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Document Date: **08/23/2006**

Correspondent: **ROB PORTMAN**

Subject/Description: **PROPOSED MEMORANDUM ENTITLED "THE FUTURE OF AMERICA'S NATIONAL PARKS"**

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

THE DIRECTOR

August 23, 2006

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Rob Portman *Rob Portman*

SUBJECT: Proposed Memorandum entitled "The Future of America's National Parks"

SUMMARY: This memorandum forwards for your consideration a proposed memorandum that was prepared by the Department of the Interior. The proposed memorandum would direct the Secretary of the Interior to take certain actions in connection with preserving our national parks.

BACKGROUND: In a message honoring the National Park Service's (NPS) 90th anniversary, you have called on the NPS and all Americans to work cooperatively so that the enjoyment and preservation of our national parks can endure for the next 100 years and beyond.

During the next decade, leading up to its centennial celebration, the NPS should continue its legacy of combining philanthropy, partnership, and government investment to preserve the vitality of our national parks.

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VIEWS OF AFFECTED AGENCIES AND STAFF: The following executive departments, agencies, and offices do not object to the proposed memorandum: (a) the Departments of Justice, the Interior, EPA, and Agriculture; (b) the EOP Offices of the Chief of Staff, Communications and Speechwriting, Cabinet Affairs, Strategic Initiatives, Presidential Personnel, Intergovernmental Affairs, White House Counsel, and CEA, NSC, OSTP, CEQ, USTR, ONDCP, and OA; and (c) the Office of the Vice President.

*Noted
W. H. G.*

RECOMMENDATION: I join the Secretary of the Interior in recommending that you sign the proposed memorandum.

Attachments

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 24, 2006

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

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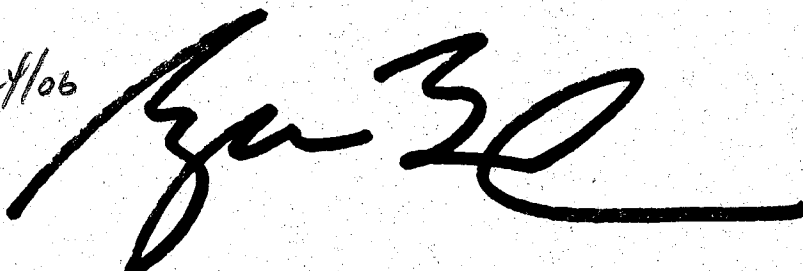
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You are to report the results of the implementation of this memorandum to me by May 31, 2007.

Signed/dated: 8/24/06
Original to Interior
8/24/06
Announced: 8/25/06



Noted:
Walt B.

McCathran, William W.

From: Thomas III, Edwin R.
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2006 10:39 AM
To: Evans, Wanda M.; Kalbaugh, David E.; McCathran, William W.; Saunders, G. Timothy; Williams, Sherman A.
Subject: NPS Release
Attachments: 2006nps.mem.rel.doc

Park service memo release attached. Release date is TOMORROW and to be held until then. Check with Clerk with any questions.

8/24/2006



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

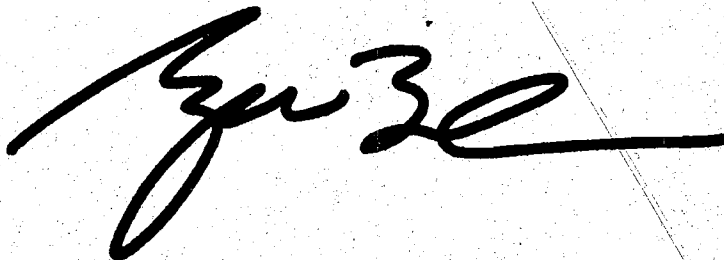
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I send greetings to those celebrating the 90th anniversary of the National Park Service.

Americans take great pride in our country's natural and historic treasures, and the National Park Service plays an important role in ensuring our rich heritage is preserved and enjoyed for generations to come. Since its establishment in 1916, the National Park Service has grown to include almost 400 sites, with parks in nearly every state. These parks protect beautiful landscapes, tell important stories about our country's past, and encourage our citizens to conserve our natural environment and celebrate our national history.

I appreciate the volunteers and employees of the National Park Service who dedicate their time and talents to maintaining and enhancing our National Parks. Your efforts help advance environmental stewardship, promote outdoor recreation, and preserve our national memory.

Laura and I send our best wishes on this special occasion.



Saunders, G. Timothy

From: Reed, McGavock D.
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2006 11:30 AM
To: Saunders, G. Timothy
Subject: FW: Heads Up -- List of EOs that are being proposed/will be processed in the next several weeks (Several are "Close-Hold")

Tim,

For next week and the week after:

1. Health Care EO to be signed at an event in Minneapolis, Minnesota on Tuesday August 22, 2006 -- The goal is to get the Health Care EO into WH Senior Staffing by cob. tomorrow, Friday, August 18, 2006.
2. NPS Memo and Message - THE NPS memo is to be signed on next Friday, August 25, 2006 -- The goal will be get the Memo in WH Senior Staffing by Wednesday morning, August 23, 2006.
3. HSC Disaster Assistance Memo - The Memo is to be signed on Tuesday, August 29th -- The goal is to get the Memo into WH Senior Staffing by Friday, August 29, 2006.

From: Saunders, G. Timothy
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2006 9:31 AM
To: Reed, McGavock D.
Subject: RE: Heads Up -- List of EOs that are being proposed/will be processed in the next several weeks (Several are "Close-Hold")

Hey Mac,

Could you provide an update of items you're aware of with status and deadlines?

Many thanks,
G. Timothy Saunders
W.H. Executive Clerk

From: Reed, McGavock D.
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2006 3:08 PM
To: Yanes, Raul F.; Rosen, Jeffrey A.; Saunders, G. Timothy; 'Jeremy.Kernodle@usdoj.gov'
Cc: Bowman, Thomas A.; DeVuono, Amanda; Luczynski, Kimberley S.; Kalbaugh, David E.; Thomas III, Edwin R.; 'Steve.Lehotsky@usdoj.gov'; 'Rosemary.Hart@usdoj.gov'; Irwin, Janet E.; Dempsey, Donald A.; Bopp, Michael D.; Bowab, Joseph W.; Anderson, David R.; Levin, Yuval; Drummond, Michael; Baker, Grey D.; Baker, Stuart G.; Clendenin, Barry T.; Aitken, Steven D.; Goon, Julie L.; McMillin, Stephen S. (WHO); Das, Himamauli; Hennessey, Keith; Lim, Evelyn
Subject: Heads Up -- List of EOs that are being proposed/will be processed in the next several weeks (Several are "Close-Hold")

Raul, Jeff, Tim, and Jeremy,

Heads Up -- Below is the list of EOs that will be processed/are being proposed for processing in the next several weeks. We have received and are processing the first four.

8/17/2006

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

SUBJECT: The Future of America's National Parks

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RECOMMENDATION: I join the Secretary of the Interior in recommending that you sign the proposed memorandum.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

FROM: Jeffrey A. Rosen
General Counsel

SUBJECT: Proposed Memorandum entitled "The Future of America's National Parks"

Purpose: The proposed memorandum would direct the Secretary of the Interior to take certain actions in connection with preserving the vitality of our national parks.

Action Forcing Event: The Secretary of the Interior is requesting that the President sign the proposed memorandum as soon as possible in connection with the 90th anniversary of the National Park Service on Friday, August 25, 2006.

Discussion: In a proclamation honoring the National Park Service's (NPS) 90th anniversary, you have called on the NPS and all Americans to work cooperatively so that the enjoyment and preservation of our national parks can endure for the next 100 years and beyond.

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Recommendation: Sign the Memorandum for the President and forward it and the proposed memorandum to the President.

Attachments

McCathran, William W.

From: Bowman, Thomas A.
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2006 10:59 AM
To: Reed, McGavock D.; DeVuono, Amanda
Cc: Rosen, Jeffrey A.; Luczynski, Kimberley S.; Anderson, David R.; 'Rosemary.Hart@usdoj.gov'; McCathran, William W.; 'Brian_Waidmann@ios.doi.gov'; Crutchfield, J C.; Fairweather, Robert S.; Wessel, Carol S.; Altoft, Lois E.; Carroll, Carlton F.; Irwin, Janet E.
Subject: RE: Request WH Senior Staffing of the Department of the Interior's proposed Memorandum entitled "The Future of America's National Parks"

Will do.

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Subject: Request WH Senior Staffing of the Department of the Interior's proposed Memorandum entitled "The Future of America's National Parks"

Tom and Amanda,

Would your shop be willing to go ahead and put the attached Draft Interior Memorandum and draft OMB Director's Memo to the President into WH Senior Staffing this morning for comments -- say by 3 or 4 pm today? (Please make me the point of contact for comments at (p) 395-3563 and (f) 395-7294.)

The proposed memorandum would direct the Secretary of the Interior to take certain actions in connection with preserving the vitality of our national parks.

The Secretary of the Interior would like to reference the Memorandum in an 11:00 am Press Conference on Friday, August 25, 2006, at a dedication of a new visitors center at Yosemite?Yellowstone national park. It would be a good opportunity for positive press coverage highlighting the Administration's dedication to our national park system.

Thank you very much, Mac

From: Reed, McGavock D.
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2006 10:27 AM
To: McCathran, William W.
Subject: Most Recent Draft of the National Park Service Memorandum

Bill, Here it is. Thank you, Mac

8/23/2006

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11:00 a.m.

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~~THE WHITE HOUSE~~

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~~Presidential Memo on the Future of America's National Parks~~

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⑦ Please report your findings to me within nine months ⁹ from the date of this memorandum. ¹ the President

George W. Bush

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Presidential Message: Celebrating The 90th Anniversary of the National Park Service

This August 25th the National Park Service celebrates 90 years of making national parks America's great gift for all to enjoy. On this date, in 1916, President Woodrow Wilson created the National Park Service "to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner . . . as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Since then, generous donors, cooperative partners and government leaders have entrusted to the National Park Service 390 parks, preserves, monuments, historical areas, cultural sites, and other unique places.

At Yellowstone and Yosemite, Denali and Dinosaur, Grand Canyon and Grand Teton, Shiloh, Shenandoah and other parks, the National Park Service each year welcomes 270 million visitors as they discover America the beautiful, the historical, the cultural.

America's national parks were the first in the world to set aside large-scale landscapes. National parks preserve majestic natural wonders. They keep watch over battlefields hallowed by red badges of courage. They keep culture alive at sites dedicated to the performing arts, poetry and music. Parks offer recreation and discovery through spectacular backcountry hiking and climbing. They honor great leaders like Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, Chief Geronimo, John Muir, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Martin Luther King, Jr.

As havens of enjoyment, recreation, learning, and personal renewal, national parks must endure.

I congratulate the National Park Service for 90 years of caring for these magnificent American resources. I encourage Americans to celebrate this anniversary, especially those one million visitors who on just this one day will be in national parks. I call on the National Park Service, and every American, to continue the work, cooperation and partnership necessary for our vibrant national parks to endure for the next 100 years and beyond.

GEORGE W. BUSH

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During the next decade, leading up to its centennial celebration, the National Park Service should continue efforts to preserve the vitality and vibrancy of our national parks.

Therefore I direct you, in consultation with the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the Chairman of the Council on Environmental Quality and the Director of the National Park Service to identify projects, activities, services, and enhancements to be completed over the next decade to prepare national parks for another century of conservation, preservation and enjoyment. As a priority, please identify those initiatives that will continue the National Park Service's legacy of leveraging private philanthropy, cooperative partnership and government investment for the benefit of national parks and all those who enjoy them. I encourage you to invite and receive suggestions from all those who want national parks to remain woven into the scenic, cultural, historical and geological fabric of this nation.

Please report your findings to me within six months.

George W. Bush

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Presidential Message: Celebrating The 90th Anniversary of the National Park Service

Today the National Park Service celebrates its 90th anniversary, a day where we honor national parks for being one of America's great ideas and gifts to the world. On this date, in 1916, President Woodrow Wilson created the National Park Service "to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner . . . as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Since then, private philanthropy, cooperative partnerships and government investment have established 390 parks, monuments, preserves, historical and cultural sites, and other special places managed by the National Park Service.

At Yellowstone and Yosemite, Great Smoky and the Great Sand Dunes, Grand Canyon and Grand Teton, Denali and Dinosaur, Shiloh, Shenandoah and elsewhere, the National Park Service each year helps 270 million visitors discover America the Beautiful.

America's national parks were the first in the world that set aside scenic, cultural, historical and geological landscapes. They preserve spectacular natural wonders, epic battlefields, and momentous places of American history. They honor the lives and work of our great Presidents and national leaders like Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson, Frederick Douglas, John Muir, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Martin Luther King.

America's national parks are havens of enjoyment, recreation, learning, and personal renewal that must endure.

I congratulate the National Park Service for 90 years of preserving national parks for the enjoyment of all. I encourage all Americans, especially the expected one million visitors who on this day alone will be visiting national parks, to help celebrate this 90th anniversary. I call on the National Park Service, and all Americans, to continue the work, cooperation and partnership necessary so that the vibrancy and vitality of our national parks will continue to endure for the next 100 years and beyond.

GEORGE W.BUSH

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To: McCathran, William W.
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Office of the Press Secretary
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For Immediate Release

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I send greetings to those celebrating the 90th anniversary of the National Park Service.

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I appreciate the volunteers and employees of the National Park Service who dedicate their time and talents to maintaining and enhancing our national parks. Your efforts help advance environmental stewardship, promote outdoor recreation, and preserve our national memory.

Laura and I send our best wishes on this special occasion.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

Date: 02/05/07 4:00 P.M. ~~11:00 A.M.~~ ACTION / CONCURRENCE / COMMENT DUE BY: 02/06/07 6:00 P.M.Subject: Fact Sheet – National Parks Centennial Initiative

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RESPONSE:

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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

February 6, 2007

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**DEPUTY ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, COUNSELOR'S
OFFICE**

FROM:

DERRICK MORGAN
STAFF SECRETARY TO THE VICE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

**WHITE HOUSE STAFFING - FACT SHEET -
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The Office of the Vice President has reviewed the above-referenced draft and we have no comments.

cc: Staff Secretary

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THE FUTURE OF AMERICA'S NATIONAL PARKS

A Report to the President of the United States
by the Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne

May 2007



From the Secretary



Dear Mr. President,

Inspired by the
passions of thousands
of citizens and mindful
that boldness matches
our history, today
I bring you our vision
to ensure that the
American love affair
with national parks
endures.

Americans love their parks. Yosemite and Yellowstone, Grand Canyon and Grand Teton, Shiloh and Shenandoah, and other parks are sanctuaries of enjoyment, recreation, learning, and personal renewal. They preserve majestic natural wonders and offer spectacular backcountry hiking. They are home to grizzlies, moose, spawning salmon, and birds of all feathers. They help us keep watch over battlefields hallowed by red badges of courage. They keep culture alive at sites dedicated to the performing arts, poetry, and music. Urban parks introduce inner-city children to outdoor wonders. Parks teach and inspire. Parks are America the beautiful...the cultural...the historical.

Last August, on the 90th anniversary of the National Park Service, you directed me to write specific performance goals to be achieved so our parks enjoy "another century of conservation, preservation, and enjoyment." Because parks are set aside for America's future, the best goals meet the needs of both parks and future generations.

America's population is growing, aging, becoming more diverse, and more urbanized. Children are increasingly disconnected from the outdoors. Urban sprawl has affected the woods

and fields where many of today's parents and grandparents played as children. Modern technology and virtual experiences compete with authentic learning adventures and personal exploration of our nation's nature and history.

National parks find themselves in changing landscapes, compromised by invasive species that disrupt native plant and animal communities. Sensitive freshwater species, including native trout, are missing from park habitats. Many ocean fish are in decline, while coral reefs—popular showcases of dazzling biological complexity—display signs of distress. Fragmented habitats result in fewer migratory birds returning to national parks.

The challenge facing the National Park Service is to conserve what is timeless while keeping pace with the modern needs of Americans. The National Park Service must make a 21st-century commitment to work in partnership to preserve parks, while re-connecting adults and children to the outdoors, history, and culture. An inner-city child in Washington, D.C. who catches a bluegill in a cement-lined pond in Constitution Gardens may one day explore the wilds of Alaska fishing for king salmon.

Above: Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne joins a Junior Ranger program.

Cover: Family experiencing Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, California.

School children visiting Channel Islands National Park may grow up to be underwater archaeologists. Students touring Gettysburg witness history and courage, forever shaping their lives. These experiences will only continue if parks are preserved.

In 40 listening sessions across America, we heard Americans express their hopes, dreams and, frankly, their concerns for national parks. We received 6,000 comments, talked with employees, experts, and advocates, and consulted with Office of Management and Budget Director Rob Portman and Council on Environmental Quality Chairman Jim Connaughton. The universal message was that parks need bold goals, clear objectives, specific strategies, and increased and accountable public and private investment.

I have also had the honor of discussing your Centennial Initiative with a true champion of national parks, your wife, First Lady Laura Bush. She demonstrates her commitment, through her work with Preserve America, to the places that honor our history. Her service and dedication to all national parks, as honorary chairwoman of the National Park Foundation, serve as an example and inspiration to all of us.

This report identifies overarching goals to guide the work leading up to the 100th anniversary in 2016. The National Park Service will transform these goals into reality. In consultation with partners and using these goals as a framework, every park superintendent will craft an implementation strategy.

These goals require increased investment. Mr. President, your 2008 budget is the largest in National Park Service history. Next year Americans will see 3,000 more uniformed park rangers. Your initiative will inspire future administrations to sustain this investment.

You also committed an additional mandatory \$100 million for each of the next 10 years if matched by private donations. This funding will spur philanthropic investment, a national park tradition. Thirty national parks

began with private gifts. You also asked for centennial projects and programs to continue the "legacy of leveraging philanthropic, partnership, and government investments for the benefit of national parks and their visitors." Americans responded to your call in force. Some 2,000 ideas were submitted. The National Park Foundation, chartered by Congress to seek gifts benefiting national parks, will work with park friends groups to raise necessary funds.

In the spirit of partnership bolstered by the listening sessions, National Park Service Director Mary Bomar and I will continue to engage the American people in fulfilling this vision for the future of national parks.

This August 25th, on the 91st anniversary, I will report on each park's centennial strategy as well as projects that should be funded in 2008. All projects will meet the highest standards of accountability and transparency. This sets the tradition that the Secretary of the Interior will report annually on progress achieved and future actions to be taken.

We will work cooperatively with Congress on this initiative. Democratic and Republican leaders support this effort. They see national parks as you do: an American treasure, not a partisan issue. When first created, national parks helped unify a nation divided by civil war. Parks should remain a unifying and enduring source of pride.

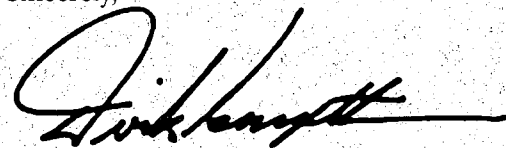
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public partnerships will bring greater excellence to parks. More volunteers will add value to park experiences. The latest information technology will captivate young people with the national park story. Children will reconnect to the outdoors and lead healthier lives. A new generation of conservationists will convey parks unimpaired to the next generation.

Therefore, firm in the conviction that the golden years for national parks have not passed but are ahead, I propose five overarching goals to guide the National Park Service each day for the next nine years leading up to its 100th anniversary:

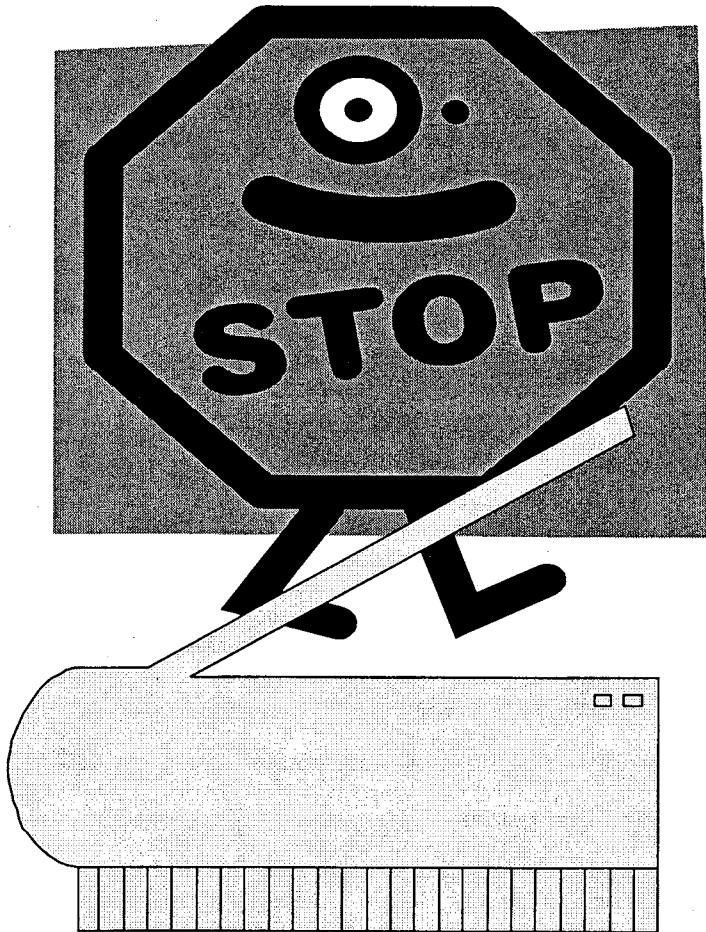
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- Foster exceptional learning opportunities connecting people to parks, especially children and seniors; and
- Achieve management and partnership excellence to match the magnificence of the treasures entrusted to its care.

Sincerely,



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"A vital goal for this country would be to prepare the parks, to guard the parks, to conserve the parks, and to make the parks relevant to the American people in honor of the 100th anniversary."

President George W. Bush

Centennial Initiative News Release



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Kemphorne Presents to the President A Vision for the Future of Our National Parks

WASHINGTON – “Inspired by the passions of thousands of citizens and mindful that boldness matches our history, today I bring you our vision to ensure that the American love affair with national parks endures,” wrote Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kemphorne in a report delivered today to President George Bush.

Kemphorne, and National Park Service Director Mary Bomar, unveiled report details during a rooftop press conference at the Interior Department. In the report, “The Future of America’s National Parks,” Kemphorne wrote, “Parks teach and inspire. Parks are America the beautiful...the cultural...the historical.” He explained the 100th anniversary should be a time to celebrate accomplishments achieved through goals with boldness and vision. The National Park Service will:

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- be managed with excellence.

Performance goals will guide our achievement. By 2016, the National Park Service plans to:

- improve priority facilities to acceptable condition;
- restore native habitats by controlling invasive species, and reintroducing key plant and animal species;
- improve natural resources in parks as measured by scientific vital signs monitoring;
- reduce environmental impacts of park operations;
- double the amount of volunteer hours;
- enroll two million new Junior Rangers;
- encourage greater partnership and philanthropy; and
- reshape the workforce to meet the needs of America.

Bomar said, “The men and women of the National Park Service will transform these goals into reality. We will be accountable to the American people for our actions and develop benchmarks to measure our success. We will report back to the citizens to tell them how we are doing.”

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Memo to the Record

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• Potential Actions and Examples:

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