



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK
P.O. Box 129
Grand Canyon, AZ 86023



IN REPLY REFER TO:
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December 7, 2018

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 Remains must be scattered in a manner so as to disperse their identity. No teeth, bone fragments or remnants recognizable as human remains may 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). Dispersement must only be conducted on routes approved by the FAA.

Please notify the Concessions Management Office at (928) 638-7707 (messages only) or by email at GRCA_Permits_Mail@nps.gov with the exact area where ashes will be dispersed 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 Commercial Services