



United States Department of the Interior



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK
P.O. BOX 129
GRAND CANYON, ARIZONA 86023-0129

IN REPLY REFER TO:

C38 (GRCA 8214)

Dear Interested Party:

This letter is in regard to scattering ashes or cremains within Grand Canyon National Park boundaries. The conditions pertaining to this activity are outlined in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 2.62 (b), which states: "the scattering of human ashes from cremation is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit, or in designated areas according to conditions which may be established by the Superintendent."

In Grand Canyon National Park, human ashes may be distributed only in undeveloped areas of the park; that is, not near any developed location, such as a road, building, parking lot, campground, etc.

Ashes from Cremated Human Cremains must be scattered in a manner so as to disperse their identity. No teeth, bone fragments or remnants recognizable as human remains be scattered.

The placement of any monument or marker recognizing the scattering of cremated human remains is prohibited.

The use of aircraft to scatter ashes shall be in accordance with regulations of Grand Canyon National Park and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Dispersment must only be conducted on routes approved by the FAA.

Please notify the Concessions Management Office by phone, (928) 638-7707, or email, GRCA_Permits_Mail@nps.gov, of your name, the exact area where ashes will be disbursed and the date and time the activity will take place.

This letter serves as the permit required by the citation referenced above. Instructions regarding location and notification will serve as the terms and conditions required by the citation. This letter or a copy thereof must be in the possession of at least one member of the party when human ashes are scattered in the park.

Sincerely,

Douglas Lentz
Chief of Concessions Management

