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Memorandum

To: NPS Commercial Services Regional Directors  
From: Deputy Director, Management and Administration  
Subject: Moratorium on Releasing Solicitations for Concession Contracts and Leases

As we continue to consider the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic on park operations, travel restrictions, and group gathering restrictions, and work to develop a fair and consistent approach for managing prospectuses Servicewide, we have determined to continue the moratorium on releasing solicitations for concession contracts and leases through September 30, 2020. We may extend or terminate this moratorium as the situation continues to evolve.

Should you believe a specific project should be released for solicitation during this period, please contact Debra Hecox ([debra\\_hecox@nps.gov](mailto:debra_hecox@nps.gov)) and Jenny Sommer ([jenny\\_sommer@nps.gov](mailto:jenny_sommer@nps.gov)) for concession contracts and Gordy Kito ([gordy\\_kito@nps.gov](mailto:gordy_kito@nps.gov)) for leases to discuss the situation and the possibility of a waiver from this moratorium. In either case, Kurt Rausch, WASO Commercial Services Program Chief may grant or deny the request for a waiver. For solicitations currently open, please contact those identified above to discuss appropriate actions to take.