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Reference: Run to the Sun Application for Special Use Permit

Dear Mr. Emerson:

Thank you for submitting an application to the National Park Service for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to hold the 2019 Run to the Sun foot race within Haleakalā National Park. We appreciate the detail and thoroughness of the submittal however, the application has been denied.

In making the decision to deny the application, park management weighed the event's benefit to the community versus visitor and participant safety, impacts to the park visitor experience, impacts to park operations and any potential mitigations for those impacts. The proposed race involves 200 runners on a narrow, winding historic park road that lacks any shoulder and would concurrently be used by hundreds of visitors and employees in vehicles and trucks. The potential for injury to race participants and/or visitors was determined to be unacceptably high and without feasible mitigation.

Thank you for your interest in Haleakalā National Park.

Superintendent