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Mr. Murray

I'm writing today to express my severe discontent with the state of affairs of the CHNSRA. While I believe you have done more than a small bit of good since you have taken the lead, there is still much more than can be done. I fully understand the limitations that have been upon you and your staff by the consent decree. I do however feel that you could do more to promote fairness in these issues. This park was founded in the interests of the citizens of this country and we are being dealt with unjustly.

As I understand it you have refused to remove the litigants of the consent decree from Neg-Reg. I feel this is the only way we can have a hope of successful negotiations in the time frame laid out in the decree. These parties have been given the keys to the city so to speak and now have no incentive to negotiate on anything they do not wish to compromise. If Neg-Reg fails then they get everything they want. I know that their point of view is needed, but they are not participating in the spirit of the process. You are our moderator in this instance and we are looking to you to show us you have our interests in mind. Frankly sir, we are all questioning that.

I would also like to address with you the lack information to the public about matters of access. There is no clear cut understanding of what is allowed and what is not. We are depending on the discretion of your Rangers in how they are interpreting and enforcing vague rules. Please understand that we know the penalties for wanton disregard of the closures and are trying to enjoy the park to the fullest within the limits of the law. To do this we need information from your office and we need your staff to know as well. This has been sadly lacking and has been the source of much discontent with the visitors to the park. It is also very hard to understand how we are blocked from access by any means, but that staff can drive through enclosures for less than urgent reasons. They have also been frequently seen doing this at dangerous and illegal speeds. Some of the incidents that I have personally witnessed can only be described as joy riding. I ask you how we can be anything but disgruntled when witnessing these acts from severely limited access points and being told that we cannot use those areas for the safety of the birds?

We are looking for you and your staff to do your best in these troubling times. I understand that you are in a position that you cannot make everyone happy. I would just like to know that you are doing your very best to look after the interests of the public that this park was founded for, and not just those of a few well funded special interest groups that won a law suit. Please show us that you can be exactly what this park needs.

Sincerely yours
Ken Dillard