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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Memorandum

To: Regional Directors, HFC Director, Superintendents

From: Visiting Chief Social Scientist, WASO

Subject: Requests for Visitor Services Project Studies in FY05
Reply due to Regions: April 5, 2004
Reply due to WASO: May 3, 2004

Since 1982, the Visitor Services Project (VSP) has conducted over 150 in-depth visitor studies in units of the National Park System. These studies provide information for parks valuable in planning, operations and better meeting visitors' needs. The enclosed brochure describes the VSP, including the nomination procedure. The VSP information and nomination form can also be accessed on the VSP web site: http://www.psu.uidaho.edu. Electronic submission of the nomination form is preferred. Negative replies are not required.

At least 11 parks will be selected for visitor surveys during FY05. Submit nominations for FY05 studies to the regional VSP points-of-contact listed below by **April 5, 2004**. Each regional VSP point-of-contact should forward the prioritized nominations to the attention of Margaret Littlejohn, NPS VSP Coordinator, littlej@uidaho.edu by **May 3, 2004**.

Regional points-of-contact for VSP nomination process are:

Alaska Region: Lou Waller
Pacific West Region: Peggy Dolinich
Intermountain Region: Neil DeJong
Southeast Region: Don Wollenhaupt
Northeast Region: Kathy Dilonardo
National Capital Region: George Vasjuta
Midwest Region: Tom Richter

The VSP Advisory Committee will meet via phone conference in May 2004 to review each region's prioritized nominations. Their recommendations will be sent to Mike Soukup, Associate Director of Natural Resource Stewardship and Science, for final approval. Nominated parks will then be notified of their priority for a FY05 visitor study.

Thank you for your continued support and interest in this valuable program.

James Gramann

Attachments: Visitor Study Nomination Form
VSP Brochure