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GMP Steering Committee & Division Chiefs,

The GMP/FEIS is in the NPS Director's Office pending clearance to print. While we anticipate receiving clearance in November, our DSC teammates have prepared a **draft ROD** (record of decision) for our review. You'll find the 30 page document attached, along with a WORD file for any comments you have.

Nancy is planning to discuss a due date with you at Senior Staff today. DSC initially asked for all comments by 11/8, but we recognize that restarting operations may push your review back a few days. Hopefully, you'll have time to read the ROD and return comments to me by **COB 11/15**.

We are almost there. The GMP process ends with printing/distributing the final, waiting at least 30 days, then releasing the ROD signed by the Regional Director on the advice of the Superintendent.

Thanks.

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Hi Brian and Nancy:

It's been a while. I hope things are getting back to normal for you, now that the shutdown has ended, and that the delays were not extremely inconvenient for GGNRA. As for me, I was *extremely* grateful for the extra time! You may have heard about the recent flooding in Boulder. Well, my crawlspace and finished basement--which includes our main "den" and my daughter's bedroom--were flooded with groundwater seeping through the foundation. So the

furlough couldn't have come at a better time for me, personally. The extra time allowed me to begin putting the pieces back together. And gave me lots of practice installing drywall! (ugh)

Cutting to the chase now....

### **Status of Clearance to Print**

We are still waiting on permission to print. Here is the latest update, which comes via Carol Cook yesterday: "FYI, Patrick and Vic Knox will be briefing the Deputy Director, based on the region's briefing statement prepared for the print request. The meeting hasn't been scheduled yet, but should be happening soon."

### **DRAFT ROD for Park Review**

**In the meantime, we are glad to provide for park review a draft of the ROD! Per the latest guidance, this also includes a "non-impairment determination."**

Ray McPadden did the heavy lifting on this draft ROD but Sarah and I closely reviewed the text. Lee provided QA/QC on those sections that relate to cultural resources and NHPA Section 106 consultation. And Don made sure to review the sections related to natural resources, particularly consultation with the USFWS and ESA Section 7 compliance. Most importantly, DSC's NEPA guru Paul Wharry also reviewed the entire file and provided lots of sage advice which Ray incorporated. For the most part, Ray used approved text directly from the GMP, except where Paul directed him to tweak in accordance with convention for RODs.

You'll see that Ray left a couple of notes in yellow highlight. Most of these relate to agency consultation. Before we are ready to finalize the ROD, we will need to go back and update those few sections.

**Proposed Deadline for Park Review:** We have some time to finalize this, but it would be great to finish most of the work on the ROD soon, so that when we are ready to finalize it, that may go very smoothly. Therefore, do you think the park will be able to finish their review and provide comments by Friday, November 8th? We're flexible; just let me know if another date works better. Please use the attached comment table or make any changes in "track changes."

I'll give Alan Schmierer a heads-up that we've prepared an initial draft. In the end, Alan will need to review and bless the ROD. I planned to bring him in after we've made the revisions requested by you two.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks as always,  
Tom



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