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Regarding Congressional Budget Agreement and Weekend Events

Sitka National Historical Park, Thursday, April 6, 2011 - The Park still believes there is the opportunity for Congress to avoid a government shutdown, but Sitka National Historical Park is working to prepare for all possible scenarios.

With respect to the upcoming, planned weekend Centennial events, there are two scenarios.

1. The government shutdown occurs.
    a. In that case, all weekend events will have to be cancelled. This will include the totem pole raising event scheduled for Saturday morning, the community dance performances scheduled for Saturday evening, and the dedication of the Kiks.adi Survival March plaque on Sunday morning.
    b. All park facilities will be closed until such time as the government resumes normal operations. A minimum park staff will be on duty consistent with our continuing duty to protect life and property.

2. Or, the government continues to operate.
    a. In that case, all planned weekend events will go forward.

We will not know which of these two paths we will take until we receive information and direction from Washington. It will in all likelihood not be until Friday morning, or even later.

As soon as we know for certainty what those directions are, we will do our very best to notify all parties concerned, including media, community partners, event participants and others. We appreciate your understanding.

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