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United States Department of the Interior
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Everglades and Dry Tortugas National Parks
40001 State Road 9336
Homestead, Florida 33034



December 7, 2018

Dear Commercial Operator:

Everglades National Park will begin collecting entrance fees (a.k.a. recreation fees) for all park visitors in the coming calendar year. Visitors to all areas of the park, including patrons of Commercial Use Authorization (CUA) holders, will be required to have an entrance pass.

Entrance passes are valid for seven consecutive days and may be used only by the original purchaser. Effective January 10, 2019¹, per person fees will be \$15; per vehicle/vessel fees will be \$30. Visitors may alternatively purchase an annual Everglades National Park pass for \$55. Information about other recreation fee pass options (e.g., for active military) is available at nps.gov/planyourvisit/passes.htm. Children age 15 and under are always admitted free.

There are two primary methods by which you can assist your patrons in fulfilling the entrance fee requirement. The methods are “inform” and “vend”:

1. **INFORM:** This is the **recommended** method whereby you notify your patrons that they are to purchase/acquire their own entrance passes prior to entering the park. Your patrons may get their passes through any of the following means:
 - a. A variety of electronic/mobile passes are available online at yourpassnow.com; or
 - b. Physical passes are available in person at the Homestead or Miami entrance stations within Everglades National Park; or
 - c. Annual and lifetime passes are available online at store.usgs.gov; or
 - d. Federal and Recreation Lands Passes are available nationwide at Federal Fee Areas; see at nps.gov/planyourvisit/passes.htm.
2. **VEND:** As a CUA holder, you may enter into a third-party fee agreement with Everglades National Park. This allows you to purchase pre-printed passes and resell them to your patrons. Once a fee agreement has been signed, submitted, and accepted by the Park, you may purchase passes in bulk—at a 5% discount—in person or over the phone. These passes may then be resold at face value, with the sales either incorporated into your tour/charter fee or provided as a separate transaction. For more information or to request a fee agreement application, please send an email to ever_fees@nps.gov or call 305-242-7046.

To assist in this transition, the following page includes text that you may use—in whole or part—to help inform your patrons of the pass options. We appreciate your assistance in our efforts to ensure that all visitors have park passes when visiting Everglades National Park.

Sincerely,

Pedro M. Ramos
Superintendent

¹ Recreation fee changes will be implemented in two phases, with the second phase anticipated for January 1, 2020.

Suggested Notification Text

[Suggested Introductory Text]

Everglades National Park will begin collecting entrance fees (a.k.a. recreation fees) for all park visitors on January 10, 2019. As a patron of one of the park's Commercial Use Authorization (CUA) holders, you will be required to have an entrance pass.

Effective January 10, 2019, 7-day passes will be \$15 per person or \$30 per vehicle/vessel. You may also purchase an annual Everglades National Park pass for \$55. Information about other pass options (free passes for active military, for example) is available at nps.gov/planyourvisit/passes.htm. Children age 15 and under are always admitted free.

[Suggested Supplemental Text for "Inform" Method]

As a patron of our charter/tour, we ask that you purchase/acquire your own pass prior to meeting up with us. You may do this through any of the following options:

1. Get a digital pass by visiting yourpassnow.com; or
2. Purchase a physical pass at one of the park's entrance stations; or
3. Order an annual or lifetime pass online at store.usgs.gov; or
4. Check out nps.gov/planyourvisit/passes.htm to see which pass options would be best for you.

Please remember that entrance passes provide you a full week's access to all areas of Everglades National Park. We encourage you to visit many of the park's great sites. Information is available at nps.gov/ever/planyourvisit/placestogo.htm.

Additional information about Everglades National Park entrance fees is available at nps.gov/ever/planyourvisit/fees.htm.

[Suggested Supplemental Text for "Vend" Method]

As a patron of our charter/tour, the park entrance fee is included with your package. Upon meeting up with us, we'll provide you a 7-day pass that you may use to visit all areas of Everglades National Park. Additional information is available at nps.gov/ever/planyourvisit/placestogo.htm.

If you already have a valid entrance pass, you need only bring proof (for example, your America the Beautiful Pass or Everglades National Park Annual Pass) and we'll provide you a \$15 discount per person (or \$30 per vessel/vehicle, as applicable) on your package price. Please call us in advance of your trip if you have any questions about qualifying passes.

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