No I will not do any property damage. Yes I will bring trash bags to leave property in better shape then when I arrived. Is there 10k people in the area that still love their Country and are non-violent that can join me???? After all this is the Free State. !!!!!!! The only supplies we need should be bottled water and spot a pots and @ 3 hours to make a statement. Bye. !!!!!

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**From:** Whittington, Sam <sam\_whittington@nps.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 03, 2013 12:40 PM  
**To:** Margaret O'Dell  
**Subject:** DSC discussion

Peggy

Is it possible to hold a DSC discussion immediately after the 2PM eastern daily call today. If not please let me know what time would be better.

I would like to update and obtain feedback from you and Jon on ongoing activities for: 1. Project for temporary measures for October 28 opening of Ellis Island MIB; and 2. Project for permanent HVAC for Ellis Island MIB for operation this coming spring.

Almost all pre-furlough DSC projects (with the exception of Planning Division projects) are proceeding.

Thanks

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Sam Whittington, PE  
Director Denver Service Center  
303 969 2186 (desk)  
303 562 5614 (cell)  
303 969 2100 (DSC main line)

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**From:** Maureen Foster <maureen\_foster@nps.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 02, 2013 9:40 PM  
**To:** Margaret O'Dell  
**Subject:** Re: Arizona Game and Fish Commission Offer - Maintaining Public Access to Lees Ferry at Glen Canyon NRA

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Maureen D. Foster  
National Park Service  
202.208.5970

On Oct 2, 2013, at 9:38 PM, Margaret O'Dell <peggy\_o'dell@nps.gov> wrote:

> Thanks we did. You need to stay off work phone please while on  
> furlough. I know it sucks but need to. Thanks.  
> Sent from my iPhone

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> On Oct 2, 2013, at 7:59 PM, Herbert Frost <[bert\\_frost@nps.gov](mailto:bert_frost@nps.gov)> wrote:

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>> Assume you saw this.

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>> Bert

>> 202-208-3884

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>> \*From:\* Larry Riley <[LRiley@azgfd.gov](mailto:LRiley@azgfd.gov)>

>> \*Date:\* October 2, 2013, 2:12:47 PM EDT

>> \*To:\* <[Jon\\_Jarvis@nps.gov](mailto:Jon_Jarvis@nps.gov)>

>> \*Cc:\* NPS GLCA Superintendent <[glca\\_superintendent@nps.gov](mailto:glca_superintendent@nps.gov)>, <

>> [Tammy\\_Whittington@nps.gov](mailto:Tammy_Whittington@nps.gov)>, <[Brian\\_Carey@nps.gov](mailto:Brian_Carey@nps.gov)>, Bert Frost <

>> [Bert\\_Frost@nps.gov](mailto:Bert_Frost@nps.gov)>

>> \*Subject:\* \*Arizona Game and Fish Commission Offer - Maintaining

>> Public Access to Lees Ferry at Glen Canyon NRA\*

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>> Director Jarvis,

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>> The Arizona Game and Fish Commission directed our Department to  
>> correspond with you to extend its request to restore access to Lees  
>> Ferry in the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. I've attached the

>> Commission directed letter to extend the Commission's offer of  
>> manpower and resources to facilitate public access for hunting and  
>> fishing while protecting federal assets at that portion of the  
>> National Recreation Area. Please contact us at your earliest  
>> convenience to discuss how we might restore access and provide  
>> service. You can contact Director Voyles of the Arizona Game and Fish  
>> Department at 623-236-7279, or his Special Assistant Gary R. Hovatter at 623-236-7288.  
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**From:** Raymond Vela <david\_vela@nps.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 03, 2013 7:47 PM  
**To:** Jonathan Jarvis; Margaret O'Dell; Cam Sholly; Maureen Foster; Patty Neubacher; Suzanne Waldron  
**Subject:** Fwd: Powder keg Brewing at San Juan Island NHS

Hi Folks,  
FYI.

Have a great day.

David Vela  
Associate Director  
Workforce, Relevancy and Inclusion  
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**To:** Margaret O'Dell  
**Cc:** Jonathan Jarvis; Cam Sholly; Maureen Foster; Patty Neubacher; Suzanne Waldron  
**Subject:** Re: Powder keg Brewing at San Juan Island NHS

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On Oct 3, 2013, at 7:52 PM, Margaret O'Dell <[peggy\\_o'dell@nps.gov](mailto:peggy_o'dell@nps.gov)> wrote:

Thanks David. The PWR is going to handle for us.

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On Oct 3, 2013, at 7:47 PM, Raymond Vela <[david\\_vela@nps.gov](mailto:david_vela@nps.gov)> wrote:

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 03, 2013 8:41 PM  
**To:** Margaret O'Dell  
**Subject:** Fwd: San Juan Island

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**To:** Patty Neubacher <[Patty\\_Neubacher@nps.gov](mailto:Patty_Neubacher@nps.gov)>, Craig Dalby <[craig\\_dalby@nps.gov](mailto:craig_dalby@nps.gov)>  
**Cc:** Charles Cuvelier <[Charles\\_Cuvelier@nps.gov](mailto:Charles_Cuvelier@nps.gov)>, Cam Sholly <[cam\\_sholly@nps.gov](mailto:cam_sholly@nps.gov)>

Fixed for now. Had a good conversation with Ken and Barry. I think we're all clear on enforcement posture. The facebook stuff was wildly overblown. Individual comments, no organized attempt at group action or demonstration. Seems fine for now. Will keep you posted if it changes.

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Scott Wanek  
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**From:** Colin Campbell <colin\_campbell@nps.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 04, 2013 1:12 AM  
**To:** Margaret O'Dell  
**Subject:** Fwd: State pressure to open GRCA continues all day.

FYI

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**Subject:** State pressure to open GRCA continues all day.

Colin,

Had several reporters asking why Grand Canyon wouldn't accept State Money. AZ state speaker of the house, Andy Tobin called to discuss state Legislation that would allow state funds to be transferred to Grand Canyon. He was upset when I explained that I appreciated the gesture but that I would not accept the state funds to re-open Grand Canyon. He asked if I had my marching orders from Washington DC and if we could work out something for the State of Arizona. I reiterated my position and that of the NPS Director that only federal appropriations would re-open the park. He didn't want to accept the position and would be talking to the Governor's office about other options. NO worries just a heads up for you.

The Town Council of Tusayan are making plans to Authorize town funds to be made available in case there are any new developments. I attended their emergency town council meeting and explained the park's position. "The park is closed and while I appreciate the gesture to help fund a re-opening, only federal appropriations will get the park reopened. third party funding will not be accepted to replace federal appropriations. "

FYI

No need to send back up troops.

Dave

Dave Uberuaga  
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**Subject:** Fwd: fyi

For when you call Howie Fisher.

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**Subject:** fyi

here's what i wrote in 1995. (sometimes it's good to be on the same beat for a long time.)

feel free to share this with the superintendent.

thanks. looking forward to his call.

-- howie fischer  
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State deal to keep **Grand Canyon** open  
Howard Fischer, Capitol Media Services  
Publication Date: December 19,  
1995 Page: 1A Section: NEWS Edition: tue

PHOENIX - It will still be **Grand Canyon** National Park. But beginning tomorrow, it will be sponsored by Phoenix developer John F. Long. U.S. Department of Interior officials signed an agreement last night allowing the state to pay federal employees and keep part of the park open until a federal budget is signed. State officials said they will sign the accord this morning. The pact does not officially take effect until tomorrow morning, but visitors still will be able to see the Canyon today. The gates remain open, but there is no one to collect admission fees or provide information. Under the deal, Arizona will put \$17,000 into a federal account each day. It costs an estimated \$17,000 a day for staff to provide public access to most of the park's popular areas. The state also will indemnify the federal government for any lawsuits filed

against it by park visitors.

Although Mather Point, **Grand Canyon** Village, the hotels and the concessions are open, visitors will not be allowed to hike into the Canyon or float down the Colorado River.

Ellen Bonnin-Bilbrey, spokeswoman for the Arizona State Parks Department, said money for the first three days will come from Long, who last week agreed to contribute \$52,875 to keep the park open.

If there still is no budget accord by Friday night, then the deposit for the weekend will come from the state Parks Department.

Bonnin-Bilbrey said there is enough allocated for another 12 days of operation.

Gov. Fife **Symington** said if there still is no budget accord when those funds run out, he will find additional cash to keep the park operating until Congress approves a new budget or a continuing resolution to let closed agencies reopen while negotiations continue.

The deal actually could provide a windfall for the Department of Interior.

In the past, whenever a federal agency was shut down, the workers were paid for their time off after a new budget was approved. In this case, the workers will have been paid - with state dollars.

Lisa Hauser, the governor's counsel, said federal law does not allow the Interior Department to reimburse the state.

But she said state officials still believe the pact is a good deal because Arizona could lose more in tourist dollars from a closed Canyon than the \$17,000 a day it costs to keep it open.

The 1.2 million-acre park - which attracts nearly 5 million visitors a year - was closed for four days last month, the first closure in the park's 76-year history.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
THURSDAY OCTOBER 3, 2013

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**Unacceptable. Gov. Symington  
and Pres. Clinton Found A Way.  
Obama And Brewer Must Find A  
Way To Get Grand Canyon Open**  
*'Mr. Obama Tear Down These  
Barack-cades'*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Meanwhile the adjacent Town of Tusayan is suffering economically. It's Mayor, Greg Bryan, worked with Vail to present the third party donation plan, only to be turned down.

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

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

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

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**To:** Margaret O'Dell  
**Cc:** Maureen Foster  
**Subject:** Re: Wisconsin issues

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Patty

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We are hunting a few things down....the article is jumbled. There are five nps areas: Apostle islands, st croix, miss river NR and ice age and north country trails.

We do give WI DNR 700k to manage these scientific reserves that are part of Ice Age Trail. Also, have reached out to DNR, and waiting for call back. Want to be sure if they have questions, they come to us.

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**Sent:** Friday, October 04, 2013 3:55 PM  
**To:** Androff, Blake J; laura davis; Nicole Buffa; jon jarvis; O'Dell, Peggy; maureen foster; Suzanne Waldron; mike litterst  
**Subject:** Good blog by Semple

OCTOBER 4, 2013, 1:45 PM

## **Long Before the Shutdown, Republicans Were Hurting National Parks**

By **ROBERT B. SEMPLE JR.**

The closing of 401 national parks, monuments, waterways and memorials (plus 561 national wildlife refuges) as part of the broader government shutdown has the public in an uproar and Republicans in (partial) retreat. On Tuesday, the House passed a bill to fund these facilities as one of several measures to open those parts of the government whose shuttering has drawn the most criticism — a truly cynical gesture that rightly found no traction whatever in the Senate.

“We’re truly sorry,” the Republicans seemed to be saying to the thousands of people, including overseas visitors, who were suddenly denied access to public treasures, from the Statue of Liberty in the East to Yosemite in the West. “We really love the parks.”

But they do not love the parks. Long before the shutdown, they were doing them harm.

Here are some examples of how Republicans have hurt parks since assuming control of the House in 2010, courtesy of the research and advocacy group American Progress:

- Gutted spending for America’s parks and public lands, reducing the park system’s operating budget by \$315 million (or 13 percent in today’s dollars). In the 2014 budget approved by the Appropriations Committee, they completely eliminated funding for the vital Land and Water Conservation Fund, which uses offshore oil royalties to protect battlefields, trails, preserve threatened open space and help states create their own parks.
- Halted the creation of new federal parks and wilderness areas. The last Congress was the first since World War II not to protect a single acre of public land as a national park, monument or wilderness area; the current Congress is on track to become the second. The result has been a growing imbalance between the amount of public land devoted to recreation and public use and the amount used for oil and gas exploration.
- Forced the seasonal closing of visitor centers. Even before the shutdown, budget cuts under the Republican-engineered “sequester” had pretty much frozen hiring in parks and wildlife refuges for the busy summer season.
- Finally — though this is not directly a budget matter — House Republicans are moving ahead with legislation that, far from adding to the federal estate, would actually sell off 3.3 million acres of public land to the highest bidder.

If there is any upside to the park closings it is the widespread anguish they have caused the legislators who created this mess.

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**Subject:** Public Reaction to Shutdown -- New Gallup Survey

October 4, 2013

## Americans See Current Shutdown as More Serious Than in '95

Views of president, Republican, Democratic leaders widely negative

by Art Swift

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- As non-essential parts of the federal government remain closed, 70% of Americans view the shutdown as a crisis or a major problem, even higher than the 56% saying the same at the height of the last shutdown in 1995.

### *Americans' Views of Government Shutdowns, 1995 and 2013*

Do you personally view the shutdown as a crisis, as a major problem, as a minor problem, or as not a problem at all?

|                 | % Crisis | % Major problem | % Minor problem | % Not a problem |
|-----------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Oct 2-3, 2013   | 21       | 49              | 18              | 8               |
| Dec 15-18, 1995 | 12       | 44              | 30              | 13              |
| Nov 17-18, 1995 | 12       | 40              | 31              | 14              |
| Nov 14, 1995    | 11       | 40              | 33              | 14              |

GALLUP

Leaders looking to gain ground in public opinion are not succeeding. A majority of Americans report feeling more negatively about the Republican and Democratic congressional leadership since the shutdown began, as well as about President Barack Obama. The negative reactions toward Obama are higher than Gallup recorded toward President Bill Clinton during the 1995 shutdown, while they are about the same toward the Republican leaders in Congress. Gallup did not ask about the Democratic leaders in 1995.

Americans this week express strong views of the shutdown -- 21% say the closure is a crisis, while 49% believe it to be a major problem. That is more than peak negative sentiment seen during the last government shutdown, in 1995. In a five-week period that year, Americans' views that the shutdown was a serious problem rose from 51% to 56%. The current shutdown began on Oct. 1, and resulted from Congress' failure to agree on a continuing resolution to fund federal government operations.

By political affiliation, Democrats believe the shutdown to be a more serious problem than Republicans or independents do. Eighty-one percent of Democrats agree that it is a crisis or major problem, as opposed to 67% of Republicans and 64% of independents.

### President Obama's Shutdown Negatives Higher Than President Clinton's

A majority of Americans, 57%, say they now view President Obama more negatively as a result of the shutdown, while 28% see him more positively. By contrast, during the December 1995 shutdown, 49% of Americans viewed Clinton more negatively and 35% more positively. Clinton's overall approval rating would tumble to 42% by the end of the 1995-96 shutdown, but rebounded later in 1996.

Read the full report at [http://www.gallup.com/poll/165260/americans-current-shutdown-serious.aspx?utm\\_source=alert&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=syndication&utm\\_content=morelink&utm\\_term=All%20Gallup%20Headlines](http://www.gallup.com/poll/165260/americans-current-shutdown-serious.aspx?utm_source=alert&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=syndication&utm_content=morelink&utm_term=All%20Gallup%20Headlines)

Chance to shine as a team still exists.

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**Long Before the Shutdown, Republicans Were Hurting National Parks**

**By ROBERT B. SEMPLE JR.**

The closing of 401 national parks, monuments, waterways and memorials (plus 561 national wildlife refuges) as part of the broader government shutdown has the public in an uproar and Republicans in (partial) retreat. On Tuesday, the House passed a bill to fund these facilities as one of several measures to open those parts of the government whose shuttering has drawn the most criticism — a truly cynical gesture that rightly found no traction whatever in the Senate.

“We’re truly sorry,” the Republicans seemed to be saying to the thousands of people, including overseas visitors, who were suddenly denied access to public treasures, from the Statue of Liberty in the East to Yosemite in the West. “We really love the parks.”

But they do not love the parks. Long before the shutdown, they were doing them harm.

Here are some examples of how Republicans have hurt parks since assuming control of the House in 2010, courtesy of the research and advocacy group American Progress:

- Gutted spending for America’s parks and public lands, reducing the park system’s operating budget by \$315 million (or 13 percent in today’s dollars). In the 2014 budget approved by the Appropriations Committee, they completely eliminated funding for the vital Land and Water Conservation Fund, which uses offshore oil royalties to protect battlefields, trails, preserve threatened open space and help states create their own parks.
- Halted the creation of new federal parks and wilderness areas. The last Congress was the first since World War II not to protect a single acre of public land as a national park, monument or wilderness area; the current Congress is on track to become the second. The result has been a growing imbalance between the amount of public land devoted to recreation and public use and the amount used for oil and gas exploration.

- Forced the seasonal closing of visitor centers. Even before the shutdown, budget cuts under the Republican-engineered “sequester” had pretty much frozen hiring in parks and wildlife refuges for the busy summer season.
- Finally – though this is not directly a budget matter – House Republicans are moving ahead with legislation that, far from adding to the federal estate, would actually sell off 3.3 million acres of public land to the highest bidder.

If there is any upside to the park closings it is the widespread anguish they have caused the legislators who created this mess.

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**To:** Jon Jarvis; Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Suzanne Waldron  
**Subject:** Fwd: TM - Protest event

Looks like occupy Yosemite fizzled.

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Good to hear. Thanks for the update. Scott

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Occupy Yosemite update...all is well.

We remain,  
boringly yours,

Patty

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**To:** Bob Vogel; Karen Cucurullo; Stephen Lorenzetti; Carol Johnson; Sue Waldron; Maureen Foster; Margaret O'Dell; Blake Androff; Kate Kelly  
**Subject:** "I am not ashamed" graphic

In yet another demonstration of how proud the entire National Park Service is of Karen's conduct in the face of adversity on Wednesday, the following graphic showed up on Facebook today and is now making the rounds:

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10100771224891192&set=gm.10151932600864587&type=1&theater>

The creator, Jason Wickersty, is an interpreter at Gateway.

Mike

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I know other parks did the same in 1995 - media access only where the public access is. If that means they are at the closed gate, to do their story, then that's as far as they get.

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To: Maureen Foster; Jonathan Jarvis; Margaret O'Dell
Subject: Fwd: NWRS closure notice
Attachments: NWRS National Closure Determination and Notice 100413 signed.pdf

Folks,

I'll be available this weekend. My plan was to monitor my cell while I installed new flooring in my wife's kitchen, but considering this notice from FWS, I expect press, public and state interests in what we are doing. I fear that with this line, this shutdown becomes more about the agencies and less about the Congress and White House dispute. ANILCA gives us some arguable wiggle room from broad national guidance that FWS might look more closely at. Local FWS leadership here agree. They alluded a new closure notice identical to this would be issued by NPS which is not what I heard this afternoon. Let me know.

I'll be available 907 240-3150, 907 644-3506 or by email. Have a quiet weekend,
J

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From: **Bell, Larry** <larry_bell@fws.gov>
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Date: Fri, Oct 4, 2013 at 3:35 PM
Subject: Fwd: NWRS closure notice
To: FWS Directorate & Deputies <fwsdirectanddep@fws.gov>

Hello everyone. Attached is a National Wildlife Refuge System closure notice, which we have worked on with the DOI Solicitors. In general, it reinforces the policy we have been implementing under the government shutdown: all service facilities and lands are closed to public entry and use. There are very specific and limited exceptions.

Thanks for your great work this week.

Dan.

Dan Ashe
Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Washington, D.C. 20240



National Wildlife Refuge System Closure Determination and Notice

Pursuant to 50 C.F.R. §§ 25.21(e) and 36.42, as of October 1, 2013, all units of the National Wildlife Refuge System nationwide are closed to public visitation and use, subject to the conditions and exceptions described below. This national closure determination and notice is necessitated by a lapse in funds appropriated by the United States Congress for the operation of the National Wildlife Refuge System and will remain in effect until funding is restored. The period of time during which appropriated funds are not available may be referred to in this determination and notice as the “shutdown period.”

This closure determination and notice is necessary to maintain health and safety of the public or property and to protect the resources of the area in units of the National Wildlife Refuge System during the shutdown period. Consistent with the Department of the Interior Contingency Plan, available at www.doi.gov/shutdown, only a relatively small number of “excepted personnel” will be on duty during the shutdown period. Those personnel are not sufficient to provide a full range of public and resource protection services. Therefore, in light of the shutdown and Contingency Plan, measures less restrictive than a national closure will not suffice to maintain public health and safety and to protect refuge resources. Accordingly, I have determined that the lapse in appropriated funds qualifies as an “emergency” under 50 C.F.R. §§ 25.21(e) and 36.42(a); therefore, this determination and notice does not require any prior notice and hearing.

Condition and Exceptions:

1. National Wildlife Refuge System personnel who have been identified as excepted will continue to report for duty in accordance with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Contingency Plan and as directed by their supervisors.
2. Members of the public who are currently visiting a unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System must vacate the refuge immediately.
3. All persons operating as concessionaires or cooperators under appropriate contracts or legal agreements for commercial services within the National Wildlife Refuge System must suspend their in-refuge operations.
4. The requirement to vacate all units of the National Wildlife Refuge System immediately does not apply to members of the public, concessioners, and holders of commercial use authorizations who are on multi-day backcountry trips that cannot be safely terminated before the end of the trip. Those individuals may continue and complete their multi-day backcountry trips in accordance with their approved permit or plan.

5. This closure determination and notice does not apply to private and public owners of interests in real property or other valid existing rights located within the exterior boundaries of units of the National Wildlife Refuge System. Refuge managers will continue to allow such owners reasonable access to their private property.

6. This closure determination and notice does not apply to roads that pass through units of the National Wildlife Refuge System which provide primary access between points located outside of the refuges. Members of the public may continue to use those roads during the shutdown period. However, refuge managers may not expend any appropriated funds to maintain or repair those roads. Moreover, refuge managers may close those roads, or portions of those roads, in accordance with 36 C.F.R. §§ 25.21(e) and 36.42, if such closure is warranted by weather, poor road conditions, or other circumstances.

7. Subsistence uses and access to in-holdings are authorized by the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act and the public is continuing to undertake these activities in the areas of the National Wildlife Refuge System in Alaska in accordance with the respective provisions of 50 C.F.R. Part 36, Subpart B or 43 C.F.R. § 36.10 during the shutdown period. To the fullest extent possible, refuges will provide notice of closed facilities and operations and alert the public that limited, if any, FWS emergency responses or services will be available during the government shutdown.

8. Each refuge manager must take reasonable measures to comply, as applicable, with 50 C.F.R. §§ 25.31 and 36.42(f) and provide adequate public notice of this closure determination and notice.

9. This closure determination and notice will expire automatically at the end of the shutdown period; except that the provisions applicable to Alaska will expire no later than October 31, 2013.

10. Violation of this closure determination and notice is prohibited.



Daniel M. Ashe
Director

10.4.2013

Date

From: Hard, Joel <joel_hard@nps.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 04, 2013 8:17 PM
To: Maureen Foster; Jonathan Jarvis; Margaret O'Dell
Cc: Chris Pergiel
Subject: Fwd: Emailing: PR 13-159 Governor Demands Federal Lands be Open for Alaskans 100413
Attachments: PR 13-159 Governor Demands Federal Lands be Open for Alaskans 100413.pdf

Boss,
I just got this from the State Trooper Colonel.
J

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

No. 13-159

Governor Demands Federal Lands be Open for Alaskans

Presses Secretary Jewell to Adopt Consistent Policy

October 4, 2013, Juneau, Alaska – In response to reports of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) restricting Alaskans' access to federal lands and waters, Governor Parnell today called and spoke with Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell to defend Alaskans' lawful access rights.

Under federal law, including the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA), federal lands and waters are to be open and accessible without fees or permits.

"Whether it's for hunting, fishing, or subsistence, Alaskans' access opportunities cannot lawfully be curtailed due to a federal government shutdown," Governor Parnell said. "We will fight to ensure our people have rightful access to federal lands during the shutdown."

In his call with Secretary Jewell, the governor sought a consistent federal Alaskan land management policy in response to the federal shutdown. The USFWS has closed all refuge hunting and fishing opportunities until the government reopens while, on the other hand, the National Park Service (NPS) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) have both given guidance allowing continued use and access.

"Although the federal shutdown has closed federal facilities, Alaskans should not be prevented from gaining lawful access to all federal lands, most of which are undeveloped and remote," Governor Parnell continued. "Our local federal guidance on this from both the NPS and BLM is correct and consistent with ANILCA. Unfortunately, Fish and Wildlife has taken a different view, and we want that changed."

Governor Parnell appreciates Secretary Jewell's prompt attention to this matter. And, the governor has directed members of his administration to follow up with Alaska's congressional delegation as well as key members of the Obama administration.

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From: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
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Cc: Laura Davis; Elizabeth Klein
Subject: Letter from Parnell
Attachments: 10.04.13 Secretary Sally Jewell Federal Lands Access.pdf

Attached is a letter from Parnell to SRJ outlining the issue they spoke about yesterday.

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October 4, 2013

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Dear Secretary Jewell,

Thank you for speaking with me today about concerns Alaskans have over federal land management in our state. My office and Alaskan hunters and fishermen were notified that U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), in response to the federal government shutdown, is closing all National Wildlife Refuge lands in Alaska to all but federally-qualified subsistence users. This decision results in immediate significant fiscal impacts to guides and support businesses that cannot be recovered and unnecessarily takes away hunting, fishing, viewing, and recreational opportunities in Alaska. This is a time of year that many Alaskans are using refuge lands for planned hunting and fishing for their family sustenance.

In contrast, other Department of the Interior agencies such as the National Park Service (NPS) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) have chosen to implement a more reasoned approach to this budget situation. In our state, these agencies are leaving lands and waters under their jurisdiction open to use. For example, The National Park Service's rationale for their policy is linked to their interpretation of the Alaska National Interest Land Conservation Act (ANILCA). An excerpt of NPS guidance for Alaska land holdings follows:

The many millions of acres of parks and preserves in Alaska were made broadly open and accessible to the public and no fees for entrance or admittance were allowed by the legislation [ANILCA]. Subsistence, hunting and access to in-holdings were authorized by the law and the public undertaking these activities may be engaged in these activities in the remotest areas of parks and preserves at the time of shutdown. Noticing them of any requirement to depart park areas would not be reasonably possible.

Closure of government facilities is fully required; however access to the backcountry - areas generally open without fees or permits - will not be curtailed. Subsistence access and activities, sport hunting, in holder access, and other uses requiring no entry fees, permits or government required orientation will be allowed to continue during shutdown. To the fullest extent possible, parks will provide notice of closed facilities and operations and alert the public that limited if any NPS emergency responses or services will be available during the government shutdown.

The Honorable Sally Jewell

October 4, 2013

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This approach closely mirrors BLM, which states in its FAQ sheet regarding the furlough:

Q: I am an outfitter with a BLM permit. May I still operate my business?

A: Commercial, competitive and group authorization for events and activities, including commercial outfitter and special recreation permits, can continue operations provided they do not need BLM field monitoring, oversight or BLM assistance of any kind, and are not operating in sites that have been closed.

Q: May I hunt or fish on public lands?

A: Yes, consistent with State law.

It is perplexing that the USFWS has chosen to adopt a nation-wide approach, not allowing any discretion to recognize the unique situation and needs in Alaska and the mandates and commitments made under ANILCA. ANILCA guarantees Alaskans several types of rights, including rights of access across federal public lands. For instance, 16 U.S.C. 3120, 3121, and 3126(b) guarantee rights of access for subsistence hunting and fishing and provide procedural requirements such as notice and public hearings before these rights can be taken away or modified. Similarly, 16 U.S.C. 3126 guarantees Alaskans a right to sport fishing and the access rights necessary to engage in sport fishing. Access for traditional activities, such as hunting and to access villages and homesites is guaranteed under 16 U.S.C. 3170(a). Access to federal lands in order to participate in any "valid occupancy," which includes an existing permit or right to hunt on federal public lands is also guaranteed. 16 U.S.C. 3170(b). Further, rights of access under any existing State public road or an RS 2477 road or trail cannot be interfered with or closed by the federal government. This is just a partial list of federal statutes that guarantee Alaskans a right of access to federal lands. There may be additional statutes.

The access provisions of Title XI of ANILCA are implemented through federal regulations at 50 CFR 36.42, and any closures must comply with these regulations and are subject to public hearing and notice, as well as specific criteria. This intent is consistent with one of the "Great Compromises" of ANILCA, where it was recognized that Lower 48 "closed until open" restrictions were not appropriate and that Congress intended there to be an "open until closed" concept in Alaska. The national USFWS approach to the current budget situation is inappropriate for application to Alaska and inconsistent with federal law that governs management of federal lands in Alaska.

Given the rights of access under ANILCA and other federal laws, I urge you to immediately direct USFWS to adopt the policy already in use by the NPS and BLM allowing full access to federal public lands. Failure to do so is unacceptable and will lead to unnecessary harm to Alaskans, whose interests I will vigorously defend with all the resources at my disposal.

Sincerely,



Sean Parnell
Governor

The Honorable Sally Jewell

October 4, 2013

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cc: The Honorable Cora Campbell, Commissioner, Alaska Department of Fish and Game
The Honorable Michael Geraghty, Attorney General, State of Alaska
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Contacted the region and they'll reach out to the park. Thanks.

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On Oct 3, 2013, at 5:32 PM, "Litterst, Michael" <mike_litterst@nps.gov> wrote:

This was posted about an hour ago on the National Park Service Employees page on Facebook by the AO at San Juan Island. Should we forward on to PWR or somehow have someone check in with the park? As you can imagine, it's getting a lot of response.



Marin Karraker

my partner is the only LE ranger at our park. the locals are talking of taking down the barricades. his work phone number (thankfully, not his personal one) has been posted on a facebook page with the suggestion to harass him. we just had Operational Leadership training and a take-away from that was at the end of the day, we need to all come home safely. who is going to make sure he comes home safely at the end of today?

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Sent: Saturday, October 05, 2013 8:47 AM
To: Litterst Mike; O'Dell Peggy; Foster Maureen
Subject: Fwd: Google Alert - national park shut down

Did we ever figure out the wisconsin thing.? Is it nps or fws.

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Sent: Saturday, October 05, 2013 2:09 PM
To: Edward Keable
Cc: Peggy O'Dell; Cam Sholly; Lena McDowall
Subject: some NPS items

Ed --

We had an update from our regional contacts and have identified the follow issues.

- 1) Acadia and the lakes for fishing -- **Status check** -- Barry is working on this; we'd like to address on Monday.
- 2) Blue Ridge Parkway -- **Update** -- demonstrations continue today; may need additional assistance next week.
- 3) Biscayne -- **New issue** -- commercial fishing closure is pending; want to ensure SOL has reviewed/provided guidance
- 4) Cape Hatteras - Avon Pier -- **New issue** -- concessioner has reopened the pier and people are fishing; he has planned another big event. Need assistance in addressing; is it possible for Melissa to start working on this now?
- 5) Little River Canyon -- **New issue** -- marathon is scheduled for next week; need assistance assessing state's claim that it is a state road.
- 6) Lake Roosevelt -- **New issue** -- fish reintroduction may be allowed due to previous court rulings and negotiated settlements; want to ensure SOL has reviewed given tribal, state, NPS agreement.

Thanks.

Maureen

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To: Margaret O'Dell
Cc: Jeffrey Compton
Subject: Fwd: Burglary at Whiskeytown, Stolen computers, credit cards, park keys, GSA Fire Vehicle

fyi -- we're following up with the park.

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To: Scott Wanek <Scott_Wanek@nps.gov>, Patty Neubacher <patty_neubacher@nps.gov>

Dear Patty and Scott:

Major crime at Whiskeytown last night after hours, thieves broke into Building 200 where the Regional Fire Module's Office and Fire Cache work from. The building is isolated in the forest behind locked gates (which had the locks cut). The thieves entered by lifting a glass sliding door using a shovel like tool. Once inside, the building was ransacked. Government keys were stolen and the overall park security is compromised. Looks like they chose a Fire NPS Striped vehicle and loaded it up and drove it away with the goods. We have contacted the major crimes unit in Shasta County. We are pulling in our Fire Admin Assistant to cancel the cards from our files.

The list of known stolen items to date:

- 1 2013 Ford 2500 extended bed club cab (with NPS Fire stripping.
2. Seven government charge cards
3. Car keys and government park issued security keys to gates and access to buildings.
4. One satellite phone.
5. 10-11 Chain saws
6. multiple hand tools
7. a stand up air compressor
8. one mountain bike
9. one iphone (gov't)
10. 8 fire uniforms, fire pants, coats,
11. Medical gear trauma bags
- 12, leaf blower
13. One Bendix King fire radio
14. Two laptop computers.

Rangers had checked the gate yesterday and saw that it was locked, so this happened sometime after hours.

We need to get keys made for the two vehicles that were not stolen. We want to move them to Park Headquarters. We also need additional locks which will cost some money.

We have received a lot of press here and the word is that WHIS is closed and the staff is on leave. We have always stressed that we have patrol rangers on duty day and night protecting park resources. Any feed back from either of you would be welcomed. This is the largest theft we have had in the park in the 13 years I have been here. We are concerned that with the keys the thieves have, that they will either try to come back or go to other buildings and break in and steal more.

Jim Milestone

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CapeCodOnline.com | 10/05/13 06:51

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TURKEYS AND TROPHIES: Corbett connects gay marriage, incest

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The Frederick News-Post | 10/05/13 01:00

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Parnell objects to Alaska refuge access closings

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FAIRBANKS — Gov. Sean Parnell on Friday objected to the reported closure of public access for hunting and fishing on national wildlife refuge land in Alaska because of the federal government shutdown.

Parnell called Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell on Friday to register his protest, according to a news release from the governor's office.

The news release stated Parnell's call came in reaction to reports that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service had closed access to refuge lands. The Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service, which also are Interior Department agencies, did not bar access to their lands, Parnell said, though developed facilities on federal lands are closed.

"Alaskans should not be prevented from gaining lawful access to all federal lands, most of which are undeveloped and remote," Parnell stated in the news release.

The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act ensures public access to federal lands in Alaska without fees or permits, he said.

"Our local federal guidance on this from both the NPS and BLM is correct and consistent with ANILCA," Parnell said. "Unfortunately, Fish and Wildlife has taken a different view, and we want that changed."

Attempts to reach local Fish and Wildlife Service staff were not successful. The agency's websites in Alaska redirect inquiries to a generic national page. Text at the top of the page states, "Due to the lapse in appropriated funds, all public lands managed by the Interior Department (National Parks, National Wildlife Refuges, Bureau of Land Management facilities, etc.) will be closed. For more information, FAQs, and updates, please visit www.doi.gov/shutdown."

A statement on the Fish and Wildlife Service section of that website says this: "In the event of a lapse in appropriations and pursuant to law, the service will close most operations, but certain excepted activities will continue.

- National Wildlife Refuges will be closed to public access. Visitor centers and other buildings will be closed.
- All activities will be canceled on federal lands and public buildings until the government reopens. This includes hunting and fishing activities on public lands."

The service manages about 72 million acres of land in Alaska. Parnell's news release did not specify which refuge lands in Alaska were closed or who reportedly had been denied access.

Alec Lamberson, a fishing guide, posted on Facebook the text of a cease-operations order he had received from Kenai National Wildlife Refuge Manager Andy Loranger on Thursday.

"Your Special Use Permit to provide commercial visitor services on the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge is suspended effective immediately due to a lapse in appropriations resulting in a government shutdown," the notice said.

"This shutdown has forced the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to curtail all permitted activities on refuge lands across the United States," the letter said. "This suspension of your Special Use Permit requires that I request you to stop taking clients onto refuge lands and waters, effective immediately."

Lamberson operates the Kenai Experience guiding service. However, he was told the closure applies to private individuals as well, he said when contacted Saturday.

"They told me that area is actually closed to all activities, commercial or non-commercial," he said.

He said he wasn't happy with the closure's impact on "a single user group" — commercial guides. He said he doubted any private individuals would curtail fishing trips or other activities, in part because the refuge staff hadn't put up any signs announcing the closure.

On Saturday, October 5, 2013, Laura Davis wrote:

Yes, we will figure out a response.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 5, 2013, at 9:03 AM, Dan Ashe <d_m_ashe@fws.gov> wrote:

> I'm assuming the Secretary will respond to clarify, consistent with
> her conversation, and with both the NPS and USFWS closure notices. I'm
> available to discuss at any time.

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> Dan.

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> Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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> On Oct 5, 2013, at 7:40 AM, Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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>> Attached is a letter from Parnell to SRJ outlining the issue they
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>> <10.04.13 Secretary Sally Jewell Federal Lands Access.pdf>

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Gettysburg's battlefield, as you've never seen it

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...Farquhar reunion/Controversial Ettlne property Yes, you ll not see [Gettysburg National Military Park](#) this empty, blocked off and downright lonely.

Things to do today

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On view through Saturday. 508-487-8200. Talks · Archaeology at the [Cape Cod National Seashore](#), by historian William Burke, 11 a.m. Saturday,

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TURKEYS AND TROPHIES: Corbett connects gay marriage, incest

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...of the Tocks Island Dam and reservoir led to the creation of the [Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area](#). If Richard A. Freer wants to get...

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...Washington and halted everything from tours of the White House to roaming the [Cape Cod National Seashore](#). "Due to a lapse in appropriations, all...

Shutdown Showdown Slides Into Weekend

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...shutdown. The Statue of Liberty in New York, the loop road at [Acadia National Park](#) in Maine, Skyline Drive in Virginia, and Philadelphia's [Independence...](#)

Gettysburg battlefield casualty of government impasse

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...ventured onto the battlefield, ignoring signs along the edge of [Gettysburg National Military Park](#) proclaiming Closed Area. This is our land,

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DWG park closures just a little nutty

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Brewer to Obama: Reopening Canyon has precedent

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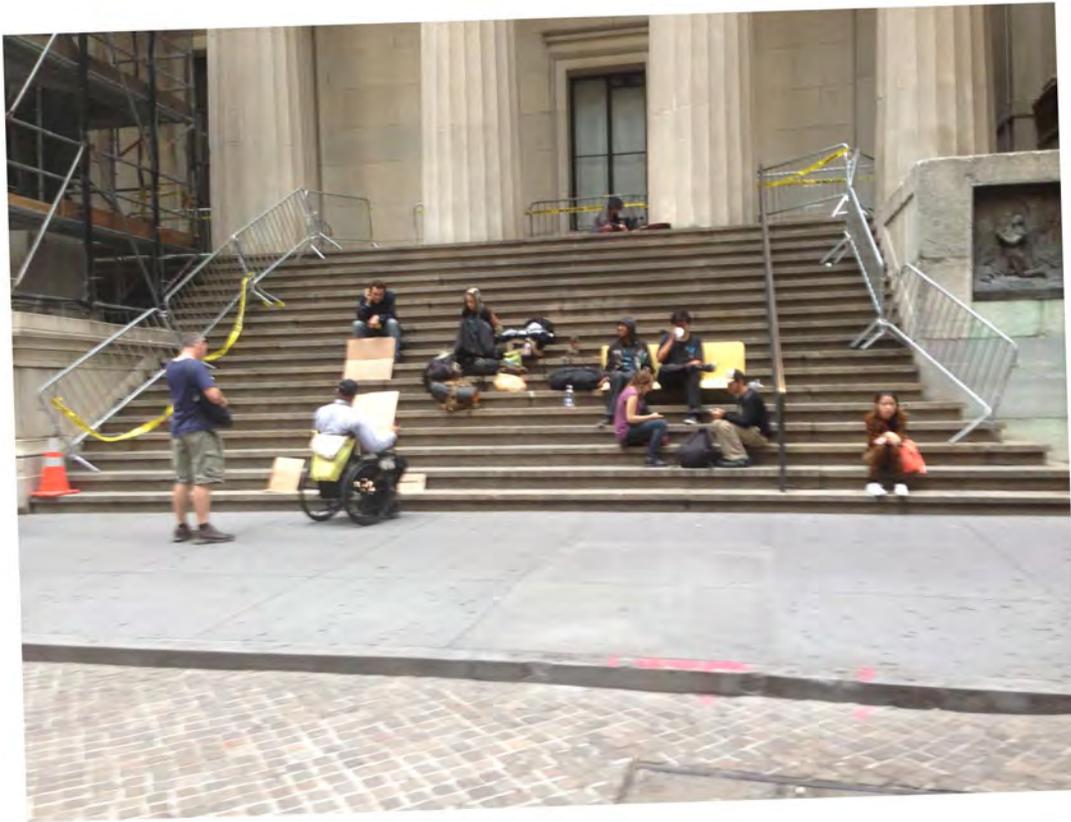
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To: Sue Waldron
Cc: Maureen Foster; Margaret O'Dell; Litterst Mike
Subject: Re: Fwd: Google Alert - national park shut down

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National parks facing federal furlough orders may be **shutting down** around the nation, but not so in Wisconsin. Republican Gov. Scott Walker said he's not ...

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Makes sense. You guys want to connect w/o me and let me know?

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On Oct 8, 2013, at 12:54 PM, Margaret O'Dell <peggy_o'dell@nps.gov> wrote:

This one needs to be discussed.
Counties are waiting to hear from Utah governor
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Latest news report on this topic from St. George Spectrum below...also news report/interview with Iron County officials on KUER public radio across the state this morning reporting counties discussing using sheriff departments to "open locked gates"

Note Iron County Sheriff is today "scoping out" what is closed or barricaded around Cedar Canyon/Cedar Breaks NM...counties are threatening possible opening of parks via county sheriffs...since last night I haven't been able to get a copy of one of the declarations yet

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The entrance to Zion National Park is shown April 26, 2011. Counties in the region are considering actions to regain access to federal lands in the region. Jud Burkett / The Spectrum & News

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County governments across Southern Utah moved to condemn the shutdown of national parks by declaring a state of emergency due to the economic impact that the closure of federally managed lands have had on local communities.

Washington and Iron counties both filed separate resolutions Monday after several counties held a meeting to discuss solutions to the current closures.

Representatives from Garfield, Wayne, Sevier, Paiute, San Juan and Grand counties all attended the meeting, some of them participating by phone. Mohave and Coconino counties in Arizona also were represented.

Proclamations similar to the ones from Iron and Washington counties were issued by Kane and Garfield counties. Coconino County later decided it

would first try an alternative route, said public information officer Nathan Gonzalez.

“We’re going to try some other things first like working with the community businesses and the Chamber of Commerce to get the word out that there are still lots of things to do here even though the national parks are closed,” Gonzalez said.

As for Iron and Washington counties, the commissioners are done talking and ready to put action behind their written resolution.

“We’re not asking for federal funds in this resolution,” said Iron County Commissioner Dave Miller. “We are asking for them to restore the parks to an open status, and if they are not going to do it we will do it ourselves.”

Miller, along with Iron County Commissioners Jim Brinkerhoff and Alma Adams, and Iron County Sheriff Mark Gower met Monday evening to discuss their next step. The commissioners agreed, per advice by legal counsel, that they needed to wait to hear from the governor before taking any further action. Commissioners are hopeful he will support their decision to open up the parks regardless of a lack of federal oversight.

The governor’s deputy chief of staff and director of communications, Ally Isom, confirmed Monday night that Gov. Gary Herbert received the resolutions and reviewed them. However, no other comment was available at press time.

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The parks closed a week ago when a dispute in Congress over the Affordable Care Act, also known as “Obamacare,” froze much of the funding for the federal government and put more than 800,000 federal employees on furlough.

Following word from the governor today, the Iron County commissioners have ordered Gower to prepare to unlock all restrooms and any roads that are barricaded. Gower said he is ready and willing to do as he’s been asked.

“We will do it in an orderly and controlled manner, but we will do whatever is necessary to open those lands,” Gower said.

When asked what he planned to do if met with resistance by the federal government, Gower said he still would open the federal lands.

“I don’t want to use force or violence,” Gower said. “I don’t want it to get ugly, but at some point they are going to have to step aside.”

Washington County Commissioner, Alan Gardner said his county also will do what it has to do to open the federally managed lands, including sending Sheriff Cory Pulsipher to remove barriers.

Generally, September and October are popular months for tourism as the summer winds down and kids go back to school. Many people enjoy this time of year to visit the national parks.

Nick Smith, owner of Seldom Seen Adventures in Kanab, said these two months are important for his business. Smith recently helped to organize the group, Occupy National Parks.

Members of the group jumped the gate in Zion National Park last weekend in protest to the park's closure. They set this upcoming weekend, Oct. 12, to do it again. This time, however, they hope to get at least a 100 to 200 people to participate.

Gardner said he doesn't discourage anyone from ignoring the barriers as he believes these lands are the public's and only entrusted to government to care for — not to control.

Gardner isn't just angry about the parks being closed but also all of the public lands surrounding the communities.

“What's really disgusting is it's not just the parks (the government) has tried to shut down; it's the whole public lands,” he said. “You have national forest campgrounds, BLM campgrounds — anything that has a federal deal attached to it. We can't even get cinder for our roads because they've closed the road to where we get it.”

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Maria Twitchell, executive director for the Cedar City-Brian Head Tourism Bureau, told commissioners at the meeting Monday night that the closest they could come to estimating the economic impact to the

community is by figuring that tourists spend an average of \$130 per day, per person.

“If you estimate, 500 cars daily going through Cedar Breaks, then that’s a loss right there of \$65,000 a day. And there are a lot more than 500 cars that go through Cedar Breaks a day,” she said.

Commissioners discussed how the \$130 is a loss of food, hotels and activities tourists usually spend their money on while here.

Twitchell said, her office has been overwhelmed with trying to redirect visitors to other areas and activities this last week and helping them find alternatives to the national parks.

“Many of these people have saved up for two years to go on vacation to our area,” Twitchell said. “They’re essentially displaced.”

Hotels are also seeing the repercussions of the closures as they experience early check-outs and cancellations. Ruby’s Inn, located at the entrance of Bryce Canyon National Park, reported it has lost nearly \$1 million in cancellations, and that number doesn’t include the decrease in spending on meals and activities.

Lance Syrett, Ruby’s Inn Resort Level Hotel general manager, said he has had to cut prices in half due to the closures to entice people to stay.

The Utah Office Tourism launched a \$3.1 million advertising campaign this last spring and summer to promote the state’s five national parks known as the “The Mighty Five.” They include Arches, Bryce

Canyon, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef and Zion national parks.

Roxie Sherwin, director of the St. George Area Convention and Tourism Office, said she is concerned that the money spent on the campaign built momentum that will be lost the longer the shutdown continues.

“I’m really concerned about the potential long-term damage that’s going to be done the longer this continues,” she said. “A lot of money has been on marketing campaigns built around these parks. What’s it going to cost to regain that marketing momentum? What does it cost to put it back together?”

Approximately 3 million people visit Zion annually. This time of year, they see nearly 10,000 people a day — but not now. According to Sherwin and Smith, Springdale, the city located just outside of Zion, is nearly empty.

“Just go through Springdale,” Sherwin said. “It’s a ghost town.”

Commissioners asked Gower to drive up to Cedar Breaks and through Cedar Canyon today to find out what roads have been barricaded and any other areas that the federal government has closed off.

Washington and Iron County commissioners did not state how long they will wait for the governor before going forward with their plans but did agree they don’t feel they need his permission.

The resolutions passed by the commissioners are in accordance with Utah Code, which authorizes the counties to provide all appropriate aid and assistance in relation to this proclamation.

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From: Laura Davis <laura_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 08, 2013 1:19 PM
To: Margaret O'Dell
Cc: Edward Boling; Barry Roth
Subject: Re: Emergency Declaration from 7 Utah Counties

Makes sense. You guys want to connect w/o me and let me know?

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 8, 2013, at 12:54 PM, Margaret O'Dell <peggy_o'dell@nps.gov> wrote:

This one needs to be discussed.
Counties are waiting to hear from Utah governor
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Waldron, Suzanne" <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
Date: October 8, 2013, 12:06:27 PM EDT
To: Maureen Foster <Maureen_Foster@nps.gov>, "Peggy O'Dell" <Peggy_O'Dell@nps.gov>, Jon Jarvis <Jon_Jarvis@nps.gov>, Cam Sholly <Cam_Sholly@nps.gov>, Blake Androff <Blake_Androff@ios.doi.gov>, Kate Kelly <Kate_Kelly@ios.doi.gov>, Mike Litterst <Mike_Litterst@nps.gov>, Bruce Sheaffer <Bruce_Sheaffer@nps.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Emergency Declaration from 7 Utah Counties

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From: **Dalby, Craig** <craig_dalby@nps.gov>
Date: Tue, Oct 8, 2013 at 12:01 PM
Subject: Fwd: Emergency Declaration from 7 Utah Counties
To: Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>, Michael Litterst <mike_litterst@nps.gov>

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From: **Dickinson, William** <william_k_dickinson@nps.gov>
Date: Tue, Oct 8, 2013 at 8:07 AM
Subject: Fwd: Emergency Declaration from 7 Utah Counties
To: Patty Neubacher <Patty_Neubacher@nps.gov>, Craig Dalby
<craig_dalby@nps.gov>

FYI... just in case you haven't heard/seen.... will also send copy of one of the County resolutions...

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From: **Bradybaugh, Jeffrey** <jeff_bradybaugh@nps.gov>
Date: Tue, Oct 8, 2013 at 6:36 AM
Subject: Re: Emergency Declaration from 7 Utah Counties
To: Laura Joss <laura_joss@nps.gov>, Colin Campbell
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Latest news report on this topic from St. George Spectrum below...also news report/interview with Iron County officials on KUER public radio across the state this morning reporting counties discussing using sheriff departments to "open locked gates"

Note Iron County Sheriff is today "scoping out" what is closed or barricaded around Cedar Canyon/Cedar Breaks NM...counties are threatening possible opening of parks via county sheriffs...since last night I haven't been able to get a copy of one of the declarations yet

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The entrance to Zion National Park is shown April 26, 2011. Counties in the region are considering actions to regain access to federal lands in the region. Jud Burkett / The Spectrum & News

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County governments across Southern Utah moved to condemn the shutdown of national parks by declaring a state of emergency due to the economic impact that the closure of federally managed lands have had on local communities.

Washington and Iron counties both filed separate resolutions Monday after several counties held a meeting to discuss solutions to the current closures.

Representatives from Garfield, Wayne, Sevier, Paiute, San Juan and Grand counties all attended the meeting, some of them participating by phone. Mohave and Coconino counties in Arizona also were represented.

Proclamations similar to the ones from Iron and Washington counties were issued by Kane and Garfield counties. Coconino County later decided it

would first try an alternative route, said public information officer Nathan Gonzalez.

“We’re going to try some other things first like working with the community businesses and the Chamber of Commerce to get the word out that there are still lots of things to do here even though the national parks are closed,” Gonzalez said.

As for Iron and Washington counties, the commissioners are done talking and ready to put action behind their written resolution.

“We’re not asking for federal funds in this resolution,” said Iron County Commissioner Dave Miller. “We are asking for them to restore the parks to an open status, and if they are not going to do it we will do it ourselves.”

Miller, along with Iron County Commissioners Jim Brinkerhoff and Alma Adams, and Iron County Sheriff Mark Gower met Monday evening to discuss their next step. The commissioners agreed, per advice by legal counsel, that they needed to wait to hear from the governor before taking any further action. Commissioners are hopeful he will support their decision to open up the parks regardless of a lack of federal oversight.

The governor’s deputy chief of staff and director of communications, Ally Isom, confirmed Monday night that Gov. Gary Herbert received the resolutions and reviewed them. However, no other comment was available at press time.

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The parks closed a week ago when a dispute in Congress over the Affordable Care Act, also known as “Obamacare,” froze much of the funding for the federal government and put more than 800,000 federal employees on furlough.

Following word from the governor today, the Iron County commissioners have ordered Gower to prepare to unlock all restrooms and any roads that are barricaded. Gower said he is ready and willing to do as he’s been asked.

“We will do it in an orderly and controlled manner, but we will do whatever is necessary to open those lands,” Gower said.

When asked what he planned to do if met with resistance by the federal government, Gower said he still would open the federal lands.

“I don’t want to use force or violence,” Gower said. “I don’t want it to get ugly, but at some point they are going to have to step aside.”

Washington County Commissioner, Alan Gardner said his county also will do what it has to do to open the federally managed lands, including sending Sheriff Cory Pulsipher to remove barriers.

Generally, September and October are popular months for tourism as the summer winds down and kids go back to school. Many people enjoy this time of year to visit the national parks.

Nick Smith, owner of Seldom Seen Adventures in Kanab, said these two months are important for his business. Smith recently helped to organize the group, Occupy National Parks.

Members of the group jumped the gate in Zion National Park last weekend in protest to the park's closure. They set this upcoming weekend, Oct. 12, to do it again. This time, however, they hope to get at least a 100 to 200 people to participate.

Gardner said he doesn't discourage anyone from ignoring the barriers as he believes these lands are the public's and only entrusted to government to care for — not to control.

Gardner isn't just angry about the parks being closed but also all of the public lands surrounding the communities.

“What's really disgusting is it's not just the parks (the government) has tried to shut down; it's the whole public lands,” he said. “You have national forest campgrounds, BLM campgrounds — anything that has a federal deal attached to it. We can't even get cinder for our roads because they've closed the road to where we get it.”

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Maria Twitchell, executive director for the Cedar City-Brian Head Tourism Bureau, told commissioners at the meeting Monday night that the closest they could come to estimating the economic impact to the

community is by figuring that tourists spend an average of \$130 per day, per person.

“If you estimate, 500 cars daily going through Cedar Breaks, then that’s a loss right there of \$65,000 a day. And there are a lot more than 500 cars that go through Cedar Breaks a day,” she said.

Commissioners discussed how the \$130 is a loss of food, hotels and activities tourists usually spend their money on while here.

Twitchell said, her office has been overwhelmed with trying to redirect visitors to other areas and activities this last week and helping them find alternatives to the national parks.

“Many of these people have saved up for two years to go on vacation to our area,” Twitchell said. “They’re essentially displaced.”

Hotels are also seeing the repercussions of the closures as they experience early check-outs and cancellations. Ruby’s Inn, located at the entrance of Bryce Canyon National Park, reported it has lost nearly \$1 million in cancellations, and that number doesn’t include the decrease in spending on meals and activities.

Lance Syrett, Ruby’s Inn Resort Level Hotel general manager, said he has had to cut prices in half due to the closures to entice people to stay.

The Utah Office Tourism launched a \$3.1 million advertising campaign this last spring and summer to promote the state’s five national parks known as the “The Mighty Five.” They include Arches, Bryce

Canyon, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef and Zion national parks.

Roxie Sherwin, director of the St. George Area Convention and Tourism Office, said she is concerned that the money spent on the campaign built momentum that will be lost the longer the shutdown continues.

“I’m really concerned about the potential long-term damage that’s going to be done the longer this continues,” she said. “A lot of money has been on marketing campaigns built around these parks. What’s it going to cost to regain that marketing momentum? What does it cost to put it back together?”

Approximately 3 million people visit Zion annually. This time of year, they see nearly 10,000 people a day — but not now. According to Sherwin and Smith, Springdale, the city located just outside of Zion, is nearly empty.

“Just go through Springdale,” Sherwin said. “It’s a ghost town.”

Commissioners asked Gower to drive up to Cedar Breaks and through Cedar Canyon today to find out what roads have been barricaded and any other areas that the federal government has closed off.

Washington and Iron County commissioners did not state how long they will wait for the governor before going forward with their plans but did agree they don’t feel they need his permission.

The resolutions passed by the commissioners are in accordance with Utah Code, which authorizes the counties to provide all appropriate aid and assistance in relation to this proclamation.

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From: Alvarez, Michael <michael_alvarez@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 10:12 AM
To: Bruce Sheaffer
Cc: Margaret O'Dell
Subject: Re: Harpers Ferry Center's Carryover Funding...

Hello Bruce,

Thanks for the quick reply. I will be making decisions concerning the work this afternoon but looks like I'll furlough two tomorrow based on work.

My question is was HAFC's FY 13/14 Repair Rehab Account 134P103607: P ONPS Multi YR swept as well? And my other question is can I pay our Excepted team - Contracting and the COR out of this account to keep our construction contracts going to ensure continuance of pay for these folks? I believe shutting these contracts down now will result in increased costs for delay later on. I really would like to continue working the two Contractor Officers, Construction COR, IT Specialist, and Facility Manager during this shutdown.

Thanks,

Please advise.

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On Tue, Oct 8, 2013 at 4:39 PM, Bruce Sheaffer <bruce_sheaffer@nps.gov> wrote:
Make your decision on need. Not funds. We will get it into the correct account when this is over

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 8, 2013, at 4:34 PM, "Alvarez, Michael" <michael_alvarez@nps.gov> wrote:

Hello Bruce,

Just learned that HFC's carryover has been swept for emergency response and SAR funding. Don Kodak made decisions concerning who would work during the shutdown and who would not based on our these carryover funds that did not relying on a lapsed appropriations. Therefore if our overhead account hasn't any funding we find our situation much like everyone's else who relies on a lapsed appropriation. I'll need to furlough our Excepted Team members and only keep on one essential person in accordance with Director Jarvis's Contingency Plan for Lapsed appropriation.

I'll need to orderly close down contractors and contracts beginning immediately unless you advise otherwise.

Please advise.

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From: Boling, Edward <ted.boling@sol.doi.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 5:24 PM
To: Jonathan Jarvis; Margaret O'Dell; Cam Sholly
Subject: Fwd: Washington County and Zion NP

Jon, Peggy & Cam - see BLM LE report of the Washington County plans to open Zion at 8am tomorrow.

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From: Larvie, Veronica <veronica.larvie@sol.doi.gov>
Date: Wed, Oct 9, 2013 at 5:16 PM
Subject: Fwd: Washington County and Zion NP
To: Bret Birdsong <bret.birdsong@sol.doi.gov>, Edward Boling <ted.boling@sol.doi.gov>, Laura Brown <Laura.Brown@sol.doi.gov>, Amy Sosin <amy.sosin@sol.doi.gov>, Kim Fondren <kim.fondren@sol.doi.gov>

Hi all,
this is a Washington County generated email solicitation asking for volunteers to assist with opening Zion NP tomorrow morning. Several BLM rangers received this as they are included on the search and rescue distribution list. BLM forwarded it on to their LE management.



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From: **Stover, Rand** <rstover@blm.gov>
Date: Wed, Oct 9, 2013 at 3:13 PM
Subject: Washington County and Zion NP
To: Daniel Love <dlove@blm.gov>, Eric Boik <eboik@blm.gov>

I just talked to Ranger Curtis Racker about some potential action Washington County is planning at Zion National Park. Ranger Racker belongs to a mass text group which notifies local law enforcement officers and medical personnel of Search and Rescue activities in Washington County. The organizer of the mass text group is believed to be Washington County Sheriff's Sergeant Darrell Cashin. A few minutes ago, Ranger Racker received the following text:

"89362 wrote: S: Need assistance..all members please Read Washington County is opening Zion National Park. We are opening the Park at 0800 to 2000 hours everyday starting at 0800 tomorrow morning. The county will pay 15.00 per hour plus pay your gas for those who wish to help. We need 4 guys for tomorrow and 6 on Friday and Saturday. We will need help everyday for a while. Please text or call me if you are interested in helping. Thanks, Darrell, 632-9074 To confirm: reply with 'YES' and send."

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

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From: Androff, Blake <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 6:22 PM
To: Laura Davis; Nicole Buffa; Rachel Jacobson; Jonathan Jarvis; Dan Ashe; Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Suzanne Waldron; Michael Litterst; Betsy Hildebrandt; Bruce Decker; Matthew Huggler; Sarah Neimeyer; Neil Kornze; Celia Boddington
Cc: Katherine Kelly; Tim Fullerton
Subject: Sec Letter to Gov Parnell
Attachments: Jewell Parnell Final.pdf

Attached is the letter that was sent to Gov Parnell's office re: FWS, NPS and BLM access in Alaska.

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

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

Blake

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

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

Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Regards,

Rob Howarth

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The Honorable Sean Parnell
Governor of Alaska
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Dear Governor Parnell:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Sally Jewell

From: Alvarez, Michael <michael_alvarez@nps.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2013 10:12 AM
To: Stephens, Beverly
Cc: Maureen Foster; Cam Sholly; Sam Whittington; Lena McDowall; Jennifer Greatorex; Jeffrey Compton; Suzanne Waldron; Raymond Vela; Bruce Sheaffer; Margaret O'Dell
Subject: Re: updated exception count - please send any changes by COB Thursday

Hello Beverly,

The number of exempted employees working next week at HFC will be five (5) . I furloughed one (1) Exhibits Production COR effective this morning. I'll need to bring her back at some point once the WHHO project resumes later this month if the shutdown hasn't been resolved by then. I'll be rotating the two Contracting Officers out beginning tomorrow. The Senior Contracting Officer will receive a furlough notice effective tomorrow (10/11/2013) and I'll return her in about a week then swap out the other one. I reserve the right to bring both Contract Officers back together based on work.

Therefore, for now HFC's count next week is five (5). We've reduced our count by two (2) - Exhibits Production COR and Senior Contracting Officer.

Because HFC personnel were designate as exempt initially I'll continue with that assumptions and I'll not be furloughing anyone for the holiday on Monday unless otherwise directed to do so.

Any questions please contact me.

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On Tue, Oct 8, 2013 at 4:45 PM, Stephens, Beverly <grace_stephens@nps.gov> wrote:
Hi all,

Trying to give you more notice this week. Please send me your updated exception counts by COB Thursday. We should expect to provide an update every week until this is finished. As before, please count by position and do not send me names. I have copied below your numbers from last week so you can just update this data. Your employees should continue to keep good records of hours worked.

Thanks,
Grace

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<u>WASO Headquarters</u>	
<i>Leadership Staff</i>	9
Director	
Deputy Director, Operations	
Comptroller	
Chief of Staff	
Associate Director, Workforce Management, Relevancy, and Inclusion	
Associate Director, Business Services	
Associate Director, Information Resources	
Assistant Director, Communications	
Associate Director, Visitor & Resource Protection	
<i>Business Services Support Staff</i>	3
Chief of Contracting	
Contracting Officer	
Contracting Officer	
<i>Information Resources Support Staff</i>	1
Information Resources, Lead WASO Services	
<i>Communications Support Staff</i>	1
Chief Spokesperson	
<i>Comptroller/Budget Support Staff</i>	4
Deputy Comptroller, Budget	
Special Assistant to the Comptroller	
Chief, Budget Execution	
Budget analyst	
<i>Accounting Operations Center/Finance Support Staff</i>	15
Supervisory Financial Management	
Supervisory Financial Management	
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From: Alvarez, Michael <michael_alvarez@nps.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2013 3:45 PM
To: Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster
Subject: POC HAFC....

Hello Maureen,

I'm the POC for the Harpers Ferry Center. My contact information is below. I'll have my BlackBerry with me all weekend long. The number is 240-997-5826. If there is anything that I can do in anyway please don't hesitate to call contact me!

Thanks and all the best from the Harpers Ferry Center...!

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Communicate, Collaborate, Succeed....!

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From: Androff, Blake <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2013 4:03 PM
To: Margaret O'Dell
Subject: QUICK Q

Will Rocky Mountain be open tomorrow?

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Blake Androff
Deputy Director of Communications
U.S. Department of the Interior
Office: (202) 208-6416 | Cell: (202) 725-7435

From: Blake Androff <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2013 5:41 PM
To: Maureen Foster
Cc: Suzanne Waldron; O'Dell Peggy; Michael Litterst; Kate Kelly; Lisa Mendelson-Ielmini
Subject: Re: Glen Echo Park in Glen Echo, Md.

Can we (or should we) offer anything at this point to the Post? (ie we are reviewing the request / situation, etc?)

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

On Oct 14, 2013, at 3:39 PM, Maureen Foster <maureen_foster@nps.gov> wrote:

Very complicated. They use Nps resources so it is tough with anti deficiency. It is on the docker for discussion tomorrow morning.

Maureen D. Foster
National Park Service
202.208.5970 office
202.306.3845 cell

On Oct 14, 2013, at 3:33 PM, Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov> wrote:

Looping peggy and maureen

Sue Waldron
Assistant Director, Communications
National Park Service

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 14, 2013, at 3:28 PM, Blake Androff <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Another

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

Begin forwarded message:

From: Aaron Kraut <aaron@bethesdanow.com>
Date: October 14, 2013 at 3:27:43 PM EDT
To: <DOI_Shutdown@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Glen Echo Park in Glen Echo, Md.

Hi,

This is Aaron Kraut, reporter with news website BethesdaNow.com in Montgomery County, Md.

Local officials here are gathering on Tuesday morning (info below) to urge NPS to reopen the park because of the non-federally funded programs that run on the site. Will the NPS be issuing a response?

Here's the advisory on the press conference:

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From: Robert Maclean <robert_maclean@nps.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 01, 2013 11:51 AM
To: Peggy_O'Dell@nps.gov; cam_sholly@nps.gov; lisa_mendelson-ielmini@nps.gov; bob_vogel@nps.gov
Cc: Teresa_Chambers@nps.gov; Pamela_Blyth@nps.gov; Jeanne_O'Toole@nps.gov; Victor_Chapman@nps.gov
Subject: Fw:

From: Paschel, Christopher [mailto:christopher_paschel@nps.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 01, 2013 08:46 AM
To: Paul Brooks <Paul_Brooks@nps.gov>; Rob Maclean <Robert_MacLean@nps.gov>
Subject:

http://blog.gulflive.com/mississippi-press-news/2013/10/honor_flight_vets_arrive_at_wo.html

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United States Park Police

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From: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 08, 2013 10:42 AM
To: Kelly, Katherine
Cc: laura davis; jon jarvis; Suzanne Waldron; mike litterst; Androff, Blake J; O'Dell, Peggy; maureen foster; Sarah Neimeyer; Elizabeth A Klein
Subject: Re: NP Traveler blog

The quotes at the bottom are really great/nice. Thanks for forwarding.

On Oct 8, 2013, at 9:30 AM, "Kelly, Katherine" <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

<http://www.nationalparkstraveler.com/2013/10/around-parks-blurring-national-park-lines24057>

Around The Parks: A Blurring Of National Park Lines

Submitted by Kurt Repanshek on October 8, 2013 - 1:22am



The National Park Service, and its employees, should not be blamed for the parks' closure.

Around the country, as the partial government shutdown moves into its second week, taxpayers angry with the closure of national parks are showing their disgust through civil disobedience, mockery, and anger directed at the National Park Service.

The national park idea, long recognized as America's best, is being degraded and disrespected as the result of a much different idea—using the parks as leverage to try to gain the advantage in a political donnybrook.

Many of the government functions impacted by the shutdown, while important, simply don't have the same media interest—or impact on the general public—as closure of the national parks. It's hard to generate a compelling news photo based on the interruption of airliner safety inspection or suspensions of some FDA food safety inspections. Hang a closed sign on the entrance to the Grand Canyon, however, or put a belligerent congressman face-to-face with a ranger at the World War II Memorial on the National Mall, and you have plenty of fodder for the prime-time network news.

The result is an agency and its employees caught in the middle of a fight it didn't create—or want.

Some critics are driven by anger over loss of income from the parks' closure. Others by disgust with Obama administration. Still others seemingly by the belief that the federal government has no right to close the parks. In the end, however, it's the rangers on the ground who are seen as the "face" of the shutdown.

Some Republicans in Congress, particularly in the House, blame the administration for the parks' continued closure, pointing out that that chamber voted to restore funding for the Park Service, among some other agencies and programs. But that legislation was tied to a demand that the Affordable Care Act be scaled back. Some protesting the parks' closure staged an "occupy" movement of Zion National Park last week, a protest that reportedly drew fewer than two dozen.

Many more turned out at Acadia National Park, where they simply walked around barricades to spend a beautiful fall afternoon on the park's Carriage Roads. One of those visitors was involved in a backcountry accident, and the resulting rescue severely taxed the limited resources of a park in "shutdown mode."



At Acadia National Park this week, many cyclists routinely ignored the "closed" signs at the Carriage Roads. Rebecca Latson photo.

No doubt other parks saw visitors ignore the closure signs. There's even a "movement" encouraging people to enter the parks while they're closed.

In Florida, word that the waters of Everglades and Biscayne national parks were being closed led to ridicule of the Obama administration for "closing the ocean." However, the waters adjoining those two parks are as much part of the parks as the Thorofare region of Yellowstone National Park is part of that park, as the Tulooume Meadows area is of Yosemite National Park, as the Maze is of Canyonlands National Park, and as the Cataloochee Valley is of Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Too, Biscayne counts approximately 40 keys, or islets, within its watery landscape. That seascape, which comprises 95 percent of the park, also holds historic shipwrecks and fragile coral reefs that have suffered in the past from poachers of history. Those of Everglades hold vital habitat for fisheries.

When those parks were created, the Park Service was charged with overseeing those resources, and with reduced ranks spurred by the failure of Congress to pass a **Continuing Resolution** to keep the government funded, the agency is sorely lacking the manpower to monitor those areas.

"Whether units of the NPS are historic buildings that can be physically closed by closing a door, or parks with entrance stations able to close with a staff person speaking to visitors or by pulling gates across roads or in the case of some of our nation's most sacred sites, from the Lincoln Memorial to the Jefferson Memorial to the new WW II Memorial that do not have physical doors or gates to close - these places are all a part of the National Park System whether they have a structure to close or they are sites without a defined entrance point such as the Lincoln Memorial," said Joan Anzelmo, a former park superintendent and now a member of the Coalition of National Park Service Retirees.

"The NPS is responsible for them and they are on federal lands. If left unstaffed in ways the public can see -- and more importantly in the ways the public can't see -- these places will not be preserved the way the agency has been directed to do by Congress," she added. "Congress can't direct the agency on one hand to protect the parks (all of them) so they are unimpaired for the future generations and then suddenly just say never mind- let them be open or let some of them be open. The U.S. National Park System has been an exemplar to the world and parks and the employees should not be played as pawns by Congress."

Regarding the situation at the National Mall, where attention has been focused on access, in particular, to the World War II Veterans Memorial, Ms. Anzelmo pointed to the status of **all** of the Mall's memorials as icons of our nation ... and also as potential targets for those who wish to do our country harm.

"I worked the shutdown in '95 and '96 and remember there were barricades placed at the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials in that shutdown. Fast forward these 17 years and the

security concerns area thousand times what they were in the innocent 1990s especially at the iconic locations such as the National Mall and Memorials in Washington, D.C.," she said. " There are many behind-the-scenes security-related components, including staff (uniform and plain clothes) that are in place to protect these sacred sites and the millions of people who visit them. When you furlough the vast majority of the workforce due to no appropriation you suddenly reduce the capacity to safely protect the sacred sites themselves and to protect the visitors who wish to visit them. This is very serious business in present day times."

That the National Park System has become a pawn in Congress's malfeasance is unfortunate, regrettable, and unnecessarily places the rangers, and the public, at risk.

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From: Sarah Neimeyer <sarah_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 10:54 AM
To: Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Buffa Nikki
Subject: Fwd: TODAY - LEGGETT TO JOIN GLEN ECHO PARTNERSHIP IN CALLING FOR REOPENING OF GLEN ECHO PARK ***Note Additional Artists Who Will be Attending***

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "McManus, Karen" <Karen.McManus@mail.house.gov>
Date: October 15, 2013 10:49:51 AM EDT
To: "'sarah_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov'" <sarah_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: **Fw: TODAY - LEGGETT TO JOIN GLEN ECHO PARTNERSHIP IN CALLING FOR REOPENING OF GLEN ECHO PARK ***Note Additional Artists Who Will be Attending*****

Fyi
Karen C. McManus
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Deputy District Director for Outreach
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From: Kleinman, Joan
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 10:15 AM
To: McManus, Karen
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From: Falcon, Karen [mailto:Karen.Falcon@montgomerycountymd.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 9:30 AM

Subject: TODAY - LEGGETT TO JOIN GLEN ECHO PARTNERSHIP IN CALLING FOR REOPENING OF GLEN ECHO PARK ***Note Additional Artists Who Will be Attending***

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Media Contact: Esther Bowring, 240-777-6507

**LEGGETT TO JOIN
GLEN ECHO PARTNERSHIP
IN CALLING FOR REOPENING OF GLEN ECHO PARK**

**Tuesday, October 15, 2013
11 a.m.**

**In front of Glen Echo Park
7300 MacArthur Boulevard, Glen Echo**

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From: Bob Vogel <bob_vogel@nps.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 10:55 AM
To: Margaret O'Dell; Bruce Sheaffer; Maureen Foster
Subject: Fwd: press release

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Paul Tetreault <pault@fords.org>
Date: October 15, 2013, 10:43:38 AM EDT
To: Bob Vogel <bob_vogel@nps.gov>
Subject: press release

Bob,

We think the POST may want to speak with someone at NPS once this is announced, would you be willing, or do you have a spokesperson that we should direct them to.

You should also know, that we are putting NPS in a terrific light on this, and "...it is through our unique 45 year partnership that we have been working at trying to figure out a way to open the site..." etc. etc.

Let me know,

Paul

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From: Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2013 11:43 AM
To: Warren, John; O'Dell Peggy; Foster Maureen; Sheaffer Bruce; Boling Edward; Roth Barry; KEABLE Ed
Cc: Ahern, Jane; Blake Androff; Mike Litterst; Kate Kelly; David Luchsinger; Joshua Laird; Mike_Caldwell@nps.gov
Subject: Re: Ny1 News Inquiry

John looping others - the dates for opening are established in the signed agreement so suggest we hold on saying anything other than what is in the agreement til sol has weighed in. Copying them and others on this

Sue Waldron
Assistant Director, Communications
National Park Service

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 13, 2013, at 11:26 AM, "Warren, John" <john_warren@nps.gov> wrote:

FYI: Governor Cuomo chose to make his 11 AM announcement in Battery Park City, an NYC park with a good view of the Statue, but not where visitors board ferries. Nothing took place on NPS turf (Liberty Island) and we did not attend.

Also: I note that the press release from DOI states that the dates we will be open are Oct. 12-17. It actually took us a day longer than that to reopen, so the dates are now October 13-18. Maybe the PR on the web could be tweaked? DOI press release is here: <http://www.doi.gov/news/pressreleases/national-park-service-enters-agreement-with-state-of-new-york-to-re-open-statue-of-liberty.cfm>

I have added the info about the park being open for six days to the alerts on the STLI and ELIS webpages, using the DOI PR for basic language. Employees on the social media team have added the message to the STLI Facebook page as well.

John Harlan Warren
cell 917-299-3843

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jane

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

Begin forwarded message:

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

Hi John,

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

Thank you!

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From: Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2013 12:11 PM
To: Risser, Mary; O'Dell Peggy; Sheaffer Bruce; Kelly Kate; Androff Blake
Cc: Maureen Foster; Cam Sholly; Rena Fugate; Billy Shott
Subject: Re: Positive visitor feedback CARE

Thanks mary looping others for awareness

Sue Waldron
Assistant Director, Communications
National Park Service

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 13, 2013, at 11:47 AM, "Risser, Mary" <mary_risser@nps.gov> wrote:

Hi there,

Here is the report I received from Capitol Reef. Things are up and running.

Mary

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Leah McGinnis <leah_mcginis@nps.gov>
Date: Sat, Oct 12, 2013 at 3:31 PM
Subject: Positive visitor feedback CARE
To: Mary Risser <mary_risser@nps.gov>

Mary

We opened yesterday and within the first half hour had about 20 cars and a bus at the visitor center. People clapped as they got out of their cars and the flag went up at the VC. I spoke to several people that were just so happy we were open before their vacation ended, I called about 15 local business owners and everyone was very nice and very excited that we were open. We had one orchard with apples for picking. This was a very popular question and we were happy to be able to get the apples picked!

I will have visitor counts for you on Monday.

Sent from my iPad

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Mary Risser
Acting Deputy Regional Director/Chief of Staff
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303.969.2799 (office)
970.629.5439 (iPhone)

From: Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2013 12:12 PM
To: Risser, Mary; Jarvis Jon; O'Dell Peggy; Sheaffer Bruce; Kelly Kate; Androff Blake
Cc: Maureen Foster; Cam Sholly; Rena Fugate; Billy Shott; Litterst Mike
Subject: Re: GLCA update on opening

Thanks - looping

Sue Waldron
Assistant Director, Communications
National Park Service

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 13, 2013, at 11:49 AM, "Risser, Mary" <mary_risser@nps.gov> wrote:

This is the last one for now. Have a good afternoon!

Mary

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From: Mihata, Lindy <lindy_mihata@nps.gov>
Date: Sat, Oct 12, 2013 at 1:02 PM
Subject: GLCA update on opening
To: Mary Risser <mary_risser@nps.gov>

Mary,

In regards to an update on the GLCA opening..... Though there were no lines to get into the park, members of the local communities and visitors were happy we were open.

It was uneventful which we were thankful for.

This is typically a busy holiday weekend for us and we expect to see a lot of people in the park and out on the water.

If you need anything further, please let me know.

Lindy

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Lindy Mihata
Acting Chief Ranger
Glen Canyon National Recreation Area

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From: Patterson, Kyle <kyle_patterson@nps.gov>
Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2013 12:17 PM
To: Risser, Mary; O'Dell Peggy; Jarvis Jon; Sheaffer Bruce; Androff Blake; Kelly Kate; Oltrogge Maureen; Patterson Kyle; cc: Maureen Foster; Cam Sholly; Rena Fugate; Billy Shott
Subject: Fwd: Asking For Help In Clarifying Not All National Park Units Are Open

This is what we sent ... hope it helps!

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Patterson, Kyle** <kyle_patterson@nps.gov>
Date: Sun, Oct 13, 2013 at 10:15 AM
Subject: Asking For Help In Clarifying Not All National Park Units Are Open
To:

Hi All,

Some visitors are coming to national parks across the country and are surprised and disappointed that all national parks have not reopened. This is an unfortunate reality when only a few have reopened due to state funding support.

When/if you have the opportunity in your stories about national parks reopening to be clear about what is open and that most are not that would be helpful.

Here's the list of what is open:

<http://www.nps.gov/shutdown/index.html>

Thanks again for all you are doing to share accurate information during this time!

- Kyle

Kyle Patterson
Public Information Officer/Management Specialist
Rocky Mountain National Park
(970) 586-1363
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The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

EXPERIENCE YOUR AMERICA

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From: Dennis Reidenbach <dennis_reidenbach@nps.gov>
Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2013 12:32 PM
To: Jon Jarvis
Cc: Mike Caldwell; Bruce Sheaffer; Peggy O'Dell
Subject: Mayor Michael Nutter

Jon,

Just a FYI, Mayor Nutter called my cell a few minutes ago to see if there was any word on his request regarding the Independence Visitor Center.

I explained that the issues associated with the IVC are quite different than those associated with the limited number of openings so far and have significant legal/policy issues.

I told him that one of us would get back to him at the earliest possible opportunity

Dennis

Dennis Reidenbach
NPS Northeast Regional Director
215-597-7013 (Office)
Sent from my iPhone

From: Dennis Reidenbach <dennis_reidenbach@nps.gov>
Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2013 3:34 PM
To: Jonathan Jarvis
Cc: Mike Caldwell; Bruce Sheaffer; Peggy O'Dell
Subject: Re: Mayor Michael Nutter

Jon

Was out raking leaves and just now saw the message. I will call him now before I go back outside.

Dennis

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Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 13, 2013, at 2:08 PM, Jonathan Jarvis <jon_jarvis@nps.gov> wrote:

> I talked with Bruce and agree with him we would violate the Anti
> deficiency act if we allow them to open. Do you want to call him?

>
> Sent from my iPhone

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> On Oct 13, 2013, at 12:32 PM, Dennis Reidenbach
> <dennis_reidenbach@nps.gov> wrote:

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>> Jon,

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>> Just a FYI, Mayor Nutter called my cell a few minutes ago to see if
>> there was any word on his request regarding the Independence Visitor
>> Center.

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>> I explained that the issues associated with the IVC are quite
>> different than those associated with the limited number of openings
>> so far and have significant legal/policy issues.

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>> I told him that one of us would get back to him at the earliest
>> possible opportunity

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>> Dennis

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>> Dennis Reidenbach
>> NPS Northeast Regional Director
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>> Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2013 3:35 PM
To: Risser, Mary; Peggy O'Dell; Jon Jarvis; Blake Androff; Kate Kelly; Mike Litterst; Bruce Sheaffer
Cc: Maureen Foster; Cam Sholly; Rena Fugate; Billy Shott; Bill Wright
Subject: Re: Summary of Day 1 at Grand Canyon

Thanks mary. Looping others

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On Oct 13, 2013, at 3:25 PM, "Risser, Mary" <mary_risser@nps.gov> wrote:

Hi Sue,

Here is a wrap-up of GRCA's first day.

Mary

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From: **Wright, Bill** <bill_wright@nps.gov>
Date: Sun, Oct 13, 2013 at 10:28 AM
Subject: Fwd: Summary of Day 1 at Grand Canyon
To: Mary Risser <mary_risser@nps.gov>, Billy Shott <billy_shott@nps.gov>, Colin Campbell <colin_campbell@nps.gov>, Laura Joss <laura_joss@nps.gov>
Cc: Kirby-Lynn Shedlowski <kirbylynn_shedlowski@nps.gov>, David Uberuaga <dave_uberuaga@nps.gov>

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From: **Shedlowski, Kirby-Lynn** <kirbylynn_shedlowski@nps.gov>
Date: Sun, Oct 13, 2013 at 9:21 AM
Subject: Summary of Day 1 at Grand Canyon
To: Bill Wright <bill_wright@nps.gov>
Cc: David Uberuaga <dave_uberuaga@nps.gov>, Maureen Oltrogge <maureen_oltrogge@nps.gov>

The park officially opened at 8 a.m. but cars were allowed into the park starting at 6 a.m.- a number of cars were lined up at the barricade waiting for clearance to enter.

Visitors who entered the park were greeted with limited services.
167 restrooms were cleaned prior to the 8 a.m. opening

Bright Angel Bikes and Coffee shop was open for business.
Visitor Centers opened at 8 a.m.
Grand Canyon Association retail outlets opened at 8 a.m.
Concessions operated retail shops opened at 10 a.m.
Concessions operated lodges opened at 11 a.m.
Maswick Cafeteria, Bright Angel Lodge, and the Marketplace Deli, concessions operated dining facilities, opened for lunch at noon with limited menu selections.
El Tovar Restaurant opened for dinner at 4:30 p.m.
Shuttle Bus service resumed with limited operations at noon and full operations by 3 p.m.
Grand Canyon Railway ran a train with approximately 100 passengers
Mather Campground went from 0 sites filled to almost full at 6 p.m. 320+ sites

Entrance Station information is forthcoming.
South Entrance Station was open from 6:45 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- AM entrance stations experienced long lines- 5 lanes were open
- PM traffic slowed
Desert View open from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30

Governor Brewer's Visit

Location of Press Conference selected for part of Rim Trail between El Tovar Lodge and Hopi House.
Governor Jan Brewer's advance team arrived at the park at 8:30 a.m. to prepare for her arrival.
El Tovar was used as staging area for the Governor.
Governor Brewer landed at the Grand Canyon Airport at 10 a.m. and was escorted into the park arriving at El Tovar at 10:20 a.m.
Multiple press outlets arrived to cover the Governor's announcement.
Press conference began promptly at 11 a.m.
Governor Brewer spoke first.
Tuyasan Mayor Greg Bryan spoke next.
Park Superintendent Dave Uberuaga spoke last.
Question and Answer session followed.
Governor, Mayor, and Superintendent did some follow up press shots and interviews along the rim trail.
Governor and team left park at approximately 11:50 a.m.

Media Coverage:

2 videos on Fox:

<http://www.myfoxphoenix.com/story/23676295/2013/10/12/grand-canyon-opens-in-state-fed-natl-parks-deal>

ABC 15:

http://www.abc15.com/dpp/news/region_northern_az/other/Tourists-public-officials-praise-opening-of-Grand-Canyon-National-Park-amid-government-shutdown

NBC 12:

<http://www.azcentral.com/news/politics/articles/20131012arizona-grand-canyon-reopens-national-park-deal-brewer.html>

Independent 3:

<http://www.azfamily.com/news/Grand-Canyon-National-Park-reopens-to-tourists-227518461.html>

CBS 5:

<http://www.kpho.com/story/23658804/brewer-grand-canyon-reopened-to-visitors-saturday>

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Cc: Maureen Foster; Margaret O'Dell; Cam Sholly; Paul Henderson; Catherine Cannon; Rena Fugate; Billy Shott
Subject: Re: Southeast Utah Group opening

Thanks for report. Adding others

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 13, 2013, at 3:34 PM, "Risser, Mary" <mary_risser@nps.gov> wrote:

Hi all,

Here is a report from Paul Henderson about the opening of the Southeast Utah Group. Some very happy people out there.

Our openings all went well - Natural Bridges was opened at 10:30am on Friday and reports from Jim Dougan was that it was a typical and pleasant fall day.

We opened the roads at Arches at 5:30 pm on Friday - to a huge line of cars waiting to get into the park. When our ranger arrived to remove the barricades folks starting honking their horns, getting out and clapping and cheering - and several helped move the barricades to the side of the road. By sunset there was a very large crowd at Delicate Arch to enjoy the sunset - all were very happy to be there. The campground and the visitor center at Arches opened at 8:00 am on Saturday.

All of Canyonlands opened at 8:00am Saturday - I spoke with folks from each of the districts yesterday - things went smoothly and again visitors were very happy. The backcountry offices were very busy as folks figured out that things like a White Rim trip that they had planned months in advance were once again possible. I spoke to a woman in Salt Lake City yesterday - their White Rim trip was due to begin on Tuesday and they were at the last possible go/no-go moment and she couldn't really tell from the press coverage if the backcountry was open or not - when I let her know that they were good to go on their trip I thought she was going to crawl through the telephone and hug me - they have had this trip planned for almost a year.

All in all it has been very positive for both staff and visitors alike.

Let me know if there are questions.

Mary

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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: Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2013 11:04 AM
To: Kelly, Katherine; Androff Blake; Litterst Mike; Foster Maureen; O'Dell Peggy; Sheaffer Bruce
Subject: Re: Georgia National Parks and Historic Sites

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From: Michael Litterst <mike_litterst@nps.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2013 12:16 PM
To: Suzanne Waldron
Cc: Kelly, Katherine; Androff Blake; Foster Maureen; O'Dell Peggy; Sheaffer Bruce
Subject: Re: Georgia National Parks and Historic Sites

Check. Do you want me to respond?

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Sent: Monday, October 14, 2013 3:03 PM
To: Margaret O'Dell
Cc: Suzanne Waldron; Risser, Mary; Foster Maureen; Bruce Sheaffer
Subject: Re: Press release question

Thanks everyone, the 10 days should take us through Sunday. I will wait for final confirmation tomorrow though since I have not seen the agreement.

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 14, 2013, at 12:08 PM, "Margaret O'Dell" <peggy_o'dell@nps.gov> wrote:

Lets just check the dates on the agreement to ensure the park will still be open next weekend. I don't have it at home with me to check. If the state sponsored funding includes the date(s) of the event then yes you should plan to do it since it is business as usual under state donates funding.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 14, 2013, at 2:00 PM, Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov> wrote:

Mary looping peggy in on this for decision

My thought is if the event is during the re-opening period then It could go forward. If it does, better to have it publicized by the partner

Sue Waldron
Assistant Director, Communications
National Park Service

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On Oct 14, 2013, at 1:56 PM, "Risser, Mary" <mary_risser@nps.gov> wrote:

Hi Sue,

Please see the email request from Leah at Capitol Reef. Do you have any insight or thoughts on this? They have a special event coming up that was scheduled before the shutdown.

Thanks,

Mary

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From: **Leah McGinnis** <leah_mcginnis@nps.gov>

Date: Mon, Oct 14, 2013 at 11:37 AM
Subject: Press release question
To: Mary Risser <mary_risser@nps.gov>

Mary

We have events planned for this coming weekend, Earth Science Weekend in conjunction with the Utah Education Association weekend. This was planned before the shutdown and we are accomplishing it without extra pay or overtime. We wanted to send out a press release, but somehow it seems hard to celebrate events when parks are still closed....thoughts or advice?

Thanks

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From: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Saturday, October 05, 2013 7:41 AM
To: Dan Ashe; Jon Jarvis; betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov; Margaret O'Dell; Jack Haugrud; Ted Boling; Kate P Kelly; Blake Androff
Cc: Laura Davis; Elizabeth Klein
Subject: Letter from Parnell
Attachments: 10.04.13 Secretary Sally Jewell Federal Lands Access.pdf

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October 4, 2013

The Honorable Sally Jewell
Secretary
United States Department of the Interior
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Dear Secretary Jewell,

Thank you for speaking with me today about concerns Alaskans have over federal land management in our state. My office and Alaskan hunters and fishermen were notified that U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), in response to the federal government shutdown, is closing all National Wildlife Refuge lands in Alaska to all but federally-qualified subsistence users. This decision results in immediate significant fiscal impacts to guides and support businesses that cannot be recovered and unnecessarily takes away hunting, fishing, viewing, and recreational opportunities in Alaska. This is a time of year that many Alaskans are using refuge lands for planned hunting and fishing for their family sustenance.

In contrast, other Department of the Interior agencies such as the National Park Service (NPS) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) have chosen to implement a more reasoned approach to this budget situation. In our state, these agencies are leaving lands and waters under their jurisdiction open to use. For example, The National Park Service's rationale for their policy is linked to their interpretation of the Alaska National Interest Land Conservation Act (ANILCA). An excerpt of NPS guidance for Alaska land holdings follows:

The many millions of acres of parks and preserves in Alaska were made broadly open and accessible to the public and no fees for entrance or admittance were allowed by the legislation [ANILCA]. Subsistence, hunting and access to in-holdings were authorized by the law and the public undertaking these activities may be engaged in these activities in the remotest areas of parks and preserves at the time of shutdown. Noticing them of any requirement to depart park areas would not be reasonably possible.

Closure of government facilities is fully required; however access to the backcountry - areas generally open without fees or permits - will not be curtailed. Subsistence access and activities, sport hunting, in holder access, and other uses requiring no entry fees, permits or government required orientation will be allowed to continue during shutdown. To the fullest extent possible, parks will provide notice of closed facilities and operations and alert the public that limited if any NPS emergency responses or services will be available during the government shutdown.

The Honorable Sally Jewell

October 4, 2013

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This approach closely mirrors BLM, which states in its FAQ sheet regarding the furlough:

Q: I am an outfitter with a BLM permit. May I still operate my business?

A: Commercial, competitive and group authorization for events and activities, including commercial outfitter and special recreation permits, can continue operations provided they do not need BLM field monitoring, oversight or BLM assistance of any kind, and are not operating in sites that have been closed.

Q: May I hunt or fish on public lands?

A: Yes, consistent with State law.

It is perplexing that the USFWS has chosen to adopt a nation-wide approach, not allowing any discretion to recognize the unique situation and needs in Alaska and the mandates and commitments made under ANILCA. ANILCA guarantees Alaskans several types of rights, including rights of access across federal public lands. For instance, 16 U.S.C. 3120, 3121, and 3126(b) guarantee rights of access for subsistence hunting and fishing and provide procedural requirements such as notice and public hearings before these rights can be taken away or modified. Similarly, 16 U.S.C. 3126 guarantees Alaskans a right to sport fishing and the access rights necessary to engage in sport fishing. Access for traditional activities, such as hunting and to access villages and homesites is guaranteed under 16 U.S.C. 3170(a). Access to federal lands in order to participate in any "valid occupancy," which includes an existing permit or right to hunt on federal public lands is also guaranteed. 16 U.S.C. 3170(b). Further, rights of access under any existing State public road or an RS 2477 road or trail cannot be interfered with or closed by the federal government. This is just a partial list of federal statutes that guarantee Alaskans a right of access to federal lands. There may be additional statutes.

The access provisions of Title XI of ANILCA are implemented through federal regulations at 50 CFR 36.42, and any closures must comply with these regulations and are subject to public hearing and notice, as well as specific criteria. This intent is consistent with one of the "Great Compromises" of ANILCA, where it was recognized that Lower 48 "closed until open" restrictions were not appropriate and that Congress intended there to be an "open until closed" concept in Alaska. The national USFWS approach to the current budget situation is inappropriate for application to Alaska and inconsistent with federal law that governs management of federal lands in Alaska.

Given the rights of access under ANILCA and other federal laws, I urge you to immediately direct USFWS to adopt the policy already in use by the NPS and BLM allowing full access to federal public lands. Failure to do so is unacceptable and will lead to unnecessary harm to Alaskans, whose interests I will vigorously defend with all the resources at my disposal.

Sincerely,



Sean Parnell
Governor

The Honorable Sally Jewell

October 4, 2013

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cc: The Honorable Cora Campbell, Commissioner, Alaska Department of Fish and Game
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Subject: Re: Letter from Parnell

Yes, we will figure out a response.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 5, 2013, at 9:03 AM, Dan Ashe <d_m_ashe@fws.gov> wrote:

> I'm assuming the Secretary will respond to clarify, consistent with
> her conversation, and with both the NPS and USFWS closure notices. I'm
> available to discuss at any time.

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> Dan.

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Cc: Sue Waldron
Subject: Re: Do you have

I never had anything other than a clip from the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel. That was one of the problems we had tracking it down - nothing official or detailed. I'll send the clip.

On Oct 5, 2013 1:10 PM, "O'Dell, Margaret" <peggy_o#39;dell@nps.gov> wrote:
the press thing from governor of Wisconsin that listed the places he wanted to keep open? I am having a hard time laying my hands on it. Thanks.

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Parnell objects to Alaska refuge access closings

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FAIRBANKS — Gov. Sean Parnell on Friday objected to the reported closure of public access for hunting and fishing on national wildlife refuge land in Alaska because of the federal government shutdown.

Parnell called Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell on Friday to register his protest, according to a news release from the governor's office.

The news release stated Parnell's call came in reaction to reports that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service had closed access to refuge lands. The Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service, which also are Interior Department agencies, did not bar access to their lands, Parnell said, though developed facilities on federal lands are closed.

"Alaskans should not be prevented from gaining lawful access to all federal lands, most of which are undeveloped and remote," Parnell stated in the news release.

The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act ensures public access to federal lands in Alaska without fees or permits, he said.

"Our local federal guidance on this from both the NPS and BLM is correct and consistent with ANILCA," Parnell said. "Unfortunately, Fish and Wildlife has taken a different view, and we want that changed."

Attempts to reach local Fish and Wildlife Service staff were not successful. The agency's websites in Alaska redirect inquiries to a generic national page. Text at the top of the page states, "Due to the lapse in appropriated funds, all public lands managed by the Interior Department (National Parks, National Wildlife Refuges, Bureau of Land Management facilities, etc.) will be closed. For more information, FAQs, and updates, please visit www.doi.gov/shutdown."

A statement on the Fish and Wildlife Service section of that website says this: "In the event of a lapse in appropriations and pursuant to law, the service will close most operations, but certain excepted activities will continue.

- National Wildlife Refuges will be closed to public access. Visitor centers and other buildings will be closed.
- All activities will be canceled on federal lands and public buildings until the government reopens. This includes hunting and fishing activities on public lands."

The service manages about 72 million acres of land in Alaska. Parnell's news release did not specify which refuge lands in Alaska were closed or who reportedly had been denied access.

Alec Lamberson, a fishing guide, posted on Facebook the text of a cease-operations order he had received from Kenai National Wildlife Refuge Manager Andy Loranger on Thursday.

"Your Special Use Permit to provide commercial visitor services on the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge is suspended effective immediately due to a lapse in appropriations resulting in a government shutdown," the notice said.

"This shutdown has forced the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to curtail all permitted activities on refuge lands across the United States," the letter said. "This suspension of your Special Use Permit requires that I request you to stop taking clients onto refuge lands and waters, effective immediately."

Lamberson operates the Kenai Experience guiding service. However, he was told the closure applies to private individuals as well, he said when contacted Saturday.

"They told me that area is actually closed to all activities, commercial or non-commercial," he said.

He said he wasn't happy with the closure's impact on "a single user group" — commercial guides. He said he doubted any private individuals would curtail fishing trips or other activities, in part because the refuge staff hadn't put up any signs announcing the closure.

On Saturday, October 5, 2013, Laura Davis wrote:

Yes, we will figure out a response.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 5, 2013, at 9:03 AM, Dan Ashe <d_m_ashe@fws.gov> wrote:

> I'm assuming the Secretary will respond to clarify, consistent with
> her conversation, and with both the NPS and USFWS closure notices. I'm
> available to discuss at any time.

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> Dan.

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> Dan Ashe

> Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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> On Oct 5, 2013, at 7:40 AM, Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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>> Attached is a letter from Parnell to SRJ outlining the issue they
>> spoke about yesterday.

>> <10.04.13 Secretary Sally Jewell Federal Lands Access.pdf>

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From: Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov>
Sent: Sunday, October 06, 2013 9:27 AM
To: Sue Waldron
Cc: Maureen Foster; Margaret O'Dell; Jonathan Jarvis; Androff Blake; Sheaffer Bruce; Litterst Mike; Kelly Kate
Subject: Re: Fwd: News item forwarded from jane_ahern@nps.gov

The injured woman in Acadia is good to keep in our back pocket for questions about why we close open air parks.

On Oct 6, 2013 8:09 AM, "Suzanne Waldron" <sue_waldron@nps.gov> wrote:
Fyi on clips from northeast region

Especially this one on a rescue at acadia
<http://bangordailynews.com/2013/10/05/news/hancock/visitors-determined-to-enjoy-closed-acadia-national-park-a-real-problem-for-rangers/>

Sue Waldron
Assistant Director, Communications
National Park Service

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Date: October 5, 2013, 11:55:57 PM EDT
To: undisclosed-recipients; ;
Subject: Fwd: News item forwarded from jane_ahern@nps.gov

10/5/13 NER News Clips - Full list

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News Report from Meltwater News

Tips from jane ahern

Tips from jane ahern

KKK Holds Rally in Gettysburg
WLOS ABC 13 | 10/05/13 20:20
...Maryland based Ku Klux Klan group was supposed to rally at the **Gettysburg National Military Park**, but the government shutdown, shut them down.

Injured Maine woman rescued from Acadia National Park

The Portland Press Herald | 10/05/13 18:14

*Injured Maine woman rescued from **Acadia National Park** Park is closed because of the shutdown of the federal government BAR HARBOR An injured...*

KKK demonstrators remained "orderly" caused "no issues" in Gettysburg, police chief says

PennLive.com | 10/05/13 18:02

*Dougherty said. The group previously had permission to demonstrate at **Gettysburg National Military Park**, but the park remains closed because of...*

Injured Portland woman rescued from closed Acadia National Park

The Morning Sentinel | 10/05/13 17:11

*Injured Portland woman rescued from closed **Acadia National Park** BAR HARBOR An injured Maine hiker was rescued today from a trail in **Acadia National**...*

Bridge stroll on a 24-inch catwalk

Philly.com | 10/05/13 17:05

*...is stunning: a wooded canyon nearly 900 feet deep, part of **New River Gorge National River** that stretches 53 miles and comprises 73,000 acres.*

Government Shutdown Frustrating Fall Tourists

NBC29 | 10/05/13 17:02

*...wanting to check out the fall foliage. Skyline Drive through **Shenandoah National Park** is closed the first weekend in October. Federal visitors'*

Injured Maine woman rescued from closed park

Fosters.com | 10/05/13 16:23

*...(AP) An injured Maine hiker has been rescued from a trail in **Acadia National Park**, which is closed during the federal government shutdown. BAR...*

Injured Maine woman rescued from Acadia National Park closed due to government shutdown

Pendleton Times-Post | 10/05/13 15:46

*Injured Maine woman rescued from **Acadia National Park** closed due to government shutdown We also have more stories about: (click the phrases to...*

Couples scramble to change wedding plans amid government shutdown

WHAS11.com (AP) | 10/05/13 15:30

*...bride was venting her frustrations trying to find a new site after the **Cape Cod National Seashore** was closed off on Tuesday. "If you were planning...*

Couples Scramble to Change Wedding Plans Amid Gov. Shutdown

Classichits And Oldies | 10/05/13 15:29

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Fall Hike Sunday 3rd November 2013 at Walpack, NJ

The Alternative Press | 10/05/13 15:22

*...the Rosenkrans Museum, Main Street, Walpack Center, NJ within the **Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area**, and carpool to the trail head.*

Visitors determined to enjoy closed Acadia a real problem for park rangers

Bangor Daily News | 10/05/13 15:19

...rangers BAR HARBOR, Maine Thanks to the partial government shutdown, **Acadia National Park** is closed. BAR HARBOR, Maine Thanks to the partial...

What's not happening this weekend

[KETK](#) | 10/05/13 15:14

15, are going to Jannes Island State Park in Maryland instead of **Assateague Island National Seashore**. The cost? A little bit of adventure. "They...

Greg Gutfeld and Red Eye Team Find Only Piece of Good News in Shutdown

[IMDb](#) | 10/05/13 15:05

...to cancel a planned rally in Pennsylvania this week due to the closure of **Gettysburg National Military Park**. "The shutdown can't be all bad if...

Car cruise today to benefit Bushkill food pantry

[Pocono Record \(AP\)](#) | 10/05/13 15:00

...to benefit Bushkill Outreach, the food pantry in the **Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area** affected by the federal government shutdown.

'The Government Shutdown Is Ruining My Wedding'

[News.gnom.es](#) | 10/05/13 14:27

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Injured hiker rescued from Acadia National Park

[WCSH6.com](#) | 10/05/13 14:13

Injured hiker rescued from **Acadia National Park** MOUNT DESERT ISLAND, Maine (NEWS CENTER) -- A Portland, Maine woman was rescued from a closed...

Government Shuts Down But Perversions Persist

[Before It's News](#) | 10/05/13 14:06

...the shuttered Liberty Bell and other fabled sites within the **Independence National Historical Park** in downtown Philadelphia, Richard Dy (Before...

Couples forced to change wedding plans in government shutdown

[Turnto23.com](#) | 10/05/13 13:37

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Assateague State Park Busy With Island's Federal Side Closed By Shutdown

[Salisbury News](#) | 10/05/13 13:30

...A perfect storm of sorts, including the closure of the **Assateague Island National Seashore** this week due to the federal government shutdown,

Essex County Executive Joe DiVincenzo and Governor Chris Christie Dedicate Governor Brendan Byrne Statue in Newark

[The Alternative Press](#) | 10/05/13 12:33

...throughout the years, said Christie. From protecting the **New Jersey Pinelands** to establishing the first statewide public transportation agency...

US House approves back pay for furloughed workers

[Zimbio](#) | 10/05/13 12:21

2013 (Xinhua/IANS) -- A street musician performs outside the closed **Federal Hall National Memorial** in lower Manhattan, New York City, on Oct. 1,

Governors island

[LookBook](#) | 10/05/13 12:06

[Governors island](#) sweatshirt , YesOuhYeah Apparel , [yesouhyeah.com/](#) , in Sweaters sweatshirt , YesOuhYeah Apparel , [yesouhyeah.com/](#) , in Sweaters...

'The Government Shutdown Is Ruining My Wedding'

Yahoo! Good Morning America | 10/05/13 09:39

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Delaware Water Gap park closures just a little nutty

Pocono Record (AP) | 10/05/13 08:56

...Gap park closures just a little nutty I Like Pike Buy This Photo [Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area](#) is closed? That's nuts. Squeezing...

Quite a designation!

Times News Online | 10/05/13 08:18

...the Dimmick Memorial Library. Elissa Garofalo, president of the [Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor](#) and the Main Street manager in...

Gettysburg's battlefield, as you've never seen it

York Blog | 10/05/13 07:34

...Farquhar reunion/Controversial Ettlne property Yes, you ll not see [Gettysburg National Military Park](#) this empty, blocked off and downright lonely.

Things to do today

[CapeCodOnline.com](#) | 10/05/13 06:51

On view through Saturday. 508-487-8200. Talks · Archaeology at the [Cape Cod National Seashore](#), by historian William Burke, 11 a.m. Saturday,

NYC's Moscow 57 Comes to New Orleans for Three Special Events

Webcast @ [BroadcastNewsroom.com](#) | 10/05/13 06:29

...pop-ups in the Theater District and Chelsea, created sandwiches for a [Governors Island](#) pop-up, and steamed mounds of sour cherry-saffron rice...

TURKEYS AND TROPHIES: Corbett connects gay marriage, incest

[LehighValleyLive.com](#) | 10/05/13 05:45

...of the Tocks Island Dam and reservoir led to the creation of the [Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area](#). If Richard A. Freer wants to get...

Monomoy shellfishing in dispute

[CapeCodOnline.com](#) | 10/05/13 05:33

...Washington and halted everything from tours of the White House to roaming the [Cape Cod National Seashore](#). "Due to a lapse in appropriations, all...

Shutdown Showdown Slides Into Weekend

WCTV (AP) | 10/05/13 04:01

...shutdown. The Statue of Liberty in New York, the loop road at [Acadia National Park](#) in Maine, Skyline Drive in Virginia, and Philadelphia's [Independence...](#)

Gettysburg battlefield casualty of government impasse

Tribune-Review (AP) | 10/05/13 01:46

...ventured onto the battlefield, ignoring signs along the edge of [Gettysburg National Military Park](#) proclaiming Closed Area. This is our land,

RI State Report: Gov't Shutdown, New Gubernatorial Hopeful + More

GoLocalProv | 10/05/13 01:27

...and National Park Service sites nationwide would close, including [Roger Williams National Memorial](#) in Providence and the Rhode Island Refuge...

DWG park closures just a little nutty

Pocono Record (AP) | 10/05/13 01:11

Although I was driving on Route 209 through the forbidden zone the **Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area**, which is closed due to the government...

Brewer to Obama: Reopening Canyon has precedent

Azdailysun.com | 10/05/13 01:07

"In March of this year, the National Park Service granted **Cape Cod National Seashore** the authority to accept private dollars to prevent closures...

Historical Society hosts Civil War lecture

The Frederick News-Post | 10/05/13 01:00

...for 34 years, and is currently the supervisory historian at **Gettysburg National Military Park**. The Historical Society of Frederick County s Lecture...

Car cruise today to benefit food pantry

Pocono Record (AP) | 10/05/13 00:50

...to benefit **Bushkill Outreach**, the food pantry in the **Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area** affected by the federal government shutdown.

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Sent: Monday, October 07, 2013 11:40 AM
To: Maureen Foster; Peggy O'Dell
Subject: Fwd: Grand Canyon National Park
Attachments: Jarvis letter 10-5-13 gb.docx

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Date: October 5, 2013, 2:54:35 PM EDT
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Cc: Sam Frisby <sam.frisby@mail.house.gov>, <Nick_Matiella@mccain.senate.gov>, Will Wright <tusayantownmanager@gmail.com>, Craig Sanderson <sandersoncraig@gmail.com>, "Chandler, Clint (Flake)" <Clint_Chandler@flake.senate.gov>, "Babbott, Art" <ababbott@coconino.az.gov>, "Pew, Penny" <Penny.Pew@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Grand Canyon National Park

Please attached letter.

Respectfully,
Greg Bryan
Mayor
Town of Tusayan
South Entrance to Grand Canyon National Park
928-638-8401 gbtusayan@gmail.com

Vision to see Faith to believe Courage to do

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
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gbtusayan@gmail.com

From: Colin Campbell <colin_campbell@nps.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 07, 2013 11:31 PM
To: Margaret O'Dell; Cam Sholly
Subject: Fwd: San Juan County Utah

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From: "Turk, Larry" <larry_turk@nps.gov>
Date: October 7, 2013, 9:27:00 PM MDT
To: Colin Campbell <colin_campbell@nps.gov>, Catherine Cannon <kate_cannon@nps.gov>, Todd Brindle <todd_brindle@nps.gov>
Subject: San Juan County Utah



STATE HWY 276 - CLOSED DUE TO THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN Today, I (along with Sheriff Eldredge and County Administrator Kelly Pehrson) met with Commissioners and... Sheriffs from Utah's southern counties to draft a declaration of a "state of emergency" based on the economic disruptions caused by closing our national parks and other public places. We are not going to sit idle while the Federal Government destroys the local economy! They are spending more money to keep people out than it would cost to let people in. This Wednesday, the plan is to peacefully remove the barriers to places like Lake Powell, Natural Bridges, Canyonlands, and Hovenweep, and allow visitors to enjoy THEIR public places. Sadly, there have already been thousands of people laid off right here in Utah (over 500 at Lake Powell alone). Folks at Aramark said that they would not reopen even if the Shutdown ends because they are so close to the end of their season anyway. Thousands of visitors who, collectively, would have spent millions of dollars, have been locked out. While this is an urgent economic issue, it is

also a jurisdictional conflict. Counties (and States) are more than stewards of the federal estate, they have power to govern within their respective geographic boundaries.

Just heads up.

Larry

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From: Thorsen, Kimberly <kim_thorsen@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 08, 2013 7:31 AM
To: Margaret O'Dell; Cam Sholly
Cc: Harry Humbert
Subject: Fwd: Utah Counties Proposed Action to reopen parks

FYI....

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From: Neil Kornze <nkornze@blm.gov>
Date: Mon, Oct 7, 2013 at 8:44 PM
Subject: Fwd: Utah Counties Proposed Action to reopen parks
To: Jon_jarvis@nps.gov
Cc: Laura_davis@ios.doi.gov, kim_thorsen@ios.doi.gov, slauro@blm.gov, Jack.Haugrud@sol.doi.gov

Jon: I trust you've gotten news of this via other channels, but just in case. Rand's email (two down) has the key info.

Neil

From: Juan Palma [mailto:jpalma@blm.gov]
Sent: Monday, October 07, 2013 04:49 PM
To: Neil Kornze <nkornze@blm.gov>; Steven A Ellis <sellis@blm.gov>; Celia Boddington <cbodding@blm.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Utah Counties Proposed Action

Neil,

See email below for your information. My view is that they are concerned about BLM, but more about the NPS system like Zion. October is a very high visitation month for public lands. The marketing strategy for the Saint George area is from A - Zion. The Governor unveiled a several million marketing strategy this summer "the Mighty Five" that is the five National Parks in Utah. I had a meeting with the new State Recreation Director, but given the shutdown I postponed that meeting for a future day.

-Juan

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Cc: Eric Boik <eboik@blm.gov>
Subject: Utah Counties Proposed Action

Dan, Juan and Jenna,

This afternoon I spoke with two southern Utah county Sheriffs; Sheriff Smith from Kane County and Sheriff Pulsipher from Washington County. They both stated their respective County Commissions are extremely concerned about the economic impact the federal government shutdown is having on businesses and county entities in southern Utah. These County Commissions have joined with Garfield, Grand, and San Juan Counties in declaring a "state of emergency" in the respective counties because of the severe economic impact. Both Sheriffs confirmed the Commissions drafted an Emergency Proclamation asking Governor Herbert to draft a resolution allowing these counties to assume control over National Parks and other closed federal lands. The Proclamation was delivered to Governor Herbert at 2:30 this afternoon.

The Sheriffs were planning a conference call late this evening to discuss the issue because they feel they will be the entities tasked with enforcing the Proclamation and providing for public safety should it go that far. I should be clear, the Sheriffs are not the ones pushing this issue. It is coming from the Commissioners.

According to Sheriff Pulsipher, the counties and/or cities like Springdale (outside Zion) do not technically need the Governor's signature to do this, but they would like his support. I'm not familiar enough with Utah law to confirm this technicality.

Anyway, I wanted to keep you updated on this development. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

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Rand Stover

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From: Waldron, Suzanne <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 08, 2013 12:06 PM
To: Maureen Foster; Peggy O'Dell; Jon Jarvis; Cam Sholly; Blake Androff; Kate Kelly; Mike Litterst; Bruce Sheaffer
Subject: Fwd: Emergency Declaration from 7 Utah Counties

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From: **Dalby, Craig** <craig_dalby@nps.gov>
Date: Tue, Oct 8, 2013 at 12:01 PM
Subject: Fwd: Emergency Declaration from 7 Utah Counties
To: Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>, Michael Litterst <mike_litterst@nps.gov>

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National Park Service
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From: **Dickinson, William** <william_k_dickinson@nps.gov>
Date: Tue, Oct 8, 2013 at 8:07 AM
Subject: Fwd: Emergency Declaration from 7 Utah Counties
To: Patty Neubacher <Patty_Neubacher@nps.gov>, Craig Dalby <craig_dalby@nps.gov>

FYI... just in case you haven't heard/seen... will also send copy of one of the County resolutions...

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From: **Bradybaugh, Jeffrey** <jeff_bradybaugh@nps.gov>
Date: Tue, Oct 8, 2013 at 6:36 AM
Subject: Re: Emergency Declaration from 7 Utah Counties
To: Laura Joss <laura_joss@nps.gov>, Colin Campbell <colin_campbell@nps.gov>, Billy Shott <billy_shott@nps.gov>, Michael Archer <mike_archer@nps.gov>, Daniel Fagergren <daniel_fagergren@nps.gov>, Kathleen Gonder <Kathleen_Gonder@nps.gov>, Rena Fugate <rena_fugate@nps.gov>, Jock Whitworth <jock_whitworth@nps.gov>, Paul Roelandt <paul_roelandt@nps.gov>, John Hiscock <john_hiscock@nps.gov>, Leah McGinnis <leah_mcginnis@nps.gov>, Catherine Cannon <kate_cannon@nps.gov>, Jim Ireland <jim_ireland@nps.gov>, Todd Brindle <todd_brindle@nps.gov>, Brian Carey <brian_carey@nps.gov>, Scott Brown

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Latest news report on this topic from St. George Spectrum below...also news report/interview with Iron County officials on KUER public radio across the state this morning reporting counties discussing using sheriff departments to "open locked gates"

Note Iron County Sheriff is today "scoping out" what is closed or barricaded around Cedar Canyon/Cedar Breaks NM...counties are threatening possible opening of parks via county sheriffs...since last night I haven't been able to get a copy of one of the declarations yet

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The entrance to Zion National Park is shown April 26, 2011. Counties in the region are considering actions to regain access to federal lands in the region. Jud Burkett / The Spectrum & News

Written by

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County governments across Southern Utah moved to condemn the shutdown of national parks by declaring a state of emergency due to the

economic impact that the closure of federally managed lands have had on local communities.

Washington and Iron counties both filed separate resolutions Monday after several counties held a meeting to discuss solutions to the current closures.

Representatives from Garfield, Wayne, Sevier, Paiute, San Juan and Grand counties all attended the meeting, some of them participating by phone. Mohave and Coconino counties in Arizona also were represented.

Proclamations similar to the ones from Iron and Washington counties were issued by Kane and Garfield counties. Coconino County later decided it would first try an alternative route, said public information officer Nathan Gonzalez.

“We’re going to try some other things first like working with the community businesses and the Chamber of Commerce to get the word out that there are still lots of things to do here even though the national parks are closed,” Gonzalez said.

As for Iron and Washington counties, the commissioners are done talking and ready to put action behind their written resolution.

“We’re not asking for federal funds in this resolution,” said Iron County Commissioner Dave Miller. “We are asking for them to restore the parks to an open status, and if they are not going to do it we will do it ourselves.”

Miller, along with Iron County Commissioners Jim Brinkerhoff and Alma Adams, and Iron County Sheriff Mark Gower met Monday evening to discuss their next step. The commissioners agreed, per advice by legal counsel, that they needed to wait to hear from the governor before taking any further action. Commissioners are hopeful he will support their decision to open up the parks regardless of a lack of federal oversight.

The governor's deputy chief of staff and director of communications, Ally Isom, confirmed Monday night that Gov. Gary Herbert received the resolutions and reviewed them. However, no other comment was available at press time.

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The parks closed a week ago when a dispute in Congress over the Affordable Care Act, also known as "Obamacare," froze much of the funding for the federal government and put more than 800,000 federal employees on furlough.

Following word from the governor today, the Iron County commissioners have ordered Gower to prepare to unlock all restrooms and any roads that are barricaded. Gower said he is ready and willing to do as he's been asked.

"We will do it in an orderly and controlled manner, but we will do whatever is necessary to open those lands," Gower said.

When asked what he planned to do if met with resistance by the federal government, Gower said he still would open the federal lands.

"I don't want to use force or violence," Gower said. "I don't want it to get ugly, but at some point they are going to have to step aside."

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On Mon, Oct 7, 2013 at 6:25 PM, Bradybaugh, Jeffrey
<jeff_bradybaugh@nps.gov> wrote:

Folks:

County Commissioners from 7 Utah Counties have met and prepared Emergency Declarations regarding the economic impacts of closures of national parks in Southern Utah. I was checking in with one of our Commissioners this evening and he said he was getting ready to call me about it...the declarations have been forwarded to the Governor to ask him to intercede to get the national parks open using his emergency/disaster authority.

Below is an initial article on the St. George newspaper's website...it inadvertently does not mention Garfield County, but the Commissioner confirmed with me that Garfield is included...

The entrance to Zion National Park is shown Tuesday, April 26, 2011. Jud Burkett / The Spectrum

Written by

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Several counties in the region — including Washington, Iron, Kane, Grand and Piute counties in Utah and Coconino County in Arizona — all have filed separate resolutions declaring a state of emergency due to the impact the closure of the federally managed lands have had on the economy both financially and in tourism numbers.

Iron County Commissioner Dave Miller called the closures, “a stunt by clowns in the White House and is nothing less than an exercise in abuse of power.”

Local leaders are in discussions as to what their next step will be. However, Miller said, “these are federally managed lands held in trust and when those lands are mismanaged the state and the political subdivisions of the state not only have right but also the responsibility to make sure they are managed beneficially on behalf of the public.”

We'll forward any more info, as we get it

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Sent: Tuesday, October 08, 2013 6:16 PM
To: Edward Boling
Cc: Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster
Subject: Fwd: Secretary's Call with Governor

Ted,

Here is the latest update from region and UT parks -

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Subject: Re: Secretary's Call with Governor
To: "Sholly, Cam" <cam_sholly@nps.gov>
Cc: Colin Campbell <Colin_Campbell@nps.gov>, Billy Shott <Billy_Shott@nps.gov>, Michael Archer <Mike_Archer@nps.gov>, Charles Cuvelier <charles_cuvelier@nps.gov>

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Thanks,

Lena B. Koschmann
Acting Regional Law Enforcement Specialist
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To: Sholly, Cam
Cc: Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Barry Roth; Kim Fondren
Subject: Re: Secretary's Call with Governor

Thanks, Cam.

Looping in Barry and Kim, who are working with me and the BLM side of SOL on the litigation report.

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Sent: Tuesday, October 08, 2013 6:36 PM
To: Edward Boling; Kim Fondren; Barry Roth; Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster
Subject: Fwd: Iron County Sheriff moved barricades at CEBR

Not as passive as earlier reported. If these guys start trying to physically open our facilities, we need to have a different conversation.

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Subject: Fwd: Iron County Sheriff moved barricades at CEBR
To: Cam Sholly <cam_sholly@nps.gov>

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Subject: Iron County Sheriff moved barricades at CEBR
To: Mary Risser <mary_risser@nps.gov>, Billy Shott <Billy_Shott@nps.gov>, Colin Campbell <colin_campbell@nps.gov>
Cc: Paul Roelandt <Paul_Roelandt@nps.gov>

And were attempting to open restrooms. Superintendent Roelandt and a maintenance worker dissuaded this as they were in the process of winterizing restrooms for the season.

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From: Cam Sholly <cam_sholly@nps.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 08, 2013 6:44 PM
To: Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Suzanne Waldron
Subject: Sheriffs did enter Zion trying to open restroom facilities. Getting more

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From: Roelandt, Paul <paul_roelandt@nps.gov>
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Subject: Worth a Read: Today's Spectrum Newspaper Article : "Utah Governor Asks Obama to Reopen Parks" Copy Attached
Attachments: 10.9.13 Utah Spectrum Article Gov asks Obama to reopen parks.pdf

Good Morning,

I have attached an article from this mornings "St. George Spectrum" which gives a broad overview of the state of play

in the Southern Utah Counties efforts to reopen national parks. One statement in particular stands out on their plans to move forward:

" today..they plan to work out the logistics of what it is going to take to man the various national parks with only state and local resources"

I'll pass along more articles to this group as they become available. Let me know if there is someone else who should be added to

this list, or if one of you prefers not to get this information.

Thanks for your help and support as we work through this!

Paul

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Gov. Herbert asks Obama to reopen parks

Written by Tracie Sullivan

Oct. 9, 2013 |

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CEDAR CITY — Utah Gov. Gary Herbert sent a letter to President Barack Obama on Tuesday requesting that he reopen the state's five national parks, along with national monuments, historic sites and recreation areas.

Herbert sent the letter based on Monday's actions of several Southern Utah county commissions that declared their communities in a "state of emergency."

In the letter to Obama, Herbert said the shutdown of Utah's federally managed lands is "devastating individuals and businesses that rely on these areas for their livelihood."

Herbert also said if the president won't provide federal funds to allow the parks and monuments to function, Herbert would like the president to authorize Utah "to use state, local and private funds to reopen these areas to the public."

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

In addition, the governor included the emergency declarations signed by the Utah counties that highlight the economic situation as a result of the shutdown.

Iron County Commissioner Dave Miller said the governor's decision to write the letter to the president shows his support of the county's actions.

"His letter demands that this must end immediately," Miller said. "It left no question where he stands now and it shows that we are all on the same page."

Iron County Sheriff Mark Gower visited Cedar Breaks and drove through Cedar Canyon Tuesday to see what services, campgrounds and overlooks were still open. Gower said Cedar Breaks had closed all restroom facilities as well as the visitors center; however, the overlooks were open and visitors could drive through. Throughout the canyon, campgrounds were closed and barricaded. Outside of Cedar Canyon, Yankee Meadows and Deer Haven were also blocked off. Water was shut off at various campgrounds.

Iron County Commissioner Alma Adams said Cedar Breaks closes its visitors center and restrooms this time of year but usually not for another 10 to 15 days. Since it's close to that time, Adams said commissioners don't plan on opening the bathroom facilities or turning the water back on.

Garfield, Kane and Washington county commissioners were making other plans Tuesday, as they hosted meetings to discuss the details of reopening the parks and recreation areas in their individual counties, including Bryce and Zion Canyon national parks and Glen Canyon National Recreation Area.

Today, they plan to work out the logistics of what it's going to take to man the various national parks with only state and local resources.

"It takes 230 federal employees to run Zion National Park," said Washington County Sheriff Cory Pulsipher. "We don't have that kind of manpower so we have to look at the logistics of this thing and figure out what we can do and what we can't do."

Garfield County Commissioner Leland Pollock said Bryce Canyon will open with a host of contingencies, meaning it will not be business as usual.

Some of the costs will include overtime for and the expense of keeping the facilities clean. While all the county commissioners agreed they can't afford to man the parks long term, Garfield and Washington commissioners believe the cost of keeping the parks closed far outweigh what it will cost them to reopen and maintain them temporarily. And they're willing to spend it.

Things are a little different, however, with Glen Canyon, since it's not just a park but also includes Lake Powell. Commissioner Doug Heaton said they have take into consideration several issues unique to their situation.

The counties are still hopeful the federal government might go ahead and fulfill Herbert's request, but they are making plans to move forward to reopen and manage the parks using local law enforcement and money.

Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer made a similar request last week when she asked federal authorities to allow her to use state funds to reopen and maintain the Grand Canyon. As in the case of Utah, several businesses also agreed in Arizona to step up and help fund the reopening of the park. A park official there said as long as the federal government remains shut down, such a plan isn't an option. Local county commissioners said they don't expect to have any different response here.

From: Foster, Maureen <maureen_foster@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 12:50 PM
To: Jon Jarvis; Peggy O'Dell
Subject: Fwd: Parnell Response
Attachments: Parnell Jewell DOI Response Closures.docx; 10.04.13 Parnell Secretary Sally Jewell Federal Lands Access (1).pdf

Are you all okay with this response back to Gov. Parnell?

I have also attached the incoming.

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Fay: Here is the letter with edits from PMB. SOL is comfortable with this version. Because the Secretary had reviewed and approved the previous version, we should provide the Secretary with a redline version as well as a clean copy so she can see what changes were made.

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Fay S. Iudicello

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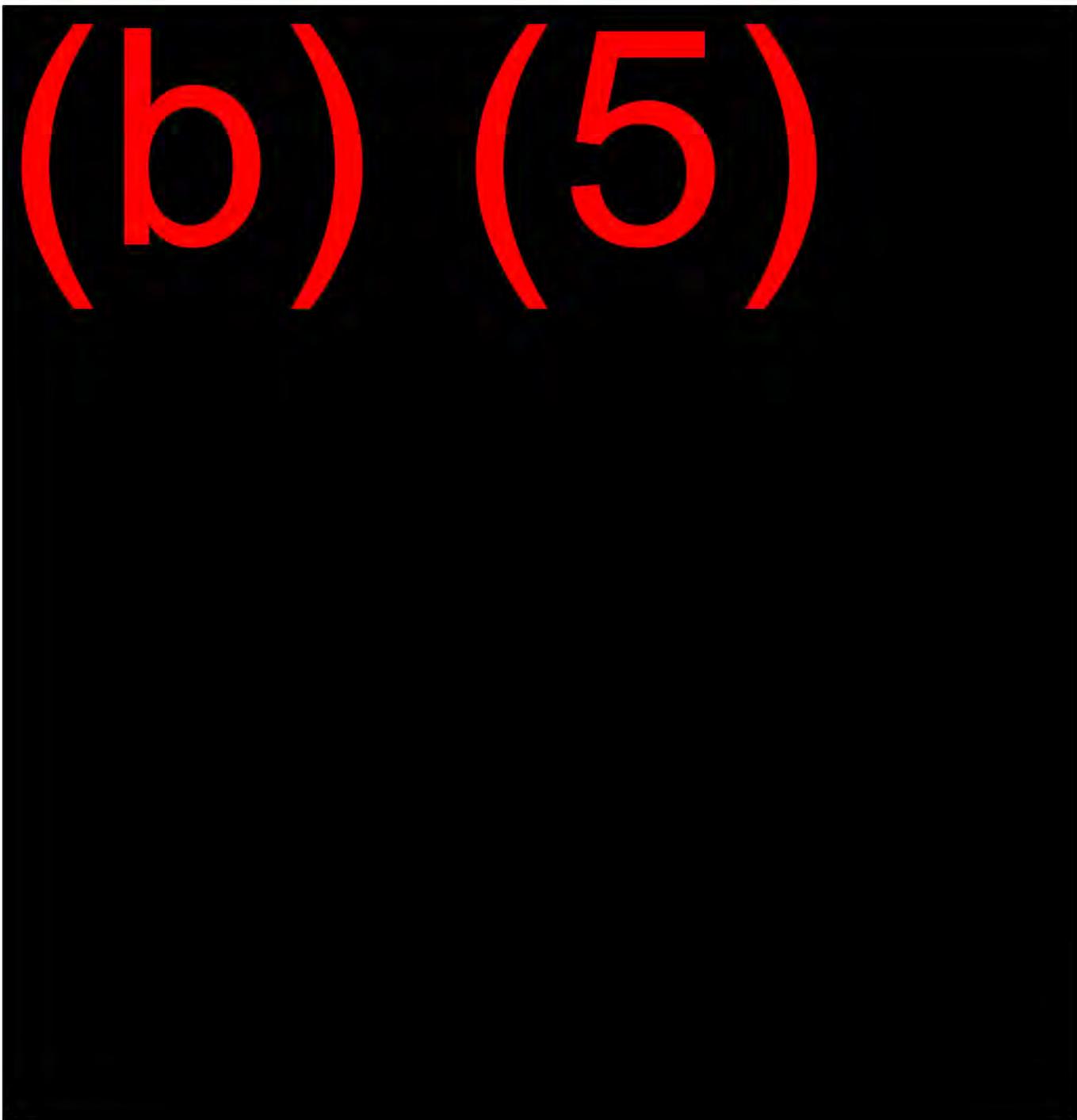
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October 4, 2013

The Honorable Sally Jewell
Secretary
United States Department of the Interior
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Dear Secretary Jewell,

Thank you for speaking with me today about concerns Alaskans have over federal land management in our state. My office and Alaskan hunters and fishermen were notified that U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), in response to the federal government shutdown, is closing all National Wildlife Refuge lands in Alaska to all but federally-qualified subsistence users. This decision results in immediate significant fiscal impacts to guides and support businesses that cannot be recovered and unnecessarily takes away hunting, fishing, viewing, and recreational opportunities in Alaska. This is a time of year that many Alaskans are using refuge lands for planned hunting and fishing for their family sustenance.

In contrast, other Department of the Interior agencies such as the National Park Service (NPS) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) have chosen to implement a more reasoned approach to this budget situation. In our state, these agencies are leaving lands and waters under their jurisdiction open to use. For example, The National Park Service's rationale for their policy is linked to their interpretation of the Alaska National Interest Land Conservation Act (ANILCA). An excerpt of NPS guidance for Alaska land holdings follows:

The many millions of acres of parks and preserves in Alaska were made broadly open and accessible to the public and no fees for entrance or admittance were allowed by the legislation [ANILCA]. Subsistence, hunting and access to in-holdings were authorized by the law and the public undertaking these activities may be engaged in these activities in the remotest areas of parks and preserves at the time of shutdown. Noticing them of any requirement to depart park areas would not be reasonably possible.

Closure of government facilities is fully required; however access to the backcountry - areas generally open without fees or permits - will not be curtailed. Subsistence access and activities, sport hunting, in holder access, and other uses requiring no entry fees, permits or government required orientation will be allowed to continue during shutdown. To the fullest extent possible, parks will provide notice of closed facilities and operations and alert the public that limited if any NPS emergency responses or services will be available during the government shutdown.

The Honorable Sally Jewell

October 4, 2013

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This approach closely mirrors BLM, which states in its FAQ sheet regarding the furlough:

Q: I am an outfitter with a BLM permit. May I still operate my business?

A: Commercial, competitive and group authorization for events and activities, including commercial outfitter and special recreation permits, can continue operations provided they do not need BLM field monitoring, oversight or BLM assistance of any kind, and are not operating in sites that have been closed.

Q: May I hunt or fish on public lands?

A: Yes, consistent with State law.

It is perplexing that the USFWS has chosen to adopt a nation-wide approach, not allowing any discretion to recognize the unique situation and needs in Alaska and the mandates and commitments made under ANILCA. ANILCA guarantees Alaskans several types of rights, including rights of access across federal public lands. For instance, 16 U.S.C. 3120, 3121, and 3126(b) guarantee rights of access for subsistence hunting and fishing and provide procedural requirements such as notice and public hearings before these rights can be taken away or modified. Similarly, 16 U.S.C. 3126 guarantees Alaskans a right to sport fishing and the access rights necessary to engage in sport fishing. Access for traditional activities, such as hunting and to access villages and homesites is guaranteed under 16 U.S.C. 3170(a). Access to federal lands in order to participate in any "valid occupancy," which includes an existing permit or right to hunt on federal public lands is also guaranteed. 16 U.S.C. 3170(b). Further, rights of access under any existing State public road or an RS 2477 road or trail cannot be interfered with or closed by the federal government. This is just a partial list of federal statutes that guarantee Alaskans a right of access to federal lands. There may be additional statutes.

The access provisions of Title XI of ANILCA are implemented through federal regulations at 50 CFR 36.42, and any closures must comply with these regulations and are subject to public hearing and notice, as well as specific criteria. This intent is consistent with one of the "Great Compromises" of ANILCA, where it was recognized that Lower 48 "closed until open" restrictions were not appropriate and that Congress intended there to be an "open until closed" concept in Alaska. The national USFWS approach to the current budget situation is inappropriate for application to Alaska and inconsistent with federal law that governs management of federal lands in Alaska.

Given the rights of access under ANILCA and other federal laws, I urge you to immediately direct USFWS to adopt the policy already in use by the NPS and BLM allowing full access to federal public lands. Failure to do so is unacceptable and will lead to unnecessary harm to Alaskans, whose interests I will vigorously defend with all the resources at my disposal.

Sincerely,



Sean Parnell
Governor

The Honorable Sally Jewell

October 4, 2013

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cc: The Honorable Cora Campbell, Commissioner, Alaska Department of Fish and Game
The Honorable Michael Geraghty, Attorney General, State of Alaska
Joe Balash, Acting Commissioner, Alaska Department of Natural Resources
Kip Knudson, Director of State and Federal Relations, Office of the Governor

From: Campbell, Colin <colin_campbell@nps.gov>
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He just told me he plans to open Zion at 0800 tomorrow. Requested a meeting today in preparation for this action.

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Cc: Katherine Kelly; Tim Fullerton
Subject: Sec Letter to Gov Parnell
Attachments: Jewell Parnell Final.pdf

Attached is the letter that was sent to Gov Parnell's office re: FWS, NPS and BLM access in Alaska.

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

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

Blake

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

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

Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Regards,

Rob Howarth

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THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

OCT 09 2013

The Honorable Sean Parnell
Governor of Alaska
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Governor Parnell:

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

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

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

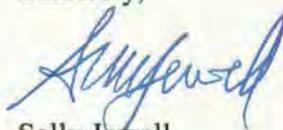
Moreover, the park and refuge closures do not apply to private and public owners of property or other valid existing rights located within the exterior boundaries of units of the National Wildlife Refuge System or National Park System. Park and refuge managers will continue to allow such owners reasonable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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Sally Jewell

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Subject: Re: Zion NP: Wash Co Sheriff told to stand down

Thanks.

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Jim Dougan got a call from San Juan County Sheriff Eldredge who told Jim that the County would not be coming to NABR, HOVE, or CANY tomorrow.

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To: Margaret O'Dell
Cc: Jon Jarvis; Laura Davis; Sally Jewell; Kate Kelly; Blake J Androff; Sue Waldron; Michael Litterst
Subject: Re: Zion NP: Wash Co Sheriff told to stand down

Phew

On Oct 9, 2013, at 7:14 PM, Margaret O'Dell <peggy_o'dell@nps.gov> wrote:

Some breathing space.

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Subject: Fwd: The Arch

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Subject: The Arch

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From: Roelandt, Paul <paul_roelandt@nps.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2013 10:41 AM
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Subject: Today's Utah Spectrum Article: Utah Plan to Reopen National Parks Stalls
Attachments: 10.9.13 Spectrum Article Utah Plan to Reopen National Parks Stalls.pdf

Good Morning.

A copy of today's local Spectrum newspaper article is attached.

The statement that best summarizes the status of Utah's plans to reopen parks in this article:
"Left without the support of the federal government, commissioners are geared up to go back to the drawing board to discuss the next steps in the process.
"We are assessing our options right now," said Washington County Commissioner Alan Gardner."

Per information passed along from NPS staff who met with the Washington County Sheriff yesterday, a meeting has been scheduled for 2 pm with County Sheriffs and Utah Governors staff in St. George today.

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CEDAR CITY — Utah joined ranks with Arizona and South Dakota on Wednesday after plans to reopen Zion and Bryce Canyon national parks Thursday morning came to a halt.

County commissioners from Garfield, Washington and Kane counties were met with a resounding “no.” The National Park Service told Utah officials the same thing they told officials from Arizona and South Dakota in the last week when asked about the possibility of opening national parks and monuments with state and local money and workers.

“We have not got the feds to work with us,” said Iron County Commissioner Dave Miller. “They are being very resistive.”

Representatives from the various counties, including sheriffs and commissioners, have been in negotiations all week to try to reopen the parks that were shut down last week when Congress could not pass a continuing budget resolution. These talks came about after the various county commissioners issued proclamations Monday declaring a local state of emergency.

On Tuesday, Utah Gov. Gary Herbert followed with a letter to President Barack Obama requesting he allow the state to reopen the parks and, if necessary, use state and local resources to fund and man them.

Left without the support of the federal government, commissioners are geared up to go back to the drawing board to discuss the next steps in the process.

“We are assessing our options right now,” said Washington County Commissioner Alan Gardner.

Miller was not happy with the federal government’s response.

“There is an absolute political nightmare as a result of what’s going on and they are using this as a political tool,” Miller said.

Two days after the federal shutdown, the Republican-led House of Representatives voted to approve various legislation that would fund national parks and monuments, the Department of Veterans Affairs and Washington, D.C.’s government.

The bills now sit on the desk of Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.), who has rejected them and accused Republicans of “cherry-picking.” The president has also said he will veto any legislation to fund only certain parts of the government.

Disappointed that Reid has the power to push these bills through and refuses, Miller called Reid’s actions “unacceptable” and nothing short of “bullying.”

“Harry Reid holds the appropriated bill on his desk to open the national parks and refuses to take it to the floor,” he said. “His inaction and political games are hurting Utahns and guests to Utah and others across the nation.”

County commissioners plan to resume talks Thursday. Officials are hopeful they will be still be able to open the parks before the weekend.

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Subject: Salt Lake Tribune Articles: State Senator Organizing Group to Enter ZION -and- San Juan County Considers taking over National Parks
Attachments: SaltLakeTrib 10.9.13 State senator gathering group to enter Zion NP.pdf; SaltLakeTrib 10.9.13 San Juan County considers taking over national parks.pdf

A couple more articles..from this morning's Salt Lake City Tribune.

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State senator gathering group to defy fed shutdown, enter Zion NP

BY ROBERT GEHRKE

THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

PUBLISHED: OCTOBER 9, 2013 09:47PM

UPDATED: OCTOBER 9, 2013 09:50PM

State Sen. Steve Urquhart is inviting hundreds of his friends for a walk in the park Saturday.

No big deal, except when the park is Zion National Park, closed as a result of the federal government shutdown. Then it is possible, the Republican senator from St. George acknowledges, that they could be cited for trespassing or worse.

"I sure don't want to be arrested and I hope no one is. I hope we're not even cited. I think it would be foolish to cite or arrest us," he said.

It isn't part of any effort to take control of the parks, as some have suggested doing. Instead, he characterizes it as a First Amendment-protected statement by citizens frustrated with the federal government.

Zion National Park and other parks and monuments around the state have been shuttered as part of the ongoing federal budget impasse. Park rangers have been issuing citations for trespassing to those ignoring the barriers in Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks.

Urquhart and others plan to gather at 9 a.m. at the entry to the closed-down national park — among the largest tourist attractions in the state — and walk past the barriers blocking the road and into the park.

"I'm pretty frustrated. I think a lot of my constituents are pretty frustrated, and it just feels like increasingly the American people are the enemy of government," he said. "This is not intended to just be about the shutdown. It's about the federal government just being increasingly hostile to citizens. ... There's plenty of blame to go around to both parties."

The senator, who invited about 400 people through Facebook, but says he doesn't know whether a lot or just a few will show up. "In either event," he said, "it should be enjoyable."



Chris Detrick | Tribune file photo Sen. Stephen Urquhart, R-St. George, says it is time to get rid of Utah's driving privilege cards for undocumented drivers and to scrap the guest worker law for undocumented immigrants.

San Juan County considers taking over national parks

Outdoors • Lake Powell, Natural Bridges and Hovenweep national monuments, and the Needles District of Canyonlands National Park are targeted for re-opening.

BY ERIN ALBERTY

THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

PUBLISHED: OCTOBER 9, 2013 10:10AM

UPDATED: OCTOBER 9, 2013 02:43PM

As southern Utah struggles with the economic impact of national recreation site closures, local authorities in San Juan County are considering taking over the parks there during the federal government shutdown.

San Juan County Sheriff Rick Eldredge and County Commissioner Phil Lyman confirmed Tuesday that county officials have proposed removing barricades and providing resources to operate Lake Powell, Natural Bridges and Hovenweep national monuments, and the Needles District of Canyonlands National Park.

“This is not going to be a showdown or a standoff,” Eldredge said. “This is something that’s going to be done peacefully. We just want to take over as far as law enforcement, EMS, and search and rescue, and get those parks open.”

Lyman said he expects action as early as this week, but the county is trying to coordinate with other southern Utah counties and some Arizona counties. Commissioners also are awaiting for word from Gov. Gary Herbert in response to declarations of economic emergency made by several southern Utah counties as park closures have disrupted fall tourism.

“Having [the state’s] backing and resources is important,” Eldredge said. “It’s as if we’ve had a natural disaster, like a flood. We have to petition the state for help to be able to cope with this and get tourism flowing again through our counties.”

Lake Powell presents the biggest logistical challenges of all the San Juan County sites, especially as it shares shoreline with other jurisdictions. The county is trying to finalize a strategy to conduct mussel inspections on boats — a function state wildlife officers could serve if Herbert authorizes it, Lyman said.

The other sites are more straightforward, Lyman said. The county is prepared to staff them and bring in portable toilets and other equipment.

Less clear is what the federal response might be to such an action. The dispatch center for Glen Canyon National Recreation Area did not answer calls on Tuesday night. Lyman said county officials have alerted park superintendents as to their plans.

“The last thing we want to do is surprise everybody,” he said. “We’re begging them for any information they’re willing to give us, and they’re passively resistant. Philosophically, they may agree with what we’re doing, but they can’t come in and say, ‘Let’s work out a deal,’ and they can’t accept any help from the state.”

He said efforts are not politically motivated on either side.

“It’s really the economy of our county. We’re watching one of our prime months fade away from us. It’s really painful, and [the federal park officials] get that.”

Lyman said county officials do not want to bite off more than they can chew.

“We don’t want to do this and end up making a bigger mess going in unprepared,” Lyman said. “We feel confident that we have the ability to do what we’re doing.”

Lyman said the county commission will prepare a resolution as early as Wednesday, outlining actions for the sheriff to take.

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Al Hartmann | Tribune file photo A caught Small Mouth Bass is pulled from water in Good Hope Bay at Lake Powell.

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To: Haugrud, Jack; Ted Boling; Suzanne Waldron; mike litterst; jon jarvis; maureen foster; Androff, Blake J; Sarah Neimeyer; Nicole Buffa; O'Dell, Peggy; Dan Ashe; neil kornze
Subject: close hold - final statement

This will be live around 1pm. Please keep close hold; we will share the AP story when it pops.

As a result of the government shutdown, the Department of the Interior was forced to close all national parks across the country last week and furlough more than 20,000 National Park Service employees who ensure the safety of visitors and the security of the resources.

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

The Interior Department will begin conversations about how to proceed as expeditiously as current limited resources allow. We continue to call on Congress to act swiftly to enact appropriations for the entire government so that we can re-open all 401 national parks for the American people.

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To: Alyssa Baltrus
Cc: Cynthia Purcell; Ray O'Neil; Therese Picard; Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Cam Sholly; Sue Waldron; Kate Kelly; Blake Androff; Colin Campbell
Subject: Re: Senator Urquhart leading Occupy Zion protest Saturday

+ others

Here's the clip. Sen. Urquhart is inviting people to come join him in a walk at Zion on Saturday.

<http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/56979726-78/park-state-federal-government.html.csp>

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Local CBS news is reporting the Utah Senator inviting "hundreds" to come to Zion.

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**Subject:** Just Posted: SLTrib Article: Utah Counties want New State Law to Reopen National Parks  
**Attachments:** SaltLakeTrib 10.10.13 Utah counties want new state law to force parks to reopen.pdf

Hi,  
Sorry to barrage you with articles this morning, but this one just posted one hour ago contains the most current information and details about what is being discussed at the county and state levels.

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## Utah counties want new state law to force parks to reopen

Tourist season • Herbert is asking the Interior to let the state take over temporarily.

BY BRIAN MAFFLY

THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

PUBLISHED: OCTOBER 10, 2013 10:04AM

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Several Utah counties are laying the groundwork to invoke a new state law that they say could force the idled National Park Service to either reopen some of its Utah units or let the counties operate parts of Arches, Zion, Canyonlands and other national park destinations.

However, local leaders are seeking assurances from Gov. Gary Herbert that the state would indemnify them before they make any move to unlock the gates and take over the parks.

Thanks to the government shutdown, the nation's entire park system has been shuttered since Oct. 1. But the closures come at the heart of southern Utah's fall tourist season, spelling economic disaster for tourism-dependent communities.

Department of Interior officials Wednesday did not comment on Utah's plans.

The governor has spoken with Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, pleading with her to let the state help reopen the parks as soon as possible.

"If money is necessary to keep these parks open, we will lend them the money," Herbert told reporters Wednesday. "We can't wait three weeks. The damage is being done now. I want this resolved today. ...We will pay their salary. We'll augment it with local people — whether it's local police or volunteers."

Herbert agreed with local leaders in southern Utah that the park closures constitute a crisis and the park service actions seem unreasonable. For example, he said, it makes no sense for Zion rangers to prevent motorists from pulling off State Road 9 to take photos, but he emphasized he will not support county actions that would violate the law.

Several county commissions this week have passed declarations of emergency arising from the closures. The Grand County Council unanimously passed such a proclamation Tuesday. The San Juan County Commission had previously declared the emergency and passed a resolution Wednesday for county employees and resources to be made available "should the County Commission determine at sometime in the future to open federally closed national parks, national monuments and national recreation areas within San Juan County."

Moab usually is hopping in mid-October as tourists flock to the redrock getaway during a time of year that avoids the summer heat and crowds. Arches National Park logs 90,000 visits in a typical October, according to the proclamation.

Thousands more come to Grand County to access Canyonlands' eastern and northern districts, camp in Bureau of Land Management campgrounds and float federally managed stretches of the Green and Colorado rivers — activities that are off-limits during the federal shutdown.

"Grand County estimates over \$2.6 million in lost revenue to date since Oct. 1 in commercial business alone," the council's proclamation states.

Council Chairman Gene Ciarus did not return phone messages Wednesday.

These county emergency declarations appear to be a first step toward invoking HB164, a law enacted this past legislative session to provide local officials greater control over federal lands within their counties. It was framed as a way to make the U.S. Forest Service more responsive to local concerns about tinderbox conditions in Utah's beetle-ravaged forests.

Sponsored by Rep. Marc Roberts, R-Santaquin, the bill enables county officials to exercise limited control over federal land if government management poses "an imminent threat to the health, safety or welfare of the people" in the county. If officials deem such a threat exists, the law calls on the sheriff to give written notice to the federal agency responsible, explaining the threat and detailing how and when the county wants it fixed.



Tribune file photo Utah Gov. Gary Herbert

If the agency doesn't respond within the specified time frame, officials "may take action to mitigate the risk."

To explore how to put HB164 to work in the parks crisis, Washington County Commissioner Alan Gardner hosted a teleconference Monday with several southern Utah and northern Arizona county commissioners and sheriffs, Attorney General John Swallow and the governor's deputy chief of staff, Mike Mower, and Rep. Ken Ivory, R-West Jordan, the outspoken lawmaker most engaged in orchestrating a state takeover of federal lands.

"The fact is that we've been put, and particularly our county leaders have been put, in a very untenable position of having to figure out how to struggle against their own government to protect the lives and fortunes and property and liberties of their people," Ivory said Wednesday. "You've got businesses, they're already struggling, the whole great recovery is a myth. So now you're going to see waves of bankruptcies likely in southern Utah. There was no contingency plan for this type of unnatural disaster."

Ivory said it is largely up to the governor to determine the next course of action.

Herbert has indicated he prefers that the feds operate the parks with state-supplied resources and his administration is negotiating with Department of the Interior to let that happen.

"There are places that can be opened up with minimal inconveniences to the federal government," Herbert said. "We are looking for solutions. I don't like people saying we can't do it. Let's find ways where we can do it."

Gardner said officials from nine Utah counties — including Grand, San Juan, Sevier, Piute and others — met Wednesday afternoon to discuss strategies for taking over the parks. Gardner declined to speak about the specifics of those strategies, but said they could include partially reopening the parks using county employees as staff.

According to Gardner, the reopened parks would provide access to major sites and hiking trails but would probably not allow camping or backcountry access. Funding for the reopening would come from county budgets and sheriff's deputies would provide law enforcement inside the parks. Other county personnel, such as volunteers and county search and rescue, also would likely be deployed.

Gardner said the counties do not have the resources to run the parks long-term, but they could manage them over the short term. He also hopes the parks reopen later this week, though he did not know if that would ultimately happen.

County control could also mean some sort of clash between local and federal law enforcement. Gardner said there will not be armed confrontations, but federal personnel "have made it plain that law enforcement could be subject to charges" if they enter the parks. According to Gardner, that means county sheriff's deputies could end up facing trespassing charges for going into the parks.

The Utah Legislature repealed a bill in July that attempted to limit federal land agency law enforcement powers after U.S. District Judge David Nuffer issued a preliminary injunction blocking the law's implementation.

Another multi-county meeting to discuss the situation and further hash out a strategy was scheduled for Thursday afternoon in St. George, Gardner said.

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Tribune reports Robert Gerhke, Brett Prettyman and Jim Dalrymple II contributed to this story.

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National Park passes good at Utah parks

Utah State Parks officials announced Wednesday, at the request of the Gov. Gary Herbert, that state parks will honor National Park Service passes during the federal government shutdown; valid for day-use only. For more travel information visit [www.visitutah.com](http://www.visitutah.com)

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**To:** Bruce Sheaffer; Jon Jarvis; Maureen Foster; Sue Waldron; Peggy O'Dell  
**Subject:** Meeting at 1:15

Can you make it in Jon's office to discuss managing the requests that will come from states?

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Patti/Scott-

The Arizona Department of Game and Fish has sent a letter to Director Jon Jarvis indicating that they will provide security sufficient to open the Katherine Landing area of Lake Mead NRA for hunting and fishing for a period of 30 days.

Gary

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** Tom Finley <[TFinley@azgfd.gov](mailto:TFinley@azgfd.gov)>  
**Date:** Wed, Oct 9, 2013 at 10:52 AM  
**Subject:** Letter  
**To:** [gary\\_warshefski@nps.gov](mailto:gary_warshefski@nps.gov)

Gary,

I wanted to make sure that you had received a copy of this letter. Hope you are well.

Thanks.

*Tom P. Finley*

Tom P. Finley

Kingman Regional Supervisor

Arizona Game and Fish Department

Office: 928-692-7700

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October 4, 2013

Director Jon Jarvis  
USDOI National Park Service  
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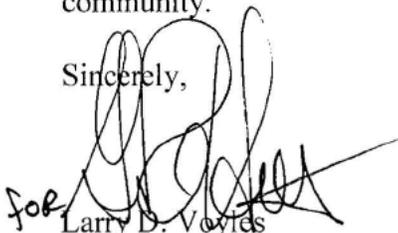
Dear Director Jarvis:

On October 4<sup>th</sup>, the Arizona Game and Fish Commission met in special public session to discuss the challenges of providing access to lands and waters where the public has been denied entry for otherwise lawful hunting and fishing during the shutdown of the Federal Government. The issue is broad and places an unnecessary restriction on the public, keeping them from recreating on their public lands and imposing hardships on local economies.

In particular, the Commission believes that the Lake Mohave Katherine Landing site in the Lake Mead National Recreation Area (LMNRA) is a location where access should be restored. Access to this regionally and nationally significant fishery provides a unique recreational opportunity and is the lifeblood of the economy of the small communities in the surrounding area. The financial effects to the local businesses from turning away fishing and hunting visitors due to the shutdown may be devastating.

To attempt to alleviate these disproportionate burdens, the Commission voted to extend an offer to the National Park Service for the Arizona Game and Fish Department to provide manpower and services to establish a presence sufficient to maintain security on federal property and to federal assets at Katherine Landing for up to 30 days in exchange for allowing access to the LMNRA for fishing and any legal hunting activities in accordance with state fish and game regulations during the federal government shutdown. This access is intended to maintain the public's ability to fish the LMNRA from the shore and/or boat. Please contact me so that we can begin the process of restoring access to the public and economic wellbeing to the local community.

Sincerely,

  
for Larry D. Voyles  
Director

October 4, 2013

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cc: Sally Jewell, Secretary of the Interior  
Superintendent Gary Warshefski, Lake Mead National Recreation Area  
Arizona Congressional Delegation  
The Honorable Janice K. Brewer, Governor of Arizona  
Vanessa Hickman, Arizona State Land Commissioner  
Senator Kelli Ward, Arizona State Senate  
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Representative Doris Goodale, Arizona House of Representatives

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**From:** Dennis Reidenbach <dennis\_reidenbach@nps.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 01, 2013 5:01 PM  
**To:** Peggy O'Dell  
**Subject:** 4:00 call

Peggy

I was part of the NER team doing the 4:00 call but am now signing off until needed.

Didn't want to clarify Jon's statement about not turning things over to state and local governments during the 95 shutdown, but there was an exception made for Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell. Because the City of Philadelphia still technically owns the Hall and Bell, when then Mayor Rendell pressed the issue NPS struck a deal where the City donated the funds to cover the NPS staff costs and those two buildings (only) were re-opened.

I don't think the current Mayor has the same tourism focus, but this issue could come up if this drags on. I am very familiar with this issue if it comes to it, and will be glad, if needed to re-engage in the discussion.

Thanks for your leadership during this wacky time.

Dennis

Dennis Reidenbach  
NPS Northeast Regional Director  
215-597-7013

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**From:** Maureen Foster <maureen\_foster@nps.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 02, 2013 9:40 PM  
**To:** Margaret O'Dell  
**Subject:** Re: Arizona Game and Fish Commission Offer - Maintaining Public Access to Lees Ferry at Glen Canyon NRA

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Maureen D. Foster  
National Park Service  
202.208.5970

On Oct 2, 2013, at 9:38 PM, Margaret O'Dell <peggy\_o'dell@nps.gov> wrote:

> Thanks we did. You need to stay off work phone please while on  
> furlough. I know it sucks but need to. Thanks.  
> Sent from my iPhone

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> On Oct 2, 2013, at 7:59 PM, Herbert Frost <[bert\\_frost@nps.gov](mailto:bert_frost@nps.gov)> wrote:

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>> Assume you saw this.

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>> Bert

>> 202-208-3884

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>> Begin forwarded message:

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>> \*From:\* Larry Riley <[LRiley@azgfd.gov](mailto:LRiley@azgfd.gov)>

>> \*Date:\* October 2, 2013, 2:12:47 PM EDT

>> \*To:\* <[Jon\\_Jarvis@nps.gov](mailto:Jon_Jarvis@nps.gov)>

>> \*Cc:\* NPS GLCA Superintendent <[glca\\_superintendent@nps.gov](mailto:glca_superintendent@nps.gov)>, <

>> [Tammy\\_Whittington@nps.gov](mailto:Tammy_Whittington@nps.gov)>, <[Brian\\_Carey@nps.gov](mailto:Brian_Carey@nps.gov)>, Bert Frost <

>> [Bert\\_Frost@nps.gov](mailto:Bert_Frost@nps.gov)>

>> \*Subject:\* \*Arizona Game and Fish Commission Offer - Maintaining

>> Public Access to Lees Ferry at Glen Canyon NRA\*

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>> Director Jarvis,

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>> The Arizona Game and Fish Commission directed our Department to  
>> correspond with you to extend its request to restore access to Lees  
>> Ferry in the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. I've attached the

>> Commission directed letter to extend the Commission's offer of  
>> manpower and resources to facilitate public access for hunting and  
>> fishing while protecting federal assets at that portion of the  
>> National Recreation Area. Please contact us at your earliest  
>> convenience to discuss how we might restore access and provide  
>> service. You can contact Director Voyles of the Arizona Game and Fish  
>> Department at 623-236-7279, or his Special Assistant Gary R. Hovatter at 623-236-7288.  
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**From:** Nicole Buffa <nicole\_buffa@ios.doi.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 10, 2013 1:46 PM  
**To:** Peggy O'Dell  
**Subject:** Fwd: CO Estes Park contact, please.

I will give you the backstory when you're available. Thanks.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Roxane White - GovOffice <[roxane.white@state.co.us](mailto:roxane.white@state.co.us)>  
**Date:** October 10, 2013, 1:44:55 PM EDT  
**To:** <[nicole\\_buffa@ios.doi.gov](mailto:nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov)>  
**Cc:** <[stephanie.donner@state.co.us](mailto:stephanie.donner@state.co.us)>  
**Subject:** Re: CO Estes Park contact, please.

Can you send us the contact person, please.

Roxane White  
Chief of Staff  
Colorado Governor Hickenlooper  
136 State Capitol Building  
Denver, CO 80203  
303-866-6290  
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From: Nicole Buffa [[mailto:nicole\\_buffa@ios.doi.gov](mailto:nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov)]  
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2013 11:36 AM  
To: Roxane White - GovOffice <[roxane.white@state.co.us](mailto:roxane.white@state.co.us)>  
Cc: [stephanie.donner@state.co.us](mailto:stephanie.donner@state.co.us) <[stephanie.donner@state.co.us](mailto:stephanie.donner@state.co.us)>  
Subject: Re: CO Estes Park contact, please.

Great!

On Oct 10, 2013, at 1:13 PM, Roxane White - GovOffice <[roxane.white@state.co.us](mailto:roxane.white@state.co.us)> wrote:

We will start the discussion. Thanks!

Roxane White  
Chief of Staff

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**From:** Litterst, Michael <mike\_litterst@nps.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 10, 2013 2:03 PM  
**To:** Androff, Blake  
**Cc:** Suzanne Waldron; Katherine Kelly; Margaret O'Dell; Cam Sholly; Maureen Foster; Michael Caldwell; Jane Ahern  
**Subject:** Re: WSJ writing about Fort Wadsworth

+ Peggy, Cam and Maureen and NER contacts

It's on our list of permit issues (like Bridge Day at New River Gorge), but I don't believe it's been addressed yet. We're routing all high profile events through DOI, so I'm sure this one will go upstairs at some point. What we had heard was that the first set-up would start on October 19, so it was not an immediately pressing concern.

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Mike Litterst
Chief Spokesperson (acting)

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On Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 1:56 PM, Androff, Blake <blake_androff@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
Have any decisions been made re: the NYC Marathon?

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From: **Dawsey, Joshua**
Date: Thursday, October 10, 2013
Subject: WSJ writing about Fort Wadsworth
To: "doi_shutdown@doi.gov" <doi_shutdown@doi.gov>

Organizers of the NYC marathon say it is closed because of the government shutdown and they cannot host the staging site there. Can someone confirm that? Thank you.

Josh Dawsey

Reporter

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joshua.dawsey@WSJ.com

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From: Risser, Mary <mary_risser@nps.gov>
Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2013 10:18 AM
To: Suzanne Waldron; Maureen Foster; Margaret O'Dell; Cam Sholly
Subject: News from Rocky

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Mary

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From: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2013 10:33 AM
To: Margaret O'Dell
Subject: Re: Opening Bryce Canyon National Park Today!!!

Many many thanks to you and your team.

On Oct 12, 2013, at 10:06 AM, Margaret O'Dell <peggy_o'dell@nps.gov> wrote:

Morning All

Thought you would appreciate seeing the first story that came in from Bryce about opening. Thanks to all for the part you played in making this happen.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Risser, Mary" <mary_risser@nps.gov>
Date: October 11, 2013, 8:37:47 PM EDT
To: "Margaret O'Dell" <peggy_o'dell@nps.gov>, Maureen Foster <maureen_foster@nps.gov>, Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
Cc: Rena Fugate <rena_fugate@nps.gov>, Billy Shott <billy_shott@nps.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Opening Bryce Canyon National Park Today!!!

Hi Peggy,

Here is the email that I received from Jeff Bradybaugh at Bryce a little while ago. Tomorrow morning I'll ask the other superintendents to report how the opening went tomorrow morning and will forward additional notes to you.

Have a good weekend and thanks for all you are doing.

Mary

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From: Bradybaugh, Jeffrey <jeff_bradybaugh@nps.gov>
Date: Fri, Oct 11, 2013 at 5:53 PM
Subject: Re: Opening Bryce Canyon National Park Today!!!
To: Mary Risser <mary_risser@nps.gov>, Colin Campbell <colin_campbell@nps.gov>, Laura Joss <laura_joss@nps.gov>, Billy Shott <billy_shott@nps.gov>, Rena Fugate <rena_fugate@nps.gov>
Cc: Leland Pollock <leland_pollock@hotmail.com>, Clare Ramsey <gcclerk@mountainwest.net>, Del Lefevre <gldl36@yahoo.com>, Dirk Clayson <dirkclayson@gmail.com>, Doug Heaton <dheaton@kane.utah.gov>, David Tebbs <david@rubysinn.com>, Lance Syrett <lance@rubysinn.com>, Jean Seiler

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From: Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2013 11:34 AM
To: Risser, Mary; Kate Kelly; Blake Androff; Edward Boling; Nicole Buffa; Barry Roth; Bruce Sheaffer; Jon Jarvis; Lena McDowall; Cam Sholly; Jeffrey Compton; David Vela; Jody Lyle; Mike Litterst
Cc: Maureen Foster; Margaret O'Dell
Subject: Re: News from Rocky

Thanks mary. Sharing with othrrs

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On Oct 12, 2013, at 10:17 AM, "Risser, Mary" <mary_risser@nps.gov> wrote:

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From: Sally Jewell **B6 - Secretary Jewell**
Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2013 11:52 AM
To: Margaret O'Dell
Subject: Re: News from Rocky

Great - thanks Peggy.

On Oct 12, 2013, at 10:34 AM, Margaret O'Dell <peggy_o'dell@nps.gov> wrote:

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Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2013 12:34 PM
To: Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster
Subject: Fwd: Opening Bryce Canyon National Park Today!!!

Know I am not supposed to be on email, but thought this note from Supt. Bradybaugh might lift some spirits after a really strange week.

Colin

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From: Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2013 3:49 PM
To: Michael Caldwell
Cc: Dennis Reidenbach; Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Michael Litterst; Blake Androff; Kate Kelly
Subject: Re: How is it going with the reopening?

Thanks mike

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 12, 2013, at 3:39 PM, Michael Caldwell <mike_caldwell@nps.gov> wrote:

Just FYI.

Mike Caldwell
Deputy Regional Director
Chief of Staff
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From: Joshua Laird <joshua_laird@nps.gov>
Date: October 12, 2013, 3:33:59 PM EDT
To: Michael Caldwell <mike_caldwell@nps.gov>
Cc: "joshlaird@aol.com" <joshlaird@aol.com>
Subject: **Re: How is it going with the reopening?**

Looks like we are in good shape for the morning. Everyone that we need to have on duty is confirmed. After some initial confusion with press coverage, the latest reports have been accurate about the reopening. Dave will be present for the first boat. I will be checking in a little later.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 12, 2013, at 2:53 PM, Michael Caldwell <mike_caldwell@nps.gov> wrote:

Mike Caldwell

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From: Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov>
Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2013 12:11 PM
To: Risser, Mary; O'Dell Peggy; Sheaffer Bruce; Kelly Kate; Androff Blake
Cc: Maureen Foster; Cam Sholly; Rena Fugate; Billy Shott
Subject: Re: Positive visitor feedback CARE

Thanks mary looping others for awareness

Sue Waldron
Assistant Director, Communications
National Park Service

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 13, 2013, at 11:47 AM, "Risser, Mary" <mary_risser@nps.gov> wrote:

Hi there,

Here is the report I received from Capitol Reef. Things are up and running.

Mary

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From: **Leah McGinnis** <leah_mcginis@nps.gov>

Date: Sat, Oct 12, 2013 at 3:31 PM

Subject: Positive visitor feedback CARE

To: Mary Risser <mary_risser@nps.gov>

Mary

We opened yesterday and within the first half hour had about 20 cars and a bus at the visitor center. People clapped as they got out of their cars and the flag went up at the VC. I spoke to several people that were just so happy we were open before their vacation ended, I called about 15 local business owners and everyone was very nice and very excited that we were open. We had one orchard with apples for picking. This was a very popular question and we were happy to be able to get the apples picked!

I will have visitor counts for you on Monday.

Sent from my iPad

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Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2013 12:12 PM
To: Risser, Mary; Jarvis Jon; O'Dell Peggy; Sheaffer Bruce; Kelly Kate; Androff Blake
Cc: Maureen Foster; Cam Sholly; Rena Fugate; Billy Shott; Litterst Mike
Subject: Re: GLCA update on opening

Thanks - looping

Sue Waldron
Assistant Director, Communications
National Park Service

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 13, 2013, at 11:49 AM, "Risser, Mary" <mary_risser@nps.gov> wrote:

This is the last one for now. Have a good afternoon!

Mary

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From: Mihata, Lindy <lindy_mihata@nps.gov>
Date: Sat, Oct 12, 2013 at 1:02 PM
Subject: GLCA update on opening
To: Mary Risser <mary_risser@nps.gov>

Mary,

In regards to an update on the GLCA opening..... Though there were no lines to get into the park, members of the local communities and visitors were happy we were open.

It was uneventful which we were thankful for.

This is typically a busy holiday weekend for us and we expect to see a lot of people in the park and out on the water.

If you need anything further, please let me know.

Lindy

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Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2013 3:35 PM
To: Risser, Mary; Peggy O'Dell; Jon Jarvis; Blake Androff; Kate Kelly; Mike Litterst; Bruce Sheaffer
Cc: Maureen Foster; Cam Sholly; Rena Fugate; Billy Shott; Bill Wright
Subject: Re: Summary of Day 1 at Grand Canyon

Thanks mary. Looping others

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On Oct 13, 2013, at 3:25 PM, "Risser, Mary" <mary_risser@nps.gov> wrote:

Hi Sue,

Here is a wrap-up of GRCA's first day.

Mary

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From: **Wright, Bill** <bill_wright@nps.gov>
Date: Sun, Oct 13, 2013 at 10:28 AM
Subject: Fwd: Summary of Day 1 at Grand Canyon
To: Mary Risser <mary_risser@nps.gov>, Billy Shott <billy_shott@nps.gov>, Colin Campbell <colin_campbell@nps.gov>, Laura Joss <laura_joss@nps.gov>
Cc: Kirby-Lynn Shedlowski <kirbylynn_shedlowski@nps.gov>, David Uberuaga <dave_uberuaga@nps.gov>

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From: **Shedlowski, Kirby-Lynn** <kirbylynn_shedlowski@nps.gov>
Date: Sun, Oct 13, 2013 at 9:21 AM
Subject: Summary of Day 1 at Grand Canyon
To: Bill Wright <bill_wright@nps.gov>
Cc: David Uberuaga <dave_uberuaga@nps.gov>, Maureen Oltrogge <maureen_oltrogge@nps.gov>

The park officially opened at 8 a.m. but cars were allowed into the park starting at 6 a.m.- a number of cars were lined up at the barricade waiting for clearance to enter.

Visitors who entered the park were greeted with limited services.
167 restrooms were cleaned prior to the 8 a.m. opening

Bright Angel Bikes and Coffee shop was open for business.
Visitor Centers opened at 8 a.m.
Grand Canyon Association retail outlets opened at 8 a.m.
Concessions operated retail shops opened at 10 a.m.
Concessions operated lodges opened at 11 a.m.
Maswick Cafeteria, Bright Angel Lodge, and the Marketplace Deli, concessions operated dining facilities, opened for lunch at noon with limited menu selections.
El Tovar Restaurant opened for dinner at 4:30 p.m.
Shuttle Bus service resumed with limited operations at noon and full operations by 3 p.m.
Grand Canyon Railway ran a train with approximately 100 passengers
Mather Campground went from 0 sites filled to almost full at 6 p.m. 320+ sites

Entrance Station information is forthcoming.
South Entrance Station was open from 6:45 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- AM entrance stations experienced long lines- 5 lanes were open
- PM traffic slowed
Desert View open from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30

Governor Brewer's Visit

Location of Press Conference selected for part of Rim Trail between El Tovar Lodge and Hopi House.
Governor Jan Brewer's advance team arrived at the park at 8:30 a.m. to prepare for her arrival.
El Tovar was used as staging area for the Governor.
Governor Brewer landed at the Grand Canyon Airport at 10 a.m. and was escorted into the park arriving at El Tovar at 10:20 a.m.
Multiple press outlets arrived to cover the Governor's announcement.
Press conference began promptly at 11 a.m.
Governor Brewer spoke first.
Tuyasan Mayor Greg Bryan spoke next.
Park Superintendent Dave Uberuaga spoke last.
Question and Answer session followed.
Governor, Mayor, and Superintendent did some follow up press shots and interviews along the rim trail.
Governor and team left park at approximately 11:50 a.m.

Media Coverage:

2 videos on Fox:

<http://www.myfoxphoenix.com/story/23676295/2013/10/12/grand-canyon-opens-in-state-fed-natl-parks-deal>

ABC 15:

http://www.abc15.com/dpp/news/region_northern_az/other/Tourists-public-officials-praise-opening-of-Grand-Canyon-National-Park-amid-government-shutdown

NBC 12:

<http://www.azcentral.com/news/politics/articles/20131012arizona-grand-canyon-reopens-national-park-deal-brewer.html>

Independent 3:

<http://www.azfamily.com/news/Grand-Canyon-National-Park-reopens-to-tourists-227518461.html>

CBS 5:

<http://www.kpho.com/story/23658804/brewer-grand-canyon-reopened-to-visitors-saturday>

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Cc: Maureen Foster; Margaret O'Dell; Cam Sholly; Paul Henderson; Catherine Cannon; Rena Fugate; Billy Shott
Subject: Re: Southeast Utah Group opening

Thanks for report. Adding others

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 13, 2013, at 3:34 PM, "Risser, Mary" <mary_risser@nps.gov> wrote:

Hi all,

Here is a report from Paul Henderson about the opening of the Southeast Utah Group. Some very happy people out there.

Our openings all went well - Natural Bridges was opened at 10:30am on Friday and reports from Jim Dougan was that it was a typical and pleasant fall day.

We opened the roads at Arches at 5:30 pm on Friday - to a huge line of cars waiting to get into the park. When our ranger arrived to remove the barricades folks starting honking their horns, getting out and clapping and cheering - and several helped move the barricades to the side of the road. By sunset there was a very large crowd at Delicate Arch to enjoy the sunset - all were very happy to be there. The campground and the visitor center at Arches opened at 8:00 am on Saturday.

All of Canyonlands opened at 8:00am Saturday - I spoke with folks from each of the districts yesterday - things went smoothly and again visitors were very happy. The backcountry offices were very busy as folks figured out that things like a White Rim trip that they had planned months in advance were once again possible. I spoke to a woman in Salt Lake City yesterday - their White Rim trip was due to begin on Tuesday and they were at the last possible go/no-go moment and she couldn't really tell from the press coverage if the backcountry was open or not - when I let her know that they were good to go on their trip I thought she was going to crawl through the telephone and hug me - they have had this trip planned for almost a year.

All in all it has been very positive for both staff and visitors alike.

Let me know if there are questions.

Mary

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From: Laura Joss <laura_joss@nps.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 9:29 PM
To: Margaret O'Dell
Cc: Maureen Foster; Bruce Sheaffer; David Uberuaga; Rena Fugate; Mary Risser
Subject: Re: Grand Canyon National Park October 18 Closure Plan

OK, thanks Peggy.

Laura

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 15, 2013, at 6:26 PM, Margaret O'Dell <peggy_o'dell@nps.gov> wrote:

Wow time flies! We will talk about t tomorrow. We will also discuss who should contact state to see if they want to re-up

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 15, 2013, at 7:35 PM, Laura Joss <laura_joss@nps.gov> wrote:

Peggy/Bruce: Since we have not had word from AZ about extending the agreement to keep GRCA open past this Friday, here is the park's proposed plan. Please let us know if any of this is problematic, and whether GRCA or WASO should send out a press release about this.

Thanks,

Laura

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Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 04:29 PM
To: Laura Joss <laura_joss@nps.gov>; Mary Risser <mary_risser@nps.gov>; Billy Shott <billy_shott@nps.gov>; Rena Fugate <rena_fugate@nps.gov>
Cc: David Uberuaga <dave_uberuaga@nps.gov>; Diane Chalfant <diane_chalfant@nps.gov>; Bill Wright <Bill_Wright@nps.gov>
Subject: Grand Canyon National Park October 18 Closure Plan

Grand Canyon National Park

October 18 Closure Plan

Without additional state funding as of 11:59pm October 16th, the park proposes to:

1. Park to begin closure procedures starting Thursday October 17th at 0800.
2. Notify concessioners and campground users that overnight guests will need to depart the park no later than normal check out time on Saturday October 19th.
3. Backcountry permit holders which start no later than Friday October 18th will be allowed to hike in.
4. Backcountry developed campgrounds must be vacated by normal check out time on Saturday October 19th (Bright Angel, Indian Garden, Tuweep and Cottonwood). At large camping permitted through the permit itinerary.
5. River permits scheduled to start Saturday October 19th will be allowed to launch on Saturday.
6. Close entrance gates at midnight Friday October 18th.
7. Reduce park staffing to excepted furlough employees starting Saturday October 19th.
8. Non-excepted employees to complete shut down and be out of office at the end of their last work day, no later than Friday October 18th; unlike the October 1 shut down, employees will not come in after the closure to complete shut down.
9. Park to send out press releases regarding operational updates as needed.

If funding is received before close of business Thursday October 17th or Friday October 18th the park proposes to:

1. Delay closing for each two days of state funding.
2. Concession services available as soon as possible at the discretion of each concession.

QUESTIONS

- Do employees need to re-submit a furlough letter? Do we need to send this out? We assume they were never taken out of furlough and there is no conflict in payroll.

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Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 3:31 PM
To: Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Cam Sholly
Cc: Mary Risser; Billy Shott; Marie Sauter; Joseph Roberts
Subject: Fwd: Otero County, NM Commission Meeting Agenda and Draft Resolution to Seize White Sands NM
Attachments: Agenda Item.pdf; _Attachment 1.OTERO RESOLUTION TO SEIZE WHITE SANDS NATIONAL MON.pdf

Peggy/Maureen: White Sands staff just found this draft resolution on Facebook and contacted IMRO about it. The County Commission has a meeting at 6pm tonight to discuss and likely sign the resolution to seize and open the park. It will then likely be sent to the NM Governor. Could you please bring this to the attention of the SOL for their review and assistance? It sounds very similar to the UT situation before the Governor decided to provide funding to open some UT parks. but we have heard that NM hasn't expressed interest in doing that. We advised Superintendent Marie Sauter and Chief Ranger Joe Roberts that if the county sends representatives to the park to open it, the staff at the gate should remind them of our closure, then step aside and document what transpires. NPS staff are not to engage physically or open any facilities or gates.

Chief Ranger Billy Shott will also follow up with Cam about this.

Laura

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Subject: Otero County Commission Meeting Agenda and Resolution
To: Billy Shott <billy_shott@nps.gov>

Hi Billy,
Chief Joe Roberts asked me to send this to you immediately.

This is the county resolution that is going to be discussed at the 1:00PM meeting/conference call with WHSA.

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<http://share.inside.nps.gov/sites/IMR/IMRVRP/default.aspx>

AGENDA REPORT

Otero County Commission

Submitted by: Ronny Rardin
Meeting date: 10/15/2013

Subject:	Request approval of Resolution #10-15-13/102-10 declaring an emergency in Otero County due to the Failure of the United States to fulfill its obligations and denying the public access to White Sands National Monument.
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Research/Background:

Staff/Department Recommendation:

Attachments

Comment

RESOLUTION #10-15-13/102-10,

DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN OTERO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO DUE TO THE FAILURE OF THE UNITED STATES TO FULFILL ITS OBLIGATIONS AND DENYING THE PUBLIC ACCESS TO WHITE SANDS NATIONAL MONUMENT.

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility and within the scope of authority, of the Board of County Commissioners of Otero County to those powers necessary and proper to provide for the safety, preserve the health, promote the prosperity and improve the morals, order, comfort and convenience of the County or its inhabitants, pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978 §4-37-1; and

WHEREAS, historically, the Board of County Commissioners of Otero County have been periodically required to exercise those powers necessary and proper to provide for the safety, preserve the health, promote the prosperity and improve the morals, order, comfort and convenience of the County; and

WHEREAS, due to a lapse in the funding of the United States Government by Congress the President of the United States has ordered through the White House of Office of Management and Budget Memos M-13-22 and M-13-24 the shut-down of all national parks including White Sands National Monument in Otero County, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, White Sands National Monument represents a vital component of the economy of Otero County wherein its unnecessary closure represents real and sufficient economic harm to the citizens of Otero County negatively affecting in a substantial manner their safety, health and prosperity.

WHEREAS, The economic harm associated with the unnecessary closure represents a real, daily, negative effect on the businesses and livelihoods of the citizens of Otero County that are dependent on revenues derived from tourism associated with visitors to White Sands National Monument; and

WHEREAS, the legal ownership and title to White Sands National Monument has never been properly vested in the United States and the United States only has a proprietary interest in White Sands National Monument which by their actions they should be deemed to have abandoned for the time being; and

WHEREAS, the United States has failed in responsibility to maintain White Sands National Monument and to make access to the park available to the public, it is the duty of Otero County to, until such a time as the United States may again fulfill its responsibilities, assume those responsibilities for the sake of diverting an economic emergency harming the citizens of Otero County.

NOW THEREFORE, hereby be it resolved that the Board of County Commissioners of Otero County declares a state of economic emergency and disaster to exist in and around the Otero County Community as a result of the unnecessary closure of White Sands National Monument; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners hereby formally requests that Federal officials take immediate action to immediately open White Sands National Monument; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners hereby formally notifies the United States that pursuant to NMSA 1978 §4-37-1 and the 10th Amendment to the United States Constitution it is empowered to seize control of White Sands National Monument to provide for access, care and the collection of revenues on behalf of the absent Federal government until such a time as the United States can again fulfill its obligations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be called immediately to the attention of the New Mexico Congressional Delegation, Governor Susana Martinez, the New Mexico Legislature and the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners calls upon Federal officials to immediately coordinate a meeting to address the issues raised by this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be widely publicized so that the public may be aware that they will be able to access White Sands National Monument so as to avert financial harm to the citizens of the County.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on the _____ day of October, 2013.

From: Roelandt, Paul <paul_roelandt@nps.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 8:19 PM
To: Barry Roth; Billy Shott; Cam Sholly; Casey Hagaman; Catherine Cannon; Chad Corey; Colin Campbell; Cynthia Purcell; Edward Boling; Jeffrey Bradybaugh; Jock Whitworth; John Hiscock; Kevin Moore; Kim Fondren; Laura Joss; Leah McGinnis; Lena Koschmann; Lindy Mihata; Margaret O'Dell; Mary Risser; Maureen Foster; Michael Archer; Rena Fugate; Royce Orme; Todd Brindle; Veronica Larvie; Daphne Sewing; Paul Child; Alyssa Baltrus; Teri Saa; Trevor Lopez
Subject: Recent Utah National Parks and Shutdown Related Articles Attached
Attachments: SaltLake Trib 10.15.13 Utah State Parks absorbing visitors displaced by federal shutdown.pdf; SaltLakeTribune 10.14.13 Op-Ed National Parks episode shows state better at managing public lands.pdf; Salt Lake Trib 10.15.13 Chaffetz gets schooled in viral video Veterans scold Lee.pdf

Attached are several highlights from yesterday and today's national parks and govt shutdown related articles

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Utah State Parks absorbing visitors displaced by federal shutdown

Vacation • State travel and tourism officials hope to take advantage of spike in visitation.

BY BRETT PRETTYMAN

THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

PUBLISHED: OCTOBER 15, 2013 03:35PM

UPDATED: OCTOBER 4, 2013 10:50AM

Utah's "other" parks have benefited from an upsurge in visitation since their federal counterparts put up closed signs on Tuesday. Some, like Snow Canyon State Park near St. George and Dead Horse Point State Park near Moab, are still seeing waves of tourists displaced by the federal government shutdown.

"This is normally a busy time for us and we were prepared to be even more busy if the shutdown happened, but the onslaught we did get was pretty overwhelming," said Megan Blackwelder, manager of Dead Horse Point State Park. "We have been swamped."

The park, which provides stunning views of the Colorado River from high on the mesa as well as hiking and mountain biking trails, busted records for cars and tourist buses in the parking lot.

The previous record was about 350 cars on Memorial Day. Staffers counted 588 cars on Tuesday, the day national parks were shuttered. Most of the tourists visiting Dead Horse Point State Park this week were likely headed for Canyonlands National Park (the Island in the Sky District is just up the road from the state park). Others may have planned on visiting Arches National Park.

"We are putting cars wherever we can and our gift shop manager has been more busy than ever," Blackwelder said. "We haven't turned anybody away."

Others like Kodachrome Basin State Park near Bryce Canyon National Park and the Utah Field House of Natural History State Park Museum in Vernal had a wild 2-day ride, but are returning to more normal day use.

"The number of visitors has started to decrease, but they were really coming in Monday and Tuesday," said Steve Sroka, manager of the Utah Field House said Thursday morning. "We had three people today; a couple from England and a federal government employee."

Most tourists in the Uintah Basin are often headed for Dinosaur National Monument on the Utah/Colorado border and often drive right past the Field House and its massive collection of fossils and geologic history.

Ignoring Utah State Parks while en route to the national parks happens all too often and some are hoping this opportunity to be in the spotlight will change things.

"We have been thrilled with the attention," said Utah State Parks director Fred Hayes. "We have trouble sometimes dragging people away from the national parks; they seem to think that is all there is to see."

Hayes knows the spike in visitation won't last, but he feels his agency took advantage of it and thinks it will reap benefits down the road.

"Folks will go back and talk about their vacation with friends and people will expect them to say 'our trip was ruined'," he said. "We hope they respond and say 'we saw some really cool stuff and you should include it on your Utah itinerary when you go'. We know their trip this week was memorable, but we hope state parks made it a positive memory."

Utah Gov. Gary Herbert talked about the shutdown and how the state has tried to send people to other tourist options.

"Our tour and travel people have been very much in touch with folks involved in the tourism and travel industry, particularly in Southern Utah. And 10 percent, approaching 10 percent, which is about a billion dollars by the way, of revenues that we get in October is in jeopardy now because of the shutdown of our National Parks," the governor said during his monthly news conference on KUED-Channel 7. "What we've tried to do to help them is redirect people to other state parks. The good news is our state parks are available and some of those are just as spectacular and just as convenient as some of our national parks."

Snow Canyon State Park manager Kristen Comella said day-use visitation has been up 50 percent this week. She has heard a little bit of everything from the people.



Courtesy Utah State Parks Visitors have kept the gift shop at Dead Horse Point State Park near Moab busy since nearby Canyonlands National Park was closed as part of the federal government shutdown Tuesday.

“The general tone from U.S. travelers is of disappointment and disgust; that they were expecting more from their government,” she said. “International travelers seem pretty shocked. This was not something they expected from the U.S. government. It is sad to talk to the international visitors. I had a woman from Spain in tears telling me that she had just arrived Monday and had planned their entire vacation around national parks.”

Many of the tourists arriving at state parks this week have been stepping off of commercial tour buses or were part of scrambling tour groups originally headed for places like Bryce Canyon National Park.

“We weren’t quite sure what would happen. We knew it would either be quiet or we would get killed; we got killed,” said Kodachrome Basin State Park manager Aaron Farmer. “We get an average of one or two commercial groups per month and we had five Wednesday and six Tuesday. We had a line of people waiting to get in.”

Managers are hopeful those tour buses find their way back to the parks.

“We had a bus driver here who said he had never been to Dead Horse Point,” Blackwelder said. “We had some really happy bus tour guides because they had a place to come. They told me they needed to call the tour planners and get Dead Horse Point on the list. I hope they do.”

Tribune reporter Robert Gehrke contributed to this story.

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Op-ed: National Parks episode shows state better at managing public lands

BY JOHN SWALLOW AND ANTHONY RAMPTON

PUBLISHED: OCTOBER 14, 2013 09:22PM

UPDATED: OCTOBER 15, 2013 11:50AM

The closure and re-opening of Utah's national parks offer a dramatic demonstration of the need to have greater state and local control over programs and services.

The political deadlock has also proved few in Washington gave any serious thought about the devastating ripple effects it would have on the lives of ordinary citizens.

National parks, monuments and recreation areas in Utah were among the many victims of this shutdown. They were all closed, locked and shuttered on Oct. 1. But the real impact of these closures reach far beyond park boundaries.

Local economies, merchants and service providers who rely heavily upon the tourism and recreation associated with the parks immediately lost their lifeblood. Tourists and vacationers from all over the world were turned away, along with their desires to experience the beauty and grandeur of Utah's scenic wonders. State, county and local governments were suddenly faced with the prospects of the loss of projected and necessary revenues

Local citizens and officials were understandably outraged and they searched for self-help remedies that could be taken to force the re-opening of the parks and associated federally operated facilities. Cooler heads prevailed. In contrast to criticisms leveled against Utah's public lands initiatives, state and local officials responded with great responsibility. They proposed an interim solution that addressed the needs of the tourist and recreation industry, local economies, citizens of Utah and the parks' lands.

Gov. Gary Herbert took the lead and proposed to the Department of Interior that Utah could fund the re-opening and operation of the parks on a temporary interim basis. To Interior Secretary Sally Jewell's credit, she embraced the governor's proposal. Together they directed their respective offices to immediately hammer out the details. Within a period of hours, the agreement was consummated and the re-opening of the parks was put into motion. The parks will now be open for two of the busiest weekends of the year. We are proud of the role the attorney general's office played in this process.

We firmly believe the events of the last couple of weeks vividly demonstrate three important realities. First, in these days of federal austerity, we assume substantial risk by relying too heavily upon the federal government to fund and administer programs that directly affect us in our businesses and daily lives. Because of the extensive federal presence in the state, Utah is particularly vulnerable to political and financial fluctuations in Washington.

Second, responsibility for and implementation of government programs and operations, including those pertaining to the public lands, should be vested in the hands of those who feel the greatest impact and who have the greatest understanding of the situation on the ground. Those in Washington simply do not understand, nor do they appreciate, the effects their far-removed decisions have on rural Utah.

Third, if allowed greater jurisdiction, powers and governing responsibilities, state, county and local governments will respond prudently, even-handedly and in the best interest of the citizens of Utah and all Americans, including in the proper stewardship of our treasured lands.

Utah's track record of government management and accountability is unmatched. The last few weeks show Utah can and should have an enhanced role in its citizens' affairs and in the uses of its land. The long-term public health, safety and economic welfare of Utahns depend on it.

John Swallow is Utah attorney general. Anthony Rampton is an assistant attorney general.



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Paul Rolly: Chaffetz gets schooled in viral video; Veterans scold Lee

BY PAUL ROLLY

TRIBUNE COLUMNIST

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GOP Congressman Jason Chaffetz was the acting speaker of the House during floor debate when it came to light that House Republicans quietly passed a resolution developed by the House Rules Committee that took away the right of any House member to call for a vote of a bill or resolution.

When Rep. Chris Van Hollen, D-Md., attempted to present a motion to accept the Senate's clean continuing resolution and reopen the government, Chaffetz informed him that the rule he was seeking to use had been "altered."

The resolution altering the rule, it turns out, was passed Sept. 30, just before the government shutdown.

So the GOP majority in the House that keeps blaming Obama for the shutdown made sure no House member could get a vote to reopen it except for House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va., or his designee.

That's despite the fact that a vote to reopen the government surely would pass - enough Republicans have voiced support for such a move - if only such a vote were taken.

When Van Hollen kept trying to renew his motion, Chaffetz said: "The gentleman will suspend."

Van Hollen replied: "Democracy has been suspended, Mr. Speaker."

Oh, and who is on the committee that changed the rule?

Congressman Rob Bishop, R-Utah.

Chaffetz wasn't the only one to embarrass Utah this weekend.

Guess which group did not appreciate Utah Sen. Mike Lee, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz and squawk-box Sarah Palin participating in the protest aimed at opening the shuttered World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.?

Veterans.

As reported on several online news sites, the Million Vet March posted on its home page its disappointment with the way its demonstration in support of veterans and keeping their memorials open was commandeered by tea-party loudmouths.

"The political agenda put forth by a local organizer in Washington, D.C., was not in alignment with our message," the post said. "We feel disheartened that some would seek to hijack the narrative for political gain. The core principle is about all Americans honoring veterans in a peaceful and apolitical manner."

Lee, Cruz and Palin turned the demonstration for veterans into a political attack on the commander in chief, while one enthusiast waved a giant Confederate flag and speakers called for President Barack Obama to "put down the Quran."

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The Million Vet March Facebook page said political groups and politicians "have piggybacked off our grass-roots efforts, to effectively create a comprehensive media message campaign. We made the mistake of trying to partner with some Washington insiders that thwarted many of our genuine concerns for keeping this apolitical and grass roots."

I'm just waiting for the next email from Lee using his latest antics at the World War II Memorial as a fundraising ploy. When I get it, I'll pass it along.



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Subject: Fwd: Summary of Day 1 at Grand Canyon

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Hi Sue,

Here is a wrap-up of GRCA's first day.

Mary

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To: Mary Risser <mary_risser@nps.gov>, Billy Shott <billy_shott@nps.gov>, Colin Campbell <colin_campbell@nps.gov>, Laura Joss <laura_joss@nps.gov>
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The park officially opened at 8 a.m. but cars were allowed into the park starting at 6 a.m.- a number of cars were lined up at the barricade waiting for clearance to enter.

Visitors who entered the park were greeted with limited services.
167 restrooms were cleaned prior to the 8 a.m. opening
Bright Angel Bikes and Coffee shop was open for business.
Visitor Centers opened at 8 a.m.
Grand Canyon Association retail outlets opened at 8 a.m.
Concessions operated retail shops opened at 10 a.m.
Concessions operated lodges opened at 11 a.m.
Maswick Cafeteria, Bright Angel Lodge, and the Marketplace Deli, concessions operated dining facilities, opened for lunch at noon with limited menu selections.
El Tovar Restaurant opened for dinner at 4:30 p.m.
Shuttle Bus service resumed with limited operations at noon and full operations by 3 p.m.
Grand Canyon Railway ran a train with approximately 100 passengers
Mather Campground went from 0 sites filled to almost full at 6 p.m. 320+ sites

Entrance Station information is forthcoming.
South Entrance Station was open from 6:45 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- AM entrance stations experienced long lines- 5 lanes were open
- PM traffic slowed
Desert View open from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30

Governor Brewer's Visit

Location of Press Conference selected for part of Rim Trail between El Tovar Lodge and Hopi House.
Governor Jan Brewer's advance team arrived at the park at 8:30 a.m. to prepare for her arrival.
El Tovar was used as staging area for the Governor.
Governor Brewer landed at the Grand Canyon Airport at 10 a.m. and was escorted into the park arriving at El Tovar at 10:20 a.m.
Multiple press outlets arrived to cover the Governor's announcement.
Press conference began promptly at 11 a.m.
Governor Brewer spoke first.
Tuyasan Mayor Greg Bryan spoke next.
Park Superintendent Dave Uberuaga spoke last.
Question and Answer session followed.
Governor, Mayor, and Superintendent did some follow up press shots and interviews along the rim trail.
Governor and team left park at approximately 11:50 a.m.

Media Coverage:

2 videos on Fox:

<http://www.myfoxphoenix.com/story/23676295/2013/10/12/grand-canyon-opens-in-state-fed-natl-parks-deal>

ABC 15:

http://www.abc15.com/dpp/news/region_northern_az/other/Tourists-public-officials-praise-opening-of-Grand-Canyon-National-Park-amid-government-shutdown

NBC 12:

<http://www.azcentral.com/news/politics/articles/20131012arizona-grand-canyon-reopens-national-park-deal-brewer.html>

Independent 3:

<http://www.azfamily.com/news/Grand-Canyon-National-Park-reopens-to-tourists-227518461.html>

CBS 5:

<http://www.kpho.com/story/23658804/brewer-grand-canyon-reopened-to-visitors-saturday>

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Thanks for sharing the great reports, Peggy.

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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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To: Suzanne Waldron
Cc: Kelly, Katherine; Androff Blake; Foster Maureen; O'Dell Peggy; Sheaffer Bruce
Subject: Re: Georgia National Parks and Historic Sites

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Subject: Press release question
To: Mary Risser <mary_risser@nps.gov>

Mary

We have events planned for this coming weekend, Earth Science Weekend in conjunction with the Utah Education Association weekend. This was planned before the shutdown and we are accomplishing it without extra pay or overtime. We wanted to send out a press release, but somehow it seems hard to celebrate events when parks are still closed....thoughts or advice?

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From: Leah McGinnis <leah_mcginnis@nps.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2013 3:03 PM
To: Margaret O'Dell
Cc: Suzanne Waldron; Risser, Mary; Foster Maureen; Bruce Sheaffer
Subject: Re: Press release question

Thanks everyone, the 10 days should take us through Sunday. I will wait for final confirmation tomorrow though since I have not seen the agreement.

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On Oct 14, 2013, at 12:08 PM, "Margaret O'Dell" <peggy_o'dell@nps.gov> wrote:

Lets just check the dates on the agreement to ensure the park will still be open next weekend. I don't have it at home with me to check. If the state sponsored funding includes the date(s) of the event then yes you should plan to do it since it is business as usual under state donates funding.

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On Oct 14, 2013, at 2:00 PM, Suzanne Waldron <sue_waldron@nps.gov> wrote:

Mary looping peggy in on this for decision

My thought is if the event is during the re-opening period then It could go forward. If it does, better to have it publicized by the partner

Sue Waldron
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On Oct 14, 2013, at 1:56 PM, "Risser, Mary" <mary_risser@nps.gov> wrote:

Hi Sue,

Please see the email request from Leah at Capitol Reef. Do you have any insight or thoughts on this? They have a special event coming up that was scheduled before the shutdown.

Thanks,

Mary

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From: **Leah McGinnis** <leah_mcginnis@nps.gov>

Date: Mon, Oct 14, 2013 at 11:37 AM
Subject: Press release question
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