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IN REPLY REFER TO:

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 30, 2016

TO: File

FROM: Jeffrey West, Acting Superintendent 

SUBJECT: Canyon Rim Visitor Center Grounds Hours of Operation

The Canyon Rim Visitor Center (CRVC) and the grounds surrounding the visitor center each have hours of operation that have been set forth in the Superintendent's Compendium. This memorandum addresses a change in the hours of operation for the grounds surrounding the CRVC. There will be no change to current hours of operation established for the CRVC.

Currently, the grounds surrounding the CRVC, which includes the parking lots, overlooks, sidewalks, gardens and mowed and natural areas, are open sunrise to sunset. In an effort to expand the recreational and educational opportunities available on the grounds, the park has decided to establish new hours of operation that will provide visitors with more time in the morning and in the evening.

Starting immediately, the hours of operation for the CRVC grounds will be 5:00 am until midnight. After midnight, the grounds will be closed and managed as such. The grounds will be signed accordingly, but there will be no gates or other hard closures in place. As with any other closure violation that may occur, law enforcement will determine the appropriate enforcement action based on the totality of the circumstances.

This memorandum will serve as an addendum to the Superintendent's Compendium until the next revision is published in 2017. If you have any questions please contact Chief Ranger Duane Michael at ronald_michael@nps.gov or (304) 465-6518.

