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Commemoration of 50th Anniversary of *I Have a Dream* Speech

KEYSTONE, S.D. – Mount Rushmore National Memorial Acting Superintendent David Smith invites the community and visitors to participate in a national remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s *I Have a Dream* speech on August 28, 2013 at the Memorial.

The August 28, 1963 March on Washington was the scene of Dr. King's historic address referred to today as the *I Have a Dream* speech. "The March on Washington demonstrated what people with conviction can do to help build a more perfect union. As a park founded on the principle of American's who had great conviction, it is fitting that we share in the spirit of Dr. King's speech for a new generation," noted Acting Superintendent Smith.

In commemoration of this speech, the park has planned a variety of events for August 28. Every hour on the hour from 9 AM to 4 PM, a movie of Dr. King's speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, as well as news reels of 1963 events leading up to the March on Washington, will be shown in the Borglum Visitor Center. Beginning at 12:45 PM in the amphitheater, Malcom Chapman, president of the Chapman Group in Rapid City, will share, "What the Dream Means to Me," followed by a historic audio presentation of Dr. King's speech. Bells are scheduled to ring across the United States at 3 PM Eastern Standard Time (1 PM Mountain Time) to note the 50th anniversary of the delivery of Dr. King's speech and the Memorial will be joining in this "Let Freedom Ring" event. Visitors to the park during this 50th anniversary celebration will also be invited to share what the dream means for them.

Mount Rushmore National Memorial does not have an entrance fee. There is an \$11 vehicle parking fee at Presidential Parking. Please visit the park the park web site at www.nps.gov/moru for additional park information. For information about other national events commemorating the 50th anniversary of Dr. King's speech visit <http://officialmlkdream50.com/>

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