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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: AMERICAN RECREATION COALITION EVENT  
ANACOSTIA PARK  
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1992 1:00 P.M.

Thank you, Derrick [Crandall] -- I salute you and all the volunteers of the American Recreation Coalition and members of the Recreation Roundtable for the good work you do for public lands across this country.

I am pleased to see Mike Hayden, assistant secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Game and John Turner, director of our Fish and Wildlife Service; also Bob Stanton, parks director for the National Capitol Region and all the National Parks officials here with us today. A very tall greeting to Purvis Ellison, of the Washington Bullets. And a special hello to all you boys and girls.

70 million Americans enjoy fishing every year. I understand that some of you kids were out at the river enjoying this sport earlier today. And I saw some of you learning to tie knots and cast as part of the wonderful "Pathway to Fishing" program. ((Remember, it's not how good you fish that counts, it's how good you tell fish stories.//))

Many of you from ARC were with Barbara and me when we visited some of this country's greatest fishing holes, camping sites, and hiking trails -- wonderful public parkland such as Mount Rushmore, Glacier National Park and Rogue River in Washington state.

AMERICAN RECREATION COALITION EVENT \ ANACOSTIA PARK  
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1992 \ 1:00 P.M.

THANK YOU, DERRICK [CRANDALL] -- I SALUTE YOU AND ALL THE VOLUNTEERS OF THE AMERICAN RECREATION COALITION AND MEMBERS OF THE RECREATION ROUNDTABLE FOR THE GOOD WORK YOU DO FOR PUBLIC LANDS ACROSS THIS COUNTRY.

I AM PLEASED TO SEE MIKE HAYDEN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS; JOHN TURNER, DIRECTOR OF OUR FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE; AND JIM RIDENOUR [RID-EN-OUR], DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.

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ALSO BOB STANTON, PARKS DIRECTOR FOR THE NATIONAL CAPITOL REGION AND ALL THE NATIONAL PARKS OFFICIALS WITH US TODAY. A VERY TALL GREETING TO PERVIS ELLISON, OF THE WASHINGTON BULLETS. AND A SPECIAL HELLO TO ALL YOU BOYS AND GIRLS.

70 MILLION AMERICANS ENJOY FISHING EVERY YEAR. I UNDERSTAND THAT SOME OF YOU KIDS WERE OUT AT THE RIVER ENJOYING THIS SPORT EARLIER TODAY. AND I SAW SOME OF YOU LEARNING THE FINER POINTS OF FISHING AS PART OF THE WONDERFUL "PATHWAY TO FISHING" PROGRAM.

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((JUST REMEMBER, IT'S NOT HOW WELL YOU FISH THAT COUNTS; IT'S HOW WELL YOU TELL FISH STORIES.//))

MANY OF YOU FROM ARC WERE WITH BARBARA AND ME WHEN WE VISITED SOME OF THIS COUNTRY'S GREATEST FISHING HOLES, CAMPING SITES, AND HIKING TRAILS -- WONDERFUL PUBLIC PARKLAND SUCH AS MOUNT RUSHMORE, GLACIER NATIONAL PARK AND THE GRAND TETONS.

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WE HAVE MANY OTHER BEAUTIFUL PUBLIC PARKLANDS ACROSS THIS COUNTRY. BUT WE ALSO MUST REMEMBER THAT THE GREAT OUTDOORS ISN'T MILES AWAY AND UNREACHABLE. IT'S CLOSE TO HOME -- HERE AT THIS TERRIFIC PARK IN ANACOSTIA.

WHETHER YOU'RE FROM RIGHT HERE IN DC OR FROM SPIRIT LAKE, IOWA -- THE GREAT OUTDOORS IS YOURS FOR THE ASKING. EACH OF YOU IS A CO-OWNER -- AND AS CO-OWNERS WE ALL MUST HELP PRESERVE OUR GREAT PARKLANDS.

SINCE THE BEGINNING OF <sup>our</sup> MY ADMINISTRATION, WE HAVE ADDED OVER \$1 BILLION TO HELP OUR NATIONAL PARKS, FORESTS, WILDLIFE REFUGES AND OTHER PUBLIC LANDS.

IN THIS EFFORT TO PRESERVE OUR ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS ARE SO IMPORTANT. THEY HELP US ALL DO OUR PART. PRACTICALLY EVERY DAY, PEOPLE SIT AND FISH ON THE RIVER DOCK JUST BEHIND ME -- ONE FUNDED BY THE WALLOP-BREAUX TRUST FUND -- A PROGRAM CREATED IN 1984 TO BRING TOGETHER THE EFFORTS OF BOTH THE FISHING AND BOATING INDUSTRIES.

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I WAS ~~PROUD~~ TO HAVE A ROLE IN ITS CREATION AND PROUDER STILL THAT THIS YEAR, WE'RE PROVIDING MORE THAN \$240 MILLION FOR THIS FUND TO AID FISHING AND BOATING IMPROVEMENTS. LAST YEAR, CONGRESS TRIED TO CUT WALLOP-BREAUX IN THE APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS. WE MUST NOT LET THAT HAPPEN.

AND THEN THERE'S OUR SCENIC BY-WAYS PROGRAM -- A SIX-YEAR EFFORT TO IMPROVE SOME OF OUR NATION'S MOST TRAVELED HIGHWAYS.

NOT JUST THE HIGHWAYS THAT STRETCH ACROSS THIS COUNTRY,  
BUT ROADS THAT WIND THROUGH THE HEARTS OF OUR CITIES  
-- WE CALL THEM, RIBBONS OF GREEN -- THE "ROADS AMERICA  
LOVES." HERE IN WASHINGTON: OUR SCENIC BY-WAYS  
PROGRAM BEAUTIFIES ROADS LIKE THE GEORGE WASHINGTON AND  
ROCK CREEK PARKWAYS. WE ARE ALSO HELPING TO SUPPORT  
THE CREATION OF GREENWAYS -- THOSE COMBINATIONS OF  
BICYCLING AND HIKING PATHS THAT ARE SPRINGING UP  
THROUGHOUT OUR CITIES AND COUNTRYSIDES.

AND THERE ARE PROGRAMS LIKE THE ONE THIS BANNER  
ABOVE ME CELEBRATES: TAKE PRIDE IN AMERICA. A PROGRAM  
THAT GENERATES TENS OF MILLIONS OF VOLUNTEER HOURS EACH  
YEAR FROM COMMUNITIES ALL ACROSS AMERICA -- PEOPLE  
COMING TOGETHER TO PRESERVE THE PARKS AND PUBLIC LANDS  
WITHIN THEIR COMMUNITIES -- PICKING UP LITTER, PLANTING  
TREES, BUILDING PLAYGROUNDS.

RIGHT NOW, ONE OF OUR PUBLIC LAND INITIATIVES IS RECEIVING FAVORABLE ATTENTION IN CONGRESS -- THE AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL PASSPORT. THIS REPLACES THE OLD WALLET-CARD SYSTEM WITH A PASSPORT THAT WOULD INCLUDE SUCH THINGS AS PARK INFORMATION, HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS, A MOTOR DECAL, AND MORE. THE BEST PART: SALES PROCEEDS COULD GENERATE UP TO \$30 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL REVENUE, WHICH WILL GO TO FUND OTHER RECREATION AND WILDLIFE PROJECTS.

AS WE ENTER SUMMERTIME -- AND I KNOW THE KIDS HERE ARE COUNTING EVERY SCHOOL DAY LEFT -- WE'LL SEE THESE KIDS ENJOYING THE BENEFITS OF THIS CLEAN-UP PROJECT TODAY. WE'LL SEE THEM RUNNING OFF TO THIS PARK: TUMBLING ON THE NEW PLAYGROUND, CASTING OUT THEIR FISHING LINES THE WAY JOHN AND TOM AND OUR OTHER FISHING EXPERTS TAUGHT THEM ((HOPEFULLY, NOT MY WAY//)), AND SHOOTING HOOPS -- RELEASING THE BALL JUST THE WAY PERVIS TOLD THEM TO DO.

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BUT IT'S NOT JUST A KID'S LIFE. THE GREAT OUTDOORS IS THE PERFECT PLAYGROUND FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY, THIS COUNTRY'S GREATEST NATURAL RESOURCE.

THIS SUMMER CAN ALSO BE A TIME FOR LOTS OF FAMILIES -- WHOLE COMMUNITIES -- TO COME TOGETHER. WE ALL SAW WHAT HAPPENED IN LOS ANGELES A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO -- A COMMUNITY DIVIDED, TORN APART AND TURNING ON ITSELF IN DESPAIR.

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BUT ALREADY THE COMMUNITIES WITHIN SOUTH CENTRAL LA ARE COMING TOGETHER -- REBUILDING, RENEWING -- LEAVING THE WAR ZONES BEHIND TO EMBRACE THE HEART OF WHAT MAKES LA SUCH A SPECIAL PLACE.

BEYOND OUR URGENT EMERGENCY AID, WE'VE GOT TO TAKE ACTION TO BRING HOPE AND OPPORTUNITY TO LOS ANGELES -- AND TO ALL AMERICAN CITIES, INCLUDING THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. TUESDAY, I CALLED CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS TO THE WHITE HOUSE -- REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRAT.

I OUTLINED MY 6-POINT PLAN FOR A NEW AMERICA: OUR WEED AND SEED ANTI-CRIME INITIATIVE. OUR HOPE HOUSING INITIATIVE. ENTERPRISE ZONES. EDUCATION REFORM, WELFARE REFORM -- AND A STRONG JOBS PROGRAM FOR CITY YOUTH. I'M PLEASED WITH THE EARLY REACTION TO MY PLAN. IT'S A PROMISING START -- AND WE'LL PUSH AHEAD. //

I THINK WE ALL AGREE: WE'VE ALL GOT TO COME TOGETHER -- REBUILD THE HEARTS OF OUR NATION'S CITIES / RENEW THE SPIRIT OF OUR NATION'S COMMUNITIES.

WE SEE THIS SENSE OF RENEWAL AT WORK RIGHT HERE TODAY AT THIS BEAUTIFUL PARK. PEOPLE COMING TOGETHER TO CLEAN THE RIVER, PLANT TREES, PICK UP LITTER -- PEOPLE COMING TOGETHER BECAUSE THEY TAKE PRIDE IN THEIR COMMUNITY AND THEY TAKE PRIDE IN AMERICA.

ALL ACROSS THIS COUNTRY, PEOPLE ARE JOINING TOGETHER TO TAKE CARE OF THEIR PUBLIC LANDS:

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THERE ARE WHOLE CITIES -- LIKE PAGE, ARIZONA --  
PICKING UP 140 TONS OF DEBRIS -- ONE OF THE LARGEST  
CLEANUPS EVER;

THERE ARE WHOLE NEIGHBORHOODS -- LIKE  
PHILADELPHIA'S ANTI-GRAFFITI NETWORK -- COVERING ONCE-  
DEFACED PROPERTY WITH MURALS THAT SEND A GOOD MESSAGE;

WHOLE NEIGHBORHOODS / WHOLE CITIES / WHOLE  
COMMUNITIES -- PEOPLE LIKE THE ONES RIGHT HERE IN DC  
-- COMING TOGETHER WITH THE SPIRIT AND SENSE OF PRIDE  
THAT HAS MADE AMERICA ITSELF WHOLE -- AND GOOD.

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE GOOD WORK YOU'VE ACCOMPLISHED  
HERE TODAY AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

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*and the Recreation Roundtable and others*

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*this spot earlier today.*

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*Derrick Crandall  
ARC*

We have many other beautiful public parklands across this country. But we also must remember that the great outdoors isn't miles away and unreachable. It's close to home -- here at this terrific park in Anacostia.

Whether you're from right here in DC or from Spirit Lake, Iowa -- the great outdoors is yours for the asking. Each of you is a co-owner -- and as co-owners we all must help preserve our great parklands.

*Atlas*

That's why public-private partnerships are so important. They help us all do our part. Practically every day, people sit and fish on the river dock just behind me -- one funded by the Wallop-Breaux Trust Fund -- a program created in 1984 to bring together the efforts of both the fishing and boating industries.

VP. Kathy Jeavons ARC tele 7420

I was proud to have a role in its creation and prouder still that this year, we're providing more than \$300 million dollars for this fund to aid fishing and boating improvements.

Jim McDevitt  
240 million FY'93

Bob Coody

And then there's our Scenic By-Ways program -- a six-year effort to improve some of our nation's most traveled highways. Not just the long highways that reach across this country, but roads that wind through the hearts of our cities -- we call them, ribbons of green -- the "Roads America Loves." Here in Washington: our Scenic By-Ways program beautifies roads like the George Washington and Rock Creek Parkways.

Kathy Jeavons

And there are programs like the one this banner above me celebrates: Take Pride in America. A program that generates tens of millions of volunteer hours each year from communities all across America -- people coming together to preserve the parks and public lands within their communities -- picking up litter, planting trees, building playgrounds.

yes Kathy Jeavons

Right now, one of our public land initiatives is receiving favorable attention in Congress -- the America the Beautiful Passport. This replaces the old wallet-card system with a multi-page passport containing park information, maps, a motor decal,

Derrick Crandall

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addresses and phone numbers for further information

w new <sup>3</sup> could generate up to \$30 mil on additional revenue.

and more. The best part: sales proceeds, estimated at \$50 million, will go to fund other recreation and wildlife projects.

As we enter summertime -- and I know the kids here are counting every school day left -- we'll see these kids enjoying the benefits of this clean-up project today. We'll see them running off to this park: tumbling on the new playground, casting out their fishing lines the way Tom <sup>and other fishing experts</sup> or John taught them ((hopefully, not my way//)), and shooting hoops -- releasing the ball just the way Purvis told them to do. But it's not just a kid's life. The great outdoors is the perfect playground for the entire family, this country's greatest natural resource.

This summer can also be a time for lots of families -- whole communities -- to come together. We all saw what happened in Los Angeles a couple of weeks ago -- a community divided, torn apart and turning on itself in despair. But already the communities within South Central LA are coming together -- rebuilding, renewing -- leaving the war zones behind to embrace the heart of what makes LA such a special place.

Beyond our urgent emergency aid, we've got to take action to bring hope and opportunity to Los Angeles -- and to all American cities. Tuesday, I called Congressional leaders to the White House -- Republican and Democrat. I outlined my 6-point plan for a New America: Our Weed and Seed anti-crime initiative. Our Hope housing initiative. Enterprise Zones. Education reform, welfare reform -- and a strong summer jobs program for city

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youth. I am pleased with the early reaction to my plan. It's a promising start -- and we'll push ahead. //

And that's why it is so very important that we all come together -- rebuild the hearts of our nation's cities / renew the spirit of our nation's communities.

We see this sense of renewal at work right here today at this beautiful park. People coming together to clean the river, plant trees, pick up litter -- people coming together because they take pride in their community and they take pride in America.

All across this country, people are joining together to take care of their public lands:

There are whole cities -- like Page, Arizona -- picking up 140 tons of debris -- one of the largest cleanups ever;

There are whole neighborhoods -- like Philadelphia's Anti-Graffiti Network -- covering once-defaced property with murals with a good message;

Whole neighborhoods / whole cities / whole communities -- people like the ones right here in DC -- coming together with the spirit and sense of pride that has made America itself whole -- and good.

Thank you for all the good work you've accomplished here today and may God bless you all.

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The White House,  
June 19, 1990.

GEORGE BUSH

## Remarks at the Great Outdoors Award Dinner June 19, 1990

Thank you all very much for that warm introduction and that special honor. And thanks—I think it's the Marines I see down there in the glow. [Laughter] I thank them especially for providing the music tonight, and David Humphreys and Galey Coleman here and Sheldon. I understand we have some distinguished Senators or Congressmen. Every time you announce them, somebody says, "Oh, they're not here. They're off voting someplace." [Laughter] But Senators Burns and Roth, Ron Marlenee, Congressman Hiler and, of course, my friend Derrick Crandall and Stu Northrop and Dick Nunis over here and Jeff Napier:

Look, it's a great pleasure for me to be with you tonight, and I will be relatively brief, speaking before the broccoli. I've got to get out of here and get back home. [Laughter] But really, what an honor to accept this Sheldon Coleman Great Outdoors Award. He was a great friend, I bet, to everybody in this room and to many others across the country—a great friend of nature, and his influence is still with us today in so many ways: in partnerships for the outdoors that he encouraged throughout his entire life. And like the lanterns that bear his name, glowing beside the tents and RV's across this country, those partnerships do shine bright with promise for the environment—the precious environment we share.

I am deeply honored that you consider me worthy of this award, and I imagine there was some controversy. [Laughter] Some might say that the award should have gone to a more accomplished outdoorsperson. It probably should have gone to the only person I know who can fish and read at the same time: Barbara Bush [Laughter]

Look, there's some fishermen out here. Please understand my frustration. [Laughter] We're looking for these damn bluefish, and—[laughter]—Barbara's reading away, studying, reading—"Oh, I've got a fish." And I'm out there working and studying and changing bait, and nothing happens. [Laughter] But I don't worry when somebody reaches into the tackle box and pulls out a lure like a Mepps Spinner or a Johnson Silver Spoon, because I've got the Silver Fox. [Laughter]

And like every pursuit in the great outdoors, fishing is a great equalizer, whether you're out there with a friend or a head of state or one of the grandkids. You get out there; and you just simply love it, just like the other 60 million American men, women, and children who fish from boats and beaches and bridges and riverbanks all across this great country.

I remember, fishing off the Saco River in Maine, there was a guy with a belly that made one of these sumo wrestlers, or whatever they are, look skinny, you know. [Laughter] And he's standing out there, fishing with his grandson; and I come by in our cigarette [boat] with our couple, trolling, I admit, nice and slow. And the guy yells out, "Only in America." [Laughter] And you know, he was absolutely right. [Laughter] Here we were. It was just very special, and all of us have our own tales to tell. [Laughter]

But all of you understand how time spent in nature, in camping or hiking or fishing, frees up the mind, restores the soul, and makes memories—tranquil, peaceful, wonderful memories that stay with you the rest of your life. Among the greatest joys that Barbara and I have ever known have been exploring the outdoors with our kids and

our grandkids. You saw George P. here with us. Look at the majesty, then, of the Grand Tetons through the eyes of a 13-year-old grandson, teach a grandkid a few mysteries of the ocean, and you're powerfully reminded that our kids will truly inherit the Earth.

You don't even have to leave home. Every summer on vacation, up at our house there at Kennebunkport, we put up a tent—I don't want to prejudice any other vendors here or manufacturers. [Laughter] But I call Sheldon Coleman and say, "Hey listen, I need a tent." This was several years ago. And I get a tremendous kick out of—that same tent goes up every year—and I get a tremendous kick—you don't have to leave home—hearing the nighttime giggles of the grandchildren out there. It's wonderful. You see them reading by a lantern and telling stories, hear them whispering to each other before they drop off to sleep with the sea pounding away in the background.

These are special moments, moments in the outdoors, and they are all very, very special. So, preserving nature for future generations demands special effort. And I've been very happy to support the public-private partnerships like this Wallop-Breaux—was Dingell-Johnson—but the Wallop-Breaux Trust Fund to protect our wetlands and preserve and enhance the boating and fishing, and by encouraging private partnerships like Ducks Unlimited and groups like the American Recreation Coalition and the Recreation Roundtable to engage this nation in a new spirit of renewal. I want to try my very hardest to do my part to help build that spirit.

In this year's budget, we included funds to help save the Everglades and to implement the historic North American Waterfowl Management Plan, to stop the tragedy of thousands of birds dying at the Stillwater Wildlife Refuge. But the cornerstone of our program was something called America the Beautiful, to expand our parks, our forests, and wildlife refuges; to promote recreation; and, yes—one of the ones that I'm most interested in—to plant a billion trees a year in America.

Tonight I want to ask for your help. I've seen too many budgets frittered away on other priorities. We all agree that trees are

good for our water and good for air, good for our communities. So, take this message with you, please, to the legislative branch: Don't leave our tree planting initiative out on a limb.

Groups like this one are helping us build a new ethic of stewardship in America. And you know, I do believe that we have reason to be hopeful. This year, in a tradition that dates back to President Taft, I was presented with the first salmon caught in the 1990 season in the Penobscot River in Maine. It was a tradition that died back in the 1950's because the river had deteriorated so much. But this year, a State fisheries spokesman said they had the biggest opening day that he could recall. Right here in Washington, DC, the once-polluted Potomac River is now a site for first-class bass fishing tournaments.

I was fishing in Pintlala, Alabama, with Ricky Clune, a kid from Montgomery, Texas, one of the great bass fishermen in this country. And Rick—I'll never forget his winning a bass tournament. If you haven't been to one of these weigh-ins, you ought to go. Four or five thousand people in a stadium when these guys come trailering their fishing boats in and bringing out the bass. And I'll never forget Rick Clune, when he won Bass Masters Championship, saying that he learned to fish when he was in his underwear following his dad in the creeks of Oklahoma. And he said, "Isn't it great to live in a country with no limits." And I like that, and I think he's right.

He was telling me in Pintlala this winter, he said, "You don't have to come all the way down here to Alabama to fish." He said, "The Potomac River is back. You can go right across from the Pentagon and get good 5-, 6-, 7-pound bass out there." And he was right. I think it's an exciting thing that you all are doing for this country, helping us bring back these fantastic resources that regrettably we took for granted maybe 10 or 20 years ago.

So, I'm honored that you'd grant me the Great Outdoors Award, in the memory of Sheldon Coleman. He was a great inspiration to me. I knew him personally. I loved that remarkable spirit that you all remember, and I salute his memory. I'm also here

to tip my hat to all of the individuals in America, like yourselves, who are raising awareness, raising money, and sometimes raising hell to preserve—[laughter]—our natural heritage for future generations. Sometimes that does mean conflicts, but I believe that the efforts we put into finding constructive partnerships will take us much farther than debate and contention. We need to spend less time arguing and more time working on solutions.

All of you here tonight have the creativity, the will, and the love of the outdoors to create new private partnerships to protect this nation's natural beauty. So, let me encourage each of you: Help us build momentum for a new spirit of American stewardship. As your President, I will not ever miss any opportunity at all to go fishing, to go hiking, to go camping—[laughter]—to go out in my boat. I want to do my part. And

so, I'll go to work early in the morning and sometimes go home late at night, but I'll be damned if I'm going to let anybody keep me from the great outdoors.

Thank you all very, very much. I'm honored to be with you. Thank you so much.

*Note: The President spoke at 8:23 p.m. in the ballroom at the Vista International Hotel. In his remarks, he referred to David Humphreys, chairman of the board of the American Recreation Coalition; Galey Coleman, the widow of Sheldon Coleman, Sr.; Sheldon C. Coleman, Jr., chairman of Sheldon Coleman Enterprises; Representative Ron Marlenee; Derrick Crandall, president of the American Recreation Association; Stuart Northrop, chairman of the executive committee of Huffly Corp.; Richard Nunis, president of Walt Disney Attractions; and Jeff Napier, president of the National Marine Manufacturers Association.*

## Remarks at a Fundraising Luncheon for Governor Guy Hunt in Huntsville, Alabama

June 20, 1990

Thank you, ladies and gentlemen. Thank you for that warm welcome back to Huntsville. Thank you very much, all of you. These guys that did that extra applauding over here, you young guys, you can have my broccoli when they serve the lunch. [Laughter]

I want to thank Governor Hunt and his family, who I had a chance to meet with earlier, especially Helen. I'm glad to see her looking so fit, working so hard on the campaign trail. I want to pay my respects to Mayor Folmar and Anita, other friends of longstanding—he of Montgomery fame. And it's great to see so many others. John Grenier was there to greet me when I got off the plane, and we go back a long, long time. And of course, another old, close, personal friend that Barbara asked me to convey her love to, and I'm talking about Bill Cabaniss, who's running such a great race for the United States Senate. We've got to have him elected.

And I'm pleased to see our chairman, Arthur Outlaw. And I'm told Jean Sullivan is here, though I didn't see her. And there is someone here today, in addition, that I really need in Washington, DC—someone who can help the fight to win the battle against drugs, someone that is committed to expanding and protecting our space program, and someone who stands for a strong national defense. And I'm talking about your next Congressman from this district, Albert McDonald. We've got to see him elected. We need that Fifth District seat.

It's great to be back, back in what the song calls sweet home Alabama. In fact, I've recently been down this way—several months now—first, recently to Birmingham and, prior to that, doing a little bass fishing in Pintlala. Considering my record as a fisherman, the bass have nothing to worry about, nothing at all. [Laughter] But I loved every minute of it, and I want to be invited back. And we had a reception over here—



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## THE WHITE HOUSE

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**FACT SHEET:  
BUSH ADMINISTRATION PROPOSALS  
CONCERNING OUTDOOR RECREATION AND WILDLIFE**

The Bush Administration has strongly supported programs which increase opportunities for fisherman, hunters, and outdoor recreation enthusiasts. Highlights of this support are as follows:

**THE ADMINISTRATION HAS SUPPORTED SPORT-FISH RESTORATION THROUGH THE WALLOP-BREAUX PROGRAM:**

All of President Bush's budgets have fully funded the sport fish restoration program known as Wallop-Breaux. Funding for this program has increased from \$187 million in fiscal year 1989 to \$242 million in the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 1993 -- an increase of roughly 30 percent.

Deposits in the Wallop-Breaux fund are from excise taxes on fishing equipment and motorboat fuels, import duties on fishing equipment and pleasure boats, and interest on investments. The majority of the funds are provided to the states to help finance projects to acquire and restore fish habitat, to improve access for public use of lakes and rivers, and to conduct research into fishery problems.

The remainder of 1993 Sport Fish Restoration funding will finance coastal wetlands grants (\$7.5 million) and coastal projects under the North American Wetlands Conservation Fund (\$7.5 million).

**THE ADMINISTRATION HAS INVESTED IN "AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL" PROGRAM, TO PROTECT AND EXPAND OUR PARKS, FORESTS, AND REFUGES:**

The President's proposed fiscal year 1993 budget includes a 17 percent increase (\$272 million over 1992 and double the comparable 1989 funding) for the President's America the Beautiful (ATB) initiative.

The Bush Administration has made a major contribution to America's national parks, wildlife refuges, forests, and other public lands through the acquisition of critical nationally

significant lands, the expansion of recreation opportunities like camping, boating, fishing, and hiking, the protection of species and natural resources on these public lands, and the development of partnerships with state governments and non-profit entities to protect and enhance the public lands.

For the coming fiscal year, the President has proposed to:

- Nearly triple grants to states under the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) for parks and other outdoor recreation facilities. The President's budget provides \$60 million for this purpose, \$37 million above fiscal year 1992. Under this program, the Federal government acts as a partner with the states in purchasing open space and creating outdoor recreation facilities. Each Federal dollar is matched by a dollar from the state investing in the same project.

- Dramatically expand recreation opportunities on the Federal lands. By increasing funds for recreation and resource protection in his budget by \$150 million (13 percent over 1992), the President has provided for:

- The reopening or upgrading of Forest Service campgrounds and picnic sites all across America that had previously been closed to the public;
- The creation of nearly 1,000 miles of new trails in the national forests, and the maintenance of 14,000 additional miles of trails;
- The installation or improvement of boat ramps, interpretive centers, and facilities to improve access for the disabled on a variety of public lands;
- The hiring of an additional 1,000 seasonal rangers for the national parks during peak use months; and
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- Authorize a new "America the Beautiful Passport", which, for \$30, would allow Americans year-round access to all of the

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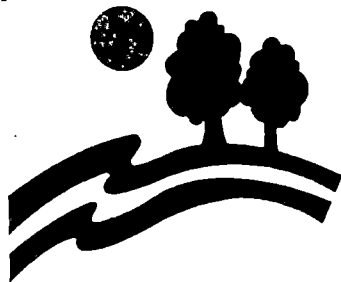
outdoor recreation areas managed by the Interior and Agriculture Departments, with Passport revenues earmarked for improvement of these lands and waters and the expansion of recreational opportunities.

- Plant, maintain, and conduct timber stand improvements affecting one billion trees per year.

**THE PRESIDENT HAS TAKEN STEPS TO PROTECT AND ENHANCE WETLANDS:**

- The President's budget for fiscal year 1993 includes an increase of \$212 million (35 percent) over 1992 for a series of key wetlands protection measures, including:
  - Full funding for USDA's Wetlands Reserve program at 1 million acres through 1995;
  - A rating system which makes high-value wetlands a top priority in Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) acquisition;
  - \$15 million in discretionary funding again proposed to fully fund the North American Wetlands Conservation Act.
  - Increased Army Corps of Engineers staff to accelerate processing of Section 404 wetlands permits.
- Since 1989, the Administration has nearly tripled its investment in protecting and restoring America's wetlands (from \$295 million in FY 1989 to \$812 million proposed for FY 1993), while at the same time working for regulatory reforms to enhance economic growth and protect private property rights.

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# American Recreation Coalition

*Dedicated to the protection and enhancement of every citizen's right to pursue health and happiness through leisure-time activities.*

May 11, 1992

## MEMORANDUM

TO: David Demarest  
FROM: Derrick Crandall  
SUBJECT: May 14 Event: **Linkages to Urban Concerns**

On May 14, President Bush is scheduled to appear at an event in Anacostia Park sponsored by the American Recreation Coalition and the Recreation Roundtable. The event offers several themes directly relevant to the Administration's actions post-Los Angeles and relating to the needs of America's cities.

- 1) **Recreation is a universal language**, cutting across ethnic, racial, economic and geographic borders.
- 2) **If people -- and especially kids -- don't have places to play, their idle time and energies are often turned to non-constructive activities.** These activities can be relatively benign -- like hours before the television -- or far worse, including illegal activities.
- 3) **Solutions to our cities' problems depend upon more personal contacts between those in the inner cities and "mainstream" America.** We need to encourage volunteerism in inner city schools. We need to help inner city youths come to know the great outdoors which is part of their legacy, too.
- 4) **Community identity and pride is the building block of national identity and pride.** Most of us value and safeguard the things we own and care about. The actions in Los Angeles reflect a lack of perceived ownership -- and a community which doesn't inspire much pride. In contrast, Harlem is emerging as a tourism destination.

I'd also like to share a paragraph that explains the activities of our group a bit more:

*The Take Pride in America work projects of the American Recreation Coalition weren't conducted in spectacular and distant sites like Yellowstone National Park and the Grand Canyon for a reason. Urban sites like Anacostia, Fort Dupont and Rock Creek parks are part of our outdoor legacy, too, and are used intensively by many who will rarely -- if ever -- visit some of our best known national parks. They are vital to us in many ways. In fact, the projects selected for work today demonstrate three very different roles. Here at Anacostia Park, tens of thousands of people use the park's basketball and tennis*



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*courts, its ballfields and swimming pool, its playground and its river banks, its skating pavilion and its boat ramps. In Fort Dupont, volunteers helped prepare a stage for this summer's popular performances of jazz and other performing arts. And in Rock Creek Park, volunteers cleared debris from the stream and began the process of clearing fallen trees which were causing severe bank erosion in a part of the park which offers opportunities for hiking and horse-riding in a very natural setting.*

Finally, let me share a few quotes which are contained in the report of the President's Commission on Americans Outdoors (1987), in which then-Vice President Bush took substantial interest:

From the PCAO report text:

*" People in central cities have a harder time experiencing the outdoors. "*

*" Americans place a high value on the outdoors; it is central to the quality of our lives and the quality of our communities. "*

Arthur Holland, Mayor of Trenton, NJ (quoted in the report):

*We moved 21 years ago into a neighborhood which was considered very run down. As you had the beginning of gentrification, resentful stones would be thrown. We built a small park -- a basketball court, some benches, a place where you could at least throw some balls around. The stone throwing stopped. That's why I'm convinced, firsthand, that there's a direct relationship: you don't throw stones when you've got balls to throw around.*

Charles Jordan, PCAO commissioner and Director, Portland, Oregon, Parks and Recreation and a prominent African-American (quoted in the report):

*When the police chief asks for more officers, we must remind the decisionmakers that recreation is more than fun and games. On a daily basis, we engage thousands of young people in constructive and positive activities. Were it not for the opportunities we provide, those idle hands and energetic bodies may well turn to less constructive and less positive activities. It is cheaper to recreate than to incarcerate!*

*When the Human Relations commission makes its report on the state of race relations, we must remind them that we break racial barriers every day. We provide opportunities for people of different races and ethnic backgrounds to taste victory, only after they set aside those artificial barriers of color and status and work together as a unit, each contributing some unique and necessary talent. If they can do it on the courts and on the playing fields, just maybe they can do it in society.*

John Gardner (quoted in the report):

*The task of the moment is to recreate a highly motivated society. If we fail in that, forget the rest.*

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Willard Brown (quoted in the report):

*The parks and recreation community is providing people with opportunities for fulfillment, for challenge and for the identity that they're no longer finding in their work. In doing that, we're making a very real contribution to resolving the most significant issue this country does face, the "re-creation" of a highly motivated society.*

Needless to say, I'd welcome the chance to discuss these concepts with you, as well as the conversations underway (and in which Bob Grady is a key player) regarding a new program to assist recreation and conservation initiatives in America's urban areas.



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## GEORGE BUSH'S KEY ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE OUTDOORS

1. **America's Great Outdoors:** a \$625 million, three year budget initiative to enhance recreation in our national forests.
2. **Scenic Byways:** a new \$80 million, six year effort to identify, designate and improve the "roads Americans love," routes that show off America's natural and cultural beauty and diversity. Separately, President Bush endorsed and aided scenic byways efforts of the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management.
3. **Wallop-Breaux Trust Fund:** one of the most significant recreation initiatives ever, now providing in excess of \$300 million annually in federal assistance to boating, fishing and aquatic resource improvements. The revenues are derived from special taxes on fishing equipment and federal excise taxes on motorboat fuel. George Bush's personal role in the 1984 creation of this program is well known in the conservation/recreation field.
4. **National Recreational Trails Fund:** modeled after Wallop-Breaux, this 1991 legislative achievement earmarks non-highway recreational fuel taxes (chiefly from snowmobiles and off-road motorcycles) for grants to states for trail development, a priority identified by the President's commission on Americans Outdoors.
5. **Challenge Cost-Share Projects:** under the Bush Administration, all federal land managing agencies now are provided special funding to complete recreation and wildlife enhancement projects if (1) the projects are compatible with existing management plans and (2) at least half of the project cost is provided by non-federal partners. total funding available under these provisions totals more than \$40 million annually, producing at least \$80 million in public land benefits.
6. **Recreation Information Systems:** public/private cooperation is providing new and comprehensive visitor information in several western states and a national system is now being devised.
7. **Take Pride in America:** a community/state/federal campaign to increase awareness of America's public lands legacy, to increase volunteerism on public lands and to improve America's outdoor ethics. *general 10's of millions of volunteers*  
*spokesperson Clint Eastwood*
8. **Watchable Wildlife:** a new partnership among more than a dozen public and private sector organizations to identify and develop sites for wildlife viewing, plus educational programs to enhance public understanding of wildlife habitat needs.
9. **President's Commission on Environmental Quality:** a blue-ribbon panel appointed by the President to demonstrate how public-spirited corporations can enhance both the environment and their own economic efficiency. One of the undertakings of the commission involves corporate activities to enhance urban recreation opportunities.

*Go use & volunteer litter pickups planting trees*

*More than a decade in Arkansas Corp of Eng Lake less litter now  
\$1,000 Sep Green's Ferry Pickup*

10. **Greenways:** Bush Administration support for protecting linear corridors of green in our urban areas for recreation and wildlife has been clear, focusing on abandoned railroad rights of way.
- ✓ 11. **Enjoy America Outdoors:** The Interior Department has launched on comprehensive, partnership-based effort to increase recreation opportunities in 8 "core" activity clusters.  
*1 in every 3 acres is federally managed*
12. **America the Beautiful Passport:** the Administration has proposed the creation of a new passport facilitating both access to and enjoyment of the nation's public lands and providing increased funding for recreation and conservation efforts on the public lands. The Congress is responding favorably to this FY93 initiative.
13. **Federal Assistance to Community Recreation and Conservation Efforts:** the Bush Administration expanded financial and technical assistance to state and local governments and private sector partners under the Land and Water Conservation Fund and the National park Service's Technical Assistance Program.
14. **Federal Water Programs Realignment:** the Administration has directed the Bureau of Reclamation and the Corps of Engineers to increase attention to recreation and wildlife purposes of federal water projects.
15. **Personal Leadership:** as President, George Bush has been an active and enthusiastic visitor to the Great Outdoors. His example is a useful way to reinforce the healthful consequences of time outdoors with family and friends.

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# The America the Beautiful Passport

## HR 4960/S 2505

Innovative step to increase awareness among the public of recreation opportunities on America's public lands. Goal is to better disperse use and to direct use to areas appropriate for desired activities.

Replaces wallet card with multi-page passport containing maps, explanations of federal land-managing agencies and systems, addresses and phone numbers for further information, a decal for a motor vehicle and an ethics message.

Two national surveys by respected national researchers (Hart, Roper) show extraordinarily high levels of public support for the new passport, with 50% or more of all US adults expressing an interest in purchasing the passport. In contrast, only some 150,000 Golden Eagle wallet cards are sold annually.

The legislation authorizes the sale of the new passports by private sector partners, likely to include L.L. Bean, the Coleman Company and others with a strong interest in the outdoors, in addition to federal agencies. These sellers would be authorized to recover their costs, up to a maximum of 10% of the \$30 selling price.

Sales of the new passports are expected to reach between 2 and 3 million units by FY94. Under the proposed legislation, the proceeds from the private sales would be used to support Challenge Cost-Share recreation and wildlife projects. The sales could easily mean an increase of \$50,000,000 or more annually and voluntarily.

As a result of the legislation, the cost of obtaining a pass for unlimited access to gated national recreation sites would rise by \$5 -- but this increase would also bring a shift to a full year from the purchase date, versus the current calendar year, plus information on federal lands. The legislation would not require any changes in daily entrance fees or annual single-site passes; it would continue the practice of free admission to our parks for those over 62 years of age and their spouse/companion and to those with handicaps.

Support for the legislation is widespread among recreation and conservation organizations; similarly, support for the legislation among congress is broad geographically and bi-partisan.

Details on the legislation are available from:

American Recreation Coalition  
1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20004  
202-662-7420

## AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL PASSPORT

Legislation is now pending before Congress to create a new America the Beautiful (ATB) Passport which would allow for easier access into federal recreation sites and provide better information about recreation opportunities on the one third of the nation which is federally managed. The ATB passport also provides a tangible way for those who treasure America's national parks, forests, wildlife refuges and other public lands and waters to contribute to the protection of those areas and show evidence of that contribution. The passport was included in President Bush's FY93 budget proposal and reflects discussions between the President, his chief advisors, and the Recreation Roundtable. Leading advocates in the Congress are Representative Bob Lagomarsino (R-CA) and Senator Malcolm Wallop (R-WY).

The passport is projected to generate tens of millions of dollars annually for recreation services and facilities within two years of passage. It has three basic components:

- ◆ replacement of the fee-only, calendar year Golden Eagle Pass (current sales 100,000) with the ATB passport which would be valid for a twelve-month period, allow entrance into all National Park Service and other designated federal recreation sites, include valuable information (maps, telephone numbers, etc.) and be sold by both federal agencies and private sector partners;
- ◆ new legislative authority for funds collected by federal agencies to be placed into special treasury accounts and be available for expenditure by the agencies for recreational facilities and services (trails, campgrounds, boating access ramps, information and interpretation facilities), and the earmarking of all private sale receipts into an account to fund the highly successful challenge cost share programs of the federal land-managing agencies; and
- ◆ the creation of a new recreation fees advisory committee, to provide a forum for reviewing and recommending federal recreation fees to the Administration and the Congress.

The passport will be similar in appearance to a U.S. passport and its 20-odd pages will contain a message from the President, a wallet card and window decal, information about the various federal land-managing agencies and the areas they oversee, maps and resources guides, environmental tips on how to safely enjoy our natural resources and other important items.

Private sector participation in the sales of the passport is encouraged by offering a small commission to private sector partners to cover sales costs. A consortium of companies, ranging from L.L Bean to The Coleman Company, major sporting goods retailers to national park concessioners, recreation enthusiast member organizations and recreation-oriented publications have agreed to explore the development and implementation of an active consumer awareness campaign and marketing plan for the passport. The combined public awareness and marketing campaigns should push passport sales beyond one million passports in the first full year of the program.

The passport will cost \$30, a slight increase over the \$25 Golden Eagle Pass. However, a national survey conducted by Peter Hart Research Associates for the Recreation Roundtable shows overwhelming support from the public for the passport, especially when they know their monies will be spent at federal recreation areas. In fact, 44% of the public saw \$40 (or more) as a reasonable purchase amount and 26% were willing to spend \$75.

For further information please contact the Recreation Roundtable, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 726, Washington, D.C. 20004, (202)662-7420.

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May 13, 1992

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST

FROM: MICHELE NIX

SUBJECT: AMERICAN RECREATION COALITION EVENT

I. SUMMARY

On Thursday, May 14, at 1:00 p.m., you will address approximately 350 people at Anacostia Park as part of the American Recreation Coalition's Clean-Up Day Project. Approximately 100 students from DC-area schools will attend. You will be introduced by ARC President Derrick Crandall.

II. DISCUSSION

Your remarks (8 minutes, on cards) focus on the importance of all Americans coming together to renew their communities. You also encourage all Americans to go out and experience the many pleasures of the great outdoors.

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ANACOSTIA PARK  
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In this effort to preserve our environment, public-private partnerships are so important. They help us all do our part. Practically every day, people sit and fish on the river dock just behind me -- one funded by the Wallop-Breaux Trust Fund -- a program created in 1984 to bring together the efforts of both the fishing and boating industries. I was proud to have a role in its creation and prouder still that this year, we're providing more than \$300 million for this fund to aid fishing and boating improvements. Last year, Congress tried to cut Wallop-Breaux in the appropriations process. But I assure you -- I will not let them do it.

And then there's our Scenic By-Ways program -- a six-year effort to improve some of our nation's most traveled highways. Not just the highways that stretch across this country, but roads that wind through the hearts of our cities -- we call them, ribbons of green -- the "Roads America Loves." Here in Washington: our Scenic By-Ways program beautifies roads like the George Washington and Rock Creek Parkways. We are also helping to support the creation of Greenways -- those combinations of bicycling and hiking paths that are springing up throughout our cities and countrysides.

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In this effort to preserve our environment, public-private partnerships are so important. They help us all do our part. Practically every day, people sit and fish on the river dock just behind me -- one funded by the Wallop-Breaux Trust Fund -- a program created in 1984 to bring together the efforts of both the fishing and boating industries. I was proud to have a role in its creation and prouder still that this year, we're providing more than \$300 million dollars for this fund to aid fishing and boating improvements. Last year, Congress tried to cut Wallop-Breaux in the appropriations process. But I assure you -- I will not let them do it.

And then there's our Scenic By-Ways program -- a six-year effort to improve some of our nation's most traveled highways. Not just the ~~long~~ highways that ~~reach~~<sup>stretch</sup> across this country, but roads that wind through the hearts of our cities -- we call them, ribbons of green -- the "Roads America Loves." Here in Washington: our Scenic By-Ways program beautifies roads like the George Washington and Rock Creek Parkways. We are also helping to support the creation of Greenways -- those combinations of bicycling and hiking paths that are springing up throughout our cities and countrysides.

And there are programs like the one this banner above me celebrates: Take Pride in America. A program that generates

tens of millions of volunteer hours each year from communities all across America -- people coming together to preserve the parks and public lands within their communities -- picking up litter, planting trees, building playgrounds.

Right now, one of our public land initiatives is receiving favorable attention in Congress -- the America the Beautiful Passport. This replaces the old wallet-card system with a multi-page passport containing park information, maps, a motor decal, and more. The best part: sales proceeds, estimated at \$50 million, will go to fund other recreation and wildlife projects.

As we enter summertime -- and I know the kids here are counting every school day left -- we'll see these kids enjoying the benefits of this clean-up project today. We'll see them running off to this park: tumbling on the new playground, casting out their fishing lines the way John and Tom and our other fishing experts taught them ((hopefully, not my way//)), and shooting hoops -- releasing the ball just the way Purvis told them to do. But it's not just a kid's life. The great outdoors is the perfect playground for the entire family, this country's greatest natural resource.

This summer can also be a time for lots of families -- whole communities -- to come together. We all saw what happened in Los Angeles a couple of weeks ago -- a community divided, torn apart and turning on itself in despair. But already the communities within South Central LA are coming together -- rebuilding,

renewing -- leaving the war zones behind to embrace the heart of what makes LA such a special place.

Beyond our urgent emergency aid, we've got to take action to bring hope and opportunity to Los Angeles -- and to all American cities <sup>(including the District of Columbia)</sup>. Tuesday, I called Congressional leaders to the White House -- Republican and Democrat. I outlined my 6-point plan for a New America: Our Weed and Seed anti-crime initiative. Our Hope housing initiative. Enterprise Zones. Education reform, welfare reform -- and a strong jobs program for city youth. I ~~am~~ pleased with the early reaction to my plan. It's a promising start -- and we'll push ahead. //

*I think we all agree & we've all got to*  
 And ~~that's why~~ it is so very important that we all come together -- rebuild the hearts of our nation's cities / renew the spirit of our nation's communities.

We see this sense of renewal at work right here today at this beautiful park. People coming together to clean the river, plant trees, pick up litter -- people coming together because they take pride in their community and they take pride in America.

All across this country, people are joining together to take care of their public lands:

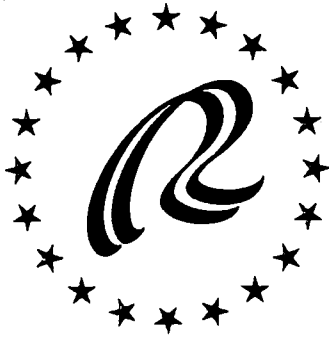
There are whole cities -- like Page, Arizona -- picking up 140 tons of debris -- one of the largest cleanups ever;

There are whole neighborhoods -- like Philadelphia's Anti-Graffiti Network -- covering once-defaced property with murals with a good message;

Whole neighborhoods / whole cities / whole communities --  
people like the ones right here in DC -- coming together with the  
spirit and sense of pride that has made America itself whole --  
and good.

Thank you for all the good work you've accomplished here  
today and may God bless you all.

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## THE RECREATION ROUNDTABLE

*"Recreation isn't a special interest; it's everyone's interest."*

### FACT SHEET

A Roundtable for the chief executive officers of leading recreation companies was first proposed by industry executives serving on the President's Commission on Americans Outdoors in 1986. Commissioners Sheldon Coleman, Rex Maughan and Stu Northrop saw an acute need for a forum to discuss key issues among the most forward-thinking leaders of the \$300 billion per annum recreation industry. They felt the recreation industry was poorly understood in Washington and on Wall Street, and agreed that all companies involved with recreation had a shared interest in four factors:

- ◆ people and their changing leisure needs;
- ◆ places for recreation;
- ◆ products used for recreation; and
- ◆ government actions influencing recreation opportunities.

In the fall of 1988, Sheldon Coleman's son, Sheldon C. Coleman and Dick Nunis of Disney invited a select group of their peers in the recreation industry to join the Recreation Roundtable. Eighteen of the recreation industry's top level executives enthusiastically responded to the invitation, and the group met for the first time in January 1989.

Roundtable members represent a broad range of interests indicative of the diverse recreation activities enjoyed by Americans. Dick Nunis currently serves as Chairman of the Roundtable and Harry Shaw of Huffy Corporation serves as the Vice Chairman. A full listing of the Recreation Roundtable members is on the reverse side of this sheet.

The group agreed to a broad goal of developing strategies to enhance recreation opportunities in America. Roundtable members will select one or two topical areas each year for concerted, collective efforts. Currently Roundtable task forces are examining recreation information systems, international marketing of U.S. recreation opportunities and the America the Beautiful Passport.

The Recreation Roundtable meets twice annually. Its winter meeting is a three day retreat. Selected guests are invited to join the discussions. The Roundtable also holds a meeting in Washington, D. C., meeting with key Congressional and Administration officials on such Roundtable issues as liability, partnerships, scenic byways and energy policies.

## RECREATION ROUNDTABLE MEMBERSHIP

Richard D. Bass  
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November 23, 1990

The President today named the Volunteer Action Division of the Department of Human Concerns, of Kahului, Hawaii, as the 309th "Daily Point of Light." The Volunteer Action Division unites the residents of Kahului in an effort to maintain the beauty of the island for residents, visitors, and future generations to enjoy.

The Volunteer Action Division was established to assist with litter pick-up projects and to educate the public about the increasing dangers of litter to the islands of Hawaii. Today, Kahului has over 3,000 volunteers who assist with cleaning their community. The volunteers have so far planted over 3,000 trees and collected over 6,500 bags of trash and 95 tons of debris from parks.

Volunteers who work on the Adopt-A-Park and Adopt-A-Beach Access programs focus on designated areas of the community, providing consistent maintenance of public recreational areas. In addition, volunteers for the Mayor's Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, a committee of the Volunteer Action Division, advise the Division on better ways to serve disabled residents.

The President salutes the as the 309th "Daily Point of Light." Daily Point of Light recognition is intended to call every individual, group, and organization in America to claim society's problems as their own by taking direct and consequential action; to identify, enlarge, and multiply successful initiatives, like the efforts of the volunteers of the Volunteer Action Division; and to discover, encourage, and develop new leaders in community service, reflecting the President's conviction that, "From now on in America, any definition of a successful life must include serving others."

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November 1, 1990

The President today named the crew of the USS Elrod, of Charleston, South Carolina, as the 289th "Daily Point of Light." The crew of the USS Elrod is helping restore forests and woodlands lost to Hurricane Hugo.

After six long months at sea during 1989, the USS Elrod returned to its base just as Hurricane Hugo bore down on the coast of South Carolina. Fallen trees and demolished houses inspired the crew of the Elrod to help the community recover from the hurricane. The crew founded "Trees for Charleston," a program through which more than 72,000 trees have been distributed throughout the community. On the USS Elrod, a large sign displays the increasing number of trees planted by the crew.

When the ship is docked in Charleston, the crew works on the weekends and after hours with other community organizations, planting trees at schools, parks, highways, and neighborhoods. The crew uses this opportunity to talk with community members and school children about the importance of planting trees and the preservation of the environment. In addition, dressed in uniform, the crew visits schools, where they distribute seedlings and talk with children about the importance of planting trees.

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July 13, 1990

The President today named Mountaineers, Inc., of Phoenix, Arizona, as the one hundred ninety-fourth "Daily Point of Light." The volunteers of Mountaineers, Inc. protect and restore the Phoenix Mountain Preserve.

Mountaineers was founded in 1985 in response to the deteriorating deserts of the Phoenix landscape. More than 250 concerned citizens, including doctors, lawyers, students, teachers, and senior citizens, remove trash from the desert, replant desert vegetation, eliminate unnecessary roads, repair damaged paths and trails, and install signs and markers.

The volunteers work on a variety of projects, such as removing abandoned car parts from the desert, clearing a trail for those who are physically disabled, transplanting a variety of desert plants, and lining trails with Braille markers, which describe plants, animals, and obstacles on the trail for the visually impaired. In addition, the volunteers speak to students and other community members on the importance of preserving the desert.

The President salutes Mountaineers, Inc. as the one hundred ninety-fourth "Daily Point of Light." Daily Point of Light recognition is intended to call every individual, group, and organization in America to claim society's problems as their own by taking direct and consequential action; to identify, enlarge, and multiply successful initiatives, like Mountaineers; and to discover, encourage, and develop new leaders in community service, reflecting the President's conviction that, "From now on in America, any definition of a successful life must include serving others."

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June 4, 1990

The President today named the Yellowstone Recovery Corps, of Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming, as the one hundred sixtieth "Daily Point of Light." The Yellowstone Recovery Corps, organized by the Student Conservation Association, brings new hope to Yellowstone National Park.

The Yellowstone Recovery Corps, a project of the Student Conservation Association in partnership with the National Park Service and the United States Forest Service, was created in response to the wildfires which swept through Yellowstone in 1988. Beginning in the summer of 1989, the Recovery Corps began restoring the charred forests and trails of the park. Hundreds of volunteers rerouted trails, rebuilt bridges, and reconstructed firelines.

After attending an orientation and training session at the basecamp, "Blister Rust Camp," volunteers, who serve at least one month, hike to a remote work site where they are met by trained leaders. The volunteers put in long days in all kinds of weather, and they return ash-covered each night to the primitive camp. Volunteers serving on a short-term basis stay in barracks at Blister Rust Camp and work on projects within the vicinity. Two hundred individuals have already volunteered to serve during the summer of 1990.

The President salutes the Yellowstone Recovery Corps as the one hundred sixtieth "Daily Point of Light." Daily Point of Light recognition is intended to call every individual, group, and organization in America to claim society's problems as their own by taking direct and consequential action; to identify, enlarge, and multiply successful initiatives, like the Yellowstone Recovery Corps; and to discover, encourage, and develop new leaders in community service, reflecting the President's conviction that, "From now on in America, any definition of a successful life must include serving others."

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For Immediate Release

March 8, 1990

The President today named "Page Attacks Trash" of Page, Arizona as the eighty-fifth "Daily Point of Light." This initiative is committed to keeping the area in and around Page free of litter.

Every year, the city of Page hosts two to three million tourists. Ten years ago, in order to combat the litter problem resulting from the influx of visitors, local citizens mobilized to create Page Attacks Trash. Staged annually on the third Saturday of May, this clean-up effort has grown to include not only the entire city of Page, but Navajo lands and the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area as well. Service organizations, Scouts, local and state officials, and many others pledge year after year to clean up their community.

This past year, residents of Page and of the LeChee Chapter of the Navajo Nation turned out 70% of their population to pick up tourist trash. Degradable plastic garbage bags were used to collect over 140 tons of debris, the largest cleanup to date.

The President applauds Page Attacks Trash for its work to keep the Page, Arizona environment clean. The volunteers of this effort exemplify the President's conviction that, "From now on in America, any definition of a successful life must include serving others."

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For Immediate Release

February 12, 1990

The President today announced Project Good Turn of Missoula, Montana as the sixty-fifth daily "Point of Light" in a White House ceremony honoring the Boy Scouts of America. This massive highway clean-up effort was initiated by the Montana Council of Boy Scouts in Great Falls and involves thousands of volunteers all over Montana.

In 1985, the Montana Council of Boy Scouts appointed former Boy Scout, Chuck Timothy, to direct Project Good Turn, with the mission of cleaning up Montana highways and lands. This effort has grown to include the Girl Scouts, the Montana Highway Department, the Highway Patrol, the American Radio Release League, the National Guard, and various other civic organizations.

Project Good Turn has become an annual Montana tradition. Over the past five years, 5000 tons of trash have been collected and over 30,000 young people have participated in clean-up efforts. Their continued and increased involvement ensure the success of this year's Project Good Turn on April 28, 1990.

The President salutes Project Good Turn for its active involvement in alleviating the problem of waste disposal. Through the initiative of the Montana Council of Boy Scouts and the participation of other groups across Montana, Project Good Turn shines brightly as an example of consequential community engagement.

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For Immediate Release

December 22, 1989

THE DAILY "POINT OF LIGHT"

The President today named the town of Hope, New Mexico as his twenty-fourth daily "Point of Light." The residents of this small western town volunteered their time to transform an abandoned school into a new community center.

The citizens of Hope, New Mexico (population 300) decided not to let the old Hope school building go to waste. Citizens of the community volunteered their time and services to fix up the building. It now houses an adult center, the Hope Police Department (which currently has one officer), and the town library. Plans exist to add a weight lifting room and refurbish the gym.

The President praises the citizens of Hope for their willingness to lend a helping hand to improve their community. They help us remember that every community in the nation possesses the means to enhance its own quality of life.

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February 2, 1991

The President today named the volunteers of the Neighborhood Improvement Foundation of Toledo, Inc., of Toledo, Ohio, as the 369th "Daily Point of Light." The volunteers of the Neighborhood Improvement Foundation of Toledo, Inc. (NIFTI) beautify the community, while enhancing the environment.

Founded in 1957, NIFTI recruits community members to clean and maintain neighborhoods and preserve natural resources in the community. NIFTI has encouraged city blocks to form Block Clubs, through which neighbors gather to clean trash and debris from streets and empty lots. On Saturdays, members of NIFTI rotate blocks, visiting each block in a refuse truck to pick up the collected trash. In addition, local nurseries donate plants to blocks that participate in this effort.

Community members also participate in additional clean-up projects. NIFTI coordinated a clean-up project of Swann Creek, collecting over 150 tons of trash over two weekends. They also clean the Buckeye Basin and the Ottawa River. Through this effort, the community has noticed a considerable decrease in the amount of trash which pollutes local natural resources and neighborhoods.

The President salutes the volunteers of the Neighborhood Improvement Foundation of Toledo, Inc. as the 369th "Daily Point of Light." Daily Point of Light recognition is intended to call every individual, group, and organization in America to claim society's problems as their own by taking direct and consequential action; to identify, enlarge, and multiply successful initiatives, like the efforts of the volunteers of NIFTI; and to discover, encourage, and develop new leaders in community service, reflecting the President's conviction that, "From now on in America, any definition of a successful life must include serving others."

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January 21, 1992

The President today recognized the volunteers of the Philadelphia Anti-Graffiti Network of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the 673rd Daily Point of Light for the Nation. Network participants remove graffiti from buildings and help beautify the city with the artistic creations of muralists.

Over the past seven years, vandalized walls in Philadelphia's many neighborhoods have been transformed into murals through the Mayor's Anti-Graffiti Network. Urban scrawl and graffiti colorings have been replaced with images of affirmation. Twenty-five youngsters have been instructed by famous visual artists, and the youth now share palettes with museum-quality painters. They assist the artists in creating many of the scenes that now decorate Philadelphia structures.

In 1990, 1,838 young volunteers "whitewashed" 5,237 defaced properties in their own neighborhoods, showing that being part of the solution is more fulfilling than being a part of the problem. The Network encourages artistic expression among young people and is changing the way the city's youth are responding to the graffiti crisis.

The Network has several programs centered around the removal and beautification process. The "Target Unit," a group that uses high pressure to wash buildings, removed graffiti from 183 residential properties and 16 schools. The 2,918 volunteer "Field Representatives," have undertaken 631 neighborhood clean-ups of 2,167 low-income residential properties. Mural staffers conduct 16 hour, month-long workshops at art studios, raising student interest and participation in the arts.

The Anti-Graffiti Network's idea spread throughout the country with the development of the National Clean Sweep Games, held annually in Philadelphia. Over 350 youth from 15 states participate in five days of events designed to increase appreciation for clean neighborhoods.

The President salutes the volunteers of the Anti-Graffiti Network for exemplifying his belief that, "From now on in America, any definition of a successful life must include serving others."

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Michele -

I hope these PDLs are helpful. Let us know if you need anything further.

Thanks,

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For Michelle Nix.

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PURPOSE AND SIGNIFICANCE*more than 70 years old*

Anacostia Park was created to provide open space for public recreational use within the Federal City. The Reclamation Flats Act (1913-1918) provided that Anacostia mud flats from the mouth of the river to the District of Columbia line would be reclaimed for park purposes. A stipulation in the August 31, 1918 District of Columbia Appropriations Act for fiscal 1919 designated Anacostia Park as part of the park system of the District of Columbia. In 1922 an Executive Order placed Anacostia Park under the jurisdiction of NPS.

The resources of Anacostia Park are extremely diverse and therein lies their significance for they offer a broad array of recreational opportunities to their visitors. The sections of the park, cut off on one side by the river and otherwise surrounded and isolated by roads, bridges, freeways and industrial and residential development, form park islets of valuable greenspace surrounded by urban sprawl.

Reservation 343C offers open space for jogging, biking, or fishing. It also hosts the NCP-East headquarters, and U.S. Park Police facilities, including a helicopter unit.

Reservation 343-D on the west bank of the river is used for boating and outdoor recreation. Three private boat clubs are located here, as well as picnic and play areas. On the Anacostia side of the river, in the Fairlawn Section, the District of Columbia operates a recreation center and swimming pool.

In Reservation 343E, the Tuning Section, the Anacostia Pavilion provides space for roller skating, concerts, community exhibits and environmental education programs. Outdoor recreational facilities are located next to the pavilion. Thousands of visitors attend First Amendment and special events in this part of the park. A boat club and a marina are located in the section, on the west side of the river.

Reservation 343F includes a 200 foot strip on the west bank and Kingmen Island, which is currently under management of the District of Columbia by cooperative agreement. On the east bank the reservation includes the River Terrace which has a playground, tennis and basketball courts, and a softball field. Reservation 343-G encompasses Langston Golf Course and Kenilworth Park and the Aquatic Gardens. Because of the unique nature of the Kenilworth area, it is treated as a separate park with its own Statement for Management.

## INFLUENCES: INVENTORY AND ANALYSIS

Management of Anacostia Park is influenced primarily by the degradation of the resource caused by heavy visitor use and urban encroachment, the need for cooperation with parties interested in the functioning of the various park areas and the need to provide a varied and safe visitor experience. Restraints on manpower and budget encourage management to seek the investment of the time and funds of private enterprise and the local citizenry in helping to achieve its goals.

Information on natural resources is inadequate for effective management. Resource problems relate to landscape restoration, exotic plant species, insect and disease problems of park flora, shoreline erosion, silt deterioration and pollution of park waters. There is a lack of adequate access and circulation to serve approved uses of the park and chronic traffic congestion during peak use on roads and parking areas in the park.

Appropriate visitor use and enjoyment is unnecessarily restricted or limited by inadequate interpretive information, orientation materials and signing to facilitate approved park uses. Effective park management is hampered by the adverse effects of vandalism and dumping. The rapid increase in park use has adversely impacted the visitor experience and park resource.

### Legislative and Administrative Requirements

Apart from the mandates of Anacostia Park's enabling legislation cited above, concession contracts and special use permits also place constraints upon the management of the park.

Concessioner-operated marinas are located at Fort McNeir and Buzzard's Point in Section D, Anacostia Marina in Section E and a concessioner-operated golf course exists in Section G. Four private boat clubs operate under special use permits, two in Section D and two in Section E. By cooperative agreement the District of Columbia operates the recreation center and swimming pool in Section D. The tennis courts and lighted ballfields in this section are also operated by the District of Columbia Department of Recreation.

## RESOURCES

### Natural

The primary natural resource in Anacostia Park, apart from Kenilworth Park and Aquatic Gardens, which will be discussed separately, is the Anacostia River. During the 18th and 19th centuries, the tidal waters of the river flowed between small islands and into many marshes and bays dominated by wild rice

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(Zizania aquatica), and other emergent plant species. Landfill projects and channelization of the river have converted the winding watercourse of the past into a single channel, lined by seawall and flanked by grassy slopes rising gently to the low hills above.

However, there are still remnant wetlands located within Section G of Anacostia Park. Perhaps the most significant ones are located in Kenilworth Park (see Kenilworth Park and Aquatic Gardens SFM) and Kingman Lake, which encompasses some 115 acres of open water, mud flats, and small islands.

Other natural areas in Anacostia Park include the managed meadows of Kenilworth Park and Section F of Anacostia Park just above the Conrail Bridge. Meadows not only provide more diverse habitat for wildlife such as meadowlarks and rabbits, which otherwise may not occur in the city, but also reduce maintenance burdens by eliminating unnecessary mowing of areas that are not utilized for other types of active recreation. Along the Anacostia River seawall, and other edge areas that are not mowed regularly, a diversity of plants typically occurs. Some of the more unusual, and/or interesting species include desmanthus (Desmanthus illinoensis), humped bladderwort (Utricularia gibba), false indigo (Amorpha fruticosa), honeyvine (Cynanchum laeve), evening lychnis (Lychnis alba), dense-flowered waterwillow (Justicia americana), and common threesquare (Scirpus americanus).

Wildlife associated with the natural areas described above include numerous song birds, wading birds, and birds of prey, several species of reptiles and amphibians, muskrat, beaver, and red and/or grey fox.

Sand and gravel quarrying and land development upstream in Maryland have caused river siltation and sedimentation and the consequent narrowing of the channel. Pollution, in the form of storm water overflows and the spillage of oil and other hazardous wastes, has altered the nature of plant and animal life within and along the river. With the exception of the extreme northern end, the wetlands have been eliminated.

#### Cultural

The only facility in Anacostia Park, used for cultural activities operated by park staff is the Anacostia Pavilion where First Amendment rallies and special events, such as Malcolm X Day and concerts, are held. The primary historic resource within Anacostia Park is the Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens, which will be discussed separately.

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### Recreational

All sections of the park contain recreational resources which support hiking, biking, jogging, boating, fishing, picnicking, field sports, court games, children's games, swimming, roller skating, and river viewing.

### Land Uses and Trends

The eastern border of Anacostia Park is densely populated. The southernmost sections of the park are separated from the residential community by the Anacostia Freeway (Route I-295). A bewildering array of bridges, Conrail tracks, unconnected roads, overpasses and underpasses chop the park into poorly accessible fragments. The northern areas are bordered by urban development with adequate public transportation. Construction of a Metro station in Section C<sub>3</sub> is currently underway and will provide excellent access to this southern park area. It is planned to include surface parking for 400 vehicles and a 750-car parking garage.

In Section E the Barney Circle Freeway Project is expected to ease traffic along Pennsylvania Avenue in the Capitol Hill area and will provide a parkway in Section F along the western bank of the river.

### Visitor Use Analysis

Of the approximately 925,000 visitors who enjoy Anacostia Park each year, an estimated 80 per cent do not live in the immediate vicinity. The park serves the entire metropolitan Washington area.

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Primarily local residents from the surrounding community use the basketball courts at the Anacostia Pavilion and the fields north of the Anacostia Recreation Center for touch football and baseball. Many visitors gather to fish, picnic and socialize among the trees along Anacostia Drive from the Anacostia Recreation Center to Nicholson Street. Tennis is also a major sport in this area with courts being used from early morning on weekdays and weekends to about 10 a.m. and from 3 p.m. to dark during the peak visitation period.

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Visitation of Anacostia Park has doubled in the past ten years. In the 1978, 430,500 people visited the park. In 1987, over 900,000 people visited the park (see monthly and annual visitation charts).

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Legislative Constraints

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P.L. 61 (1911) 36 Stat. 1005 Anacostia reclamation.  
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District of Columbia Appropriations Act (1918). This act designates Anacostia Park system of the District of Columbia. As defined in the Act, the park includes "The entire area reclaimed and to be reclaimed from the mouth of the Anacostia River extending to the District Line." This act designated the reclaimed land for park purposes and protects this status by law.

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Public Law 69-187 (1926) 44 Stat. 405. Authorized transfer to the jurisdiction of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia of as certain portion of Anacostia Park for use as a tree nursery.

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MAY 14 ACTIVITIES**

- 0745 Depart Grand Hyatt for assembly site via motorcoach.  
0800 Arrival by motorcoach and private vehicles at assembly point (Anacostia Park). Coffee and donuts provided. Briefing and division into teams.  
0830 Depart for other work sites (Rock Creek, Fort Dupont).  
0900 Volunteer efforts begin at 3 sites. Periodic breaks for water, snacks.  
1130 Kids fishing program begins at Anacostia park site.  
1235 Project wrap-up at all sites except Anacostia Park. Transport back to Anacostia from other two work sites via RVs, vans, and motorcoachs.  
1245 Picnic lunch begins near DC Aquatic Resources Education Center in Anacostia Park.
- 1:00 **POTUS arrives at ANACOSTIA PARK and proceeds to DC Aquatic Resources Center where he is greeted by Derrick Crandall, President of American Recreation Coalition.**
- 1:02 **POTUS is briefed on the "Pathway to Fishing" Program by Tom Bedell, President of Berkeley, Inc. and John Turner, Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (or FWS representative). (5 minutes)**
- 1:07 **POTUS goes to one of the "Pathway" stations and meets kids participating in program. PHOTO OPPORTUNITY. (3 minutes)**
- 1:10 **POTUS walks to Wallop-Breaux funded dock for briefing on Wallop-Breaux success and to see results of river clean-up. Sees boat and raft with volunteers and boat with kids fishing. Talks to volunteers and kids. (7 minutes).**
- 1:17 **POTUS walks to picnic site, greets picnickers, and proceeds to staging area. (3 minutes)**
- 1:20 **POTUS is introduced.**
- 1:21 **POTUS remarks. (10 minutes)**
- 1:31 **POTUS concludes remarks, exits through DC Aquatic Resources Center for brief tour. (5 minutes)**
- 1:36 **POTUS departs ANACOSTIA PARK.**
- 1400 Departure by volunteers from staging area, return to hotels, etc.  
1800 Reception begins -- Sheldon Coleman Great Outdoors Award dinner at Grand Hyatt.  
1900 Dinner begins.  
1915 Remarks by Secretary of Education Lamar Alexander.  
2030 Presentation of award to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Director John Turner.  
2145 Dinner concludes.

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Different kind of black community  
stress community involvement  
Paint a better picture of black community  
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Mike Hayden  
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- 6 sites - 30 people
- outdoors + volunteers
- Converge for Lunch
- 1:00 POTUS
- POTUS makes address

Marla Morris - Park Service Pub Affairs

300 people - volunteer  
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POTUS goes to this → Pathways to Fishing - urban kids to fishing  
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POTUS at dock 100 kids 8-10 minutes  
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Volunteers - CEO of Rec Industries

Fishing  
graduates

Take Pride in America Month  
Getting involved in public land  
Eating picnic lunches - schmoozing  
POTUS speaks  
POTUS goes to B-ball courts

Wash Bulletins

Purvis Ellison <sup>playing b-ball</sup> - before he speaks  
~~POTUS at dock: POTUS not a dock~~  
Security

Director of Natl  
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Will plant a tree  
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Volunteers are members of AHC

Take & Pride in America Banner

Has fished & camped w/ Derrick

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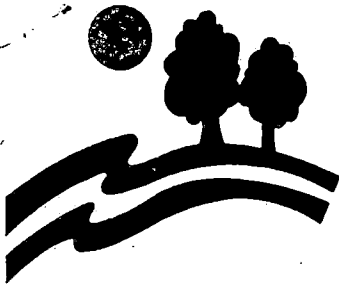
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National Park - people come together

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# American Recreation Coalition

*Dedicated to the protection and enhancement of every citizen's right to pursue health and happiness through leisure-time activities.*

## WHAT IS THE AMERICAN RECREATION COALITION?

The American Recreation Coalition (ARC) is a non-profit Washington-based federation founded in 1979. The association provides a unified voice for recreation interests to ensure their full and active participation in government policy-making on issues such as public land management, energy, and liability. ARC membership consists of more than 100 organizations, including national and regional associations and corporations that represent a major share of the \$300+ billion a year recreation/leisure industry and enthusiast groups representing millions of recreationists.

Among ARC's primary missions is the stimulation of partnerships to provide quality recreation opportunities. Many of these partnerships combine the resources of the private sector with public agencies. ARC has arranged for the preparation and printing of brochures and maps for the National Park Service and Forest Service; helped devise a unique management plan for an intensively used forest site in southern California; and forged partnerships between federal agencies and companies for such projects as scenic byways and Take Pride in America. ARC's major programs and services include:

**GOVERNMENT RELATIONS** - In addition to monitoring legislative and regulatory proposals that influence recreation, ARC works with government agencies and the U.S. Congress to study public policy issues that will shape future recreation opportunities. ARC spearheaded the drive to create a national commission to develop a blueprint for meeting America's future recreation needs. The President's Commission on American Outdoors (PCAO) was created by President Reagan in 1985. Today, ARC provides important leadership on follow-up efforts to the commission's 1987 report. Key recommendations task forces are actively pursuing include scenic byways, recreation information systems, liability, and recreation program funding.

ARC also cultivates broad based consensus on recreation issues through special interest coalitions, such as the American League of Anglers and Boaters, a group of boating and fishing groups that champion the Wallop-Breaux Trust Fund. ARC has also organized a Scenic Byways Coalition, to help define a national scenic byways program, and the Landowner and Recreationist Alliance, which seeks to expand public recreation opportunities on private lands.

**RECREATION EXCHANGES** - Monthly meetings are held in Washington to bring together key elected officials and the recreation community. The Exchanges encourage the exchange of ideas among the nation's recreation community and improve understanding among participants.

**RECREATION FORUM** - Top executives of recreation corporations and associations convene once a year to analyze key trends and issues and to discuss shared concerns and goals. The Recreation Forum provides a unique opportunity for diverse interests to discuss the issues, proposals and programs that will influence the future of recreation in America.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION/MEDIA LIAISON** - ARC serves as a national clearinghouse for general circulation and recreation news media, providing reporters and editors with background statistical information, directing them to experts, answering queries and developing feature projects and articles.

**FIELD TRIPS** - To provide policy-makers and their staffs with a better understanding of recreation as a matter of national importance, ARC sponsors field trips to highlight changes in recreation technology and participation trends.

**TAKE PRIDE IN AMERICA** - ARC is an active supporter of the Take Pride in America campaign, working to disseminate information on the importance of stewardship of our public lands, and sponsoring a national awards ceremony reception.

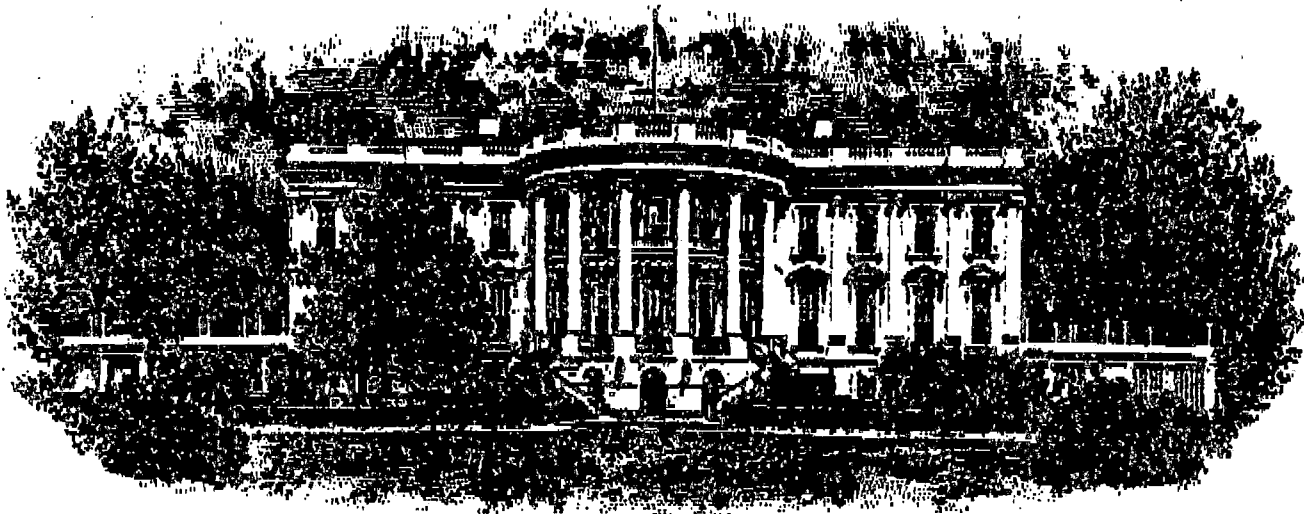
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## American Recreation Coalition

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right to pursue health and happiness through leisure-time activities.*

May 11, 1992

### MEMORANDUM

TO: David Demarest  
FROM: Derrick Crandall  
SUBJECT: May 14 Event: **Linkages to Urban Concerns**

On May 14, President Bush is scheduled to appear at an event in Anacostia Park sponsored by the American Recreation Coalition and the Recreation Roundtable. The event offers several themes directly relevant to the Administration's actions post-Los Angeles and relating to the needs of America's cities.

- 1) **Recreation is a universal language, cutting across ethnic, racial, economic and geographic borders.**
- 2) **If people -- and especially kids -- don't have places to play, their idle time and energies are often turned to non-constructive activities. These activities can be relatively benign -- like hours before the television -- or far worse, including illegal activities.**
- 3) **Solutions to our cities' problems depend upon more personal contacts between those in the inner cities and "mainstream" America. We need to encourage volunteerism in inner city schools. We need to help inner city youths come to know the great outdoors which is part of their legacy, too.**
- 4) **Community identity and pride is the building block of national identity and pride. Most of us value and safeguard the things we own and care about. The actions in Los Angeles reflect a lack of perceived ownership -- and a community which doesn't inspire much pride. In contrast, Harlem is emerging as a tourism destination.**

I'd also like to share a paragraph that explains the activities of our group a bit more:

*The Take Pride in America work projects of the American Recreation Coalition weren't conducted in spectacular and distant sites like Yellowstone National Park and the Grand Canyon for a reason. Urban sites like Anacostia, Fort Dupont and Rock Creek parks are part of our outdoor legacy, too, and are used intensively by many who will rarely -- if ever -- visit some of our best known national parks. They are vital to us in many ways. In fact, the projects selected for work today demonstrate three very different roles. Here at Anacostia Park, tens of thousands of people use the park's basketball and tennis*

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*courts, its ballfields and swimming pool, its playground and its river banks, its skating pavillion and its boat ramps. In Fort Dupont, volunteers helped prepare a stage for this summer's popular performances of jazz and other performing arts. And in Rock Creek Park, volunteers cleared debris from the stream and began the process of clearing fallen trees which were causing severe bank erosion in a part of the park which offers opportunities for hiking and horse-riding in a very natural setting.*

Finally, let me share a few quotes which are contained in the report of the President's Commission on Americans Outdoors (1987), in which then-Vice President Bush took substantial interest:

From the PCAO report text:

*" People in central cities have a harder time experiencing the outdoors."*

*" Americans place a high value on the outdoors; it is central to the quality of our lives and the quality of our communities."*

Arthur Holland, Mayor of Trenton, NJ (quoted in the report):

*We moved 21 years ago into a neighborhood which was considered very run down. As you had the beginning of gentrification, resentful stones would be thrown. We built a small park -- a basketball court, some benches, a place where you could at least throw some balls around. The stone throwing stopped. That's why I'm convinced, firsthand, that there's a direct relationship: you don't throw stones when you've got balls to throw around.*

Charles Jordan, PCAO commissioner and Director, Portland, Oregon, Parks and Recreation and a prominent African-American (quoted in the report):

*When the police chief asks for more officers, we must remind the decisionmakers that recreation is more than fun and games. On a daily basis, we engage thousands of young people in constructive and positive activities. Were it not for the opportunities we provide, those idle hands and energetic bodies may well turn to less constructive and less positive activities. It is cheaper to recreate than to incarcerate!*

*When the Human Relations commission makes its report on the state of race relations, we must remind them that we break racial barriers every day. We provide opportunities for people of different races and ethnic backgrounds to taste victory, only after they set aside those artificial barriers of color and status and work together as a unit, each contributing some unique and necessary talent. If they can do it on the courts and on the playing fields, just maybe they can do it in society.*

John Gardner (quoted in the report):

*The task of the moment is to recreate a highly motivated society. If we fail in that, forget the rest.*

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Willard Brown (quoted in the report):

The parks and recreation community is providing people with opportunities for fulfillment, for challenge and for the identity that they're no longer finding in their work. In doing that, we're making a very real contribution to resolving the most significant issue this country does face, the "re-creation" of a highly motivated society.

Needless to say, I'd welcome the chance to discuss these concepts with you, as well as the conversations underway (and in which Bob Grady is a key player) regarding a new program to assist recreation and conservation initiatives in America's urban areas.



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**PRE-ADVANCE/WALK-THRU QUESTIONNAIRE**

**EVENT:** American Recreation Coalition (ARC)

**DATE:** May 14

**TIME:** 1:00

**LOCATION:**  
(GIVE DETAILS) Anacostia Park

**EXPECTED AUDIENCE:**  
(NUMBER AND COMPOSITION) 300 volunteers, members of ARC  
& kids from area schools

**PRESS COVERAGE:** Open

**DIAS PARTICIPANTS:** Derrick Crandall, ARC pres

**EXPECTED PARTICIPATION BY MEMBERS OF  
CABINET/CONGRESSIONAL/ADMINISTRATION:** Mike Hayden, Ass Sec  
for Fish, Wildlife and Parks

**POTUS INTRODUCTION:** Crandall

**PERTINENT SPEECH TOPICS:** Commitment to public lands  
Communities coming together  
Volunteerism

**REASON FOR EVENT:**

**PLEASE ATTACH PRE-ADVANCE/WALK-THRU CALL SHEET**

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: RECREATION EVENT  
ANACOSTIA, MARYLAND  
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1992 1:00 P.M.

Thank you, Derrick [Crandall] -- a very fine president of ARC and a pretty good fishing buddy. I salute all that you do for the public lands across this country. [Other acknowledgements]

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Like Grand Teton National Park, we have many other beautiful National Parks all over this country. But we also must remember that the great outdoors is also right here -- at this terrific park here in Anacostia.

Whether you're from right here in DC or from Spirit Lake, Iowa -- the great outdoors is yours for the asking. 1 out of 3 acres of this great country is federally managed public land and each of you here today is a co-owner. And that's why, as a co-owner we all need to help preserve our great public lands. And such special effort can start right close to where you live -- right here in Anacostia Park.

That's why public-private partnerships are so important. Practically every day, people trod upon the river dock just behind me -- one funded by the Wallop-Braux Trust Fund -- a program created in 1984 to bring together the efforts of both the fishing and boating industries. This year, we're providing more than \$300 million dollars for this fund, which will go to aid fishing, boating and other aquatic improvements.

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All across this country, families -- whole communities -- are joining together to take care of their public lands. More than a decade ago, volunteers from the town of Greers Ferry, Arkansas - - 8,000 of them -- took to their local lake to take back what had been a favorite recreation spot, but had become a dumping ground, littered and neglected. Every year these thousands of volunteers got together to clean up the lake -- but as time went on -- the litter became less and less. Now, in these past couple of years, they get together to for one big party and celebrate their now beautiful lake.

There are whole towns like Page, Arizona -- picking up 140 tons of debris -- one of the largest cleanups ever; and Hope, New Mexico -- rehabing an abandoned building into a new community center.

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America whole -- and good.

Thank you very much for inviting me to share in this day.  
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Hill.//))

Have a great summer and may God bless the United States of  
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70 million Americans enjoy fishing every year. I saw some of you kids out at the river enjoying it when I drove up. And I saw some of you learning to tie knots and cast as part of the wonderful "Pathway to Fishing" program. ((Remember, it's not how good you fish that counts, it's how good you tell fish stories.//))

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the way Tom or John taught them ((hopefully, not my way//)), and shooting baskets on the court -- releasing the ball just the way Purvis told them to do. But it's not just a kid's life. The great outdoors is the perfect playground for the entire family, this country's greatest natural resource.

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Thank you for all the good work you've accomplished here today.

((I'd better go now. I hear the fish are biting -- the really big ones that swim around on Capitol Hill.//))

Thank you all and may God bless the United States of America.

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It's not just a kid's life, though, I'm talking about. The outdoors is a perfect playground for the entire family and this country's greatest natural resource. This summer can also be a time for lots of families, for whole communities to come together.

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And beyond our urgent emergency aid, we've got to take action to bring hope and opportunity to Los Angeles. And I don't want to go into a lot of detail here, but I met with the leaders of both sides of the aisle. We're trying to get nonpartisan or bipartisan approaches to solve the problems. We've put out a six-point program that included a weed and seed -- weed out the drugs, seed the neighborhoods with hope; our homeownership initiative; enterprise zones that bring businesses into these communities that are hard hit; education reform; welfare reform; and a strong jobs program. These six points, we're going to keep

pressing for them, and I think they'll bring immediate relief to some of our cities. And I think it's a wonderful thing, if we're successful in them, to what it can mean for the lives of some of the kids right here today.

So, we've got to come together. We've got to rebuild the hearts of our nation's cities, and we've got to renew that spirit of community. So I am just delighted to be here; very appreciative, once again, of the volunteers, those who live by that feeling one American must help another, hold out the helping hand to another. And the volunteers do it, and the result of that is cleaner and better parks, more and more hope and opportunity for the young people.

So thank you very, very much for what you're doing. It's a pleasure to be out here. And I have only one regret, and that is that I can't stay out here all afternoon to do a little better in the fishing-casting tournament out there and to get to see you kids enjoy this lovely park.

Thank you all very much for being with us. And, again, my thanks to all the volunteers. (Applause.)

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And I think he was quite generous about that, but I did have a small role in its creation. And am prouder still that this year we're providing more than \$240 million for this fund to aid the fishing and boating improvements. Last year we had a fight -- Congress, I think, wanted to cut the Wallop-Breaux in the appropriations process. But we just can't let that happen.

Then there's our Scenic Byways program, a six-year effort to improve some of our nations most traveled highways, not just the highways that go -- you've got all across the country, but roads that wind through the hearts of our cities. And we call them ribbons of green, the "roads America loves."

And here in Washington, our Scenic Byways program beautifies roads like the George Washington Parkway and Rock Creek Parkway. We're also helping to support the creation of "Greenways," those combinations of bicycles and hiking paths that are springing up throughout our cities and countrysides. And then there are programs like the one that this banner celebrates: "Take Pride in America," a program that generates tens of millions of volunteer hours each year from communities all across the country. People coming together to preserve the parks and public lands within their communities, picking up litter, planting trees and building playgrounds for these kids.

And right now one of our public land initiatives is receiving favorable attention in Congress, the America the Beautiful Passport. This replaces that old wallet card style with a passport that would include such things as park information, helpful phone numbers, motor decal and many, many more things. And the best part, sales proceeds could generate up to \$30 million in additional revenue which would then go to fund other recreation and wildlife projects.

So as we enter summertime, and I know the kids here are counting the days until school gets out, we'll see them enjoy -- see more kids enjoy the benefits of this cleanup project today. And we'll see them running off to this park, playing around on the new playground, casting the fishing lines the way John and Tom and other fishing experts taught them, and shooting a few hoops the way Pervis told them to do, and learning from him and learning from the volunteers how important it is for one citizen to help another.

It's not just a kid's life, though, I'm talking about. The outdoors is a perfect playground for the entire family and this country's greatest natural resource. This summer can also be a time for lots of families, for whole communities to come together.

We all saw what happened out there in Los Angeles a couple of weeks ago, a community that was divided and torn apart and then turning on itself in despair. And already the communities within that South Central L.A. are coming together, they're rebuilding, they're renewing. They're leaving the war zones behind to embrace the heart of what makes Los Angeles such a special place.

And beyond our urgent emergency aid, we've got to take action to bring hope and opportunity to Los Angeles. And I don't want to go into a lot of detail here, but I met with the leaders of both sides of the aisle. We're trying to get nonpartisan or bipartisan approaches to solve the problems. We've put out a six-point program that included a weed and seed -- weed out the drugs, seed the neighborhoods with hope; our homeownership initiative; enterprise zones that bring businesses into these communities that are hard hit, these cities; education reform; welfare reform; and then a strong jobs program. These six points, we're going to keep

pressing for them, and I think they'll bring immediate relief to some of our cities. And I think it's a wonderful thing, if we're successful in them, to what it can mean for the lives of some of the kids right here today.

So, we've got to come together. We've got to rebuild the hearts of our nation's cities, and we've got to renew that spirit of community. So I am just delighted to be here; very appreciative, once again, of the volunteers, those who live by that feeling one American must help another, hold out the helping hand to another. And the volunteers do it, and the result of that is cleaner and better parks, more and more hope and opportunity for the young people.

So thank you very, very much for what you're doing. It's a pleasure to be out here. And I have only one regret, and that is that I can't stay out here all afternoon to do a little better in the fishing-casting tournament out there and to get to see you kids enjoy this lovely park.

Thank you all very much for being with us. And, again, my thanks to all the volunteers. (Applause.)

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