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Subject: Re: Acadia Annual pass sale Date: 12/08/2011 04:07 PM

Thanks Kevin. I appreciate your quick response. That is exactly the information we needed - no need for further discussion.

Thanks again,

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To Mike Murray/CAHA/NPS@NPS

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12/08/2011 02:45 PM Subject Acadia Annual pass sale

Mike,

Len asked me to contact you regarding the Acadia annual pass sale.

The Acadia annual pass sale runs through the month of December and we will sell to anyone who shows up and Acadia annual pass for \$20.00 half the price of the normal \$40.00 fee.

Our ability to do this extends back before the current fee legislation FLREA back to fee demo. when the park decided to charge an additional transportation fee (tied to the sale of the Acadia weekly and annual pass) we knew that there would be significant out cry form the local population so we proposed that we be aloud to suspend the collection of the transportation fee portion for the annual pass for the month of December to encourage voluntary compliance by locals. It is a very popular event and we generate allot of good will as well as an additional 15 to 16 thousand in revenue that I am quite sure we would not collect otherwise.

The Washington office is not fond of this program and they are afraid

of the president it could set. I am quite sure that under FLREA if we were to propose doing this today, we would not be permitted to do so. The only thing that has kept this program alive (this long) is that WASO has not been able to point to anything specifically that says we are breaking the law.

I hope this information helps. If you would like to discuss it further I will be in the office Tuesday thru Thursday of next week Then I will be off until the new year (use or lose)

Kevin

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