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NEW PARK SERVICE PERMITTING SYSTEM FOR PRIVATE AND COMMERCIAL RIVER RUNNERS

The Upper Nonchalance of the National Park Service based on lessons learned from the 2013 sequester and park closures has determined a new permit application and approval system is needed for the Grand Canyon and other rivers it manages.

In a letter to the editor of the River Management Society NPS an Upper Nonchalance Official has outlined several reasons for sealing access to rivers by permitted users. Unless NPS officials are present there is a clear and present danger to river parties, they will prepare and eat hazardous foods, destroy archeological sites, laugh uncontrollably, fail to grasp the environmental damage they might cause and will become disoriented without a little speech by officials. River corridors will be festooned with copious amounts litter and human waste. General bedlam and confusion will reign within the well-manicured river corridor.

In a near-Catholic confessional event to this reporter the Upper Nonchalance Official conceded there is a flaw in the Pork Service permitting process, and by God they are going to correct it. “We have unwittingly and miserably failed in our permitting process,” she said.

“Effective immediately all future permit applications for private and commercial river permits will be conducted by wreckreation.gov, a Canadian contractor who has much more time, money and energy than Pork Service officials.”

OUTFITTERS

A new addition to the Commercial Outfitter Prospectus will require the following information:

- 1.) Draft letter sample to clients containing an apology for inconvenience should a Park be closed due to sequester, environmental conditions or officials forgetting their keys or lock combinations.
- 2.) A requirement to assure coverage with a certified bank letter by each client stating that they have enough funds to return to their residence should a Park be closed and a proof of travelers insurance.
- 3.) A copy of guide college transcripts exhibiting a passing grade in at least 80 hours of environmental awareness, 80 hours of safety and rescue training and 40 hours of food safety (saucier experience does not apply to the latter category).
- 4.) A copy of all potential client college transcripts exhibiting passing grades in 40 hours of the above categories.
- 5.) A detailed statement of how unused food will be disposed of.
- 6.) Because, during closure the Pork Service does not have staff to provide access, but does have staff to issue violations, outfitters will be required, on a pro-rated basis, to pay salary, per diem, overtime, FICA, housing and other related expenses incurred by those personnel.

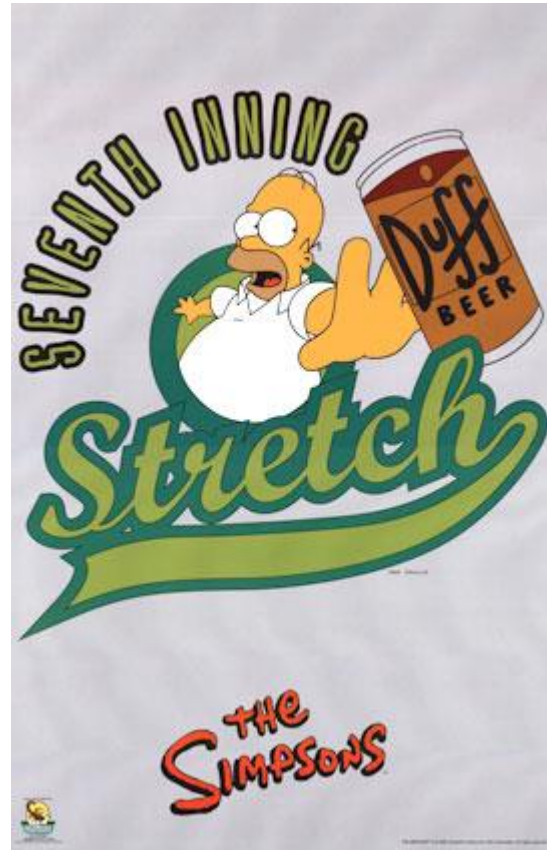
ALL APPLICANTS

All river permit applicants will be required to submit proof of the following requirements before any river trip permit is approved. Because of funding and staffing limitations this process will be contracted to The Arnold Schwarzenegger foundation:

- 1.) Ability to hold breath for 4 minutes and lift 200 pounds and hold it at arm's length for 20 minutes.
- 2.) Ability to swim 200 yards against a 5 mph current in 4 minutes OR a Red Cross Lifesaving Certificate (current) OR proof of active employment as a member of the U.S. Coast Guard.
- 3.) Proof of ability to be sensitive, to love and to appreciate. Participation on the Jerry Springer television show is a certification for these skills.
- 4.) Ability to cook Ethiopian style meals in third-world conditions for river group participants 2 weeks without major illness.
- 5.) Proof that all trips will include as participants: 1 doctor, 1 psychologist, 1 natural resource commissioned officer, 1 biologist, 1 archeologist – not to exceed participant limits on the trip.
- 6.) An environmentally sensitive llama.
- 7.) Proof and assurance that high heeled shoes, shoes with spikes or cleats or shoes with vibram style shoes will not be taken on trips.
- 8.) Proof of ability of all members to refrain from laughter when confronted by absurd, mephitic effluvia of officials.

“We cannot, as in the past, issue permits to people who lack the wisdom, authority, and experience of our rangers,” at official said. “In addition we are looking forward to more encounters like that of October 5, 2010 on Alaska’s Yukon River.”

“It’s just not appropriate for people to use the National Parks – with or without rangers. What you, the people have is negotiable, what we do is not negotiable,” Said Nikki Khrushchev at NPS spokesperson.



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