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Dear [REDACTED]

Reference: Plastic Bottles

Subject: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request NPS-2014-00051

This letter is our final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated November 5, 2013, which was remanded to us on March 16, 2015, in response to your appeal 2014-065. We have conducted another search for records responsive to your request for "records relating to the consideration of any ban on the sale of water in disposable plastic bottles in any unit of the National Park System" and have placed five PDF files totaling 367 pages of responsive material on our external FTP site, which were located during a search of our electronic and hardcopy files. The site will require you to register as a user. However, once you have done so you will be able to access the materials by clicking on the links below.

Please note because this response includes copies of records that were released as the result of previous FOIA requests relating to this issue, the materials being released to you may contain some redactions. In regards to your request for:

...records relating to the effects of any bottled water ban in any unit of the National Park System, including all records relating to any annual evaluations undertaken pursuant to Policy Memorandum 11-03...

we have confirmed that we have no responsive records. A search of the Sustainable Practices Report database has found that those parks that have discontinued plastic water bottle sales do not separately report their recycling quantities based on type (plastic, glass, aluminum, paper, etc.). As a result they do not have data available to conduct a post-ban analysis.

Should you consider that there was a procedural deficiency in this response you have the right, under 43 CFR 2.57(a)(5), to file an appeal. You may file an appeal by writing to:

Freedom of Information Act Appeals Officer
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