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Smoking Ban Now in Effect at Mount Rushmore National Memorial

KEYSTONE, SD: Superintendent Cheryl Schreier announced today that in an effort to promote a safe visiting and working environment under current dry conditions, Mount Rushmore National Memorial is banning smoking throughout the park effective immediately. Visitors who wish to smoke may do so within an enclosed vehicle. When smoking, be careful to properly extinguish and dispose of all smoking materials in an appropriate receptacle a safe distance from combustible materials. Smoking continues to be prohibited in all federal buildings including dining areas, gift shops and parking facilities.

“We appreciate everyone’s cooperation as we weigh on the side of caution in the prudent and responsible actions that are being taken to place safety first for our visitors and staff,” stated Superintendent Schreier. Current dry conditions have the potential to bring about wildfires that can present a threat to both visitors and resources. A small spark can easily spread into a wildfire. Use caution when hiking or climbing in the backcountry maintaining an awareness of your surroundings at all times. Please remember that open fires are not permitted at the memorial.

Present conditions and restrictions do not impact any of our visitor services, activities or access to any of our current visitor areas. Visitors are encouraged to join a ranger program, walk the Presidential trail, enjoy a meal or find the perfect memento of their visit. For additional information regarding park operations visit the website www.nps.gov/moru or call the park at 605-574-2523.

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