



# United States Department of the Interior

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September 30, 2020

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## ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION ONLY

Dear Mr. Tobias:

Reference: NPS-2020-01037

Subject: Response to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated July 2, 2020, in which you requested emails sent or received by David Vela since June 15, 2020, that reference in anyway the statue of General Albert Pike in Washington, D.C.

Upon further review, your request is granted in part and denied in part. We located 9 documents, totaling sixty pages, which were responsive to your request. However, portions of approximately eleven pages are being withheld under Exemption 6, while portions of approximately 8 pages are being withheld under Exemption 7(C). Exemption 6 of the FOIA allows us to withhold information that would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Exemption 7(C) allows us to withhold information from law enforcement files that could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

In this case the individuals concerned have significant privacy interests in withholding the information you have requested. Accordingly, we have determined that releasing the redacted or withheld information, which includes the names of and contact information for specific US Park Police officers and other NPS employees could cause the concerned individual(s) embarrassment, subject them to annoyance, or lead to harassment stemming from their actual or perceived involvement in responding to events that occurred in or around Lafayette Square on or about June 1, 2020. Additionally, your request failed to demonstrate how the public's interest would be served by releasing the information you have requested. We have therefore concluded that the threat to the privacy of the individuals concerned is greater than whatever public interest there might be in releasing the requested information. We are therefore withholding it under Exemptions 6 and 7(C).

We are also withholding portions of approximately 29 pages under Exemption 5, which allows an agency to withhold "inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party ... in litigation with the agency." 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5). Exemption 5 therefore incorporates the privileges that protect materials from discovery in litigation, including the deliberative process privilege.

## *Deliberative Process Privilege*

The deliberative process privilege protects the decision-making process of government agencies and encourages the frank exchange of ideas on legal or policy matters by ensuring agencies are not forced to operate in a fish bowl. A number of policy purposes have been attributed to the deliberative process privilege, such as: (1) assuring that subordinates will feel free to provide the decisionmaker with their uninhibited opinions and recommendations; (2) protecting against premature disclosure of proposed policies; and (3) protecting against confusing the issues and misleading the public.

The deliberative process privilege protects materials that are both predecisional and deliberative. The privilege covers records that reflect the give-and-take of the consultative process and may include recommendations, draft documents, proposals, suggestions, and other subjective documents which reflect the personal opinions of the writer rather than the policy of the agency.

The materials that have been withheld under the deliberative process privilege of Exemption 5 are both predecisional and deliberative. They do not contain or represent formal or informal agency policies or decisions. They are the result of frank and open discussions among employees of the Department of the Interior. Their contents have been held confidential by all parties and public dissemination of this information would the release of these drafts would have a chilling effect on the agency's deliberative processes and could negatively impact the ability of the National Park Service and the US Park Police to respond to similar events in the future, including presenting a risk to circumvention of the law.

Additionally, portions of approximately 29 pages are being withheld under Exemption 7(A) as we have determined that the release of the information could not only harm future enforcement proceedings stemming from events that occurred on or around June 1, 2020, but also could harm the ability of the US Park Police to respond to similar events in the future, because it could:

- Afford a virtual roadmap through the government's evidence.
- Prematurely reveal the full scope of the evidence that has been obtained to date.
- Hinder the NPS's ability to further control and shape the investigation
- Could expose actual or prospective witnesses to undue influence or retaliation.

We have also withheld portions of one page under Exemption 7(E), which allows us to withhold information relating to law enforcement techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions that if released could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law. The information being withheld consists of a phone number and email address that are used by the US Park Police's counter terrorism bureau.

Lastly, we are withholding portions of approximately 29 pages under Exemption 7(F), which protects law enforcement records if their release could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual. For the materials that have been withheld under 7(F), we have determined releasing them could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of both US Park Police personnel and others involved in the response to events that occurred on or about June 1, 2020. and similar events in the future.

Pursuant to regulation, 43 CFR 2.24(b) the following person is responsible for this denial:

Charis Wilson  
NPS FOIA Officer

Additionally, the following attorney was consulted during the preparation of this response:

Jason Waanders, Attorney-Advisor, Office of the Solicitor  
U.S. Department of the Interior, Philadelphia, PA

You have the right to appeal this denial of your request. You may file an appeal by writing to:

Freedom of Information Act Appeals Officer  
Office of the Solicitor  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street, NW  
MS-6556-MIB,  
Washington, D.C. 20240  
foia.appeals@sol.doi.gov

Your appeal must be received no later than 90 workdays after the date of this final response. The appeal should be marked, both on the envelope and the face of the appeal letter, with the legend "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL." Your appeal should be accompanied by a copy of your original request and copies of all correspondence between yourself and the National Park Service related to this request, along with any information you have which leads you to believe the records are available, including where they might be found, if the location is known to you. Please note, appeals received after 5 p.m. EST will be considered to have been received as of the following day.

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College Park, MD 20740-6001  
E-mail: [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)  
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Additionally, because the National Park Service creates and maintains law enforcement records, we are required by the Department of Justice to provide the following information, even though it may or may not apply to your specific request. Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV 2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that we are required to give all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, as the person processing your request, with any further questions or concerns. I can be reached at the address above or by phone at 303-969-2959. I can also be reached via e-mail at [charis\\_wilson@nps.gov](mailto:charis_wilson@nps.gov). Contact information for the Department's FOIA Public Liaison, who you may also seek dispute resolution services from, is available at <https://www.doi.gov/foia/foiacenters>.

Sincerely,

Charis Wilson  
NPS FOIA Officer

Weekly Round-ups.pdf

**From:** [Farinelli, Susan](#)  
**To:** [Benge, Shawn T](#); [Vela, Raymond \(David\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Bies, Brandon](#)  
**Subject:** Weekly Round-ups  
**Date:** Friday, June 19, 2020 2:17:24 PM  
**Attachments:** [25-June 18.docx](#)  
[NPS Weekly Report FINAL 6-21-2020.pdf](#)  
[6.16 Week Ahead Report.docx](#)  
[6.19 Weekly Media Report.docx](#)  
[Draft 30-Day Projections for Friday, June 19, 2020.xlsx](#)

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See attached.

Susan Farinelli  
Chief of Staff (Acting)  
National Park Service  
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25- June 18.pdf

**\*All Reports are due Thursday at 5:00 pm. If it is not in the report, it is not happening. \***

***Should a meeting request be made mid-week, therefore it is not reflected in the Report, please contact your bureau's appropriate OCL Advisor.***

## **NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

### **INQUIRIES RELATED TO COVID-19 (calls/email requests)**

#### **NEW ITEMS**

**June 3** – Staff from the office of Sen. Boozman (R-AR) inquired to the Superintendent of Hot Springs National Park about the status of security at the former Army-Navy Hospital within the boundary of the park.

**June 9** – Staff from the office of Rep. Murphy (R-NC-3) inquired about the status of repairs to cabins at Cape Lookout National Seashore.

**June 12** – Staff from the Homeland Security and Government Affairs subcommittee on Federal Spending and Oversight and Emergency Management requested information about a cooperative agreement that was recently awarded on grants.gov.

**June 17** – Staff from the office of Sen. Cornyn (R-TX) inquired about the rules governing use of base funds at Padre Island National Seashore and whether funds are required to be dedicated to the Kemp's Ridley sea turtle program.

**June 17** – Staff from the office of Sen. Cramer (R-ND) inquired about the status of repairs to the road at Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

**June 17** – Staff from SENR inquired about inholdings at Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve.

**June 17** – Staff from Rep. Case's office (D-HI-01) inquired about the updated nomination for Kalaupapa National Historic Landmark.

**June 18** – Sen. Whitehouse (D-RI) requested a courtesy call with new Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park Superintendent Eric Breitreutz. The call has not been scheduled yet.

#### **Hill Outreach**

**June 12-** The National Park Service announced the selection of Mike Gauthier as superintendent of Mojave National Preserve and Castle Mountains National Monument in California. The Office of Legislative and Congressional Affairs notified relevant Congressional and Committee staff prior to the public announcement.



## WEEK AHEAD SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

- **Hill Visits (Bold indicates Member visit)**
- **Field Visits (Bold indicates a Member visit)**

**June 26 – Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH) will visit Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers National Monument for a tour and to discuss the park’s deferred maintenance.**

**Around July 4** – Staff from the office of Sen. Sullivan (R-AK) are planning to visit Denali National Park to learn more about damage to the park road from the Pretty Rocks landslide and mitigation efforts (Polychrome Pass area). They may also visit Wrangell-St. Elias NPP to discuss inholder issues.

**July 10 (tentative)** – Rep. Jason Smith (R-MO-8) will have a courtesy phone call with Jason Lott, the incoming Superintendent of Ozark National Scenic Riverways.

**July 13 or 14** – Sen. Murkowski (R-AK) is planning to visit Denali National Park to tour damage to the park road from the Pretty Rocks landslide and mitigation efforts (Polychrome Pass area).

## OUTSTANDING ITEMS PENDING WITH OCL

- **6/18** - Sent OCL request to hold conference call with staff from Sen. Mike Braun (R-IN) to discuss issues with proposal for African American monuments at Gettysburg. Waiting for OCL response.
- **6/05** – Terry Camp, minority staff for the House Natural Resources Committee, requested information about how the US Park Police interact with local law enforcement in protecting monuments in Washington, DC. Waiting for OCL response.
- **5/19** - Sent OCL request to hold conference call with staff from Rep. Curtis’ office (R-UT-03) to discuss requested technical assistance on a draft autonomous vehicle pilot program bill. Waiting for OCL response.
- **5/14** - Legislation to facilitate rebuilding of Long Bridge: NPS is preparing briefing statement as background for several pending requests:
  - revised Appropriations language and draft bill language from Rep. Rob Wittman (R-VA-1),
  - request from CBO for answers to questions about the project;
  - request from Sen. Warner’s staff for a Senate staff briefing on the subject; request repeated by Sen. Kaine’s staff on 5/19.
  - request from Sen. Warner’s office for a map showing area that would be acquired.
- **4/30** - NPS drafted responses to questions asked by House Natural Resources Committee majority staff about the MLK, Jr. Memorial. 5/14/20 update: NPS is preparing a briefing

statement on the issue per request from OCL. 5/28/20 update: briefing statement submitted to OCL on 5/15/20; waiting for OCL response.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

<i>DCN</i>	<i>Due Date</i>	<i>Lead Action Office</i>	<i>From (Author)</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Status</i>
EST-00016416	07/01/2020	NPS	Steven Horsford	City of Las Vegas, Department of Parks and Recreation Application for a LWCF Outdoor Recreation Partnership Grant	6/17- Received in NPS to assign draft response
EST-00016261	06/10/2020	NPS	Donald Beyer Jr., Chris Van Hollen, Benjamin Cardin, Jennifer Wexton, Eleanor Holmes Norton, David Trone, Anthony Brown, Gerald Connolly, Jamie Raskin, Steny Hoyer	Urging the Sec of Defense and the Sec of Interior to suspend plans for a July 4 "Salute to America" event because of COVID-19	6/17- Solicitors Office for review and surname

EST-00015229	02/17/2020	NPS	John Barrasso	Concern with NPS' Management of the Grand Teton National Park Moose-Wilson Corridor	05/26 - Per Ryan Hambleton, return to NPS pending completion of action on corridor plan decision memo
EST-00015497	03/03/2020	NPS	Mark Meadows	A Constituent's (b) (6) Concern Regarding HR Issues - NPS/Blue Ridge Parkway	5/11 - Reassigned to AWI.
EST-00016314	06/22/2020	NPS	Robert Wittman	Constituent Concern: (b) (6) seeks contact information regarding selling reclaimed period-specific wood	6/08 – OLCA for review and surname

## ONGOING ITEMS PENDING WITH NPS

### Questions for the Record

- QFRs from the March 4, 2020, legislative hearing of the Senate Subcommittee on National Parks were received on March 6, 2020. NPS is preparing responses.

- QFRs from the February 27, 2020, legislative hearing of the House Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands were received on March 3, 2020. NPS is preparing responses in coordination with OCL.
- QFRs from the December 4, 2019, legislative hearing of the House Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands were received on December 9, 2019. NPS is preparing responses.
- QFRs from the April 30, 2019, legislative hearing of the House Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands were received on May 6, 2019. Responses are in clearance.

### **DRAFTING SERVICE REQUESTS**

- 12/17/19 - Rep. Bishop (R-UT-01), for a draft bill to establish a public-private partnership pilot program for housing at Yosemite National Park and Acadia National Park. NPS working on.
- 6/17/20 - Rep. Hurd (R-TX-23), for a draft bill to adjust the boundary of Big Bend National Park to all acquisition of approximately 3,200 acres. [Original request made in March, withdrawn pending the sponsor's request for more information, the renewed]. NPS working on.

### **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

- 8/21/19 Del. Holmes Norton (D-DC-At Large), for technical assistance on H.R. 4135, Albert Pike statue removal and H.R. 4173, Rock Creek Park redesignation. Awaiting OCL approval to send.
- 04/2019 - Rep. Tonko (D-NY-20) and the House Natural Resources Committee staff, for amendments to H.R. 1049, the National Heritage Area Act of 2019. 5/14/19 - NPS is reviewing OCL draft revision. 5/28/20 - NPS responded to OCL on revision. Awaiting OCL approval to send.
- 09/19/19 - Rep. Rutherford (R-FL-04), for technical assistance on H.R. 4542, which would establish the Nation's Oldest Port National Heritage Area. Awaiting OCL approval to send.
- 02/13/20 - Sen. Cortez Masto (D-NV), for technical assistance on a discussion draft of a Clark County Public Lands bill. NPS working on.
- 01/24/20 Rep. Curtis (R-UT-03), for technical assistance on a discussion draft of a bill to authorize a pilot autonomous vehicle transportation program. 5/14/20 update: Rep. Curtis' staff requests briefing on subject prior to comments on draft bill. [See "Outstanding Items Pending with OCL"].
- 02/28/20 - Sen. Braun (R-IN), for technical assistance on a draft bill to authorize African-American statues at Gettysburg National Military Park. 6/18/2020 Update: Request to

brief staff and substitute draft legislation sent to OCL. [See “Outstanding Items Pending with OCL”]

- 04/30/20 - Sen. Bennet (D-CO), for technical assistance on a proposed bill and request for map to adjust the boundary of Rocky Mountain National Park. 5/29/20 - Sent to OCL for review. Awaiting OCL approval to send.
- 05/11/20 - Rep. DeSaulnier (D-CA-11), for technical assistance on a draft bill to add the Nystrom School to Rosie the Riveter WWII Homefront National Historical Park. NPS working on.

### **30 DAY OUTLOOK**

The National Park Service is anticipating the announcement of the following grants within the next 30 days:

- Underrepresented Community Grants
- Save America's Treasures Grants
- Tribal Heritage Grants
- Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants Program

In June or July, the National Park Service expects to notify relevant Members of Congress of National Historic Landmark nominations in their state/district that will be reviewed by the National Park Service Advisory Board Landmarks Committee at their fall meeting.

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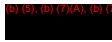
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**Subject:** (b) (5), (b) (7)(F) Response and Timeline of Albert Pike Statue (June 20, 2020)  
**Date:** Saturday, June 20, 2020 5:23:20 PM  
**Attachments:** [\(U\\_FOUO\) USPP Intelligence Note 20-39004 \(Statue and Monument Vandalism\).pdf](#)

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I have attached the intelligence report for today. (b) (5), (b) (7)(A), (b) (7)(F) .

Jennifer Flynn  
Associate Director  
Visitor and Resource Protection  
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**To:** Flynn, Jennifer  
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Hey Jen;

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Attachments - NPS "A" map  
NPS Reservation List

See section 188 on "A" map and in Reservation List



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# United States Park Police

## Information Note

Date: 20 June 2020

Control: 20-39004

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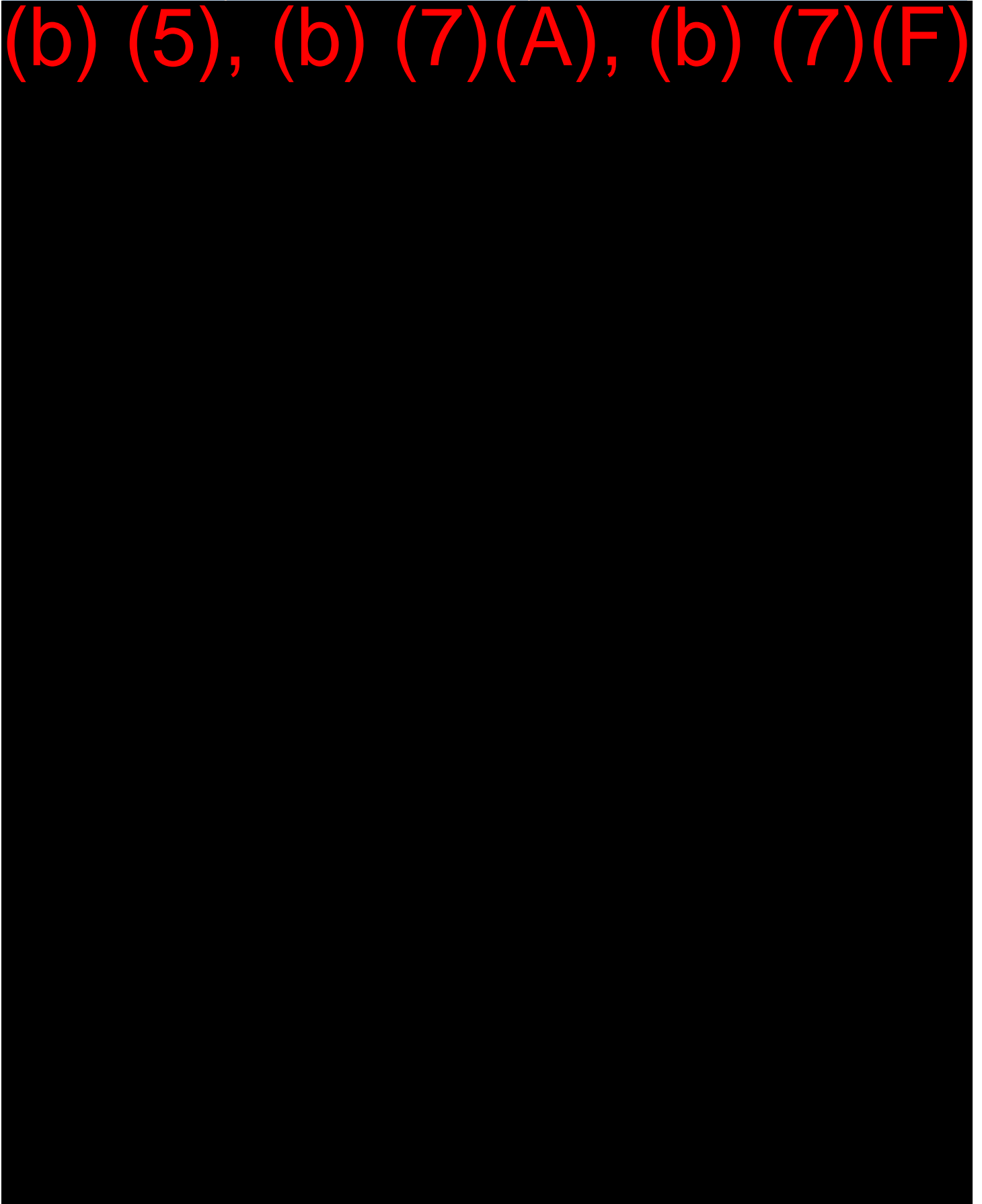
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**Date:** Sunday, June 21, 2020 9:04:01 AM

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Shawn BengeSent from my iPhone

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Secretary,

Demonstrations in Washington, D.C. sparked by the in-custody death of George Floyd began the evening of 29 May 2020 and are continuing.

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Please let me know if you have any questions.

Shawn Benge  
Acting Deputy Director of Operations  
National Park Service  
Mobile: 404 272 7253

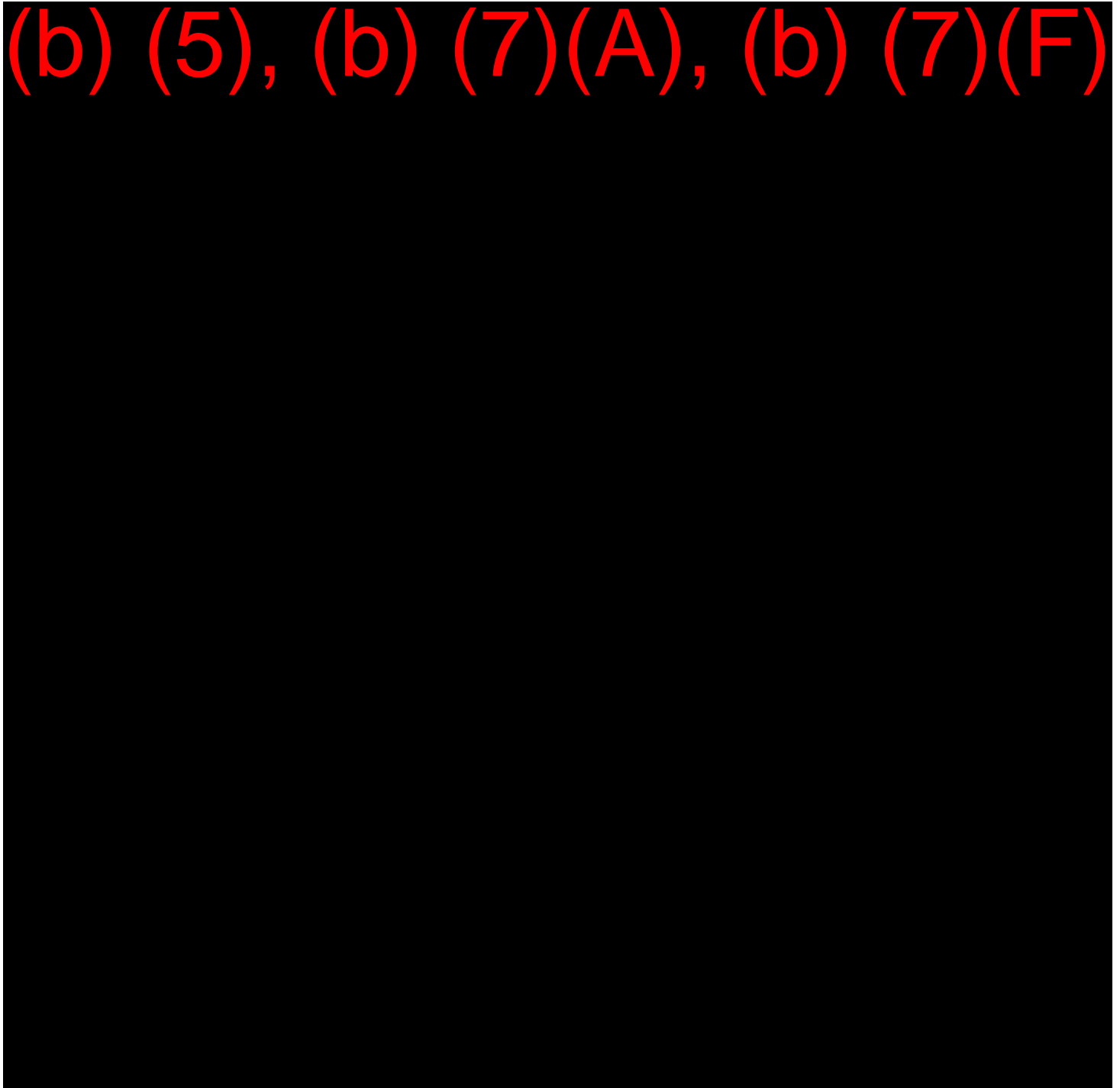
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Sincerely,

Secretary of the Interior

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**Subject:** Fw: USPP Briefing Statement - Continued Civil Unrest & [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Thursday, June 25, 2020 8:42:19 AM  
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# Briefing Statement FY20

**Bureau:** National Park Service  
**Issue:** Continued Civil Unrest in the WMA and (b) (5), (b) (7)(A), (b) (7)(F)  
**Program/Park:** United States Park Police (USPP)

## Key Points:

This briefing statement addresses (b) (5), (b) (7)(A), (b) (7)(F)  
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## Background:

- (b) (5), (b) (7)(A), (b) (7)(F)  
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- Criminal Investigations:

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Hi Folks,

Thanks for the narrative, and I took out some of the background info and made some minor format changes to include making this a draft document as it provides a basis for discussion through the corridors. Nice job, and send it down the hall.

Have a great day.

David Vela  
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Please let me know if you would like to discuss or would like us to make changes prior to sharing with the Assistant Secretary.

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[ASFWP Weekly 06-28-2020 NPS only.pdf](#)  
[Draft 30-Day Projections for Friday, June 26, 2020.xlsx](#)

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David and Shawn,

Attached are the weekly roundups from OLCA, Regs, Comms, and the Weekly Report.

Have a great weekend.

Brandon

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***Should a meeting request be made mid-week, therefore it is not reflected in the Report, please contact your bureau's appropriate OCL Advisor.***

## **NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

### **INQUIRIES RELATED TO COVID-19 (calls/email requests)**

#### **NEW ITEMS**

**June 22** - Rep. Lawson's office (D-FL-05) inquired about options for historical designation of Hemming Park in Jacksonville, FL including addition to the African American Civil Rights Network.

**June 23** – Terry Camp, House NR Committee minority staff, requested information about the Emancipation statue at Lincoln Park.

**June 23** - Bubba White, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Michael Guest (R-MS-3) requested information about NPS's plans regarding the Albert Pike Statue that was torn down during recent protests.

**June 24** – Sen. Portman's office (R-OH) requested an update on the status of the acquisition of properties at Dayton Aviation National Historical Park.

#### **WEEK AHEAD SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:**

- **Hill Visits (Bold indicates Member visit)**

**June 25** – Staff from the office of Sen. Schatz (D-HI) had a phone call with NPS and FAA staff to discuss air tour management plans. On June 22, FAA staff (Kevin Walsh) invited Ray Sauvajot, Associate Director for Natural Resource Stewardship and Science, to participate in the call with regard to air tours and the NPS.

**June 25** – Sen. Leahy (D-VT) had a phone call with Acting Director David Vela to discuss the Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization grant program and the Senator's support of the Preservation Trust of Vermont's application.

#### **Field Visits (Bold indicates a Member visit)**

**June 25 and 29** - Golden Gate National Recreation Area officials will call staff of Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) on 6/25 and Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA) on 6/29 regarding proposed changes to the Superintendent's Compendium for the park. Call with Rep. Huffman on same subject may be scheduled.

**June 26** – **Sen. Portman (R-OH) will visit Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers National Monument for a tour and to discuss the park's deferred maintenance.**

**Around July 4** – Staff from the office of Sen. Sullivan (R-AK) are planning to visit Denali National Park to learn more about damage to the park road from the Pretty Rocks landslide and mitigation efforts (Polychrome Pass area). They may also visit Wrangell-St. Elias NPP to discuss inholder issues.

**July 10 (tentative)** – Rep. Smith (R-MO-8) will have a courtesy phone call with Jason Lott, the incoming Superintendent of Ozark National Scenic Riverways.

**July 13 or 14** – Sen. Murkowski (R-AK) is planning to visit Denali National Park to tour damage to the park road from the Pretty Rocks landslide and mitigation efforts (Polychrome Pass area).

**OUTSTANDING ITEMS PENDING WITH OCL**

- **6/22** - Sent OCL request to brief Sen. Ben Cardin’s (D-MD) staff on Historic Preservation Technology Center facility future needs. Waiting for OCL rkesponse.
- **6/19** - Sent OCL request to review acquisition timeline for Old Slaters Mill and dam at Blackstone River Valley NHP. Waiting for OCL response.
- **6/18** - Sent OCL request to hold conference call with staff from Sen. Mike Braun (R-IN) to discuss issues with proposal for African American monuments at Gettysburg. Waiting for OCL response.
- **5/19** - Sent OCL request to hold conference call with staff from Rep. Curtis’ office (R-UT-03) to discuss requested technical assistance on a draft autonomous vehicle pilot program bill. **OCL is discussing with Office of ASFWP.** Waiting for OCL response.
- **4/30** - NPS drafted responses to questions asked by House Natural Resources Committee majority staff about the MLK, Jr. Memorial. 5/14/20 update: NPS is preparing a briefing statement on the issue per request from OCL. 5/28/20 update: briefing statement submitted to OCL on 5/15/20; waiting for OCL response.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

<i>DCN</i>	<i>Due Date</i>	<i>Lead Action Office</i>	<i>From (Author)</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Status</i>
EST-00016416	07/01/2020	NPS	Steven Horsford	City of Las Vegas, Department of Parks and Recreation Application for a LWCF Outdoor Recreation	<b>6/22 - sent to Partnerships &amp; Civic Engagement Directorate to draft response</b>

				Partnership Grant	
EST-00016261	06/10/2020	NPS	Donald Beyer Jr., Chris Van Hollen, Benjamin Cardin, Jennifer Wexton, Eleanor Holmes Norton, David Trone, Anthony Brown, Gerald Connolly, Jamie Raskin, Steny Hoyer	Urging the Sec of Defense and the Sec of Interior to suspend plans for a July 4 "Salute to America" event because of COVID-19	6/17 - Routed to SOL Division of Parks and Wildlife for review and surname
EST-00015229	02/17/2020	NPS	John Barrasso	Concern with NPS' Management of the Grand Teton National Park Moose-Wilson Corridor	05/26 - Per Ryan Hambleton, return to NPS pending completion of action on corridor plan decision memo
EST-00016314	06/22/2020	NPS	Robert Wittman	Constituent Concern: (b) (6) seeks contact information regarding selling reclaimed period-specific wood	6/24 - ACR-PA preparing draft response.

EST-00015497	04/01/2020	NPS	Mark Meadows	A Constituent's (b) (6) Concern Regarding HR Issues - NPS/Blue Ridge Parkway	5/11 - Reassigned to AWI.
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## ONGOING ITEMS PENDING WITH NPS

### Questions for the Record

- QFRs from the March 4, 2020, legislative hearing of the Senate Subcommittee on National Parks were received on March 6, 2020. NPS is preparing responses.
- QFRs from the February 27, 2020, legislative hearing of the House Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands were received on March 3, 2020. **NPS is packaging responses as edited by OCL.**
- QFRs from the December 4, 2019, legislative hearing of the House Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands were received on December 9, 2019. NPS is preparing responses.
- QFRs from the April 30, 2019, legislative hearing of the House Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands were received on May 6, 2019. Responses are in clearance.

### DRAFTING SERVICE REQUESTS

- 12/17/19 - Rep. Bishop (R-UT-01), for a draft bill to establish a public-private partnership pilot program for housing at Yosemite National Park and Acadia National Park. NPS working on.
- 6/17/20 - Rep. Hurd (R-TX-23), for a draft bill to adjust the boundary of Big Bend National Park to all acquisition of approximately 3,200 acres. [Original request made in March, withdrawn pending the sponsor's request for more information, the renewed]. NPS working on.

### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- 8/21/19 Del. Holmes Norton (D-DC-At Large), for technical assistance on H.R. 4135, Albert Pike statue removal. **[6/25 update: under discussion.]** and H.R. 4173, Rock Creek Park redesignation. Awaiting OCL approval to send.

- 04/2019 - Rep. Tonko (D-NY-20) and the House Natural Resources Committee staff, for amendments to H.R. 1049, the National Heritage Area Act of 2019. 5/14/19 - NPS is reviewing OCL draft revision. 5/28/20 - NPS responded to OCL on revision. Awaiting OCL approval to send.
- 09/19/19 - Rep. Rutherford (R-FL-04), for technical assistance on H.R. 4542, which would establish the Nation's Oldest Port National Heritage Area. Awaiting OCL approval to send. **6/25/19 update: NPS will resend to OCL.**
- 02/13/20 - Sen. Cortez Masto (D-NV), for technical assistance on a discussion draft of a Clark County Public Lands bill. NPS working on.
- 01/24/20 Rep. Curtis (R-UT-03), for technical assistance on a discussion draft of a bill to authorize a pilot autonomous vehicle transportation program. 5/14/20 update: Rep. Curtis' staff requests briefing on subject prior to comments on draft bill. [See "Outstanding Items Pending with OCL"].
- 02/28/20 - Sen. Braun (R-IN), for technical assistance on a draft bill to authorize African-American statues at Gettysburg National Military Park. 6/18/2020 Update: Request to brief staff and substitute draft legislation sent to OCL. [See "Outstanding Items Pending with OCL"]
- 5/14/20 - Rep. Rob Wittman (D-VA-1) requested draft bill language to allow a conveyance of NPS land conveyance to facilitate the Long Bridge Project. NPS is preparing briefing statement as background for this and several related requests:
  - from CBO, for answers to questions about the project;
  - from Sen. Warner's staff for a Senate staff briefing on the subject; request repeated by Sen. Kaine's staff on 5/19.
  - from Sen. Warner's office for a map showing area that would be acquired;
  - **from Rep. Wittman's office for a call to coordinate various efforts (6/24).**
- 05/11/20 - Rep. DeSaulnier (D-CA-11), for technical assistance on a draft bill to add the Nystrom School to Rosie the Riveter WWII Homefront National Historical Park. NPS working on.

### **30 DAY OUTLOOK**

The National Park Service is anticipating the announcement of the following grants within the next 30 days:

- Underrepresented Community Grants
- Save America's Treasures Grants
- Tribal Heritage Grants
- Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants Program

In June or July, the National Park Service expects to notify relevant Members of Congress of National Historic Landmark nominations in their state/district that will be reviewed by the National Park Service Advisory Board Landmarks Committee at their fall meeting.

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We still have not seen the actual language . Will send a note once we figure out what it means for us.

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Friday, June 26, 2020

## Trump says he's signed a 'strong' order to protect monuments

By ASHRAF KHALIL

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The base of the statue of former president Andrew Jackson is power washed inside a newly closed Lafayette Park, Wednesday,

June 24, 2020, in Washington, which has been the site of protests over the death of George Floyd, a black man who was in police custody in Minneapolis. Floyd died after being restrained by Minneapolis police officers. (AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump used Twitter on Friday to call for the arrest of protesters involved in this week's attempt to pull down the statue of Andrew Jackson from a park directly in front of the White House. He also tweeted that he had signed an executive order to protect monuments, memorials and statues.

Trump retweeted an FBI wanted poster showing pictures of 15 protesters who are wanted for “vandalization of federal property.”

He wrote, “MANY people in custody, with many others being sought for Vandalization of Federal Property in Lafayette Park. 10 year prison sentences!”

Trump later Friday announced his executive order, which he had promised earlier in the week. He described it as “strong” but did not immediately release the text.

He also said on Twitter that he had scrapped plans to spend the weekend at his central New Jersey home to stay in Washington “to make sure LAW & ORDER is enforced.”

“These arsonists, anarchists, looters, and agitators have been largely stopped,” Trump tweeted. “I am doing what is necessary to keep our communities safe — and these people will be brought to Justice!”

Protesters on Monday night attempted [to drag the statue down](#) with ropes and chains. Police repelled the protesters and sealed off Lafayette Park, which had been reopened to the public for more than a week after protests against the death of [George Floyd](#) at police hands in Minnesota. On Tuesday, police cleared out the entire area around the corner of 16th and H streets — and pushed demonstrators away from the intersection, which had recently been renamed Black Lives Matter Plaza by the city.

Statistics released by the Metropolitan Police Department show that nine people were arrested Tuesday night and a total of 12 arrested between Monday and Wednesday. There were no protest-related arrests on Thursday, according to the MPD data.

Demonstrators have grown increasingly emboldened about targeting statues deemed offensive or inappropriate. Last week on June 19, or Juneteenth, the day marking the end of slavery in the United States, cheering crowds pulled down a statue of former Confederate general [Albert Pike](#). The statue stood on federal land and had withstood previous attempts by the Washington, D.C., government to remove it. According to participants, police officers were on the scene but did not attempt to interfere.

The targeting of the statues has become a rallying cry for Trump and other conservatives. Immediately after the Pike statue was toppled and set ablaze, Trump called the incident a “disgrace to our Country!” on Twitter.

On Tuesday he tweeted, “I have authorized the Federal Government to arrest anyone who vandalizes or destroys any monument, statue or other such Federal property in the U.S. with up to 10 years in prison, per the Veteran’s Memorial Preservation Act, or such other laws that may be pertinent.”

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David,

Attached is the [REDACTED] we discussed. I believe it is ready to forward to FPW. It has incorporated comments that you made on an earlier version. Bottomline: [REDACTED]  
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Thanks,  
Shawn

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## Briefing Statement FY20

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**Issue:** Continued Civil Unrest in the WMA and (b) (5), (b) (7)(A), (b) (7)(F)  
**Program/Park:** United States Park Police (USPP)  
**Law Enforcement Sensitive**

### Key Points:

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