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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Application#13-1563

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Ms. Belinda Blake

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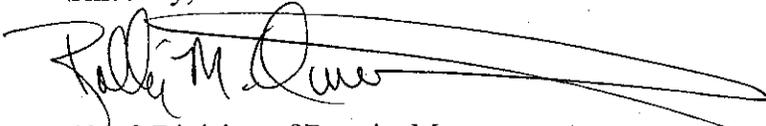
Dear Ms. Blake:

This responds to your special event application 13-1563 dated August 27, 2013, requesting to conduct a "RIDE ONLY EVENT-NON-STOP through all Memorials and 9/11 Memorial (with no stopping)" along various roadways starting and ending at Ft. Washington, Maryland on Wednesday, September 11, 2013. Specifically, your application requests use of substantial portions of National Park Service jurisdictions of Constitution Avenue, 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Memorial Bridge and Memorial Circle, non-stop without having to comply with established traffic signs and signals, between 9:00 am to 4:00 pm with 2,000 stated motorcyclists.

The National Park Service reviews applications for special events based on 36 C.F.R. § 7.96(g). We encourage all persons to enjoy our national parks and to utilize existing roadways provided for this purpose to access our iconic Monuments and Memorials. However, such a proposed large non-stop motorcycle ride would require closures within our jurisdiction of important roadways that would result in severe disruption of traffic both inside and outside the Memorial core. It would also negatively impact on other visitors' access to the George Washington Memorial Parkway and to the Rock Creek Parkway. In addition during our conference call on Thursday, September 5, you were informed that the Metropolitan Police Department and the U. S. Capitol Police could not approve your proposed non-stop motorcycle ride. Further, the areas you requested are not reasonably suited in the terms of the size and nature of your event and would unreasonably interfere with regular and rush-hour motor vehicle traffic. As such, pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 7.96 (g)(4)(vii)(B)(C), your application must be denied.

We appreciate your interest in the National Park Service and wish you well in your endeavor. In that regard, any motorcyclists would have to follow all established traffic signs, signals, and patterns as well as comply with posted speed limits and vehicular traffic flow.

Sincerely,

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Chief, Division of Permits Management

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