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## United States Department of the Interior

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### Memorandum

February 4, 2010

To: National Leadership Council  
Superintendents

From: Deputy Director, Operations  
/s/ Daniel N. Wenk

Subject: Continuing Implementation of Section 512 of Public Law 111-24,  
Firearms in National Parks

This follows up my memorandum of January 21 on this same topic.

Because of the importance of the smooth and consistent implementation of the federal firearms law across all 392 national parks, **we will hold an unprecedented Servicewide call for all superintendents on February 11 at 1 pm EST. Every park must be represented on the call.**

Superintendents should ensure that their chief rangers and other senior staff with responsibilities affected by the law participate with them on the call. Regional directors and appropriate regional staff should also call in. The goal is to make sure we are all on the same page and to answer any remaining questions.

**It is imperative that everyone read the guidance and other materials that have already been posted on [InsideNPS](#) and review the new information that is being made available via this memo before joining the call.**

The call will be moderated and will last no more than two hours.

Call in number: (800) 779-9314  
Passcode: 8907729

If at all possible, please submit questions in advance – **before 4 pm (EST) February 10** – via email to Rick Obernesser, acting associate director, Visitor and Resource Protection, at [rick\\_obernesser@nps.gov](mailto:rick_obernesser@nps.gov).

Answers to questions that you have already asked either directly or via [nps\\_firearmsquestions@nps.gov](mailto:nps_firearmsquestions@nps.gov) are being posted on InsideNPS on the “Firearms Law Implementation and Information” page under “[Answers to YOUR Questions](#).”

Where necessary – if a question has raised a new issue – we have gone back and revised the [guidance](#) posted on InsideNPS so please make sure that you have the latest versions. For example, we have refined the information on concessions in the document labeled “Guidance,” as well as the language on “Identifying Federal Facilities.” We are also now providing the “Firearms Prohibited” sign graphic in multiple languages.

Please also watch for Director Jarvis’s next Flat Hat Chat which is scheduled to be posted on InsideNPS on February 8. The topic is the new firearms law and his expectations of each of us.

Also, please ensure that you are meeting all deadlines established in the January 21 memo regarding updating park websites with language provided (**by February 5**), submitting state-by-state guidance developed by regions (**by February 15**), and posting “Firearms Prohibited” signs on designated “federal facilities” (**by February 21**).

With this memo, we are providing the following new information on the [Firearms Law Implementation and Information](#) webpage on InsideNPS:

- Message Points
- Form Letter from Superintendents to Concessioners
- Template Park News Release/Firearms Permitted
- Template Park Media Statement/Firearms Prohibited
- Template Rack Cards Firearms Permitted/Prohibited
- Template Notice for Park Newspapers Firearms Permitted/Prohibited