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**From:** Stephens, Beverly <grace\_stephens@nps.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 24, 2013 9:50 PM  
**To:** randolph.myers@sol.doi.gov; Lisa Mendelson; Bruce Sheaffer  
**Subject:** first amendment activities in the event of a shutdown

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**From:** Beverly Stephens <grace\_stephens@nps.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 25, 2013 10:35 AM  
**To:** Myers, Randolph  
**Cc:** Lisa Mendelson; Sheaffer, Bruce; Robert Eaton  
**Subject:** Re: first amendment activities in the event of a shutdown

This is due as part of our shutdown contingency plan due to DOI at noon today - the department moved up the deadline. I thought Randy wrote this, and Bruce only made a few small changes- right? Unless this needs a complete rewrite, I can submit as-is and maybe change it tomorrow morning. These go up on the DOI website either Thursday or Friday, and we are sending to RDs today.

On Sep 25, 2013, at 10:25 AM, "Myers, Randolph" <[randolph.myers@sol.doi.gov](mailto:randolph.myers@sol.doi.gov)> wrote:

I think so. I have a meeting at the US Attorney's Office in Beltsville, MD but should be back then.

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On Wed, Sep 25, 2013 at 10:21 AM, Lisa Mendelson <[lisa\\_mendelson-ielmini@nps.gov](mailto:lisa_mendelson-ielmini@nps.gov)> wrote:

I'm in a regional leadership council mtg until 4:30 today --- could we talk tomorrow afternoon at 4 pm?

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On Sep 25, 2013, at 10:14 AM, "Sheaffer, Bruce" <[bruce\\_sheaffer@nps.gov](mailto:bruce_sheaffer@nps.gov)> wrote:

you all can write it anyway you want.. just keep it short and don't box yourself in..

On Wed, Sep 25, 2013 at 9:09 AM, Myers, Randolph <[randolph.myers@sol.doi.gov](mailto:randolph.myers@sol.doi.gov)> wrote:  
Lisa: I'm available and have included Rob Eaton in this e-mail, in the event he wants to join our discussion.

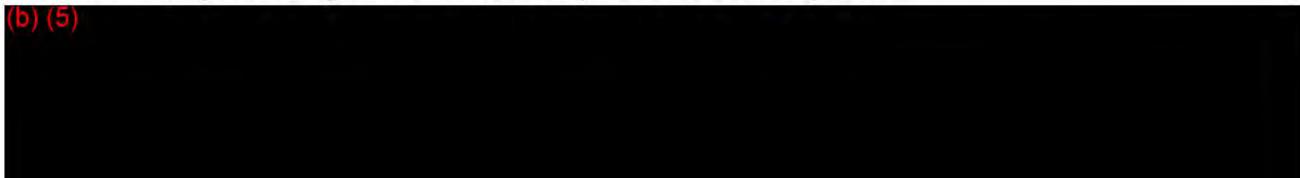
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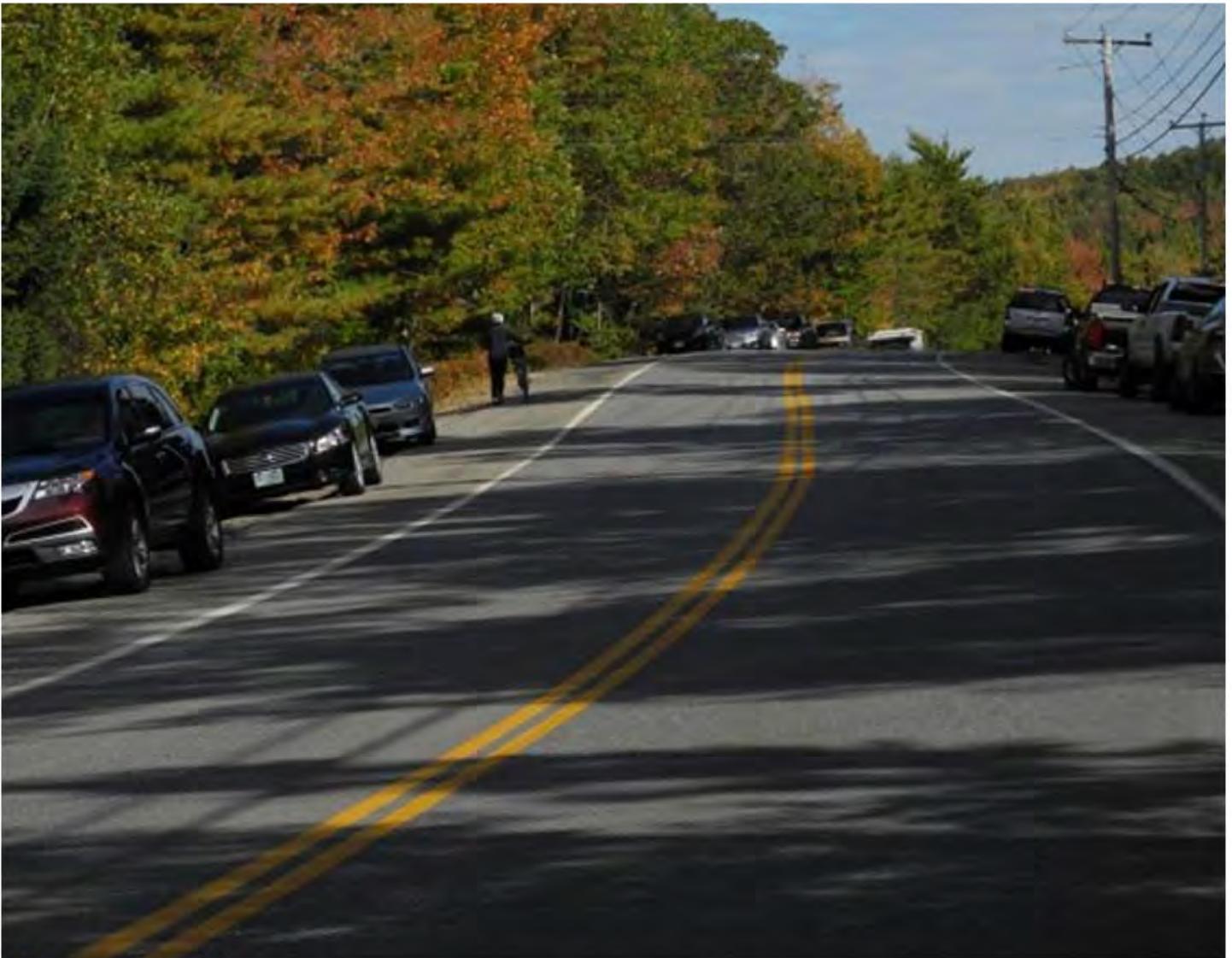
**From:** Crutchfield, Craig <Craig\_Crutchfield@omb.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 07, 2013 12:08 PM  
**To:** Denise A. Flanagan (Denise\_Flanagan@ios.doi.gov); Adrienne Moss (Adrienne\_Moss@ios.doi.gov); 'Pam Haze'; Blake Androff (Blake\_Androff@ios.doi.gov); Bruce Sheaffer  
**Cc:** Burnett, Ben; Hoef, Jennifer E.  
**Subject:** Good example of the problems with visitors coming into parks that are closed  
**Attachments:** image001.jpg

Please let me know if you hear anything more on this. Any problems with using this as an impact example?

All across the National Park System, people are entering national parks that are closed, but have multiple entry points so the closure cannot be enforced. The article, below, however provides a good example of the consequences of this civil disobedience. A woman was hurt hiking in Acadia National Park and all four of the rangers on duty came to help, so there would have been far greater problems if another accident had occurred elsewhere in the park.

<http://bangordailynews.com/2013/10/05/news/hancock/visitors-determined-to-enjoy-closed-acadia-national-park-a-real-problem-for-rangers/print/>

## **Visitors determined to enjoy closed Acadia National Park a real problem for rangers**



[Abigail Curtis](#) | BDN

Cars were parked alongside Eagle Lake Road near an access point for Acadia National Park's carriage trails on Saturday afternoon. Park rangers remaining on duty during the partial government shutdown said that they were overwhelmed by visitors ignoring the barricades to bike, hike and otherwise enjoy the park. [Buy Photo](#)

By [Abigail Curtis](#), BDN Staff

Posted Oct. 05, 2013, at 4:19 p.m.

BAR HARBOR, Maine – Thanks to the partial government shutdown, Acadia National Park is closed.

But try telling that to the crowds of people — tourists and locals alike — who took advantage of Saturday's beautiful weather to bike on the carriage trails and hike the park's mountains anyway.

"It's perfect weather, and there's a zillion people out there, walking around the barricades," said a Chicago woman who declined to give her name.

She and her husband had just biked around Eagle Lake on their first, long-planned visit to the park, and were looking for ideas for a short hike to do next.

"People aren't going to let the government get in the way of what our tax dollars are paying for," she said. "We drove all this way — we're not going to sit on the outside and look."

But that attitude is becoming a problem for the skeleton crew of law enforcement rangers who are struggling to keep people like the Chicago couple safe. Ranger Ed Pontbriand said that trying to close Acadia National Park, with its many entrances, is like “herding ants,”

“People are telling visitors — ‘Oh, the park is as porous as cheese,’” he said. “In order for us to enforce the closure, we’d have to have more people working than we do in a normal day. We’re so overwhelmed.”

On Saturday, he was one just four rangers on duty when a 69-year-old Portland woman fell and hurt herself while hiking on Flying Mountain and could not hike out. The woman’s companion, a registered nurse, was able to control the bleeding from a gashed knee while waiting for medical help, Pontbriand said. Another ranger checking the barricades on the west side of the park got to the scene less than half an hour after the 10:54 a.m. call and helped the woman, who was not being named in accordance with park policy.

Pontbriand said that all four rangers and five Mount Desert Island Search and Rescue volunteers helped with carrying out the woman on a wheeled litter. They brought her to the trailhead, where they placed her in the back of a ranger pickup truck and then drove her to the nearest road. There, they were met by the Southwest Harbor Ambulance, which brought her to the Mount Desert Island Hospital in Bar Harbor for treatment. The Southwest Harbor Fire Department also assisted with the rescue, he said.

If there had been another emergency at the same time, rangers would have had to determine which had the higher priority and make the other injured person wait, he said, adding that the minimal staffing makes rescue efforts extra difficult.

“We’re so short of staff, we can’t handle major incidents in the park. That’s why we’re asking people to do the right thing and honor the closure,” he said. “That’s the best way to preserve and protect the park. If they love the park, help us out.”

The situation is hard on park staff, who usually spend their time encouraging visitors to enjoy Acadia.

“We’re used to accommodating people,” Pontbriand said. “We’re always trying to figure out a way to make their experience in the park better. With this closure, it’s 180 degrees in the different direction ... the message is, ‘The park is closed.’”

Lots of people in the area hope that message will be reversed, and soon.

Nancy O’Brien, the owner of Fiore, a speciality olive oil and vinegar shop in downtown Bar Harbor, said that so far, the park’s shutdown has not negatively impacted her business. She said that visitors with suddenly limited recreation options may have decided to go shopping instead.

“This whole shutdown is ridiculous,” she said. “All week, it’s been very busy for us — but it stinks for the rest of the country.”



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**To:** Bruce Sheaffer

The plan that we submitted to the Dept never mentioned first amendment activities - those two mentions were only in the letter Jon sent out - that letter was not attached to the publicly posted plan. As requested by OMB, I am now amending our plan to better reflect what happened - like Phase 2 being initiated immediately. I have added the following paragraph Jon's note. Is this still consistent with our policy decisions in the last week?

### Special Events

“Special Events” involving park service personnel either as participants or in crowd control must be cancelled. A special provision has been made for first amendment activities in the National Mall and Memorial Parks and areas administered by the NPS Liaison to the White House in Washington D.C., and Independence National Historic Park in Philadelphia, PA. Please refer to the NPS Closure Determination and Notice for the legal record of determination. As always, law enforcement action will be taken in cases where there is a violation of NPS regulations, including if it reasonably appears that the demonstration presents a clear and present danger to the public safety, good order, or health. This includes demonstrations that either qualify under the NPS small-group permit exception or demonstrations that have submitted an application, either before or after the shutdown that were not denied.

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**To:** Smith, Ann  
**Cc:** Steve Whitesell  
**Subject:** Re: Per your request, attached is the NPS Contingency Plan which on page 7 states...

Ann, (b) (5) we are implementing the lapse in appropriations as consistently as possible across park units. We appreciate your passion for the mission and we stand behind this direction.

-Lisa

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On Sep 30, 2013, at 5:22 PM, "Smith, Ann" <[ann\\_bowman\\_smith@nps.gov](mailto:ann_bowman_smith@nps.gov)> wrote:

Lisa and Steve,

You have directed me to post signs saying the Ellipse and Lafayette Park are closed to the public and that only 1st Amendment activities are allowed.

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Attached for your consideration is the sign we would post tomorrow should this impasse with the Solicitor's Office not be resolved. Please let me know if you recommend any revisions. Thank you.

Ann

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On Mon, Sep 30, 2013 at 5:11 PM, Lisa Mendelson <[lisa\\_mendelson-ielmini@nps.gov](mailto:lisa_mendelson-ielmini@nps.gov)> wrote:  
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Randy quotes this below. The documentation specific to NCR is under 36 CFR 7.96. (Randy has communicated with Robbin Owens of the NCR permit office.)

Randy will be at work during the shutdown to discuss first amendment issues as needed. (work-202-208-4338; cell- 202-438-1600)

Elisa

Elisa Kunz

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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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5. "Special Events" involving park service personnel either as participants or in crowd control must be cancelled. In park areas that cannot be closed, law enforcement personnel will monitor First Amendment demonstrations. As always, law enforcement action will be taken in cases where there is a violation of NPS regulations, including if it reasonably appears that the demonstration presents a clear and present danger to the public safety, good order, or health. This includes demonstrations that either qualify under the NPS small-group permit exception or demonstrations that have submitted an application, either before or after the shutdown that were not denied.

Randy quotes this below. The documentation specific to NCR is under 36 CFR 7.96. (Randy has communicated with Robbin Owens of the NCR permit office.)

Randy will be at work during the shutdown to discuss first amendment issues as needed. (work-202-208-4338; cell- 202-438-1600)

Elisa

Elisa Kunz  
Bevinetto Fellow\*1849 C Street NW\* Room 3123\*Washington, DC\*20240  
Phone: 202-501-7144

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From: **Dickinson, Merle** <[lee\\_dickinson@nps.gov](mailto:lee_dickinson@nps.gov)>

Date: Mon, Sep 30, 2013 at 3:11 PM

Subject: Fwd: Per your request, attached is the NPS Contengency Plan which on page 7 states...

To: Elisa Kunz <[elisa\\_kunz@nps.gov](mailto:elisa_kunz@nps.gov)>

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From: **Dickinson, Merle** <[lee\\_dickinson@nps.gov](mailto:lee_dickinson@nps.gov)>

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Subject: Fwd: Per your request, attached is the NPS Contengency Plan which on page 7 states...

To: Michael Slobodian <[Michael\\_Slobodian@nps.gov](mailto:Michael_Slobodian@nps.gov)>

He advocates a common sense approach. (b) (5)

Lee

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From: **Myers, Randolph** <[randolph.myers@sol.doi.gov](mailto:randolph.myers@sol.doi.gov)>

Date: Mon, Sep 30, 2013 at 10:40 AM

Subject: Fwd: Per your request, attached is the NPS Contengency Plan which on page 7 states...

To: Merle Dickinson <[lee\\_dickinson@nps.gov](mailto:lee_dickinson@nps.gov)>

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Date: Fri, Sep 27, 2013 at 3:25 PM

Subject: Per your request, attached is the NPS Contengency Plan which on page 7 states...

To: Robbin Owen <[robbin\\_owen@nps.gov](mailto:robbin_owen@nps.gov)>

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(Merle) Lee Dickinson  
National Park Service  
Special Park Uses Program Manager  
Washington  
202-513-7092

**From:** Kunz, Elisa [elisa\_kunz@nps.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 01, 2013 11:24 AM  
**To:** Jonathan Jarvis; Peggy O'Dell; Suzanne Waldron; Maureen Foster  
**Subject:** Fwd: Permits  
**Attachments:** SUP Wedding 036- Erin Molnar.docx; SUP Wedding 035-Mindy Covington.docx; SUP Filming 009-13\_KBC\_PR.docx

I printed out these out and am leaving them by Bison.

Bye!

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**From:** Beck-Herzog, Karen <karen\_beck-herzog@nps.gov>  
**Date:** Tue, Oct 1, 2013 at 11:14 AM  
**Subject:** Permits  
**To:** Elisa Kunz <elisa\_kunz@nps.gov>

Elisa,

Here are the wedding permits that we have for the next two weeks. The first (Oct. 5) has cancelled her wedding in the park and found a back-up- she was the one that told me they had sunk nearly \$20K into the wedding.

The filming permit is for a company that has been working with the Virginia Tourism Corporation (a quasi-government agency) which partners with Shenandoah National Park often. VTC paid for the application and processing fee to be certain this international group could film in the park prominently featuring Virginia and SHEN.

Please let me know if you have any questions - I'm here until 12:15.

Karen

Karen Beck-Herzog  
Shenandoah National Park  
Public Affairs Officer  
Special Park Uses Coordinator

FOIA Officer  
540-999-3500 ext. 3300

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
National Park Service  
**Shenandoah National Park**  
Special Use Permit

NAME <b>Erin Molnar</b>	
ORGANIZATION	
ADDRESS <b>(b) (6)</b>	
EMAIL <b>(b) (6)</b>	
TELEPHONE NUMBER <b>(b) (6)</b>	FAX NUMBER

Park Alpha Code: SHEN  
Type of Use: Wedding  
Permit #: 4840-2501-036-13

is hereby authorized to use the following described land or facilities in the above named area:

**Pinnacles Lawn/ Skyland**

The area must be restored to its original condition at the end of the permit.

The permit begins **10:00 am October 13, 2013**

The permit expires at **6:00 pm October 13, 2013**

SUMMARY OF PERMITTED ACTIVITY: (see attached sheets for additional information and conditions)

**Wedding Ceremony**

Person on site responsible for adherence to the terms and conditions of the permit (include contact information):

Erin Molnar 1354 Otis PI NW Washington DC 20010

Authorizing legislation or other authority: 36CFR 2.50

NEPA Compliance: CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDED  EA/FONSI  EIS  PEPC #  **OTHER**

APPLICATION FEE	Received <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not Required <input type="checkbox"/>	Amount \$ <u>150.00</u>
PERFORMANCE BOND:	Required <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amount \$ <u>                    </u>
LIABILITY INSURANCE:	Required <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amount \$ <u>                    </u>
COST RECOVERY:	Required <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amount \$ <u>                    </u>
FACILITY USE FEE:	Required <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amount \$ <u>                    </u>
LOCATION FEE:	Required <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amount \$ <u>                    </u>

**ISSUANCE of this permit is subject to the attached conditions.** The undersigned hereby accepts this permit subject to the terms, covenants, obligations, and reservations, expressed or implied herein.

PERMITTEE	_____	_____	_____
	Signature	Title	Date
Authorizing NPS Official	_____	_____	_____
	Signature	Superintendent	Date
Authorizing NPS Official (additional if required)	_____	_____	_____
	Signature	Title	Date

## CONDITIONS OF THIS PERMIT

1. The permittee is prohibited from giving false information; to do so will be considered a breach of conditions and be grounds for revocation: [36 CFR 2.32(a)(3)].
2. The permittee shall exercise this privilege subject to the supervision of the Superintendent or designee, and shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, county and municipal laws, ordinances, regulations, codes, and the terms and conditions of this permit. Failure to do so may result in the immediate suspension of the permitted activity or the termination of the permit.
3. If any provision of this permit shall be found to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this permit shall not be affected and the other provisions of this permit shall be valid and be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.
4. The permittee is responsible for making all necessary contacts and arrangements with other Federal, State, and local agencies to secure required inspections, permits, licenses, etc.
5. Failure to comply with any of the terms and conditions of this permit may result in the immediate suspension or revocation of the permit. All costs associated with clean up or damage repairs in conjunction with a terminated permit will be the responsibility of the permittee.
6. This permit may be revoked at the discretion of the Superintendent upon 24 hours notice, or without notice if damage to resources or facilities occurs or is threatened, notwithstanding any other term or condition of the permit to the contrary.
7. This agreement is made upon the express condition that the United States, its agents and employees shall be free from all liabilities and claims for damages and/or suits for or by reason of any injury, injuries, or death to any person or persons or property of any kind whatsoever, whether to the person or property of the (Permittee/Grantee), its agents or employees, or third parties, from any cause or causes whatsoever while in or upon said premises or any part thereof during the term of this agreement or occasioned by any occupancy or use of said premises or any activity carried on by the (Permittee) in connection herewith, and the (Permittee) hereby covenants and agrees to indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless the United States, its agents, and employees from all liabilities, charges, expenses and costs on account of or by reason of any such injuries, deaths, liabilities, claims, suits or losses however occurring or damages growing out of the same.
8. Permittee agrees to carry general liability insurance against claims occasioned by the action or omissions of the permittee, its agents and employees in carrying out the activities and operations authorized by this permit. The policy shall be in the amount of \$ NA and underwritten by a United States company naming the United States of America as **additionally insured**. The permittee agrees to provide the Superintendent with a Certificate of Insurance with the proper endorsements prior to the effective date of the permit.
9. Permittee agrees to deposit with the park a bond in the amount of \$ NA from an authorized bonding company or in the form of cash or cash equivalent, to guarantee that all financial obligations to the park will be met, including the restoration and rehabilitation of the permitted area.
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12. As a condition of acceptance of this permit by the permittee and pursuant to 41 U.S. C. 22, "No Member of Congress shall be admitted to any share or part of any contract or agreement made, entered into, or accepted by or on behalf of the United States, or to any benefit to arise thereupon."
13. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as binding the Service to expend in any one fiscal year any sum in excess of appropriations made by Congress or administratively allocated for the purpose of this Agreement for the fiscal year, or to involve the Service in any contract or other obligation for the further expenditure of money in excess of such appropriations or allocations.
14. This permit may not be transferred or assigned without the prior written consent of the Superintendent.

**APPENDIX  
SPECIAL PARK CONDITIONS  
SPECIAL USE PERMIT**

1. This permit authorizes the permittee to conduct a wedding ceremony at the described location. This permit does not give the permittee a right to exclude anyone from using a park area. The permittee may not interfere with park visitors or normal visitor activity. Permittee may not block access to the area or prohibit use of the area by other visitors.
2. The permittee shall not alter or damage, nor allow others within the party to alter or damage any park vegetation, wildlife, other natural resources or facilities.
3. This permit does NOT exempt the permittee or members of the Permittee's party from the park entrance fee or recreational camping fees.
4. The permittee is responsible to ensure that all litter and debris is removed from the ceremony location upon completion of the ceremony or the expiration of the permit.
5. The permittee is responsible to ensure that all vehicles are properly and legally parked.
6. The permittee is responsible to prevent pursuit of the wedded couple at a speed in excess of the posted speed limit and to prevent the excessive use of horns.
7. Maximum number of participants in this event may not exceed 100.
8. The wedding ceremony must be conducted by a person licensed to perform such weddings by and in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
9. The use of amplifiers is prohibited. Music may be played softly at the amphitheater/ Pinnacles lawn; however, the sound level must be kept reasonable for the area in a National Park and must not duly disrupt normal visitor use of the park.
10. The permittee shall comply with all instructions of any Park Ranger at the ceremony site.
11. In the event of an emergency, or lack of Federal appropriation, this permit may be cancelled with no notice to the permittee.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
National Park Service  
**Shenandoah National Park**  
Special Use Permit

NAME <b>Mindy Covington</b>	
ORGANIZATION	
ADDRESS <b>(b) (6)</b>	
EMAIL <b>(b) (6)</b>	
TELEPHONE NUMBER <b>(b) (6)</b>	FAX NUMBER

Park Alpha Code: SHEN  
Type of Use: Wedding  
Permit #: 4840-2501-035-13

is hereby authorized to use the following described land or facilities in the above named area:

**Pinnacles Lawn/ Skyland**

The area must be restored to its original condition at the end of the permit.

The permit begins **2:00 pm October 5, 2013**

The permit expires at **6:00 pm October 5, 2013**

SUMMARY OF PERMITTED ACTIVITY: (see attached sheets for additional information and conditions)

**Wedding Ceremony**

Person on site responsible for adherence to the terms and conditions of the permit (include contact information):

Mindy Covington 205 McConkey St Apt B Fredericksburg Va 22401

Authorizing legislation or other authority: 36CFR 2.50

NEPA Compliance: CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDED  EA/FONSI \_\_\_ EIS \_\_\_ PEPC # \_\_\_ **OTHER** \_\_\_

APPLICATION FEE	Received <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not Required <input type="checkbox"/>	Amount \$ <u>150.00</u>
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LIABILITY INSURANCE:	Required <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amount \$ _____
COST RECOVERY:	Required <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amount \$ _____
FACILITY USE FEE:	Required <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amount \$ _____
LOCATION FEE:	Required <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amount \$ _____

**ISSUANCE of this permit is subject to the attached conditions.** The undersigned hereby accepts this permit subject to the terms, covenants, obligations, and reservations, expressed or implied herein.

PERMITTEE	_____	_____	_____
	Signature	Title	Date
Authorizing NPS Official	_____	_____	_____
	Signature	Superintendent	Date
Authorizing NPS Official (additional if required)	_____	_____	_____
	Signature	Title	Date

## CONDITIONS OF THIS PERMIT

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7. This agreement is made upon the express condition that the United States, its agents and employees shall be free from all liabilities and claims for damages and/or suits for or by reason of any injury, injuries, or death to any person or persons or property of any kind whatsoever, whether to the person or property of the (Permittee/Grantee), its agents or employees, or third parties, from any cause or causes whatsoever while in or upon said premises or any part thereof during the term of this agreement or occasioned by any occupancy or use of said premises or any activity carried on by the (Permittee) in connection herewith, and the (Permittee) hereby covenants and agrees to indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless the United States, its agents, and employees from all liabilities, charges, expenses and costs on account of or by reason of any such injuries, deaths, liabilities, claims, suits or losses however occurring or damages growing out of the same.
8. Permittee agrees to carry general liability insurance against claims occasioned by the action or omissions of the permittee, its agents and employees in carrying out the activities and operations authorized by this permit. The policy shall be in the amount of \$ NA and underwritten by a United States company naming the United States of America as **additionally insured**. The permittee agrees to provide the Superintendent with a Certificate of Insurance with the proper endorsements prior to the effective date of the permit.
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5. The permittee is responsible to ensure that all vehicles are properly and legally parked.
6. The permittee is responsible to prevent pursuit of the wedded couple at a speed in excess of the posted speed limit and to prevent the excessive use of horns.
7. Maximum number of participants in this event may not exceed 65.
8. The wedding ceremony must be conducted by a person licensed to perform such weddings by and in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
9. The use of amplifiers is prohibited. Music may be played softly at the amphitheater/ Pinnacles lawn; however, the sound level must be kept reasonable for the area in a National Park and must not duly disrupt normal visitor use of the park.
10. The permittee shall comply with all instructions of any Park Ranger at the ceremony site.
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
National Park Service  
**Shenandoah National Park**  
Special Use Permit

NAME	Joanna Thomas
ORGANIZATION	KBC PR Marketing
ADDRESS	300 West 57 <sup>th</sup> St. New York, NY 10019
TELEPHONE NUMBER	212-49-4313

Park Alpha Code: SHEN  
Type of Use: FILM  
Permit #: 4840-5500-008-13

is hereby authorized to use the following described land or facilities in the above named area:

***Skyline Drive between MP 5 and MP 35, Overlooks, Dickey Ridge Visitor Center Parking area (see conditions)***

The area must be restored to its original condition at the end of the permit.

The permit is valid at 10:00 am on September 12, 2013 and permit expires at 5:00 pm on September 12, 2013 [crew of twenty-five (25)]

SUMMARY OF PERMITTED ACTIVITY: (see attached sheets for additional information and conditions)

Filming

Person on site responsible for adherence to the terms and conditions of the permit (include contact information): Laura Gherardi, 646-823-7534

Authorizing legislation or other authority: 16 U.S.C. 460/-6d

NEPA Compliance: CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDED  EA/FONSI  EIS  PEPC #  **OTHER**

APPLICATION FEE Received  Not Required  Amount \$ 200.00

PERFORMANCE BOND: Required  Not Required  Amount \$                     

LIABILITY INSURANCE: Required  Not Required  Amount \$ 1,000,000

COST RECOVERY: Required  Not Required  Amount \$                     

FACILITY USE FEE: Required  Not Required  Amount \$                     

LOCATION FEE: Received  Not Required  Amount \$ 250.00

**ISSUANCE of this permit is subject to the attached conditions.** The undersigned hereby accepts this permit subject to the terms, covenants, obligations, and reservations, expressed or implied herein.

PERMITTEE	_____	_____	_____
	Signature	Title	Date
Authorizing NPS Official	_____	_____	_____
	Signature	Superintendent	Date
Authorizing NPS Official (additional if required)	_____	_____	_____
	Signature	Title	Date

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Permittee Signature

9. Permittee agrees to deposit with the park a bond in the amount of \$ 0.00 from an authorized bonding company or in the form of cash or cash equivalent, to guarantee that all financial obligations to the park will be met, including the restoration and rehabilitation of the permitted area.
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***Add additional park specific conditions sequentially.***

1. The permittee shall ensure that all papers, handouts, trash, and other materials are removed from each activity site upon completion of the activity.
2. The Permittee shall not alter or damage, nor allow others within the party to alter or damage any park vegetation; wildlife; other natural feature, resource or process; cultural or historic object, structure, feature or resource; or any park facility.
3. Permittee does not have exclusive use of areas listed on front of the permit. No visitor may be excluded from the area. Permittee may use for staging the area of Dickey Ridge Visitor Center parking lot as highlighted on the attached map (farthest from the visitor center and restroom facilities).
4. **Permittee will ensure that all vehicles involved in filming will travel at no more than the posted speed limit of 35 mph (25 mph in developed areas).**

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Permittee Signature

5. Permittee may not impede flow of traffic at any time and. Road closures are prohibited.
6. Permittee will ensure safety of cast and crew as well as park visitors at all times. All crew working along road shoulders will be provided and will wear reflective safety vests.
7. Filming/photography will be conducted in a manner which will not interfere with normal park operations and result in minimal impacts on the park's natural and cultural resources. In this regard, the permittee will be responsible to see that park regulations are followed and that no molestation or harassment of wildlife occurs.
8. Permittee is prohibited from idling vehicles within the park.
9. Rock climbing:
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  - Gardening and scrubbing of routes is prohibited. Chipping, gluing, marking, the removal of any naturally occurring materials, other modification or alteration of resource features is also prohibited.

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Permittee Signature

**From:** Sally Jewell [srj2@ios.doi.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 01, 2013 10:45 AM  
**To:** Davis Laura; nikki\_buffa@ios.doi.gov  
**Cc:** Jon Jarvis  
**Subject:** NPS impact - weddings

Laura and Nikki –

Per my quick conversation with Jon, there are multiple weddings going on in National Parks, especially this time of year. Specific examples that his team pulled quickly together from the Eastern time zone are as follows:

Great Smoky Mountains: 8 weddings permitted between 10/1-10/7

National Mall: 8 weddings permitted over the next few days (I didn't get specific dates), including, by example, two on the Jefferson Memorial and one on the WWI Memorial – Laura has the permit examples for these.

Shenandoah: Example of one wedding where the bride's family has already spent \$20k with Delaware N. the concessionaire. It is not clear how much, if any, of this would be refundable. I did not write down the date, but I think it was for this Saturday – Jon can confirm. He was tracking down that permit.

Jon also mentioned that people would be required to clear out of NPS campgrounds and hotel facilities by Thursday morning.

Given the fact that pulling specific info requires calls direct to parks while they are in shutdown mode, I did not request that he call further parks for additional specific information about weddings – there is no central database that provides the number of weddings that may be cancelled due to the funding lapse. It is fair to say that there will be many examples across the country, including Hawaii.

Sally

**From:** Kunz, Elisa [elisa\_kunz@nps.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 01, 2013 10:01 AM  
**To:** Jonathan Jarvis; Suzanne Waldron; Peggy O'Dell; Maureen Foster  
**Subject:** Fwd: Wedding permits  
**Attachments:** 3574\_Burger\_Cataract Falls 100213.docx; 3741\_Smith\_GB1 100413.docx; 3989\_DeClerq\_CatFalls 100613.docx

Sample permits from GRSM. Contact for the day is Bob Whiteman: 865-436-1261. After today, Communications will know who is at the park. 865-436-1230.

Elisa Kunz  
Bevinetto Fellow\*1849 C Street NW\* Room 3123\*Washington, DC\*20240  
Phone: 202-501-7144

". . . 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

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** **Schroer, Molly** <molly\_schroer@nps.gov>  
**Date:** Tue, Oct 1, 2013 at 9:52 AM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Wedding permits  
**To:** Elisa Kunz <elisa\_kunz@nps.gov>

Hello Elisa-

There are 8 weddings planned within the next week (10/1-10/7) and 1 Church Service

There are 28 weddings planned between 10/1-10/13 and 2 Church Services.

Attached are 3 sample permits which do contain the permittee's personal information. As I understand you will not be contacting the permit holders directly or giving their information to anyone else.

Molly Schroer  
Public Affairs Office  
Great Smoky Mountains National Park  
(865) 436-1203 office  
(865) 210-1983 cell  
(865) 436-1204 (fax)



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Form 10-114  
Rev. DEC. 04

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
National Park Service

Special Use Permit

Name of Use Special Event

Long Term

Permit # SER-GRSM-2500-3741 (NC)

Short Term

Great Smoky Mountains National Park  
Name of Area

**Jamie Smith**

of (address) **(b) (6)**

is/are hereby authorized during the period from 10/4/2013 4:00:00 PM through 10/4/2013 5:00:00 PM to use the following described land or facilities in the above named area:

- Wedding location: Greenbrier #1 (beach area)
- Photography location (if separate from wedding):
- Reception location (if authorized):

For the purpose(s) of: wedding

Authorizing legislation or other authority (RE - DO-53): 36 CFR 2.50

NEPA Compliance: CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDED  EA/FONSI  EIS  OTHER APPROVED PLANS

PERFORMANCE BOND: Required  Not Required  Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

LIABILITY INSURANCE: Required  Not Required  Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

ISSUANCE of this permit is subject to the conditions on the reverse hereof and appended pages and when appropriate to the payment to the U.S. Dept. of the Interior, National Park Service of the sum of \$ 0

The undersigned hereby accepts this permit subject to the terms, covenants, obligations, and reservations, expressed or implied herein.

PERMITTEE/S \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

CUA Holder Representative \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

Authorizing Official - \_\_\_\_\_  
Clayton F. Jordan, Chief Ranger Date

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 01, 2013 9:57 AM  
**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.

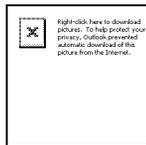
The Mall had 9 weddings scheduled through October 6th, people from all over the country. Shenandoah had one this weekend that was roughly a \$20000 investment in the park with the concessioner. Bride was very upset according to management assistant. (Another is scheduled for the 12th.) The Virgin Islands 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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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 01, 2013 8:01 AM  
**To:** Jon Jarvis; Maureen Foster  
**Subject:** Fwd: REQUEST

Sue is on this, but if you can reinforce how important this is, that would be great.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Androff, Blake" <blake\_androff@ios.doi.gov>  
**Date:** October 1, 2013, 7:59:44 AM EDT  
**To:** Suzanne Waldron <sue\_waldron@nps.gov>  
**Cc:** Michael Litterst <Mike\_Litterst@nps.gov>, "Margaret O'Dell" <Peggy\_O'Dell@nps.gov>, Maureen Foster <Maureen\_Foster@nps.gov>, Katherine Kelly <Kate\_Kelly@ios.doi.gov>, Jessica L Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>, Nicole Buffa <Nicole\_buffa@ios.doi.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: REQUEST

+Nikki to this chain as she's going to be helping us with weddings

On Mon, Sep 30, 2013 at 10:25 PM, Suzanne Waldron <sue\_waldron@nps.gov> wrote:  
Tracking down. What info do you need?

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 30, 2013, at 9:04 PM, "Androff, Blake" <blake\_androff@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Did a quick search:

Anecdotally, 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> 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  
National Park Service

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 30, 2013, at 8:40 PM, "Androff, Blake" <[blake\\_androff@ios.doi.gov](mailto:blake_androff@ios.doi.gov)>  
wrote:

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 (202-208-4330) if anyone wants to discuss.

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**To:** Jon Jarvis; Maureen Foster  
**Cc:** Laura Davis  
**Subject:** Quick help please

Jon and Maureen - I know you guys have an unbelievable amount of work to do this morning. I need to ask one more thing of you. We desperately need 5 or so examples of weddings that will be cancelled throughout the country. I think copies of the permits (hopefully they include names and phone numbers) will suffice for now, but a story or two would also be useful.

I imagine info on permits is only kept at the local level. Is that right? Can we discuss the best way to capture this info in the next hour or so? I'm happy to contact superintendents from here to lighten your load, but want to discuss with you first.

Thanks in advance,  
Nikki

**Young, Deirdre R**

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**From:** Nicole Buffa <nicole\_buffa@ios.doi.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 16, 2013 8:55 AM  
**To:** O'Dell, Margaret  
**Cc:** Bob Vogel  
**Subject:** Re: Marine corps

Great. And sorry, I knew you were aware was just for your further awareness. At least someone is cooperating!

On Oct 16, 2013, at 8:53 AM, "O'Dell, Margaret" <[peggy\\_o'dell@nps.gov](mailto:peggy_o'dell@nps.gov)> wrote:

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 15, 2013 4:05 PM  
**To:** Margaret O'Dell  
**Subject:** Re: Army 10 Miler

Yep. Just saw the list and am now worried. Sent another email.

On Oct 15, 2013, at 4:04 PM, Margaret O'Dell <[peggy\\_o'dell@nps.gov](mailto:peggy_o'dell@nps.gov)> wrote:

> Just got pulled into a meeting with our parks. Call you after?

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> Sent from my iPhone

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## Young, Deirdre R

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 15, 2013 4:04 PM  
**To:** Nicole Buffa  
**Subject:** Re: Army 10 Miler

Just got pulled into a meeting with our parks. Call you after?

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 15, 2013, at 4:00 PM, Nicole Buffa <[nicole\\_buffa@ios.doi.gov](mailto:nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

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**From:** Nicole Buffa <nicole\_buffa@ios.doi.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 15, 2013 4:01 PM  
**To:** Margaret O'Dell  
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**From:** Margaret O'Dell <peggy\_o'dell@nps.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 15, 2013 12:42 PM  
**To:** Bob Vogel  
**Subject:** Re: What is drop dead date for Army race?

Can we talk? Call my cell please.

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Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 15, 2013, at 12:34 PM, Bob Vogel <[bob\\_vogel@nps.gov](mailto:bob_vogel@nps.gov)> wrote:

> Our answer continues to be no. We have been told they are working  
> behind the scenes on alternative plans. Obviously we should address  
> this ASAP.

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> Sent from my iPhone

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> On Oct 15, 2013, at 12:01 PM, Margaret O'Dell <peggy\_o'dell@nps.gov> wrote:

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**From:** Margaret O'Dell <peggy\_o'dell@nps.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 15, 2013 12:02 PM  
**To:** Bob Vogel  
**Subject:** What is drop dead date for Army race?

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Bob Vogel <bob\_vogel@nps.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 03, 2013 7:52 PM  
**To:** Margaret O'Dell  
**Subject:** Fwd: DC visits during the shut down

FYI

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Jim McLaughlin <[chairman@honorflight.org](mailto:chairman@honorflight.org)>  
**Date:** October 3, 2013, 7:45:06 PM EDT  
**To:** "Robert A. Vogel" <[bob\\_vogel@nps.gov](mailto:bob_vogel@nps.gov)>  
**Cc:** Diane Gresse <[executivedirector@honorflight.org](mailto:executivedirector@honorflight.org)>, Jeff Miller <[jmiller@honorflight.org](mailto:jmiller@honorflight.org)>, 'Jeff Miller' <[jeffmiller1110@gmail.com](mailto:jeffmiller1110@gmail.com)>  
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**Reply-To:** <[chairman@honorflight.org](mailto:chairman@honorflight.org)>

Hub Leaders,

We have been given some relief regarding the government shutdown. The National Park Service and the Superintendent of the Mall will permit Honor Flight Hubs only to visit most of the memorials during the government shutdown.

The procedures are a little different at each of the memorials and I am sure things may change over the next few days.

At the WWII Memorial, the barricades will be in place, but Home Front Drive will be open. The restrooms will not be open, though. We have been given permission to move the barricade at the Pacific Pavilion to let our veterans and guardians enter the memorial. I am told the barricade is heavy and we have been asked not to slide it over the granite, rather we need to have two strong guardians pick it up and move it to the side. After all of our people are inside, the barricade should be put back to keep the general public out. But don't get into a disagreement with the public. If they enter even after you have told them they should not...just let it go. Once you are finished and ready to leave move the barricade again and then replace it when you leave the memorial.

Also, please police the area and remove any trash or litter. Take it with you on the bus and dispose of it later. We do not want to be accused of littering the memorials. The memorial is technically closed so no one will be there to clean up after your group.

The procedure at the Korean Memorial is essentially the same...move the barricades and return them when you are finished. And watch the trash and litter. There may also be barricades on the street. Some hubs have found that we can move them in the same way, and replace them when you leave.

The Vietnam memorial is a bit different. Jeff Miller was in DC yesterday and spoke with the National Park Service directly and suggests having your veterans and guardians go in small groups and quietly view the Wall. The Park personnel can ask you to leave and if you don't go after the third request you could potentially be arrested. Please don't let anyone push it or make a scene. Just politely leave if that happens.

The Lincoln Memorial and it's restrooms will be closed.

I am not sure if we will be able to see Iwo Jima. I have been told the Iwo Jima memorial is barricaded and unavailable.

As part of this new procedure I am sending an e-mail message to the Superintendent of the Mall advising him of date that each hub is coming, at what time and requesting permission for each hub to enter the memorials. He will then approve the visits in a return e-mail. I will forward a copy of his approval message to each of you and I suggest you have it with you just in case you need it. We are being given permission as a *First Amendment activity*.

As you no doubt know, there has been a tremendous amount of attention given to our veterans and the various politicians that have shown up at the WWII memorial. Some politicians are taking the opportunity to make speeches and distract from our mission. Please do not make political comments to the press if they are present. We do not want to appear to be partisan. It would be best if we discourage the politicians from coming at all.

Please know we are doing everything possible to ensure our Veterans are able to see their long-awaited memorials. If there are any important changes, we will make you aware.

Thanks,

Jim

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If you can read this...

Thank a [Teacher](#)...

If you can read it in English...

Thank a [Veteran](#)...

Before its too late...

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**From:** Milakofsky, Benjamin <benjamin\_milakofsky@ios.doi.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 01, 2013 8:20 AM  
**To:** Margaret O'Dell; Maureen Foster  
**Subject:** Hunting on NPS lands

Good morning

In addition to all of the shutdown procedures that you are working on this morning, I am hoping you can help with an additional item. Yesterday, the Secretary spoke to the President about the impacts the shutdown will have on a number of items. Visitation numbers, weddings, hunting and a few other categories.

OMB is now asking us for more specific details and I have the hunting category. While the bulk of this is on FWS land, we want to include NPS in this metric.

Is there a way to aggregate the numbers in a way that lets us say the number of hunters that we will be turning away from NPS land that will close based on the number of permits issues? In addition to the aggregate number of impacts, we would also welcome the impacts of specific examples of families affected that we could point to. To give you an example, there is a FWS closure that is causing someone who waited 20 years for a permit and will now not be able to hunt.

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Thanks in advance

Ben

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**From:** Benjamin Milakofsky <benjamin\_milakofsky@ios.doi.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 01, 2013 9:59 AM  
**To:** Margaret O'Dell  
**Cc:** Maureen Foster  
**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  
> not be a big player in this issue.

> Sent from my iPhone

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> On Oct 1, 2013, at 8:19 AM, "Milakofsky, Benjamin"

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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:** Laura Davis <laura\_davis@ios.doi.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 15, 2013 8:32 PM  
**To:** O'Dell, Margaret  
**Cc:** Nicole Buffa; Kate Kelly; Blake Androff  
**Subject:** Re: Visitation from IMR open parks over the weekend

Thanks Peggy.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 15, 2013, at 6:46 PM, "O'Dell, Margaret" <[peggy\\_o'dell@nps.gov](mailto:peggy_o'dell@nps.gov)> wrote:

Thought you would like to see some visitation numbers for the weekend.

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** **Risser, Mary** <[mary\\_risser@nps.gov](mailto:mary_risser@nps.gov)>  
**Date:** Tue, Oct 15, 2013 at 6:19 PM  
**Subject:** Visitation from IMR open parks over the weekend  
**To:** Maureen Foster <[maureen\\_foster@nps.gov](mailto:maureen_foster@nps.gov)>, Margaret O'Dell <[peggy\\_o'dell@nps.gov](mailto:peggy_o'dell@nps.gov)>, Suzanne Waldron <[sue\\_waldron@nps.gov](mailto:sue_waldron@nps.gov)>, Laura Joss <[Laura\\_Joss@nps.gov](mailto:Laura_Joss@nps.gov)>  
**Cc:** Billy Shott <[billy\\_shott@nps.gov](mailto:billy_shott@nps.gov)>, Rena Fugate <[rena\\_fugate@nps.gov](mailto:rena_fugate@nps.gov)>, Bill Wright <[bill\\_wright@nps.gov](mailto:bill_wright@nps.gov)>, Kyle Patterson <[kyle\\_patterson@nps.gov](mailto:kyle_patterson@nps.gov)>

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**From:** Suzanne Waldron <sue\_waldron@nps.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2013 2:17 PM  
**To:** Patterson, Kyle; O'Dell Peggy; Sheaffer Bruce; McDowall Lena  
**Cc:** Mary Risser; Billy Shott; Rick Frost; Vaughn Baker; Mark Magnuson; Rich Browne; Ben Bobowski; Rich Fedorchak; Litterst Mike  
**Subject:** Re: Saturday, October 12 and Sunday, October 13 Visitor Counts In Rocky Mountain National Park

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Adding others to confirm but am 99.9% sure on this one

Sue Waldron  
Assistant Director, Communications  
National Park Service

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 14, 2013, at 2:12 PM, "Patterson, Kyle" <[kyle\\_patterson@nps.gov](mailto:kyle_patterson@nps.gov)> wrote:

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Date: Mon, Oct 14, 2013 at 11:52 AM  
Subject: Saturday, October 12 and Sunday, October 13 Visitor Counts In Rocky Mountain National Park  
To:

**Rocky Mountain National Park Visitor Counts for Saturday October 12 and Sunday, October 13 At Three Major Entrances Only**

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**To:** Maureen Foster; Margaret O'Dell; Suzanne Waldron; Laura Joss  
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### **Visitation in Open Parks for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday**

Park	Visitation				# of Campsites				Comments
	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Total	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Total	
ARCH				8,551				118	
BRCA	1946	3513	3264	8,723	24	31	32	87	
CANY				4,515				189	
CARE	327	951	815	2,093*	20	39	60	119	*Park adds another 25% above the VC count as travel through the park. The figures on the chart include that 25%.
CEBR		533	522	1,055*					*Number of recreational visitors who stopped and visited overlooks, trails, etc. 2745 vehicles drove through the park
GLCA		1516	794	2,310		43	53	96	
NABR				1,683				70	number of campsites
ZION	5400	9100	9400	23,900	69*	143*	305	791	number of campsites
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7673</b>	<b>15,613</b>	<b>14,795</b>	<b>53,830**</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>1,470**</b>	

### **Visitation for Rocky Mountain for Saturday and Sunday**

ROMO		<b>4853</b>	<b>5349</b>	<b>10,204</b>				<b>***</b>	
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### **Visitation for Grand Canyon for Saturday and Sunday**

GRCA		<b>7,146</b>	<b>7,852</b>	<b>14,998****</b>		<b>347</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>703</b>	
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\*\* The Southeast Utah Group sent in a total number of visitors for each park for the entire weekend. They didn't break visitation down by day.

\*\*\* We are waiting for the camping numbers from Rocky.

\*\*\*\* We will refine the GRCA numbers once the information comes in from the North Rim. They were having problems with their counters.

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**From:** Risser, Mary <mary\_risser@nps.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 15, 2013 6:19 PM  
**To:** Maureen Foster; Margaret O'Dell; Suzanne Waldron; Laura Joss  
**Cc:** Billy Shott; Rena Fugate; Bill Wright; Kyle Patterson  
**Subject:** Visitation from IMR open parks over the weekend  
**Attachments:** Visitation in Open IMR Parks for Friday Saturday and Sunday.docx

Good afternoon,

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Please let me know if you have any questions. Again, thanks for your efforts on our behalf. We appreciate all you are doing.

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### **Visitation in Open Parks for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday**

Park	Visitation				# of Campsites				Comments
	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Total	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Total	
ARCH				8,551				118	
BRCA	1946	3513	3264	8,723	24	31	32	87	
CANY				4,515				189	
CARE	327	951	815	2,093*	20	39	60	119	*Park adds another 25% above the VC count as travel through the park. The figures on the chart include that 25%.
CEBR		533	522	1,055*					*Number of recreational visitors who stopped and visited overlooks, trails, etc. 2745 vehicles drove through the park
GLCA		1516	794	2,310		43	53	96	
NABR				1,683				70	number of campsites
ZION	5400	9100	9400	23,900	69*	143*	305	791	number of campsites
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7673</b>	<b>15,613</b>	<b>14,795</b>	<b>53,830**</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>1,470**</b>	

### **Visitation for Rocky Mountain for Saturday and Sunday**

ROMO		<b>4853</b>	<b>5349</b>	<b>10,204</b>				<b>***</b>	
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### **Visitation for Grand Canyon for Saturday and Sunday**

GRCA		<b>7,146</b>	<b>7,852</b>	<b>14,998****</b>		<b>347</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>703</b>	
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\*\* The Southeast Utah Group sent in a total number of visitors for each park for the entire weekend. They didn't break visitation down by day.

\*\*\* We are waiting for the camping numbers from Rocky.

\*\*\*\* We will refine the GRCA numbers once the information comes in from the North Rim. They were having problems with their counters.

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**From:** Kelly, Katherine <kate\_kelly@ios.doi.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 15, 2013 8:10 PM  
**To:** O'Dell, Margaret  
**Cc:** Laura Davis; Nicole Buffa; Blake Androff  
**Subject:** Re: Visitation from IMR open parks over the weekend

thanks! very interesting

On Tue, Oct 15, 2013 at 6:46 PM, O'Dell, Margaret <[peggy\\_o'dell@nps.gov](mailto:peggy_o'dell@nps.gov)> wrote:  
Thought you would like to see some visitation numbers for the weekend.

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**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

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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

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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."

The online publication ThinkProgress noted the irony of Palin promising during her speech that she and other conservative public figures would "not be timid in calling out any who would use our military, our vets, as pawns in a political game," which is exactly what she, Cruz and Lee did.

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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**From:** Jarvis, Jonathan <jon\_jarvis@nps.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 09, 2013 1:50 PM  
**To:** B6 - Secretary Jewell; Peggy O'Dell; Sue Waldron; Katherine Kelly; Nicole Buffa  
**Subject:** Letter to Yosemite Superintendent  
**Attachments:** YNP Thank you-Sherrie Dye (1).docx

After seeing so many negatives, you need to take a moment to read this letter and remember what we do when we are open.

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*Jonathan B. Jarvis*  
*Director, NPS*

Sherrie Dye  
San Rafael, CA

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October 7, 2013

Superintendent Don Neubacher  
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Dear Superintendent Neubacher,

I am writing in gratitude for the gift of being a witness to a very profound and sacred moment which occurred at Yosemite National Park on the week of July 21<sup>st</sup> at the Thomas Hill Cottage, Wawona.

I am a long time resident of Marin County and have spent a lifetime visiting and loving Pt. Reyes National Seashore. I have rarely been to the Sierras. However, my father died in July and craving the solace and strength of the mountains, I went to stay at Wawona for a few days.

On my first day at Wawona, I ventured over to the Thomas Hill Cottage. It was interesting, hot, crowded, and dusty. A Park Ranger sat behind the counter fielding questions like fast balls and helping as many visitors as possible without missing a beat. A Japanese family approached him with two tiny girls, dressed so beautifully that they looked like delicate perfect butterflies. The Japanese family spoke little English and respectfully deferred to the Ranger while the children shyly looked down at their shoes, clutching their junior ranger books. The Ranger turned his complete attention to the children, welcoming them and celebrating their interest in being junior rangers. He found a problem in their workbook due to lack of understanding. Instead of emphasizing the mistake, he helped them find a way to finish the work on a high note. Everyone in the room was watching the Ranger and the children and in some way, felt included in what was happening.

Suddenly the Ranger stood up saying that he needed something and disappeared down the hall. When he returned, the whole room gasped at the transformation in the Ranger. He had straightened his uniform, donned his near perfect ranger hat, and strode into the room confident, enthusiastic, and proud of his role as a Park Ranger. Instead of a desk person fielding visitor inquiries, he commanded the room with energy, authority and conviction. The little girls' eyes flew open with astonishment when they saw him. He quietly cleared the area before the immense and beautiful Thomas Church painting, inviting the shy little girls to join him for the oath. The girls looked so vulnerable and delicate beside the tall distinguished ranger. Staring at the Park Ranger with star struck rapt attention, their hero, they raised their hands for the oath. The busy room went near silent as we all gathered around to witness the ceremony before us. The Ranger created a sacred space and administered the oath with the same authority, integrity, and conviction that you use would swear in a president. The girls' parents grew teary eyed as they photographed their children taking the oath, I was crying, and the Yosemite Conservancy woman standing beside me and strangers in the room were wiping their eyes, as everyone became a witness to an important promise. Then the whole room erupted into applause.

The ceremony was an opportunity for me to renew my own vows to nature and to children and became one of the most touching and important things events I experienced at Yosemite during the few days I visited. As I was leaving Yosemite, I stopped by the Thomas Church Cottage to try to find out the name of the Ranger who made such a difference. A Conservancy staff member said that his name was John Woolman. Please thank him for his gift to all of us and know that despite all the craziness going on with the park closures, one person can make a tremendous difference by living their own convictions and sharing those with others. He lives his love for the natural world while inviting others to share in something so precious, that no one can shut it down. I hope that he will have opportunities to support and train others in these programs and fully utilize his talent for interpretive work in the park. He has the ability to go to the heart of the matter and invite us in to join him to become part of it.

I pray that things get settled quickly and our national treasures, our national parks, are once again open. Please know that my positive thoughts and hopes are with you and with everyone at the park.

Sincerely,

Sherrie Dye

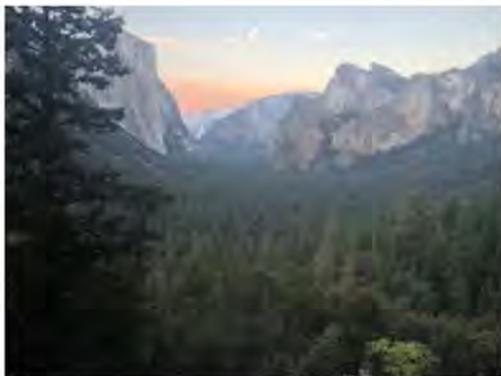
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Yosemite Conservancy

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#### **My facebook post...**

#### **Happy Birthday Yosemite!**

So sorry we are acting so badly these days as to lose sight of those things beautiful, precious, and dear...I suppose those 3000 year old giant sequoias have seen us (human beings) at our best and our worst...let's make a commitment for the better...



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**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 greed 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.

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**Subject:** Re: Feedback about public confusion from a closed park

Thanks kyle

Sue Waldron  
Assistant Director, Communications  
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Sent from my iPad

On Oct 13, 2013, at 11:47 AM, Kyle Patterson <[kyle\\_patterson@nps.gov](mailto:kyle_patterson@nps.gov)> wrote:

We will do the same for Colorado AP.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 13, 2013, at 9:46 AM, "Oltrogge, Maureen" <[maureen\\_oltrogge@nps.gov](mailto: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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On Sun, Oct 13, 2013 at 8:38 AM, Suzanne Waldron <[sue\\_waldron@nps.gov](mailto:sue_waldron@nps.gov)> wrote:

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  
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Sent from my iPad

On Oct 13, 2013, at 11:21 AM, "Risser, Mary" <[mary\\_risser@nps.gov](mailto: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.

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**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!

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**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

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**From:** Blake Androff <blake\_androff@ios.doi.gov>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 13, 2013 6:13 PM  
**To:** Suzanne Waldron  
**Cc:** Peggy O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Bruce Sheaffer; Kate Kelly  
**Subject:** Re: Need answer by 7 pm eastern re visitstion stat release ar rocky

I have no concerns with the park sharing visitation numbers. Seems pretty straight forward to me.

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

On Oct 13, 2013, at 5:55 PM, Suzanne Waldron <[sue\\_waldron@nps.gov](mailto:sue_waldron@nps.gov)> wrote:

Sorry hit send before giving a deadlne

If i dont hear to contrary will give kyle and others who ask the ok to release

Sent from my iPhone

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Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** "Risser, Mary" <[mary\\_risser@nps.gov](mailto:mary_risser@nps.gov)>  
**Date:** October 13, 2013, 4:16:31 PM EDT  
**To:** Suzanne Waldron <[sue\\_waldron@nps.gov](mailto:sue_waldron@nps.gov)>  
**Cc:** Kyle Patterson <[kyle\\_patterson@nps.gov](mailto:kyle_patterson@nps.gov)>  
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Please see Kyle's note. Are you OK with her releasing this information?

Mary

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Subject: Visitation Stats

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

I see no reason to not release them. I would drop the .8 and .1.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 13, 2013, at 6:27 PM, Maureen Foster <[maureen\\_foster@nps.gov](mailto:maureen_foster@nps.gov)> wrote:

I am okay with it. The states may ask as well. (Utah already has )

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**From:** Bruce Sheaffer <bruce\_sheaffer@nps.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2013 2:43 PM  
**To:** Suzanne Waldron  
**Cc:** Patterson, Kyle; O'Dell Peggy; McDowall Lena; Mary Risser; Billy Shott; Rick Frost; Vaughn Baker; Mark Magnuson; Rich Browne; Ben Bobowski; Rich Fedorchak; Litterst Mike  
**Subject:** Re: Saturday, October 12 and Sunday, October 13 Visitor Counts In Rocky Mountain National Park

That is correct. And fees are not used for operations. Used for repair and rehab projects for the most part

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 14, 2013, at 2:17 PM, Suzanne Waldron <[sue\\_waldron@nps.gov](mailto:sue_waldron@nps.gov)> wrote:

Fees collected during the re-opening have same destination/use as fees collected before shut down.

Adding others to confirm but am 99.9% sure on this one

Sue Waldron  
Assistant Director, Communications  
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Sent from my iPad

On Oct 14, 2013, at 2:12 PM, "Patterson, Kyle" <[kyle\\_patterson@nps.gov](mailto:kyle_patterson@nps.gov)> wrote:

Just wanted to pass along what we sent to the media. I have had some of the following questions:

Do you have the dollar amount of fees that were paid over the weekend? We are still calculating those ....

Also, do you know where that money is going once it is collected? Is it going to the federal government, or during the shutdown is that money going straight to the state?

Please guide me on how to respond. Thanks!

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**From:** **Patterson, Kyle** <[kyle\\_patterson@nps.gov](mailto:kyle_patterson@nps.gov)>

**Date:** Mon, Oct 14, 2013 at 11:52 AM

**Subject:** Saturday, October 12 and Sunday, October 13 Visitor Counts In Rocky Mountain National Park

To:

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**Sunday, October 13**

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Fall River Entrance 680 vehicles - estimated 1836 visitors

**West side:**

Grand Lake Entrance 336 vehicles - estimated 773 visitors

Total visitors park wide(only calculated at major entrances) estimated to be 5350 for Sunday, October 13.

**So the total number of visitors who came to the three main entrances at Rocky Mountain National Park this weekend is estimated to be 10,204.**

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However, without the state of Colorado's support to fund the reopening of Rocky Mountain National Park along with park staff operating the park ... the number of visitors at the three main entrances would have been .... zero.

Thank you.

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**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  
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On Oct 13, 2013, at 11:34 AM, "Risser, Mary" <[mary\\_risser@nps.gov](mailto: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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**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.

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  - 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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**Sent:** Thursday, October 10, 2013 7:36 AM  
**To:** jon jarvis; O'Dell, Peggy; Androff, Blake J; Nicole Buffa; mike litterst; Suzanne Waldron; maureen foster  
**Subject:** fyi - expected release from NPS retirees this morning...

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Finnerty added: **“The only thing that would be crazier than shutting down America’s national parks would be for Congress to allow wide open access to the parks without NPS’s dedicated and hardworking employees in place to protect the sites. By essentially enabling looting, poaching, and vandalism, Congress would be taking what is already a dark episode in the history of our national parks and making it worse, including the theft or destruction of national treasures of incalculable value.”**

The following is CNPSR-gathered data for the lost visitors, visitor spending, and jobs at risk for 12 leading national parks across the U.S.:

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- **Everglades National Park** (Florida) – 25,083 lost visitors in first 10 days, \$3,857,534 lost visitor dollars in first 10 days, and 2364 total jobs at stake, including 1951 local/non-NPS jobs.
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- **Rocky Mountain National Park** (Colorado) – 80,821 lost visitors in first 10 days, \$4,821,917 lost visitor dollars in first 10 days, and 3033 total jobs at stake, including 2641 local/non-NPS jobs.
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A note on data: Visitation, economic impacts, and job numbers for the 12 parks are drawn from Headwaters Economics, "Land and Communities, National Parks Service Units, Economic Impacts of Visitation and Expenditures" at <http://headwaterseconomics.org/apps-public/nps/impacts/>. Topline numbers for NPS daily visitation provided by Coalition of National Park Service Retirees using National Park Service data.

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**To:** Suzanne Waldron  
**Cc:** Peggy O'Dell; Bruce Sheaffer; Kate Kelly; Blake Androff  
**Subject:** Re: Visitation Stats

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**From:** "Risser, Mary" <[mary\\_risser@nps.gov](mailto:mary_risser@nps.gov)>  
**Date:** October 13, 2013, 4:16:31 PM EDT  
**To:** Suzanne Waldron <[sue\\_waldron@nps.gov](mailto:sue_waldron@nps.gov)>  
**Cc:** Kyle Patterson <[kyle\\_patterson@nps.gov](mailto:kyle_patterson@nps.gov)>  
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Please see Kyle's note. Are you OK with her releasing this information?

Mary

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 15, 2013 8:10 PM  
**To:** O'Dell, Margaret  
**Cc:** Laura Davis; Nicole Buffa; Blake Androff  
**Subject:** Re: Visitation from IMR open parks over the weekend

thanks! very interesting

On Tue, Oct 15, 2013 at 6:46 PM, O'Dell, Margaret <[peggy\\_o'dell@nps.gov](mailto:peggy_o'dell@nps.gov)> wrote:  
Thought you would like to see some visitation numbers for the weekend.

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ARCH				8,551				118	
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CANY				4,515				189	
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NABR				1,683				70	number of campsites
ZION	5400	9100	9400	23,900	69*	143*	305	791	number of campsites
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7673</b>	<b>15,613</b>	<b>14,795</b>	<b>53,830**</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>1,470**</b>	

### **Visitation for Rocky Mountain for Saturday and Sunday**

ROMO		<b>4853</b>	<b>5349</b>	<b>10,204</b>				<b>***</b>	
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GRCA		<b>7,146</b>	<b>7,852</b>	<b>14,998****</b>		<b>347</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>703</b>	
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**From:** Laura Davis <laura\_davis@ios.doi.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 15, 2013 8:32 PM  
**To:** O'Dell, Margaret  
**Cc:** Nicole Buffa; Kate Kelly; Blake Androff  
**Subject:** Re: Visitation from IMR open parks over the weekend

Thanks Peggy.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 15, 2013, at 6:46 PM, "O'Dell, Margaret" <[peggy\\_o'dell@nps.gov](mailto:peggy_o'dell@nps.gov)> wrote:

Thought you would like to see some visitation numbers for the weekend.

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**From:** **Risser, Mary** <[mary\\_risser@nps.gov](mailto:mary_risser@nps.gov)>  
**Date:** Tue, Oct 15, 2013 at 6:19 PM  
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Good afternoon,

Here are preliminary numbers from the parks that were open over the weekend in the Intermountain Region. We will continue to refine the numbers as we get additional information, but we wanted to get something to you. We are still waiting for numbers from the North Rim of the Grand Canyon and camping numbers from Rocky.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Again, thanks for your efforts on our behalf. We appreciate all you are doing.

Mary

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