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Memorandum

To: Superintendents
Through: Regional Directors
From: Deputy Director, Operations 
Subject: American Park Network – Resolution

On December 14, 2010, I sent a memorandum directing you and your staff to cease all communication with American Park Network (APN) regarding any matter, except to direct APN to the Partnership Program Manager.

On January 13, 2011, Director Jarvis and I, along with the program managers for the Offices of Policy and Partnerships and Philanthropic Stewardship met with the leadership of APN and were able to come to a resolution of the issues we identified in my December 14, 2010 memorandum. In order to ensure consistency and a smooth implementation, all contacts with APN must continue to be channeled through the Office of Partnerships and Philanthropic Stewardship.

I am pleased to be able to report the following:

- I am able to lift the prohibition on the distribution of the 2011/12 APN guides in concession facilities, provided that the concessioner voluntarily agrees to such distribution. That distribution is consistent with the terms of the concession contract, and that the content of the guide is consistent with applicable law and policy. This is the only APN edition authorized for distribution in the parks at this time.
- I am now able to authorize National Park Service (NPS) staff to fact check editorial content in the guides to the extent they would provide that service for any publication or commercial entity.

As a reminder, the Office of Partnerships and Philanthropic Stewardship must be consulted whenever a corporate donation is offered either directly to NPS or to an NPS partner for the benefit of NPS if the fact of the donation will be included in a marketing effort. Please see Director's Order #21 for additional information.

Please contact Rich Weideman, Program Manager, Partnerships and Philanthropic Stewardship at 202-354-2150 if you have any questions