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Mr. Murray,

I know I am in the minority, but I support all that the NPS and others have done to restrict the use of the national park to a more reasonable level. As a long-time visitor to the park (annually since '64) I have seen rampant economic development and virtually unregulated ORV access to the beaches that have changed the essential nature of what brought us to this area in the first place. It is time that the pendulum swung the other way, despite the protests of those who need to duck their heads for a little while.

We have, over the years, practiced a pack it in/pack it out philosophy in our use of the national parks. We have applied the same philosophy to our economic interaction with the environment also, to the extent of food shopping and gassing up the car fully prior to entering the towns in the park. Needless to say, we have not been able to stem the economic tide that has touched all parts of the park, though we continue to practice and preach our approach.

Rather than see this letter as support from one individual, you should know that our extended family supports the views that I have just expressed, and thus you should be able to count on the support of at least another dozen people.

Vocal as they may be, the local businesses seem to fit within the description that Upton Sinclair offered in "The Jungle" when he said that those with economic interests can not be counted on to really understand the issues.

Sincerely and best of luck,

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