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COMMERCIAL VEHICLE INSPECTIONS TO TAKE PLACE AGAIN THIS SUMMER WITHIN GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK

Grand Canyon, Ariz. - The National Park Service (NPS) will be conducting commercial vehicle inspections again this summer within Grand Canyon National Park. The inspections will be conducted jointly with Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS). The operation involves mechanical inspection of vehicles by DPS Officers. National Park Service rangers will be auditing drivers for compliance of their Commercial Use Authorizations (CUA) including current commercial driver's licenses, medical cards, registration, and insurance. In addition, park rangers will be checking that drivers are carrying all pages of their CUA, and whether they used the proper form of payment for entry into the park. Commercial Use Authorizations are the permitting documents that the NPS uses to authorize private individuals and entities to provide commercial services to park area visitors.

The purpose of the inspection is to help ensure public safety by reducing the potential for injuries or accidents.

Vehicles or drivers that are found to be in violation or not in compliance with federal or state law permit regulations or vehicle operation requirements could be put out of service. The driver or company may also be subject to fines and/or permit revocation.

Law enforcement officers found more than 100 violations in a commercial vehicle inspection held earlier this year within Grand Canyon National Park. Thirty five commercial vehicles were inspected by DPS. Twenty five were found to have problems including broken frames; no

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brakes; unsafe tires, broken steering mechanisms, and non-functioning emergency exits. Eleven vehicles were taken out of service, five of which were towed for repairs. Four drivers were placed out of service, one for being impaired. A number of written warnings and citations were issued.

Commercial vehicle inspections are routinely held within Grand Canyon National Park as well as other national parks nationwide. Commercial companies and the public have been served well through the inspections, which help maintain public safety in the park and on the highways.

For additional information, please contact Grand Canyon National Park Law Enforcement Ranger Dave Stransky at 928-638-7788 or Sergeant Brian Eekhoff of the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, Highway Patrol Division, DPS, at 928-913-0950.

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