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Jon Streit, General Manager
Xanterra South Rim, L.L.C.
P.O. Box 699
Grand Canyon, Arizona 86023

Dear Mr. Streit:

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Sincerely,

Steve Martin
Superintendent

Bcc: Charles King, Forever Resorts, GC North Rim
Cendy Sangermano, DNC Parks and Resorts at Grand Canyon

FNP:DLentz:dl:12.16.2010:WASO Water Filling Station Reversal12.16.2010
FC:es:12.17.2010

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Charles King, Regional General Manager
Forever Resorts, Grand Canyon North Rim
P.O. Box 4107
Page, Arizona 86040

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Ms. Cendy Sangermano
DNC Parks and Resorts at Grand Canyon
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Grand Canyon, Arizona 86023

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Gordon Taylor
Xanterra South Rim
P.O. Box 699
Grand Canyon, Arizona 86023

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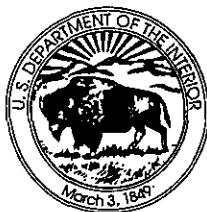
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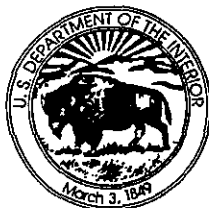
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POC Steve Martin
Superintendent

From: [Jo Pendry](#)
To: [Charis Wilson](#)
Cc: [Kurt Rausch@nps.gov](mailto:Kurt_Rausch@nps.gov)
Subject: FOIA for documents related to PEER
Date: 10/18/2011 02:57 PM

Charis, this is my second and final e-mail to you on documents responsive to the PEER FOIA.

Jo

Jo A. Pendry
Chief, Commercial Services
Business Services Directorate
202.513-7156

----- Forwarded by Jo Pendry/WASO/NPS on 10/18/2011 04:55 PM -----

Jo Pendry/WASO/NPS

12/14/2010 10:24 AM To john wessels/DENVER/NPS
cc Kate_Stevenson@nps.gov
Subject Water Bottles - Outcomes from Meeting with Director Jarvis

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**John
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12/14/2010 12:15 PM

To Jo Pendry/WASO/NPS@NPS
cc Kate Stevenson/WASO/NPS@NPS, Laura
Joss/DENVER/NPS@NPS
Subject Re: Water Bottles - Outcomes from Meeting with
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**Laura
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cc John Wessels/DENVER/NPS@NPS, Kate
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Jo - Yes, the call is scheduled for 10:30 EDT.

Laura


Laura E. Joss
Deputy Regional Director,
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01/05/2011 03:26 PM To neil@nationalparks.org, Laura Joss
cc Kurt Rausch/WASO/NPS@NPS
Subject Water Meeting Discussion

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01/05/2011 04:42 PM To Neil Mulholland <neil@nationalparks.org>
cc Lanie Lamb <llamb@nationalparks.org>
Subject RE: Water Meeting Discussion 

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01/05/2011 03:29 PM

Subject RE: Water Meeting Discussion

Jo:

I am open on Friday Jan 7th, and have put 11:00 AM EST on my calendar.

Regards,

Neil

Neil Mulholland
President and CEO
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Sent: Wednesday, January 05, 2011 3:27 PM
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Cc: Kurt_Rausch@nps.gov
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01/06/2011 07:45 AM To Laura Joss/DENVER/NPS
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**Laura
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01/06/2011 12:31 AM

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cc Kurt Rausch/WASO/NPS@NPS
Subject Re: Water Meeting Discussion 

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Laura

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It's very impressive. Don't give away your secret!

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**Laura
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01/06/2011 08:40 AM
To: Jo Pendry/WASO/NPS@NPS
cc
Subject: Re: Water Meeting Discussion 

Ha! The beauty of Blackberry. My older daughter has to leave for school @ 7, so I'm getting her going.

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Lanie: Hi, I'm at Eye Street, Room 1101...aren't you all also at Eye Street? Do you have access to other floors?

Jo

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▼ [Lanie Lamb <llamb@nationalparks.org>](mailto:llamb@nationalparks.org)

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To "Jo_Pendry@nps.gov" <Jo_Pendry@nps.gov>
cc

01/06/2011 10:29 AM

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Jo,

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Lanie

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To Kate Stevenson/WASO/NPS
cc Deb Smith/WASO/NPS@NPS, Kurt Rausch/WASO/NPS@NPS
Subject Re: Water Bottler Meeting 

Can we call Tasha directly?


Jo

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▼ [Kate Stevenson/WASO/NPS](#)

Kate Stevenson/WASO/NPS

01/10/2011 10:12 AM

To Jo_Pendry@nps.gov
cc Deb Smith/WASO/NPS@NPS, Kurt Rausch/WASO/NPS@NPS
Subject Re: Water Bottler Meeting 

Jo,

Deb has bronchitis and will be out at least until Thursday.

Kate
Katherine H. Stevenson
Associate Director, Business Services
National Park Service
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Office: 202-208-5651
▼ [Jo Pendry/WASO/NPS](#)

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**Kurt
Rausch/WASO/NPS**

01/12/2011 08:56 AM

To Shawn Norton/WASO/NPS@NPS, Tim
Harvey/WASO/NPS@NPS, Steve
Whitesell/WASO/NPS@NPS

cc Jo Pendry/WASO/NPS@NPS

Subject Water Bottler Meeting

Hello Steve, Tim and Shawn:

As you know, during a meeting several weeks ago regarding NPS initiatives to prohibit bottled water sales in parks, the Director asked Commercial Services to coordinate a meeting with the Water Bottlers to obtain their input and suggestions on how to move the initiative forward. As I indicated to Shawn on Monday, the meeting is planned for a day sometime during the week of the January 24. We are still waiting to see if we can coordinate the meeting time with the Director's schedule. We will let you know as soon as we have that information. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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cc: Kate Stevenson/WASO/NPS@NPS
Subject: Re: Water Bottle Meeting Directors Conference Room Availability 

Maybe we should do this at Eye street.

Jo A. Pendry
Chief, NPS Commercial Services Program

▼ [Deb Smith](#)

----- Original Message -----

From: Deb Smith
Sent: 01/14/2011 10:04 AM EST
To: Kurt Rausch; Jo Pendry
Cc: Kate Stevenson
Subject: Re: Water Bottle Meeting Directors Conference Room Availability

You may call 208-3818 and Maria Forte, the receptionist in the dir's office can tell you if the time you want is available.

Also keep in mind that when you reserve the dirs conference room, you can be bumped if the dir or one of the deputies are not a part of your meeting and one of them has a need to use it when it is reserved by someone.

As you have decided to proceed, do you wish me to cancel the request for Dan's availability, as well?

Sent using BlackBerry

▼ Kurt Rausch

----- Original Message -----

From: Kurt Rausch

Sent: 01/14/2011 08:42 AM EST

To: Deb Smith

Subject: Water Bottle Meeting Directors Conference Room
Availability

Hi Deb:

Recognizing the challenge in getting on the Director's schedule and given that he had directed Jo Pendry to move forward if he was not available, we are going to proceed to find a date that works for the various Water Bottler stakeholders so we allow them to plan their travel.

Jo did ask me to see if we could have the meeting in the Director's Conference Room. Our preference would be in the afternoon, Thursday, January 27. Our second alternative would be afternoon of Tues the 25th. The meeting should be 2 hrs. Could you let me know if either of these time slots work for the Conference Room?

Of course, if it is determined soon that the Director is available for one and not the other, that would dictate or preference as well.

Please let me know if there is someone else I should talk to for Conference Rm schedule if it is not you.

Thanks for all your assistance.

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To Kurt Rausch/WASO/NPS@NPS

cc

01/14/2011 11:47 AM

Subject Re: Water Bottle Meeting Directors Conference Room
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Yes. Sounds good. If Dan comes I guess we won't get bumped from the conf room?

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Chief, NPS Commercial Services Program

▼ [Kurt Rausch](#)

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Sent: 01/14/2011 10:58 AM EST

To: Jo Pendry

Subject: Re: Water Bottle Meeting Directors Conference Room Availability

Hi Jo - Would 2:00 PM on Tues with Dan present work for you? All bottlers are available - one liked later in week but would make anything work.

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01/20/2011 02:13 PM

To Kurt Rausch/WASO/NPS

cc

Subject Re: Water Bottler Mtg 

Kurt, if you would send it out, I'd appreciate it. ...Send it to the same folks I sent it to the first time.

Jo

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▼ Kurt Rausch/WASO/NPS

**Kurt
Rausch/WASO/NPS**

To Jo Pendry/WASO/NPS@NPS
cc

01/20/2011 01:55 PM

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I have reserved a conference line. Should i send an announcement to the RDs and others you invited a week or so ago now or wait to attach the agenda when Kate approves? Would you prefer to send out the message?

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06/27/2011 09:14 AM

To Deb Smith/WASO/NPS@NPS
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Thanks. I just landed in Atlanta, Lars' flight is delayed...let the fun begin. Got up at 4 for a 5:30 flight.

Jo A. Pendry
Chief, NPS Commercial Services Program
▼ Deb Smith

----- Original Message -----

From: Deb Smith
Sent: 06/27/2011 09:10 AM EDT
To: Jo Pendry
Subject: Fw: Water


FYI

Deb Smith
Program Analyst
Office of the Associate Director
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National Park Service
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202-219-3972 fax

----- Forwarded by Deb Smith/WASO/NPS on 06/27/2011 09:12 AM -----

**Debra
Hecox/DENVER/NPS**

06/27/2011 09:03 AM
EDT


To Deb Smith/WASO/NPS@NPS
cc kurt_rausch@nps.gov
Subject Re: Fw: Water 

Kurt - let's do this on Wednesday, okay? 8 a.m. our time.

Debra Hecox
Acting Chief, NPS Commercial Services
(202) 513-7156

▼ Deb Smith/WASO/NPS

Deb Smith/WASO/NPS

06/24/2011 12:26 PM To Debra Hecox/DENVER/NPS@NPS
cc kurt_rausch@nps.gov
Subject Re: Fw: Water 

Debra --

you can use your regularly scheduled 8:00am slot on either Wed or Thur next week.

Which would you like?

Deb

Deb Smith
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early call about 8 a.m. on Wednesday or Thursday. Since Kurt and I will use our cell phones, we will need a call-in number.

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Cc: [Kurt Rausch@nps.gov](mailto:Kurt_Rausch@nps.gov)
Subject: FOIA for documents related to PEER
Date: 10/18/2011 02:57 PM

Charis, Below are the documents I have found thus far. If I find any additional documents, I will forward those to you.

Jo

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Chief, Commercial Services
Business Services Directorate
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Jo Pendry/WASO/NPS

12/14/2010 10:24 AM To john wessels/DENVER/NPS
cc Kate_Stevenson@nps.gov
Subject Water Bottles - Outcomes from Meeting with Director Jarvis

John,

Good Morning. Director Jarvis asked that I touch base with you regarding the next steps in regards to discontinuing the sale of bottled water at the Grand Canyon and other parks. We held a meeting yesterday with the Natural Resources, Park Facilities, Communications, Partnership and Commercial Services folks to discuss the pros and cons of banning bottled water in general, and found we still need to gather more facts and engage the concessioners and distributors for input.

John reiterated his decision to have the Grand Canyon hold off on implementation (and other parks as well) until we have hosted a meeting with the major producers of bottled water (e.g., Coke, Pepsi, Nestle) and heard their position.

He indicated you were going to touch base with the NPF / Coke, and he asked that I get in touch with you to see where you are with making that contact and to let you know I'll be setting up the general meeting.

Do you have time to discuss this with me this week?

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01/05/2011 03:26 PM

To neil@nationalparks.org, Laura Joss
cc Kurt Rausch/WASO/NPS@NPS
Subject Water Meeting Discussion

Good afternoon Neil and Laura, Happy New Year!

Are you both available on this Friday Jan 7 to discuss the water bottle meeting with Kurt Rausch and i? The goal would be to discuss the agenda (which I will send you a draft of tomorrow), identify some dates for the meeting, and get from you (Neil) your contacts at Coke and Pepsi.

I propose 11 am eastern time.

Please let me know, and thanks,

Jo

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01/10/2011 08:58 AM

To Deb Smith
cc Kurt Rausch/WASO/NPS@NPS,
Kate_Stevenson@nps.gov
Subject Water Bottler Meeting

Deb, before the holidays, Jon Jarvis asked that we set up a meeting with the water bottlers to discuss the issues of water bottle consumption and concerns the NPS has regarding production and waste, and alternatives such as water filling stations.

Jon said he would like to attend, but not to schedule the meeting around him - - so, we are looking at the week of 24 January, and would like to check Jon's schedule and see if he or Dan and Kate have any availability that week for this meeting. Maureen may also be interested in attending.

If Jon or Dan are attending, we would also like to schedule the meeting for the Director's conference room.

Can you check Jon, Dan and Kate's calendars and let us know their availability that week? Kurt Rausch is leading the charge to set this meeting up.

Jo

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**Kurt
Rausch/WASO/NPS** To Jo Pendry/WASO/NPS@NPS
cc
01/10/2011 08:32 AM Subject Points of Contact

Hi Jo:

I have received POC info from Nestle for associations. Nestle did not have a best POC for Pepsi but suggested the association would. Nestle is available and in town the week of the 24th. Looks like your schedule is pretty good other than your normal meetings. Do you have a day preference? I am prepared to make the calls to scout a day from participants at your request.

Kurt

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Rausch/WASO/NPS** To Shawn Norton/WASO/NPS@NPS, Tim
Harvey/WASO/NPS@NPS, Steve
Whitesell/WASO/NPS@NPS
01/12/2011 08:56 AM cc Jo Pendry/WASO/NPS@NPS
Subject Water Bottler Meeting

Hello Steve, Tim and Shawn:

As you know, during a meeting several weeks ago regarding NPS initiatives to prohibit bottled water sales in parks, the Director asked Commercial Services to coordinate a meeting with the Water Bottlers to obtain their input and suggestions on how to move the initiative forward. As I indicated to Shawn on Monday, the meeting is planned for a day sometime during the week of the January 24. We are still waiting to see if we can coordinate the meeting time with the Director's schedule. We will let you know as soon as we have that information. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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06/23/2011 08:14 AM

To hecox, rausch
cc Deb Smith/WASO/NPS@NPS
Subject Water

Met with Peggy yesterday regarding bottled water....she stated the Director's view is NOT to ban sale of bottled water, but to go the choice route. She questioned whether we need a policy (from the director) stating that, or if some other form of instruction could be sufficient. She stated last week Barclay Trimble was here and she told him GRCA could NOT ban the sale, but could go forth with their filling stations and encourage reusable bottles. She said he accepted the position without question.

Please set up time to discuss with me next week. (thru Deb Smith).

Thanks,

Jo

Jo A. Pendry

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From: [Alma Ripps](#)
To: [Charis Wilson](#)
Subject: Fw: Bottled water
Date: 11/09/2011 10:41 AM
Attachments: [Water Bottles.PDF](#)
[Bottled Water Briefing Paper - KURA - 12.10.10.docx](#)
[GC bottle-ban suspension 12-22-10.pdf](#)
[Plastic Bottle-CoKe NPF FOIA 9-29-11.doc](#)
[6-8-11, Barclay Trible, policy memo.pdf](#)

Here are a string of emails that Jon found that did not come up in our original searches. Tasha Robbins searched his emails again and hard copy files. Nothing found.

The search terms we used to check Jon's emails were:

waterbottle
water bottle
bottled water
Grand Canyon
GRCA
National Park Foundation

Also here is a .pdf of an email that Peggy was BCC on. Claire did a search and that is all that came up.

Alma



6-8-11. Barclay Trible, policy memo.pdf

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Foster/WASO/NPS**

To: Alma Ripps/WASO/NPS@NPS
cc

11/09/2011 09:32 AM

Subject Fw: Bottled water

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Jon Jarvis/WASO/NPS

11/08/2011 07:21 PM To Sue Waldron/WASO/NPS@NPS
cc Maureen Foster/WASO/NPS@NPS
Subject Bottled water

----- Forwarded by Jon Jarvis/WASO/NPS on 11/08/2011 07:17 PM -----

**John
Wessels/DENVER/NPS**

11/22/2010 11:37 PM To Jon Jarvis/WASO/NPS@NPS, Dan
Wenk/WASO/NPS@NPS
cc
Subject Fw: Bottled Water Discontinued starting January 2011
at GRCA

Jon/Dan,
Fyi - I dug out the following inquiry between Jo Pendry and Doug Lentz (GRCA
Concessions Chief) regarding this issue. I will tell Steve Martin to stand-down on
this transition pending further discussion with us.

tnx, JW

▼ [Doug Lentz](#)

**Doug
Lentz/GRCA/NPS**

09/16/2010 03:47 PM

To Jo Pendry/WASO/NPS
cc Jacque Lavelle/DENVER/NPS@NPS,
Kate_Stevenson@nps.gov, Kurt
Rausch/WASO/NPS@NPS, Barclay
Trimble/GRCA/NPS@NPS, Jo Anne
Blankenship/GRCA/NPS@NPS, Steve P
Martin/GRCA/NPS@NPS, Craig
Sheldon/WASO/NPS@NPS
Subject Bottled Water Discontinued starting January 2011 at
GRCA

Jo,

The information you received is correct. Attached is a letter we sent out to Xanterra, Delaware North Companies (DNC), and Forever Resorts regarding reducing waste by discontinuing the sale of water bottles (under a gallon in size) at GRCA while providing 11, free, year round water filling stations throughout the park. And, we are working with the concessioners on reasonably priced reusable water bottles to help make up the revenue loss for discontinuing the sale of bottled water. We will continue to sell gallon jugs of water.

We briefed Mike Snyder before we sent the letter to the concessioners. Regional General Manager, Derek Zwickey, met with us in person and said that Delaware North Companies supported this green concept and he requested that DNC provide a water filling station at their store at Desert View and Market Plaza. We granted his request. We will be working with our partners to educate visitors at these water filling stations. If you put all the plastic water bottles DNC sold last year end to end the length would be 32 miles.

Although we were not aware of the recent memo that came out about the NPS Climate Change Response Strategy when we made this decision we were aware of the Directors' position on climate change. As the memo states we need to reduce the carbon footprint and engage communities in learning and stewardship activities and this dovetails nicely with this new NPS Climate Change Response Strategy.

Jo, I am sorry I didn't notify you. I thought that since Zion had done this several years ago and that we briefed the Regional Director we were good to go. If you have any questions or need more information please let me know.

Doug



Water Bottles.PDF

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To Dan Wenk/WASO/NPS, John Wessels/DENVER/NPS
11/22/2010 05:31 PM CC
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Neil Mulholland
<neil@nationalparks.org> To "Jon Jarvis (jon_jarvis@nps.gov)"
11/19/2010 09:29 AM CC <jon_jarvis@nps.gov>
Subject Advisory Committee

Jon:

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the solution.

The Foundation would welcome the opportunity to work with you to convene this panel. I look forward to having the opportunity to discuss this with you further.

Regards,

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**John
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To Jon Jarvis/WASO/NPS@NPS

cc Dan Wenk/WASO/NPS@NPS

11/24/2010 07:48 PM

Subject banning disposable water bottles at Grand Canyon 

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Thanks,
-John W.

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Re: Fw: Advisory Committee 

Querying the park to find out precisely where they are w/this -- Mr. Martin assures me he had this greased with Mike Snyder a year ago... (news to management team here).

Fyi, Steve will let me know next week if he is retiring....

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Jon Jarvis/WASO/NPS

12/02/2010 07:28 PM

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cc Dan Wenk/WASO/NPS@NPS
Subject Re: banning disposable water bottles at Grand Canyon



Go for it and keep me in the loop.

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**Ramona
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To jon_jarvis@nps.gov
cc

12/10/2010 06:31 PM

Subject Fw: Bottled Water Briefing Paper - KURA -
12.10.10.docx

Jon,

This is for your meeting on Monday, re: Water Bottles. I'll print it for you Monday morning.

Have a nice weekend, Jon.

Ramona
▼ [Deb Smith](#)

----- Original Message -----

From: Deb Smith
Sent: 12/10/2010 05:10 PM EST
To: Ramona Turner
Cc: Maureen Foster
Subject: Fw: Bottled Water Briefing Paper - KURA - 12.10.10.docx
As requested

Sent using BlackBerry

▼ [Jo Pendry](#)

----- Original Message -----

From: Jo Pendry
Sent: 12/10/2010 04:44 PM EST
To: Deb Smith
Cc: Kate Stevenson; Steve Whitesell; Bert Frost; David Barna; Sue Waldron
Subject: Bottled Water Briefing Paper - KURA - 12.10.10.docx

All, attached is a draft briefing statement for the water bottle meeting with the Director on Monday.

Jo

Jo A. Pendry
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[- Bottled Water Briefing Paper - KURA - 12.10.10.docx](#)

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**Maureen
Foster/WASO/NPS**

To Jon_Jarvis@nps.gov
cc Tasha_Robbins@nps.gov

10/06/2011 06:17 PM

Subject Fw: GRCA Plastic bottles FOIA GRCA-2011-0020

Jon --

Tasha did not find anything when she did her search of the files (electronic and hard copy). Might you have responsive documents?

Thanks.

Maureen

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To Maureen Foster/WASO/NPS@NPS

cc John R Snyder/WASO/NPS@NPS

10/06/2011 04:14 PM
MDT

Subject Fw: GRCA Plastic bottles FOIA GRCA-2011-0020

Hi Maureen,

FYI. Can you tell me if any such memo was ever created or issued? Based on my discussions with the region and park folks it looks like it may have been the result of informal, verbal communication so that no written policy actually exists. However, before I tell Mr. Ruch that, I would like to verify that the information I have is accurate. By the way, although they have submitted a FOIA to NPF, I'm not sure that NPF is covered by FOIA. Generally the Courts have ruled that FOIA only covers Executive Branch agencies and thus does not cover quasi-governmental organizations, e.g. the Smithsonian. So it is entirely possible he will not get anything from them.

Thanks,

C.

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"What we find changes who we become." - Peter Morville

"The historian works with records...there is no substitute for records: no records, no history." - Paraphrasing Langlois & Seignobos (1903)

"Let us be guardians, not gardeners" - Adolph Murie

----- Forwarded by Charis Wilson/DENVER/NPS on 10/06/2011 04:08 PM -----

"Jeff Ruch"
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To <Charis_Wilson@nps.gov>

cc <Jack_O'Brian@nps.gov>, <Leah_McGinnis@nps.gov>

10/06/2011 04:03 PM

Subject RE: GRCA Plastic bottles FOIA GRCA-2011-0020

Ms. Wilson,

Thank you for your efforts in pulling this together.

According to the attached 12/22/10 letter from the then-GCNP Superintendent, Director Jarvis intervened to shelve the bottle ban pending his personal review. We are seeking documents concerning the rationale for the Director's 2010 action -- and whether he has finished his review.

We submitted these FOIA requests to GCNP and HQ because PEER has received reports that the National Park Foundation communicated concerns from a corporate donor, Coca Cola, about the pending GCNP plastic water bottle ban and that these concerns played a role in the Director's actions. We are seeking to verify or falsify these reports.

As you may know, we have submitted the attached FOIA to the Foundation to ensure that its communications with this donor are included.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Charis_Wilson@nps.gov [mailto:Charis_Wilson@nps.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2011 5:49 PM
To: Jeff Ruch
Cc: Jack_O'Brian@nps.gov; Leah_McGinnis@nps.gov
Subject: RE: GRCA Plastic bottles FOIA GRCA-2011-0020

Mr. Ruch,

I wanted to update you on the status of the search for records at the WASO level. I did not originally have the WASO offices do a search, as I had been informed that no such policy had been issued at the Director's level. To the best of my knowledge that information was accurate, however, following receipt of your message below, I have forwarded your request to the staff in WASO and requested they verify whether or not they had any responsive records. So far I've only gotten a few pages back all of which relate to trying to set up a meeting / conference call towards the end of January of this year in order to discuss the issue of plastic bottles in general and not specifically relating to a ban on water bottles in Grand Canyon National Park.

I am currently working on verifying whether such a meeting, or conference call, ever took place. If the meeting or call did take place, I am hoping to find out who attended so that I can make sure to contact them to have them search their files for any materials that might be responsive. I am also following up with the individuals listed on the correspondence related to trying to set up a meeting and have requested that they search their records for any potentially responsive documents, as some of them are not part of the Director's Office or are not in WASO at all and thus might not have been included in the routing of your request that occurred after I

forwarded your request to the Director's Office.

I will keep you posted on my progress. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

C.

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"What we find changes who we become." - Peter Morville

"The historian works with records...there is no substitute for records: no records, no history." - Paraphrasing Langlois & Seignobos (1903)

"Let us be guardians, not gardeners" - Adolph Murie

"Jeff Ruch"
<jruch@peer.org>

09/29/2011 10:50
AM

<Charis_Wilson@nps.gov>

<Jack_O'Brian@nps.gov>

To
cc

Subject
RE: GRCA Plastic bottles FOIA
GRCA-2011-0020

Dear Charis & Jack:

As you know, PEER received a final response to our FOIA (attached) consisting of two sets of letters to GCNP concessionaires. The first set of three letters announces a ban on plastic water bottle sales and second set of three letters rescinds that ban pending a review by the NPS Director.

While the provided documents are of interest, they are not responsive to our FOIA which asked for --

Foundation (NPF) representative and National and/or Regional Director John plastic bottle ban at Grand Canyon
Any communications between National Park President Neil Mulholland or other NPF Park Service (NPS) Director Jon Jarvis Wessels concerning the proposed National Park;

Cola Company or plastic bottle ban at whether the ban would NPF; and
Any records reflecting the position of the Coca any of its affiliates concerning the proposed Grand Canyon National Park, including influence its willingness to donate money to

decision on the National Park, including rationale for the action.
Any decision documents reflecting the final proposed plastic bottle ban at Grand Canyon the deciding official and the

Is NPS implicitly stating in its response that it has no documents on the

three above points, including the actions and rationale of the Director?

We would appreciate a clarification of your reply so that we may proceed accordingly.

Thank you.

Jeff

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Jonathan B. Jarvis, Director
National Park Service
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From: [Alma Ripps](#)
To: [Charis Wilson](#)
Subject: Fw: FOIA Request on water bottles on GRCA
Date: 11/22/2011 11:16 AM

As requested, email that no documents were found.

----- Forwarded by Alma Ripps/WASO/NPS on 11/22/2011 12:43 PM -----

Janice Laye/YELL/NPS

11/09/2011 09:51 AM To: Alma Ripps/WASO/NPS@NPS
 cc: Dan Wenk/YELL/NPS@NPS
 Subject: Re: FOIA Request on water bottles on GRCA 

Alma: I have found nothing in Dan's emails regarding this subject. We have a FOIA Officer, her name is Kerrie Evans. However, I am the contact to do any searching necessary of Dan's files other than Dan himself.

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"Be the Change you want to see in the world." Gandhi

▼ Alma Ripps---11/09/2011 07:34:23 AM---Janice, I wanted to check back in since I never saw a response to my October 27 email regarding any records Dan might have rela

Alma Ripps/WASO/NPS To: Janice Laye/YELL/NPS@NPS
 cc: Dan Wenk/YELL/NPS@NPS
11/09/2011 07:34 AM Subject: FOIA Request on water bottles on GRCA

Janice,

I wanted to check back in since I never saw a response to my October 27 email regarding any records Dan might have related to the ban on plastic water bottles at Grand Canyon. Did you ever end up searching his records? I needed to know this ASAP. Also Dan, if you are checking this, I also need to know if you checked your records.

We have a bunch more FOIAs coming in so I need to know what the best process is for searching Dan's emails and files. Janice--are you the contact? Do you have a FOIA officer?

Thanks!

Alma

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From: [Philip Selleck](#)
To: [Charis Wilson](#)
Subject: Fw: INVITATION: Discussion with Bottled Water Industry - January 25, 2:30 PM EST
Date: 10/07/2011 10:17 AM
Attachments: [NPS Water Bottler Meeting Agenda - 1.25.11.docx](#)

Charis,

Here is what I have related to plastic bottles and NRF. I had no further involvement in the issue.

----- Forwarded by Philip Selleck/NCR/NPS on 10/07/2011 12:13 PM -----

**Lisa Mendelson-
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To Philip Selleck/NCR/NPS@NPS
cc Steve_LeBel@nps.gov
01/24/2011 04:54 PM Subject Re: Fw: INVITATION: Discussion with Bottled Water Industry - January 25, 2:30 PM EST 

Yes, it is eclectic. First I've seen of a date being set, but there has been buzz around this for some time.

I'm certainly fine w/ the ARD-Ops and the Concessions manager attending.

I have a prior commitment at 2:30 so I may call in and listen to the first 30 mins.

Would like to talk further after it's done. Thanks.

~Lisa

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▼ [Philip Selleck/NCR/NPS](#)

**Philip
Selleck/NCR/NPS**

To Lisa Mendelson-Ielmini/NCR/NPS
cc
01/21/2011 11:45 AM Subject Fw: INVITATION: Discussion with Bottled Water Industry - January 25, 2:30 PM EST

Lisa,

Looks like an eclectic invite list; more deputies than associates. Did you want to

attend, or have me go to this?

Phil

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**Kurt
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01/21/2011 11:29 AM

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Pass code: 1542875

If you have any questions concerning the meeting please contact me via email or at either of the numbers below.

Thank you,

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From: [Karyn Ferro](#)
To: [Charis Wilson](#)
Cc: [Brian Joyner](#); [Rich Weideman](#)
Subject: GRCA Plastic bottles FOIA GRCA-2011-0020
Date: 10/06/2011 11:19 AM
Attachments: [PlasticBottlesFOIA.pdf](#)

Charis,

As discussed, this may or may not be responsive to the request. Note the briefing paper is draft and addresses a broader issue than GRCA, not clear to me if it is actually responsive to the request.



PlasticBottlesFOIA.pdf

Karyn

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Laura Joss/DENVER/NPS
01/26/2011 10:54 AM

To Barclay Trimble/GRCA/NPS@NPS, "Palma Wilson"
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cc "Margaret McRoberts" <Margaret_McRoberts@nps.gov>,
John Wessels/DENVER/NPS, "Jock Whitworth"
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bcc

Subject Re: water bottles

Barclay: I'm in Project Review meetings for two days, so can't call, but can sneak a BBerry message - Palma was on most of the call so I didn't take extensive notes for you, but I've copied Margaret and Jock to see if they have any to share.

Bottom line, WASO would like to conduct a few pilot studies at parks, specifically related to water bottle recycling and trash issues. I asked Jo/Kate if GRCA could proceed with your Feb 1 rollout in the meantime and Kate S said she would recommend to the Director that he NOT lift his moratorium on parks banning disposable water bottle sales until these pilot studies are done and we develop a servicewide approach to the issue. She suggested that GRCA might want to be one of the pilot parks. I'm assuming that she and/or Jo will roll out that opportunity shortly.

Jock/Margaret: Feel free to chime in or correct anything I've mis-captured.

Laura

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Barclay Trimble

----- Original Message -----

From: Barclay Trimble
Sent: 01/26/2011 08:49 AM MST
To: Laura Joss

Laura,

Just wondering if I can call you about the water bottle meeting or are notes forthcoming?

Thanks and hope all is well,


Barclay

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— 1/25/11 call



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06/08/2011 09:51 AM

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Joss/DENVER/NPS@NPS, Doug Lentz/GRCA/NPS@NPS,
Robin Martin/GRCA/NPS@NPS
bcc
Subject Re: Fw: Draft Director's Policy Memorandum - Disposable
Water Bottles - Comments Requested by June 10, 2011 

Kurt,

I appreciate the opportunity to review this documents and thanks for pulling it together. I have made some comments for your consideration which I think focus this more on the ultimate goal, at least of GRCA, to reduce the sale of individual water bottles in the parks. Once you have reviewed the comments if you have any questions I would be happy to talk.

Thanks,



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Barclay

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05/27/2011 12:55 PM

To Barclay Trimble/GRCA/NPS@NPS
cc Jo Pendry/WASO/NPS@NPS
Subject Fw: Draft Director's Policy Memorandum - Disposable Water
Bottles - Comments Requested by June 10, 2011

Hi Barclay:

As you know, the WASO office has been working on developing a policy memo for the Director on the disposable water bottle issue. We appreciated your offer to help on this.

A draft memo is attached. It outlines an approach developed at the WASO-level in which Parks will offer visitor choice and education. Parks will be asked to provide 1) continued disposable water bottle availability, 2) ask concessioners to sell reasonably priced refillable water bottles, 3) install water bottle filling stations, and 3) educate visitors on the benefits of refillable water bottle and water filling station use.

We know you have done a lot of work at your Park on this issue. We would appreciate any input you have on the proposed approach and the memo itself. We have also requested input from our Regional Concession Chiefs and are hoping to collect all the comments by June 10. Please feel free to contact me directly at any time if you would like to discuss.

This memo clarifies the National Park Service Commercial Services Program's recommendations regarding a strategy to reduce the use of water bottles and other beverages in disposable plastic containers in Parks. This recommended policy would further the goals of the National Park Service Green Parks Plan and the Climate Friendly Parks Program.

Although the Commercial Services Program is not recommending implementation of a Service-wide ban on disposable plastic water or other beverage containers in parks at this time, the program does recommend that, instead, Parks should develop and implement programs to provide visitors with environmentally preferable alternatives to these products, including the sale of reasonably priced BPA-free reusable water bottles, construction of water bottle filling stations, and provision of educational messages to inform visitors on the environmental impacts of their purchasing decisions. Individual Parks should also consider eliminating or significantly reducing the sale of water sold in single use disposable containers following a feasibility determination as outlined below.

Comment [TBC1]: This memo should be a recommendation to the Director not a decision document

Comment [TBC2]: The policy should allow parks, such as GRCA, that have the infrastructure in place and have undergone a safety and visitor satisfaction analysis to eliminate the sale of single use disposable water bottles on a reasonable timeline as determined by the parks superintendents (as opposed to only allowing the elimination as part of a new concessions contract).

Background

A growing body of evidence indicates that the use of disposable water bottles has significant negative environmental impacts compared to the use of local tap water and refillable bottles when considered on a life-cycle basis. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, almost 2.5 million tons of plastic bottles and jars were disposed on in the United States in 2008. In general, disposable plastic bottles have an energy intensive lifecycle, including manufacturing, transportation and disposal.

The impacts of using disposable water bottles may be magnified in parks because their remote locationness results in additional product transportation, waste disposal, energy use ~~for cooling~~, and litter. Concern for the public health impacts from the reduced availability of free, publically available water resulting from the increased disposable water bottle market is also emerging with organizations such as the Center for Disease Control. For these reasons, a reduction in the amount of disposable water bottles sold in parks and the promotion of free water sources is desirable. In addition, parks are in a unique position to educate the visiting public regarding the environmental impact of their purchasing decisions. The elimination of or reduction of plastic water bottles allows the National Park Service and park partners to introduce visitors to green products and the concept of environmentally responsible purchasing and to allow visitors to potentially take that larger environmental ethic home and apply it in their daily lives.

By reducing the use of disposable water bottles and other beverage containers, the Service can reduce litter in some of our country's most beautiful and sacred landscapes; decrease the amount of plastics in the waste stream and the high costs associated with this waste; and reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with the production, filling, packaging and transport of disposable bottles. A number of Parks, including Zion and Hawai'i Volcanoes National Parks, and their concessioners have already successfully implemented programs to install filling stations and ban the sale of disposable water and other beverage bottles.

However, Parks must, however, consider other factors prior to in-making a decisions to reduce or eliminate the sale of water or other beverages in disposable plastic containers on this issue. Some visitors have come to rely on the availability of refrigerated bottled water for sale in our parks. Parks should consider A sudden water bottle ban could impact visitor satisfaction and should ensure that proper educational materials and infrastructure are in place prior to reducing or eliminating the sale of disposable water bottles. In addition, parks should consider More importantly, it could impact public safety and should work with park concessioners and partners to ensure visitors are able to purchase a wide range of refillable containers, including reusable bottles that are in a similar price range to water sold in disposable bottles. Parks should also consider if visitors come unprepared and are not willing or able to purchase and fill a water bottle. Possible infrastructure constraints, the and feasibility cost of for the parks to provide water filling stations and possible local water supply shortages are additional considerations.

Comment [TBC3]: There are reusable water bottles starting at \$1.99 and a similar size disposable water bottle starts at \$1.49 at GRCA. Not enough of a difference to warrant writing "not able to purchase or fill a water bottle."

In some circumstances, a disposable water ban may unreasonably impacts to our concessions operations should also be considered prior to reducing or eliminating the sale of disposable plastic water bottles. Although, concessions contracts allow the National Park Service to determine the nature, type and quality of merchandise to be sold, parks should still consider financial impacts from lost sales. Many concessioners may find, however, that the loss of revenue generated from the sale of disposable water bottles is balanced by the sale of reusable bottles. Concessioners may also see a resulting reduction in recycling and solid waste cost. Parks should make decisions about reducing or eliminating the sale of disposable bottles in consultation with concessioners and should allow reasonable time for transition. The elimination or reduction of the sale of disposable bottles and development of associated educational and marketing tools may be integrated into concessioners' environmental plans. if the Service requires them to provide filling stations without charge to the visitors and loss revenue from disposable water bottle sales. Finally, some have argued that removing disposable water bottles will drive visitors to purchase less healthy alternatives such as soda and sugary beverages, which also often are sold in disposable plastic containers.

Comment [TBC4]: Concession contracts also allow the suspension or termination of services at any time based on resource concerns (that is probably referring to a larger service and we are really dealing with one merchandise item).

Comment [TBC5]: This is not necessary. Most concessioners already provide water free of charge upon request (it is the industry standard).

Comment [TBC6]: I do not think this is necessary – who is saying this and what data do they have to back it up?

Strategy

In order to move the Service forward in reducing the environmental footprint from disposable water and other beverage bottles while addressing the above considerations, the Service Commercial Services Program recommends will implementing a program centered on providing 1) continued disposable water bottle availability, 2) sale of reasonably priced refillable water bottles, 3) water bottle filling stations, and 3) education on the issue, 4) continued disposable water bottle availability, when appropriate. Parks should take the following actions to implement this strategy.

- Conduct planning and research to understand park infrastructure needs and the resource and financial impacts of providing water alternatives, such as selling inexpensive reusable bottles and installing filling stations.
- Where planning and research support it, build the necessary water filling facilities and work with your concessioner to provide reasonably priced BPA-free reusable water bottles-disposable water bottles, while initially continuing to sell disposable bottled water. Following further analysis, on a

park-by-park basis, superintendents may choose to continue the sale of disposable water bottles or may choose to reduce or eliminate their sale.

- Work with your concessioners to provide signage and educational messaging wherever they sell disposable water bottles as well as at Park and concession maintained water filling stations, outlining the positive impacts of the reusable water bottle alternative both for within the park and at home.
- Work to ensure you have an effective plastic recycling program for your park and concession operations to reduce the impact of disposing of the used water and other beverage containers.
- Track product sales, visitor feedback and recycling statistics to help the Service assess if there are any changes in buying behavior, visitor satisfaction and plastic waste collection rates.
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Comment [TBC7]: Moved up to Background

On a park-by-park basis, superintendents may implement plans that include the reduction or elimination of the sale of disposable water bottles. The decision to implement such a plan should be made in conjunction with park partners and concessioners and should follow a feasibility determination that includes taking visitor expectations, park infrastructure needs, concessioner and park partner financial impacts, safety, public education and awareness and other factors into account. Superintendents will be responsible for determining the timeframe for implementing a plan, but Parks may choose to be interested in including a disposable water bottle ban as a term of a new concession contract, or Concessioners may also propose to discontinue the sale of disposable water bottles as a part of a successful proposal. Provided that parks have completed a full assessment that takes into account the visitor expectations, park infrastructure needs, concession financial impacts, public education and awareness and other factors, they may implement such programs as terms under their new concession contracts.

Comment [TBC8]: Parks should be allowed to implement a ban if they have the support and the infrastructure in place – not just in new concessions contracts.

The Service will integrate this disposable water bottle alternative strategy into the Green Parks Plan. The Service will monitor the success of park programs as parks implement them they are implemented, ~~t~~This will include monitoring including reductions in environmental impacts, including such as global warming greenhouse gas generation and waste reduction, visitor participation and satisfaction, and concessioner financial impact. The Service also will continue to reach out to producers and suppliers and the scientific community to gather information on environmental impacts, new technologies, and industry best practices and may help pilot new ideas where appropriate. The Service will revisit disposable water bottle alternatives strategy periodically based on this data to determine whether to change the update this policy periodically based on the data gathered and changing technology and product availability.

Further Information

A variety of tools and resources have been collected that can assist parks in putting together a program to provide disposable water bottle alternatives. For additional information, please contact Kurt Rausch, Contract Management Team Leader in the Commercial Services Program at 202-513-7202 or Kurt_Rausch@nps.gov or Shawn Norton, Branch Chief, Sustainability Branch in the Park Facility Management Division at 202-354.1534 or Shawn_Norton@nps.gov.

Kate Stevenson, Dan Wenz, Jo P
Wendy Berman, IMR - Concessions,
Sandy Poole, MWR,
Disposable Water Bottle mtg

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Quinton Martin Coke
Brian Nestle

N
Dan IBWA

Kelly Smith
Omar - Pepsi

Kurt - Solid waste + emerging global warming gas emissions. Sustainability drivers re: H₂O bottles.

Dan - GRCA

- Our opp to be kinder + gentler stewards of our env.

IBWA - Bev industry trying to impr. recycling, sustainability; cradle to cradle. Educate consumers.

Deposits - Makes a diff in ^{reclaiming e.g. of, x1 in Nestle for plastic} bottle bill → doesn't increase recycling

Water bottlers would help reach our goals → e.g. recycling bins; bringing H₂O to filling stations

Coke intends to recycle all products by 2020. They want bottles back to reuse. Looking @ a 30% plant products bottle.

Broader issue than just H₂O or just the package. GMA Study
% of product line - ? ~ 10% or less but pushing for 50/50
60/40 → carbonated still

Don't compete against tap water

AGENDA
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
DISPOSABLE WATER BOTTLE REDUCTION INITIATIVE
JANUARY 25, 2011
2:00 PM – 4:30 PM
MAIN INTERIOR BUILDING, ROOM 3121

DESIRED OUTCOME –Water Bottlers are informed and engaged in helping the NPS to find solutions to meet the Service sustainability objectives associated with this initiative.

PROPOSED AGENDA

I. NPS Goals

Drivers to implement the program will be briefly outlined by the NPS including Executive Order requirements (e.g., EOs 13423 and 13514), Departmental and Service sustainability goals. The discussion will address: *Energy, Solid Waste*

- A. Litter and Waste Management
- B. Sustainability and Carbon-Footprint Reduction
- C. Visitor Education

II. NPS Activities to Date

Programs that have been implemented and associated results that have been seen will be briefly highlighted. The discussion will cover:

- A. Parks where water bottle prohibitions are in place
- B. Practices that have been developed such as the provision of refill stations and refillable water bottle sales
- C. Outcomes including environmental, economic and visitor satisfaction

III. Open Discussion

The majority of the meeting will be devoted to conversation with the attendees to identify how they might help meet NPS objectives with this program. Anticipated topics are:

- A. Bottled Water Supplier Efforts
- B. Bottled Water Supplier Concerns
- C. Ideas for Moving Forward

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Grand Canyon News Release

Release date: Immediate

Contact(s): Shannan Marcak
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Date:

Grand Canyon soon to have water bottle filling stations throughout park

Grand Canyon, Ariz. – The National Park Service (NPS) will soon complete the installation of nine new water bottle filling stations in Grand Canyon National Park, making access to free Grand Canyon spring water easier than ever before.

The fillings stations are currently being installed in high traffic areas on both rims of the park. Six will be located on the South Rim:

- Hermits Rest (located near the other public amenities);
- Bright Angel and South Kaibab Trailheads; and
- Grand Canyon, Verkamp's and Desert View Visitor Centers.

The South Rim filling stations will all be equipped to provide year-round access to water. It is anticipated that they will be completed by the end of March.

Three water bottle filling stations will be located on the North Rim:

- North Kaibab Trailhead,
- North Rim Visitor Center, and
- North Rim Backcountry Office.

These filling stations will be completed by the time the North Rim opens for the summer season.

In addition to the NPS filling stations, Delaware North Companies Desert View and Canyon Village Marketplaces have recently installed their own in-store, water bottle filling stations. The new filling stations augment the water already available from sinks and water fountains in buildings and facilities throughout the park. Some existing water fountains are also being equipped with bottle filling spigots. All of the water available at sinks, faucets, water fountains

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and filling stations can be used to fill bottles free of charge and is pure Grand Canyon spring water from the park's "approved public water supply", Roaring Springs.

The filling stations are part of a green initiative being implemented to encourage park visitors and residents to think about the environmental impacts of the choices they make every day, starting with the water they drink. According to the park's Chief of Facilities Management, Tim Jarrell, "The amount of litter associated with disposable water bottles has been increasing along park trails and walkways, it's one of the major contributors of trash below the rim, and it's currently estimated that disposable water bottles make up as much as 30 percent of the park's solid waste stream." So, making it easier for people to refill a reusable water bottle made sense from both a fiscal and a resource management perspective. As a result, not only is water being made more readily available, but park concessioners, retailers and cooperating association bookstores (Xanterra South Rim, LLC, Delaware North Companies Parks & Resorts at Grand Canyon, Inc., Forever Resorts, L.L.C., and the Grand Canyon Association) are also assuring that reusable water bottles at a variety of price points are readily available in their facilities throughout the park.

"Grand Canyon National Park is a climate friendly park," explains Deputy Superintendent Barclay Trimble. "...which means that park staff, partners, concessioners and stakeholders have made a commitment to take a leadership role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and educating the public about what they can do to reduce their impacts on the park. By simply refilling a reusable water bottle, you can reduce litter in the park and plastics in the waste stream. At the same time, you can enjoy Grand Canyon spring water and save money. Our water is free to anyone who wants to refill their bottle."

To learn more about the greening of Grand Canyon, visit the park's web site at <http://www.nps.gov/grca/naturescience/the-greening-of-grand-canyon.htm>.

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Laura Joss/DENVER/NPS
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To Jo Pendry/WASO/NPS
cc John Wessels,
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Subject Re: INVITATION: Discussion with Bottled Water Industry

Jo: I will be happy to attend this meeting. If space (or phone lines) allow, IMR could also include up to three representatives who would provide useful input to this process (Jock Whitworth, Superintendent, Zion NP; Barclay Trimble, Deputy Superintendent, Grand Canyon NP and Margaret McRoberts, IMR Sustainability Coordinator).

Thanks very much.

Laura

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The Director also asked that no NEW initiatives be implemented until a Service-wide position is developed on this issue (e.g., no new water bottle bans!)

You or an alternate regional representative are invited to attend a meeting to be hosted by Commercial Services to discuss NPS initiatives to prohibit bottled water sales in parks with bottled water suppliers and association representatives. The up-to half day meeting is being scheduled for some time during the week of January 24. The WASO Program representatives will be in attendance, and the Director may attend, schedule permitting. We have also invited the National Park Foundation to attend.

We are hosting this meeting to discuss the initiative with the water bottlers and get their input on ways they could assist us in achieving our sustainability goals in this area. Once we have the input from the bottlers, we plan to hold a second meeting with concessioners and cooperators.

Additional information on the specific time and location of the meeting are to be announced. Please note that travel for this trip would have to be covered by your region. If you are unavailable to attend in person, teleconference capability will be available. If you have any ideas or questions please contact Kurt Rausch at 202-513-7202.



Draft Water Bottle Company Agenda - KURA - 01..5.10.docx

Jo

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AGENDA
DISPOSABLE WATER BOTTLE REDUCTION INITIATIVE

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Subject Optional Call for Information: Plastic Water Bottles

All: Director Jon Jarvis has asked Jo Pendry, WASO Chief of Commercial Services, to lead an effort to develop a servicewide approach to the sale of plastic water bottles in parks. In order to best represent IMR in that effort, we'd like to share with WASO the most current version of information gathered by Margaret McRoberts' sustainability interns in most parks this past summer. Margaret has compiled that information in the attached document. Please review your park's information and send her additions/corrections or updates by Tuesday January 18th.

Thanks very much.

Laura

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Subject IMR water bottle doc


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Kurt Rausch/WASO/NPS
01/07/2011 07:18 AM

To: Laura Joss/DENVER/NPS@NPS, neil@nationalparks.org
cc: Jo Pendry/WASO/NPS@NPS
bcc:
Subject: Fw: Beverage Life Cycle Analysis

History:  This message has been replied to.

Hi Laura and Neil:

Several weeks ago when Jo Pendry and I met with representatives from Nestle Water, they shared with us that they had completed a life cycle analysis of their water bottling operation. Brian Flaherty of Nestle recently sent the link to this study as well as several studies conducted by the International Water Bottle Association (IWBA) regarding their carbon footprint. For your information, the links are provided below as well as the Executive Summary from the IWBA report

Interestingly, Brian willingly disclosed that their internal study revealed that on balance, tap water is the preferred alternative to bottled water on a complete life cycle basis. This report finding has apparently made Nestle unpopular with some other bottlers.

I Look forward to our discussion this morning.

Thank you,

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Full Nestle LCA, including the peer review: www.beveragelcafootprint.com

U.S. Bottled Water Industry has Very Small Environmental Footprint, According to a New Study:
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Updated IBWA Environmental Fact Book Includes Life Cycle Studies
<http://newsmanager.commpartners.com/ibwa/issues/2010-07-01/5.html>



IBWA LCI Exec Summ FINAL.pdf

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ig. water bottlers*

*- WRNG w/ Margaret on climate change
Subcommittee*

INTERNATIONAL BOTTLED WATER ASSOCIATION

LIFE CYCLE INVENTORY OF THE U.S. BOTTLED WATER INDUSTRY
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SUMMARY

The IBWA life cycle inventory (LCI) study evaluated both small pack and home and office delivery (HOD) bottled water production. The study results highlight the environmental footprint of the bottled water industry. The environmentally aware actions of many bottled water companies, such as the use of more recycled PET (rPET) in their bottle production, increasing recycling rates, and enhanced light-weighting, have positively impacted the environmental footprint of the industry.

INTRODUCTION

The International Bottled Water Association (IBWA) commissioned a LCI study to determine the environmental footprint of the United States bottled water industry¹. The study considered bottled water produced for home and office delivery (“HOD” in reusable bottles from 2.5 to 5 gallons) and small pack bottled water (containers from 8 ounces to 2.5 gallons). Franklin Associates, a division of ERG, produced the LCI and prepared a report that quantified the energy requirements, solid waste generation, and greenhouse gas emissions for the production, packaging, transport, and end of life management for bottled water consumed in the United States in 2007².

The results of the LCI demonstrate that the bottled water industry has a considerably small environmental footprint. Moreover, the report provides a benchmark against which the bottled water industry can measure future improvements such as light-weighting and increased bottle recycling.

¹ Data for this study, including the amounts and types of containers and closure materials, secondary packaging materials, water in the containers, and filling plant energy requirements were derived from surveys completed by IBWA members. Because the results the LCI represent a composite weighted average of the data provided by individual member companies, the results should not be used to represent specific individual brands of bottled water available in the marketplace.

²According to a 2008 Beverage Marketing Corporation report, total consumption of bottled water in the U.S. in 2007 was 8.8 billion gallons.

RESULTS

Energy— The IBWA LCI report looked at the BTU (British Thermal Unit) values for fuels and electricity consumed in the production of bottled water. The information is categorized according to six basic energy sources: natural gas, petroleum, coal, nuclear, hydropower, and other (solar, biomass and geothermal energy). Also included in the LCI report are the BTU values for all transportation steps and production of packaging materials, including the energy content of fossil-fuel derived packaging materials.

According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), in 2007 the United States consumed 101,553,855 billion (102 quadrillion) BTUs of primary energy as fuels (this is approximately 335.9 million BTU per person).³ Based on this data, the IBWA LCI report found that:

- The production, packaging, and transportation of the 8,757 million gallons of HOD and small pack bottled water consumed in the U.S. in 2007 required 107.4 trillion BTU⁴. Thus, process and transportation energy use for the bottled water industry was 0.07 percent of total U.S. primary energy consumption reported by EIA.
- Of the 107.4 trillion BTU used in 2007 for bottled water, 102.6 trillion was for small pack water (0.067 percent of the total energy use in the United States in 2007) and 4.8 trillion for HOD water (0.003 percent of the total energy used by the United States in 2007).

Solid Waste— The report examined solid wastes generated from the production, processing, packaging, and transportation of bottled water. The quantities of postconsumer packaging wastes (packaging that is disposed after the bottled water is consumed) were adjusted to account for current recycling levels for plastic, glass, and corrugated packaging.

Americans generated 254 million tons of municipal solid waste (MSW) in 2007, as reported by the U.S. EPA. After recovery for recycling, total MSW discards were 169.2 million tons⁵.

- Based on data reported by IBWA members for small pack and HOD water, the total weight of packaging materials used for bottled water packaging in 2007 was 1.64 million tons. After adjusting for recycling of

³ <http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/aer/overview.html>, Annual Energy Review, Table 1.3: Primary Energy Consumption by Source, 1949-2008.

⁴ Approximately 30 percent of this energy is associated with the energy content of the plastic materials used in bottled water packaging, and the other 75 trillion BTU was consumed as fuels for process and transportation energy

⁵ <http://www.epa.gov/waste/nonhaz/municipal/pubs/msw07-rpt.pdf>.

containers and packaging, the net amount of bottled water packaging disposed of in landfills was 1.08 million tons.

- At 1.08 million tons, bottled water packaging discards account for 0.64 percent of the 169 million tons of total U.S. MSW discards in 2007.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions—Greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) are expressed as CO₂ equivalents (CO₂ eq).⁶

According to the EIA, total U.S. greenhouse gas emissions in 2007 were 7,947 million tons of CO₂ eq.⁷ Based on this data, the IBWA LCI report found that:

- The small pack and HOD bottled water industries combined emit 6.8 million tons of CO₂ eq a year, which is equivalent to 0.08 percent of total United States emissions.
- The life cycle GHG emissions per half gallon of small pack bottled water are 426.4 grams CO₂ eq., which is 75 percent less CO₂ eq. per half gallon than orange juice (1700 grams of CO₂ eq. per half gallon)⁸.
- The life cycle carbon footprint for a 500 ml PET bottle of a name brand soft drink is reportedly 240 grams CO₂ eq, and the carbon footprint for 500 ml PET diet soft drink bottle is reportedly 220 grams CO₂ eq.⁹ At 111 g CO₂ eq. per 500 ml equivalent basis, small pack bottled water generates 46 percent less CO₂ eq. when compared to these soft drinks¹⁰.

⁶ To calculate the pounds of CO₂ eq, the pounds of emissions of fossil CO₂, methane, and nitrous oxide over the life cycle of small pack and HOD bottled water are multiplied by the total global warming potential of each greenhouse gas relative to carbon dioxide's total global warming potential.

⁷ <http://ftp.eia.doe.gov/pub/oiaf/1605/cdrom/pdf/ggrpt/057308.pdf>

⁸ Data for orange juice based on information at <http://www.tropicana.com/pdf/carbonFootprint.pdf>

⁹ Data for soft drinks based on information at <http://cokecorporateresponsibility.co.uk/carbontrust/product-carbon-footprints.html>

¹⁰ This assumes that the two calculations methods are comparable.



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01/06/2011 01:58 PM

To neil@natlparks.org, Laura Joss
cc Kurt Rausch/WASO/NPS@NPS
bcc
Subject Water Bottle Meeting - Draft Agenda - Goals for Tomorrow's Discussion

Neil and Laura,

Thanks for both agreeing to participate in tomorrow's planning session for our future meeting with the water bottlers. At tomorrow's meeting, we would like to:

- Discuss the goals and objectives for the meeting with the water bottlers (draft agenda attached for your review and to facilitate discussion)
- Identify the participants at the meeting
- Select possible dates for the meeting
- Other topics

→ 2 IMR

Brian Flaherty / Quentin Martin

Jock, Bayclay, Margaret

→ Nestle, Coke, Pepsi, IWBA, Am

→ Cheryl Decker did all the work

Last wk of Jan

Bev Assoc

- hold second meeting w/ concessioners / partners / cooperators

Jo Feb. 3-5 Lake Mead NPF Board

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- Draft Water Bottle Company Agenda - KURA - 01..5.10.docx

IMR follow-up:

- raise awareness of the issue + Dir's interest
- send Margaret's plastic water bottle summary to all parks to update
- remind them to hold off implementing bans until servicewide approach is developed
- correct Julie's draft → Margaret will follow up

Jo Pendry: will e-mail all conc chiefs re. this

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Jon J compare cost of producing metal water bottle vs plastic - what about reusable plastic

Public Health interested in ensuring access to water source:



Date: December 21, 2010

To: Steve Whitesell

From: Shawn Norton

Subject: Impacts of Prohibiting Sale of Plastic Water Bottles in National Parks

Background

Americans discard 50 billion plastic water bottles each year. Producing that number of water bottles consumes approximately 20 billion barrels of oil and generates more than 25 million MTCO₂E. National parks, as tourist destinations, use precious taxpayer dollars to manage the burden of discarded plastic water bottles. Notably, this is a relatively new financial burden, with global sales of bottled water quadrupling between 1990 and 2005.

The following National Parks are known to be exploring how to reduce or eliminate the use/sale of plastic water bottles:

- Hawaii Volcanoes NP
- Grand Canyon NP
- Boston Harbor NHS
- Death Valley NP
- Lake Mead NRA
- Manzanar NHS
- Whiskeytown NRA
- Yellowstone NP (not formalized)
- Kalaupapa NHP
- Fort Vancouver NHS
- Lava Beds NM
- Zion NP
- Lake Roosevelt NRA
- Santa Monica Mountains NRA
- Grand Teton National Park

Waste Reduction Potential and Financial Impacts

National parks spend significant amounts of money on solid waste removal, varying amounts of which comprise plastic water bottles. Moreover, NPS could be considered at odds with its conservation mandate by allowing the sale of bottled water in National Parks, a practice directly supporting the unsustainable consumption and pollution of natural resources.

Grand Canyon NP estimates that 30% of recycling solid waste is from plastic bottles. Eliminating this waste would decrease the amount of money the park spends on recycling removal by 30%. If each of the parks listed above (for which we have waste diversion rates)

banned plastic water bottles, they would eliminate more than 665 tons of waste from the waste stream (see table below). Moreover, by not supporting the purchase of that amount of bottled water, those parks would support conserving the vast amounts of energy used in its production, or over 18 million kWh per year—enough to power over 1,600 U.S. homes for a year.

While not currently phasing out plastic water bottles, the National Mall is a good example of the sheer amount of recycling waste generated in parks. The National Mall has recycled nearly 100 tons of material through the NAMA recycling program since July 2010. Phase 2 of the program began in October (off-season) and still increased recycling totals by over 5 tons from peak season. In 2008, the National Mall (park operations and concessioners) sent 4,910 tons of waste to a landfill. Based on these numbers, conservative estimates of 20 tons of recycling per month would result in the park recycling 10% of all its landfilled waste. Although not all of the recycled material comprises plastic water bottles, based on Grand Canyon’s 30% figure, encouraging the use of refillable containers at NAMA, could reduce annual recycling rates by 150 tons.

Table 1: Potential waste diversion numbers based on 30% estimate by Grand Canyon*

Park	Total Recycled Tons (not incl. C&D or composting)	Est. Potential Diversion Rate w/out Water Bottles	Electricity Conserved (kWh)**	GHG Emissions Mitigated (MTCO2E)
Hawaii Volcanoes NP	5	1.5	41,666.70	29.9
Grand Canyon NP	974.7	292.41	8,122,506.50	5,833
Grand Teton NP	68.7	20.61	572,500.46	411
Death Valley NP	66	19.8	550,000.44	395
Lake Mead NRA	187.6	56.28	1,563,334.58	1,123
Zion NP	81	24.3	675,000.54	485
Fort Vancouver NHS	7.7	2.31	64,166.72	46.1
Kalaupapa NHP	20.7	6.21	172,500.14	124
Lake Roosevelt	7.6	2.28	63,333.38	45.5
Lava Beds NM	5.5	1.65	45,833.37	32.9
Santa Monica Mountains NRA	1	0.3	8,333.34	6
Yellowstone NP	789.5	236.9	6,580,560.82	4,726
Totals	2215	664.55	18,459,737	13,257

*Estimates provided for parks that reported recycling waste diversion rates for 2009 only.

** Each ton of PET (used to manufacture plastic water bottles) requires 27,777.8 kWh to produce.¹ The number is only for production and does not include energy consumption from transportation or disposal.

At Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, concessioners have shown net profits from the sale of reusable water bottles. The Hawaii Natural History Association estimates that it will gross \$80K more from the sale of reusable versus plastic water bottles, estimating that at a minimum the 5,800 stainless steel water bottles sold replaced plastic bottles that might have been disposed.

¹ Gleick, PH and Cooley, HS. 2009. "Energy Implications of Bottled Water." *Environmental Research Letters*. IOP Publishing, VOL 4:014009

Where Else Have Plastic Water Bottles Been Banned?

National Parks are not the first to consider discouraging bottled water consumption. Below are just a few examples of where bottled water has been banned or replaced.

In October 2010, Italy banned visitors from bringing plastic water bottles into the Cinque Terre National Park, along the Italian coast. The park was becoming inundated by plastic water bottles left by its 3+ million annual visitors, so it provides aluminum water bottles to visitors at the park entrance and filling stations along the nine miles of coast. In August, the peak visitation month, visitors discard an estimated 400,000 water bottles, which will be presumably diverted from the waste stream under the new program.

Takoma Park, MD; San Francisco, CA; Fayetteville, AR and Vancouver, WA are just a few cities which have prohibited the purchase of bottled water for city employees or events. They cite the environmental impacts as well as the irresponsibility of using taxpayer money to fund the cost of purchase and disposal. Vancouver, BC has begun a phased ban on bottled water from all city property and from being sold in city concession stands. A total of 20 cities in the US have prohibited the purchase of bottled water by municipalities.²

The Sundance Film Festival partnered with Brita two years in a row to eliminate plastic water bottles from the festival. According to a contact from the Sundance Film Festival, to the relief of the event organizers (who were concerned about dehydration in the arid climate), the initiative was very well received by the event attendees. So much so, that they will continue to provide reusable water bottles and filling stations at future events in partnership with Brita.

Rock Resorts and Vail Resorts Hospitality implemented their "Water on the Rocks" program to eliminate plastic water bottles from guest rooms in all of their properties. They provide reusable containers and filling stations with an estimated diversion of 640,000 plastic water bottles from the waste stream.

Customer/Visitor Feedback

National Parks are ideal locations for modeling and educating the public about sustainable behavior. Given that bottled water consumption is a fairly new phenomenon in the United States, reverting to traditional water consumption patterns is not only good for the environment, but good for parks' budgets.

Due to effective outreach and communication, Zion NP reports that visitor response is excellent. Hawaii Volcanoes notes similarly that visitors rarely complain and that the rangers and shuttle bus drivers model the behavior for visitors. HAVO undertook a special campaign to reach out to shuttle bus drivers. As a result, 160 Ecotour operators took the pledge to use refillable water bottles at the park.

² http://www.crystalline-water.com/go_green/bottled_water_bans.html. Note: Fayetteville, AR and Takoma Park, MD are not included in the list on this website.



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Subject Re: WASO briefing for jarvis about plastic water bottles & IMR results

Glad it was of use. I have also been speaking with Krista Muddle about how to engage WNPA and other partners in eliminating plastic water bottles, and they seem interested. I was surprised after the internship to learn how much of the disposable water bottles are sold by WNPA and other partners. Any more ideas, Krista.

Thanks everyone,

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Subject Re: WASO briefing for jarvis about plastic water bottles & IMR results

Thanks Margaret,
This is really useful. Laura, let's share this w/Jo Pendry also as she pulls together the industry meeting.
-JW

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Margaret McRoberts

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From: Margaret McRoberts
Sent: 01/04/2011 09:44 AM MST
To: Karen Breslin; Laura Joss; John Wessels
Subject: WASO briefing for jarvis about plastic water bottles & IMR results
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History: This message has been replied to and forwarded.

Hello everyone,

I thought you might be interested to see the draft briefing about plastic water bottles that is heading to jarvis. I have also attached the summary results from the YIP internship regarding disposable water bottles at IMR parks. You will see some interns collected fabulous data about disposable bottles while some is sparse. My goal was to attempt an overall calculation for the environmental emissions and costs for plastic water bottles sold within IMR, but I haven't had a chance to start this yet. □

I have done a rough calculation of the amount IMR spends on trash/recycling and this number could range anywhere from 26 to 53 million a year... I believe the 53 million is closer, but i only used 5 parks to run the calculations. i plan to collect more in the future - whenever i have time.

Hope this is of interest and I didn't barrage you with emails. Thanks.

Best wishes,

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Subject Re: Fw: 12/20 IMRO Squad meeting notes - plastic water
bottles

Hey,

Where is that data? I am preparing a brief for Steve Whitesell for the Director about it. I would be VERY interested in the data on water bottle estimates as a percentage of waste, and anything else. I also figured out, based on some numbers for GRCA (est. 30% of recycled waste was water bottles) that the NPS could spare a lot of energy in water bottle production (I did not calculate for filling, packaging, transportation and disposal) by eliminating the sale of bottled water in parks.

I attached my brief and would be happy for any (quick) comments you have. Shawn wants to send it tomorrow, but I will wait for your data and input as it will likely make it stronger.

Cheers,

- Julie

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Subject Fw: 12/20 IMRO Squad meeting notes - plastic water bottles

I meant to cc you and forgot... happy new year

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Subject Re: 12/20 IMRO Squad meeting notes - plastic water bottles



Good morning Laura,

I just wanted to let you know that my interns this summer collected information about plastic water bottles at the majority of the parks they visited, such as quantity of water bottles sold, parks which have phased out water bottles, comments from IMR staff and concessioners when asked about plastic water bottles, and origin of the water bottles that are sold. Let me know if this information can be of use.

My goal in collecting the information was to eventually calculate the environmental and fiscal impacts of selling plastic water bottles across the region. I figured if I could quantify the transportation and manufacturing emissions/cost of plastic water bottles I could use this as a selling point to eliminate their

use.

I look forward to hearing more about eliminate plastic at our parks - please let me know how I can help.

I hope you had a wonderful holiday,

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Thanks to Cherry Huss for taking notes. Happy holidays!

STAFF MEETING

Dec. 20, 2010

Call in # 877-(b) (4) , code 875125#

Laura Joss – Deputy Regional Director – Had a call with Bert Frost, WASO-Natural Resources this morning regarding the new BLM Solar PEIS. John Reber is the lead, and he will contact the IMR affected parks. Comments will be due Feb 1, 2010.

→ Director Jon Jarvis has asked that parks considering a ban on plastic water bottles, please hold

off for now. Jo Pendry is taking the lead on a servicewide approach, and we will be canvassing IMR parks shortly to determine those that are considering this.

The FY11 EPAP template for superintendents has been sent out and is due January 3rd. Please call Laura if you have any questions

John Wessels – Regional Director - Spent a day at GRTE meeting regarding the airport, and then in Las Vegas meeting regarding the Colorado River. The relationships with the States are more important than ever. Alan Gilbert, Senior Advisor to the Secretary is the key person on renewable for the service.

Nancy Skinner has been announced the new FOBU Superintendent.

Les Siroky – Acting ARD Facilities - Issues with new scoring. Scores drastically went down. How they rank the API have changed. This effects 2013 project list and beyond.

Sande McDermott - Acting Resources Chief – The CRM TMAP report is final and sent to Stephanie Toothman, the AD for Cultural in WASO.

Last week the SOAR office hosted the Arizona parks' annual meeting with the SHPO in compliance with the new Programmatic Agreement. The one day meeting with the SHPO was followed by a one day meeting among park staff and regional office program managers

Rick Frost – ARD Communications and External Affairs – Rick addressed speaking with the press. Give James Doyle or Rick a call if there is going to be a story about your park. Assume a 24/7 news cycle. Also, please remember to submit updates and Hot Topics to James Doyle or Patricia Turley for the WASO Three-Week Out report.

Suzy Stutzman co-taught a wilderness stewardship class with Tim Devine at Dinosaur National Monument last week. The superintendent gave strong support, 20 staff attended, and they selected specific wilderness stewardship actions at the end of the class.

James Doyle – Senator Reid introduced an Omnibus Bill which included the Valles Caldera Legislation.

The GRCA Annual Report has been completed and sent to the park.

Dawn Bosh – Acting ARD Business Technology – The IT transformation is happening. DOI will have 1 CIO. It is unclear as to how this will affect us. Another message should come out between now and the end of the year.

Mike Bachofen – Chief of Contracting – The new AZ MABO lead is Jeff Van Woerkom. Mike went down last week to introduce Jeff to the staff at GRCA and GLCA.

Rena Fugate – Comptroller – The SCC call will be delayed until sometime in January, 2011.

John W, Jo, Neil M, NPF

12/17/10

- GRCA planned to discontinue sales by 2/11
 - Delaware North built 2 filling stations but can still turn them on. 11 total
- Inventory of clean water bottle replacements storage - wouldn't it take the place of water bottles. Sell both!
- Xanterra + Delaware North both supportive
- X has begun converting drinking fountains to add add'l faucets tall enough to fill the new refillable water bottles

M

Neil sent e-mail to Jon re: concern re: Coke (Proud Partner) + offer to pull together meeting w/ water bottle providers re: their response to our intent to reduce / elim use of H₂O bottles
total lifecycle ^{perspective} costs of bottled water vs water bottles

Zion example - Xanterra contr - incl elim of bottled water. Red in recycled waste + energy use by chillers

Hawaii Volcanoes elim also successful

EPA est

Bottled H₂O - 2.4 tons of plastic water bottles disposed of. We as env steward can ↓ that

Met Sep w/ Nestle already, Delaware North sells. But @ mtg they seemed to Also int in red env impact of bottles

Neil - Concessions from Coke + Int'l Paper recycling mandate ^{CAP, Eco containers}
Coke wants to be part of solution + discussion.
- Is the issue H₂O bottles or litter?

- talked to Jan re finite financial considerations; have abil to do things to maint prog + be good corporate citizens. Get them @ table in advance + help us look @ proposed solutions. We get buy in + go forward messaging the way corporate America ^{could}

End to end solution

John - Good move fwd sustainability
Pull in Jack Whitworth to meeting

Aromark, Xantenna, Del North, Forever, NPHA
Pepsi, Coke, Nestle - Jo

Neil will contact

Terra Cycle - perhaps bring in later

TICA has already done this

Move fwd w/ soft rollout + enc. folks to reduce use provide ^{stock} (but still provide

□ Survey MR parks re: have or intend to do this
we're all moving fwd to set good ex in +out
of parks.



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To Laura Joss/DENVER/NPS@NPS
cc John Wessels/DENVER/NPS@NPS
bcc
Subject Re: Bottled water call

Laura,

Thanks for the information. Please let us know if we can assist as a possible park rep.

Have a great weekend and happy holidays;

Barclay

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To Barclay Trimble/GRCA/NPS@NPS
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Subject Bottled water call

Barclay: Sorry for the delay in reporting back to you on this morning's call. John and I had a good chat with Jo Pendry and Neil Mulholland, and they are going to work together to schedule a meeting of key "bottled water bottlers," key concession reps and a few park reps in late January or early February in DC. Our advice for GRCA in the interim is to continue in a soft rollout mode, with making filling stations and modified drinking fountains available; selling reusable water bottles, but also continuing to stock bottled water until we have a servicewide decision.

Laura

Laura E. Joss



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Subject Re: Fw: Water Bottles - Outcomes from Meeting with Director
Jarvis

Jo,

Let me assure you that we are going to comply with the Directors request. The question I hope you can answer, as we have not been involved with these discussions, is when is the meeting going to take place and how long before a final decision is reached. As you can see below there is a question about inventory and ordering that I need to be able to relay to the partners.

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Subject Re: Fw: Water Bottles - Outcomes from Meeting with Director
Jarvis

Jo: I've copied Barclay so he can weigh in, but yes, the park will comply with the Director's request to hold off until his decision is made.

Laura

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Jo Pendry

----- Original Message -----

From: Jo Pendry
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To: Laura Joss
Subject: Re: Fw: Water Bottles - Outcomes from Meeting with Director
Jarvis

Laura, Thanks for sharing. I noticed the briefing statement states that effective January 1, 2011, GRCA will no longer allow the sale of bottled water. Aren't they are holding off on the ban pending the Director's

decision?

Jo

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Laura Joss/DENVER/NPS



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12/15/2010 05:35 PM

To Jo Pendry/WASO/NPS@NPS, Kate Stevenson
cc John Wessels/DENVER/NPS
Subject Fw: Water Bottles - Outcomes from Meeting with Director Jarvis

Jo/Kate: Below is some info from GRCA on this issue, and a current briefing statement. Thought this might be useful for Friday's call.

[attachment "11.12.10 Water Bottle Filling Stations.doc" deleted by Laura Joss/DENVER/NPS]

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To John Wessels/DENVER/NPS@NPS
cc Laura Joss/DENVER/NPS@NPS
Subject Re: Fw: Water Bottles - Outcomes from Meeting with Director Jarvis

John,

We just meet with all our partners a few weeks back and they are all on board and geared up for the transition. We have had some difficulties in getting the signs purchased for the water filling stations so we are so we're looking to implement by Feb 1 so do you think we might be able to proceed forward by then?

Steve and I discussed this and we can notify the concessioner/partners but the question I have is do you know how long before this meeting/decision will occur. We notified our partners six months ago about this

Briefing Statement FY 2010

Bureau: National Park Service
Issue: Disposable Plastic Water Bottle Sales
Member: General Interest
Park: Grand Canyon National Park (GRCA)

Key Points:

- According to the Environmental Protection Agency, an estimated 2,480,000 tons of plastic bottles and jars were disposed of in the United States in 2008.
- On January 1, 2011, the National Park Service (NPS) at Grand Canyon National Park (GRCA), working in conjunction with park partners and concessioners, will implement a policy that will eliminate the sale of individual disposable plastic water bottles (under a gallon) within GRCA.
- Goals of the project include a reduction in the energy and resources required to produce the disposable plastic bottles and a reduction in the amount of solid waste and litter generated within the park from plastic bottles.
- The project will include a visitor education component that will inform visitors of sustainable water bottle options available in the park and provide information about sustainable choices that they can make at home.
- To ensure that visitor needs are met, the NPS has collaborated with GRCA's concessioners and partner to develop product lines, at various price points, that offer an affordable and sustainable alternative to disposable water bottles.
- Eleven convenient, free water bottle filling stations providing spring-fed water are being constructed throughout the park with construction to be completed by January 1, 2011.
- Water filling stations will be located in areas of heavy visitor use and will be accompanied by interpretive panels describing the quality of the water and the environmental benefits of using a reusable container.
- In addition to the interpretive panels directly associated with the water filling stations, the NPS plans to publicize the project and inform visitors of the change by adding information to the park's website and official newspaper *The Guide*, developing official talking points for front line employees and installing informational signage to be used in shuttle buses and at the park's Backcountry Information Center.

Background:

- Plastic water bottles are produced using petroleum products and require energy to produce and transport, by reducing plastics used within GRCA, the NPS will be reducing dependency on fossil fuels and reducing associated emissions in accordance with the NPS Climate Friendly Parks Program.

- Disposable plastic water bottles consist of approximately one-quarter to one-third of the solid waste collected in visitor areas within GRCA. In addition to environmental benefits, by reducing plastic waste within the park, solid waste removal and recycling costs will also be reduced.
- Other NPS park units have already successfully eliminated the use of plastic water bottles, including both Zion National Park and Hawaii Volcanoes National Park.
- Since January 2010, the NPS has been working with GRCA's concessioners and partner to develop alternative products that are both sustainable and affordable and will allow the organizations an opportunity to recoup some revenue currently associated with disposable water bottle sales.
- Grand Canyon National Park's concessioners and park partner have been very receptive to the change and have taken the initiative to develop alternative product lines, interpretive materials for placement in their facilities, they have incorporated the change into their existing environmental plans, installed water filling stations and are investigating the opportunity to eliminate plastic water bottles at other locations.
- After January 1, 2011, park concessioners will continue to be able to sell individual beverages such as soda, juice and sports drinks with electrolyte properties. Water will also continue to be sold as long as the water is packaged in containers that are a gallon or larger in size.
- The 11 water filling stations will be installed at locations with high visitor traffic: including Desert View, DNC Desert View Store, the South Kaibab Trailhead, the Grand Canyon Visitor Center, Verkamp's Visitor Center, the Bright Angel Trailhead, DNC Market Plaza Store, Hermits Rest, the North Kaibab Trailhead, the North Rim Visitor Center and the North Rim Administrative Building (North Rim backcountry office).
- Information about the location of water filling stations and GRCA's initiative to eliminate plastic water bottles will also be available to visitors on the park's website, at visitor centers and in park publications, including the official newspaper *The Guide*.

Current Status:

- By January 1, 2011, individual use plastic water bottles will no longer be sold within GRCA.
- To ensure public safety and visitor convenience, by January 1, 2011, park concessioners and partners will provide an ample supply of affordable and sustainable refillable water bottles. Water will be available to visitors free of charge at the 11 water filling station located throughout GRCA.
- A contract for construction of the water filling stations has been awarded to Lake Powell Construction and work is proceeding on schedule.

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Subject Fw: Xanterra Water Bottle Filling Stations

Xanterra now has a financial commitment to the change over also.

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Subject Xanterra Water Bottle Filling Stations

Hi Barclay,

Just FYI - I was out with Denny from Xanterra today doing retail evaluations and he mentioned that Xanterra has started converting their drinking fountains to add additional faucets tall enough to fill the new refillable water bottles. They already have one at the Bright Angel that they are already using for the mule riders canteens, but are going to do something similar at the cafeterias and in some of the hotel lobbies.

Thanks and let me know if you have questions.

Robin



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Subject Fw: Water Bottles

more info for your consideration

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Subject Water Bottles

Barclay - just as an FYI, I was asked to attend the Town Council Meeting in Tusayan to talk about the water filling stations and the discontinuance of the sale of water bottles in the park. Members of the council were interested in the information provided and although had a few questions about the water filling stations and availability of water, as well as how one would clean water bottles purchased, the last statement made by a council member was perhaps [we] can look at partnering with the park on this important issue.

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Subject Re: Water Bottles - Outcomes from Meeting with Director
Jarvis

History: This message has been replied to.

Thanks, John.

Laura, Can you please confirm the time? Thanks!

Jo

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Subject Re: Water Bottles - Outcomes from Meeting with Director
Jarvis

Jo,
IMR Deputy RD Laura Joss and I are scheduled to talk via conference call with NPF Pres. Neil Mullholland on Friday morning - I believe it is 10:30EDT. The dial-in# is 877- (b) (4) (code: 875125#). I'd love it if you could join us for this call - this is the follow-up to Neil's email to the Director a few weeks ago regarding this same topic. I'm happy to hear you are coordinating the larger gathering. Laura Joss has the lead for this issue for Intermountain.

Thanks,
-John W.

p.s. I've contacted GRCA and told them to stand-down on their planned phase-out of bottled water sales scheduled for January, pending the outcome of these discussions.

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12/14/2010 08:24 AM

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Subject Water Bottles - Outcomes from Meeting with Director Jarvis

John,

Good Morning. Director Jarvis asked that I touch base with you regarding the next steps in regards to discontinuing the sale of bottled water at the Grand Canyon and other parks. We held a meeting yesterday with the Natural Resources, Park Facilities, Communications, Partnership and Commercial Services folks to discuss the pros and cons of banning bottled water in general, and found we still need to gather more facts and engage the concessioners and distributors for input.

John reiterated his decision to have the Grand Canyon hold off on implementation (and other parks as well) until we have hosted a meeting with the major producers of bottled water (e.g., Coke, Pepsi, Nestle) and heard their position.

He indicated you were going to touch base with the NPF / Coke, and he asked that I get in touch with you to see where you are with making that contact and to let you know I'll be setting up the general meeting.

Do you have time to discuss this with me this week?

Jo

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Subject RE: Phone call with Regional Director John Wessels and
Laura Joss

Let's use our call in number. Laura Joss, John's Deputy, will be on the call also but will be in Denver.

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Thanks Kristin for your help

Donna

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To "Donna_Emmons@nps.gov" <Donna_Emmons@nps.gov>
cc Lanie Lamb <llamb@nationalparks.org>
Subject RE: Phone call with Regional Director John Wessels and
Laura Joss

Great!
Let's plan for 10:30 am eastern on the 17th.
What number should Neil reach John on?
thanks

-----Original Message-----

From: Donna_Emmons@nps.gov [mailto:Donna_Emmons@nps.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 13, 2010 12:45 PM
To: Kristin King
Cc: Lanie Lamb
Subject: RE: Phone call with Regional Director John Wessels and Laura Joss

Hi Kristin,

Thank you for following up on this. I planned to write you this morning

right after our staff meeting.

Friday morning would work very well for John. He'll be in Las Vegas at a water meeting. So maybe something around 10:30 or 11:00 am eastern time (that would be 7:30 or 8:00 am Las Vegas time for John - before he starts his meetings) or Friday, Dec 17. Would that time work?

Thank you for your help.

Donna

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RE: Phone call with Regional Director John Wessels and Laura Joss

Donna-

Neil is on travel today, and will be back in DC on the 16th and 17th (Thursday and Friday). Is there a time that we could arrange a telephone call for either of those days?

Thanks!
Kristin

-----Original Message-----

From: Neil Mulholland
Sent: Saturday, December 11, 2010 6:36 AM
To: Donna_Emmons@nps.gov
Cc: Kristin King
Subject: RE: Phone call with Regional Director John Wessels and Laura Joss

Donna:

Work with Kristin King 202.354.6466. She is copied on this e-mail.

Regards,

Neil

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From: Donna Emmons@nps.gov [mailto:Donna_Emmons@nps.gov]

Sent: Friday, December 10, 2010 4:24 PM

To: Neil Mulholland

Subject: Phone call with Regional Director John Wessels and Laura Joss

Good Afternoon Mr. Mulholland,

John Wessels has asked me to setup a time for you, he and his Deputy Laura Joss to have a 1/2 hour phone call. I'm not sure if there is someone on your staff I should coordinate this with. John is in the office on Monday, December 13 then in travel the rest of the week.

Please let me know if I should work with someone on your staff to arrange this call.

Thank you very much.

Donna Emmons

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12/14/2010 02:55 PM

To John Wessels/DENVER/NPS@NPS
cc Laura Joss/DENVER/NPS@NPS
bcc
Subject Re: Fw: Water Bottles - Outcomes from Meeting with Director Jarvis

John,

We just meet with all our partners a few weeks back and they are all on board and geared up for the transition. We have had some difficulties in getting the signs purchased for the water filling stations so we are so we're looking to implement by Feb 1 so do you think we might be able to proceed forward by then?

Steve and I discussed this and we can notify the concessioner/partners but the question I have is do you know how long before this meeting/decision will occur. We notified our partners six months ago about this change so they would have adequate time to deplete the inventory on hand so they would not have any financial hardship due to excess inventory and in talking with them last week almost the entire inventory is gone. I know they can order more but what do we tell them for a time frame so they are not stuck with excess inventory and cost when this is implemented and how much do they need to initially order. Also as a heads up for you so you don't get blind sided - Delaware North has expended a larger amount of capital on building two water filling stations in their two stores (SR Village & Dessert View) and you could receive a call from corporate once we tell them not to turn on the water. Also, all of our partners have ordered the clean water bottle replacements so each could have inventory problems with were to store these containers - we can let them sell the bottles but if plastic is still available the inventory might not move as quickly as they had anticipated.

You probably already know this but just in case - all of our partners, including Xanterra and Delaware North, which are probably the two of the biggest concessioner in the NPS, are fully supportive of the transition.

Thanks,

Barclay

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John Wessels/DENVER/NPS
12/14/2010 10:29 AM

To Barclay Trimble/GRCA/NPS@NPS
cc Laura Joss/DENVER/NPS@NPS
Subject Fw: Water Bottles - Outcomes from Meeting with Director Jarvis

Hi Barclay,
I'm forwarding to you a note I received from Jo Pendry this morning.....

Essentially, we are asked to hold off on our transition to filling station/ban of single use water bottles at GRCA pending the meeting w/beverage suppliers identified by Jo below.

Please advise your concessions program folks accordingly to Hold on the ban. Also, Laura Joss has the lead for this for Intermountain Region. With a vision toward sustainability and broader ecological stewardship, this is an initiative that we intend to support across All IMR parks.

Stay tuned and please call or drop me a note with any questions.

Thanks, - John W.

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----- Forwarded by John Wessels/DENVER/NPS on 12/14/2010 10:22 AM -----



Jo Pendry/WASO/NPS
12/14/2010 08:24 AM

To John Wessels/DENVER/NPS@NPS
cc Kate_Stevenson@nps.gov

Subject Water Bottles - Outcomes from Meeting with Director Jarvis

John,

Good Morning. Director Jarvis asked that I touch base with you regarding the next steps in regards to discontinuing the sale of bottled water at the Grand Canyon and other parks. We held a meeting yesterday with the Natural Resources, Park Facilities, Communications, Partnership and Commercial Services folks to discuss the pros and cons of banning bottled water in general, and found we still need to gather more facts and engage the concessioners and distributors for input.

John reiterated his decision to have the Grand Canyon hold off on implementation (and other parks as well) until we have hosted a meeting with the major producers of bottled water (e.g., Coke, Pepsi, Nestle) and heard their position.

He indicated you were going to touch base with the NPF / Coke, and he asked that I get in touch with you to see where you are with making that contact and to let you know I'll be setting up the general meeting.

Do you have time to discuss this with me this week?

Jo

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McRoberts/DENVER/NPS
01/20/2011 08:50 AM

To Laura Joss/DENVER/NPS@NPS, Kurt
Rausch/WASO/NPS@NPS
cc Wendy Berhman/DENVER/NPS@NPS
bcc
Subject more info about water bottles & ZION

Good morning,

Thought I would forward these documents on in the hopes that they may be beneficial. Have a good day.

Best wishes,

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Cheryl Decker/ZION/NPS
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To Jock Whitworth/ZION/NPS@NPS
cc Jack Burns/ZION/NPS@NPS, Lisa Ogden/ZION/NPS@NPS,
Bill Cox/ZION/NPS@NPS
Subject

Hi Jock, I just realized (at 5:00) that the 18th is Tuesday and I won't see Lisa until Wednesday. So I'm attaching everything I've got on the water filling stations--hopefully it's what you need....



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Water Filling Poster Final.jpg



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Info Sheet-Filling Stations.pdf



HarpersMagazine-2007-08-0081607.pdf

Harper's see center blurbs on water bottles:Estimated amount of oil, in barrels, used to make the bottled-water containers sold in the U.S. last year: 16,000,000

Ratio of the amount of water used to make the containers to the amount of bottled water consumed: 2:1



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Cheryl Decker
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06/08/2011 11:51 AM

To Kurt Rausch/WASO/NPS@NPS

cc Jo Pendry/WASO/NPS@NPS, Laura Joss/DENVER/NPS@NPS, Doug Lentz/GRCA/NPS@NPS, Robin Martin/GRCA/NPS@NPS

bcc Peggy O'Dell/WASO/NPS

Subject Re: Fw: Draft Director's Policy Memorandum - Disposable Water Bottles - Comments Requested by June 10, 2011 

Kurt,

I appreciate the opportunity to review this documents and thanks for pulling it together. I have made some comments for your consideration which I think focus this more on the ultimate goal, at least of GRCA, to reduce the sale of individual water bottles in the parks. Once you have reviewed the comments if you have any questions I would be happy to talk.

Thanks,



Water Bottle Memo.GRCA Comments. 6.6.11.docx

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To Barclay Trimble/GRCA/NPS@NPS

cc Jo Pendry/WASO/NPS@NPS

Subject Fw: Draft Director's Policy Memorandum - Disposable Water Bottles - Comments Requested by June 10, 2011

Hi Barclay:

As you know, the WASO office has been working on developing a policy memo for the Director on the disposable water bottle **issue**. We appreciated your offer to help on this.

A draft memo is attached. It outlines an approach developed at the WASO-level in which Parks will offer visitor choice and education. Parks will be asked to provide 1) continued disposable water bottle availability, 2) ask concessioners to sell reasonably priced refillable water bottles, 3) install water bottle filling stations, and 3) educate visitors on the benefits of refillable water bottle and water filling station use.

We know you have done a lot of work at your Park on this issue. We would appreciate any input you have on the proposed approach and the memo itself. We have also requested input from our Regional Concession Chiefs and are hoping to collect all the comments by June 10. Please feel free to contact me directly at any time if you would like to discuss.

Thank you,

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To conserve resources, please consider whether it is necessary before printing this email.

This memo clarifies the National Park Service Commercial Services Program's recommendations regarding a strategy to reduce the use of water bottles and other beverages in disposable plastic containers in Parks. This recommended policy would further the goals of the National Park Service Green Parks Plan and the Climate Friendly Parks Program.

Although the Commercial Services Program is not recommending implementation of a Service-wide ban on disposable plastic water or other beverage containers in parks at this time, the program does recommend that, instead, Parks should develop and implement programs to provide visitors with environmentally preferable alternatives to these products, including the sale of reasonably priced BPA-free reusable water bottles, construction of water bottle filling stations, and provision of educational messages to inform visitors on the environmental impacts of their purchasing decisions. Individual Parks should also consider eliminating or significantly reducing the sale of water sold in single use disposable containers following a feasibility determination as outlined below.

Comment [TBC1]: This memo should be a recommendation to the Director not a decision document

Comment [TBC2]: The policy should allow parks, such as GRCA, that have the infrastructure in place and have undergone a safety and visitor satisfaction analysis to eliminate the sale of single use disposable water bottles on a reasonable timeline as determined by the parks superintendents (as opposed to only allowing the elimination as part of a new concessions contract).

Background

A growing body of evidence indicates that the use of disposable water bottles has significant negative environmental impacts compared to the use of local tap water and refillable bottles when considered on a life-cycle basis. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, almost 2.5 million tons of plastic bottles and jars were disposed on in the United States in 2008. In general, disposable plastic bottles have an energy intensive lifecycle, including manufacturing, transportation and disposal.

The impacts of using disposable water bottles may be magnified in parks because their remote locationness results in additional product transportation, waste disposal, energy use ~~for cooling~~, and litter. Concern for the public health impacts from the reduced availability of free, publically available water resulting from the increased disposable water bottle market is also emerging with organizations such as the Center for Disease Control. For these reasons, a reduction in the amount of disposable water bottles sold in parks and the promotion of free water sources is desirable. In addition, parks are in a unique position to educate the visiting public regarding the environmental impact of their purchasing decisions. The elimination of or reduction of plastic water bottles allows the National Park Service and park partners to introduce visitors to green products and the concept of environmentally responsible purchasing and to allow visitors to potentially take that larger environmental ethic home and apply it in their daily lives.

By reducing the use of disposable water bottles and other beverage containers, the Service can reduce litter in some of our country's most beautiful and sacred landscapes; decrease the amount of plastics in the waste stream and the high costs associated with this waste; and reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with the production, filling, packaging and transport of disposable bottles. A number of Parks, including Zion and Hawai'i Volcanoes National Parks, and their concessioners have already successfully implemented programs to install filling stations and ban the sale of disposable water and other beverage bottles.

However, Parks must, however, consider other factors prior to in-making a decisions to reduce or eliminate the sale of water or other beverages in disposable plastic containers on this issue. Some visitors have come to rely on the availability of refrigerated bottled water for sale in our parks. Parks should consider A sudden water bottle ban could impact visitor satisfaction and should ensure that proper educational materials and infrastructure are in place prior to reducing or eliminating the sale of disposable water bottles. In addition, parks should consider More importantly, it could impact public safety and should work with park concessioners and partners to ensure visitors are able to purchase a wide range of refillable containers, including reusable bottles that are in a similar price range to water sold in disposable bottles. Parks should also consider if visitors come unprepared and are not willing or able to purchase and fill a water bottle. Possible infrastructure constraints, the and feasibility cost of for the parks to provide water filling stations and possible local water supply shortages are additional considerations.

In some circumstances, a disposable water ban may unreasonably impacts to our concessions operations should also be considered prior to reducing or eliminating the sale of disposable plastic water bottles. Although, concessions contracts allow the National Park Service to determine the nature, type and quality of merchandise to be sold, parks should still consider financial impacts from lost sales. Many concessioners may find, however, that the loss of revenue generated from the sale of disposable water bottles is balanced by the sale of reusable bottles. Concessioners may also see a resulting reduction in recycling and solid waste cost. Parks should make decisions about reducing or eliminating the sale of disposable bottles in consultation with concessioners and should allow reasonable time for transition. The elimination or reduction of the sale of disposable bottles and development of associated educational and marketing tools may be integrated into concessioners' environmental plans. if the Service requires them to provide filling stations without charge to the visitors and loss revenue from disposable water bottle sales. Finally, some have argued that removing disposable water bottles will drive visitors to purchase less healthy alternatives such as soda and sugary beverages, which also often are sold in disposable plastic containers.

Strategy

In order to move the Service forward in reducing the environmental footprint from disposable water and other beverage bottles while addressing the above considerations, the Service Commercial Services Program recommends will implementing a program centered on providing 1) continued disposable water bottle availability, 2) sale of reasonably priced refillable water bottles, 3) water bottle filling stations, and 3) education on the issue, 4) continued disposable water bottle availability, when appropriate. Parks should take the following actions to implement this strategy.

- Conduct planning and research to understand park infrastructure needs and the resource and financial impacts of providing water alternatives, such as selling inexpensive reusable bottles and installing filling stations.
- Where planning and research support it, build the necessary water filling facilities and work with your concessioner to provide reasonably priced BPA-free reusable water bottles disposable water bottles while initially continuing to sell disposable bottled water. Following further analysis, on a

Comment [TBC3]: There are reusable water bottles starting at \$1.99 and a similar size disposable water bottle starts at \$1.49 at GRCA. Not enough of a difference to warrant writing "not able to purchase or fill a water bottle."

Comment [TBC4]: Concession contracts also allow the suspension or termination of services at any time based on resource concerns (that is probably referring to a larger service and we are really dealing with one merchandise item).

Comment [TBC5]: This is not necessary. Most concessioners already provide water free of charge upon request (it is the industry standard).

Comment [TBC6]: I do not think this is necessary – who is saying this and what data do they have to back it up?

park-by-park basis, superintendents may choose to continue the sale of disposable water bottles or may choose to reduce or eliminate their sale.

- Work with your concessioners to provide signage and educational messaging wherever they sell disposable water bottles as well as at Park and concession maintained water filling stations, outlining the positive impacts of the reusable water bottle alternative both for within the park and at home.
- Work to ensure you have an effective plastic recycling program for your park and concession operations to reduce the impact of disposing of the used water and other beverage containers.
- Track product sales, visitor feedback and recycling statistics to help the Service assess if there are any changes in buying behavior, visitor satisfaction and plastic waste collection rates.
- By reducing the use of disposable water bottles and other beverage containers, the Service can reduce litter in some of our country's most beautiful and sacred landscapes; decrease the amount of plastics in the wastestream and the high costs associated with this waste; and reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with the production, filling, packaging and transport of disposable bottles. A number of Parks and their concessioners have already successfully implemented programs to install filling stations and ban the sale of disposable water and other beverage bottles. The Service encourages them to continue their leadership efforts, track their progress and share their experience with others.

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Comment [TBC7]: Moved up to Background

On a park-by-park basis, superintendents may implement plans that include the reduction or elimination of the sale of disposable water bottles. The decision to implement such a plan should be made in conjunction with park partners and concessioners and should follow a feasibility determination that includes taking visitor expectations, park infrastructure needs, concessioner and park partner financial impacts, safety, public education and awareness and other factors into account. Superintendents will be responsible for determining the timeframe for implementing a plan, but Parks may choose to be interested in including a disposable water bottle ban as a term of a new concession contract, or Concessioners may also propose to discontinue the sale of disposable water bottles as a part of a successful proposal. Provided that parks have completed a full assessment that takes into account the visitor expectations, park infrastructure needs, concession financial impacts, public education and awareness and other factors, they may implement such programs as terms under their new concession contracts.

Comment [TBC8]: Parks should be allowed to implement a ban if they have the support and the infrastructure in place – not just in new concessions contracts.

The Service will integrate this disposable water bottle alternative strategy into the Green Parks Plan. The Service will monitor the success of park programs as parks implement them they are implemented, This will include monitoring including reductions in environmental impacts, including such as global warminggreenhouse gas generation and waste reduction, visitor participation and satisfaction, and concessioner financial impact. The Service also will continue to reach out to producers and suppliers and the scientific community to gather information on environmental impacts, new technologies, and industry best practices and may help pilot new ideas where appropriate. The Service will revisit disposable water bottle alternatives strategy periodically based on this data to determine whether to change the update this policy periodically based on the data gathered and changing technology and product availability.

Further Information

A variety of tools and resources have been collected that can assist parks in putting together a program to provide disposable water bottle alternatives. For additional information, please contact Kurt Rausch, Contract Management Team Leader in the Commercial Services Program at 202-513-7202 or Kurt_Rausch@nps.gov or Shawn Norton, Branch Chief, Sustainability Branch in the Park Facility Management Division at 202-354.1534 or Shawn_Norton@nps.gov.

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From: [Patty Rooney](#)
To: [Charis Wilson](#)
Subject: Re: plastic bottle doc with Mike's name
Date: 10/17/2011 04:50 PM

Charis -

I talked with Mike and with Sandy Poole in our Concessions office. Neither has any records responsive to the PEER request concerning plastic bottles.

Thanks for checking with us.

Patty

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Subject: Re: Search for PEER FOIA related to plastic bottles
Date: 10/07/2011 01:55 PM
Attachments: [waterbottle_turnbull1.pdf](#)
[waterbottle_turnbull.pdf](#)

Hi Charis,

Here are what I think are the responsive documents/emails in my possession...

▼ [Charis Wilson---10/06/2011 02:53:08 PM---Hello everyone, As part of the processing for a FOIA from PEER related to the issue of banning plastic water bottles at Grand C](#)

**Charis
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Subject Search for PEER FOIA related to plastic bottles

Hello everyone,



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Sincerely,

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From: [Victor Knox](#)
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Subject: Re: Search for PEER FOIA related to plastic bottles
Date: 10/07/2011 01:57 PM

Charis - I didn't end up attending the plastic water bottle meeting and have no correspondence on the subject other than the meeting invitation.

Vic Knox

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Date: 10/07/2011 04:55 AM
Attachments: [10-07-11 PEER FOIA-Plastic Water Bottle-THarvey.pdf](#)

Charis,

I have searched my records and have produced a pdf file containing copies of all email and documents regarding this issue. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,



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From: [Diane Chalfant](#)
To: [Charis Wilson](#)
Subject: Re: Search for PEER FOIA related to plastic bottles
Date: 10/07/2011 10:23 AM

Although I was invited to the meeting, I was unable to attend and had no followup on this issue.

Diane Chalfant

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Subject: Re: Search for PEER FOIA related to plastic bottles
Date: 10/17/2011 10:53 AM
Attachments: [PEER Plastic Bottle NPF FOIA 8-25-11.doc](#)

Charis -

Alaska has not been involved with this issue. I have no records which are responsive to the PEER FOIA request.

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From: [Anne Altman](#)
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Subject: Re: Search for PEER FOIA related to plastic bottles
Date: 10/06/2011 04:43 PM

I do not - thanks
Anne

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