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Amendment to Section 1.5 of the 2014 Superintendent's Compendium

The superintendent has determined that unmanaged or unrestricted recreational use of unmanned aircraft within Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area will conflict with, or impact, a variety of park uses, including visitor experience. Use many also lead to the disturbance, displacement or harassment of park wildlife and creation of public safety hazards per operation near roadways and persons. *NPS Management Policies* (2006) provide that a new form of park use may be allowed within a park only after a determination has been made by the park superintendent that it will not result in unacceptable impacts on park resources and values. Less restrictive measures are not considered sufficient at this time.

The term "unmanned aircraft" means a device that is used or intended to be used for flight in the air without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the device and the associated operational elements and components that are required for the pilot or system operator in command to operate or control the device (such as cameras, sensors, communication links). The term includes all types of devices that meet this definition (e.g., model airplanes, quadcopters, drones) that are used for any purpose, including for recreation or commerce.

For these reasons, Section 1.5 of the current Superintendent's Compendium (2014) for Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area revised to read as follows:

Section 1.5 Closures and Public Use Limits

- (a)(1) Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area is closed to public use at regularly scheduled hours. Unless authorized by the superintendent, visitor access to the battlefield is restricted to the park's tour road and designated trails. Other closures within the Monument are specifically noted in the compendium. Launching, landing, or operating an unmanned aircraft from or on lands and waters administered by the National Park Service within the boundaries of Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument is prohibited except as approved in writing by the superintendent.

Approved by: 
Kevin Tillman, Acting Superintendent

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