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Gordon Taylor
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Dear Mr. Taylor:

Grand Canyon National Park is in the process of installing water bottle refilling stations at eleven locations on both the North and South Rims for visitor convenience and in an effort to reduce the waste of plastic bottles. Plastic bottles can take up to 1,000 years to degrade in landfills and should be used sparingly. The installation of water bottle filling stations will encourage visitors to "go green" and reuse their own bottles.

By the end of 2010, we will have water bottle filling stations at the following locations: Desert View; Tusayan Museum; South Kaibab Trailhead; CVIP/GCVC; Market Plaza (in front of the General Store in grassy area where there is currently a water spigot); Verkamp's Visitor Center; Bright Angel Trailhead; Hermit's Rest; North Kaibab Trailhead; North Rim Visitor Center (by ice machine); and North Rim by the Administration Building (back country office).

Sec 3 (d) of your contract (page 11) states: The Director reserves the right to determine and control the nature, type and quality of the visitor services described in this Contract, including, but not limited to, the nature, type, and quality of merchandise, to be sold or provided by the concessioner within the Area

To reduce waste from plastic bottles the National Park Service (NPS) will no longer allow the sale of water in plastic bottles within park boundaries after December 31, 2010. The sale of gallon jugs of water will be allowed at the General Stores (North and South Rim and Desert View). Based on the fact that this information is being distributed prior to the summer season, and more than seven months in advance, your inventory of bottled water needs to be depleted by the end of this calendar year. The NPS will not be responsible for any excess inventory of bottled water after that time.

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We look forward to working together to implement this important environmental initiative and are particularly interested in hearing your ideas regarding potential retail products that are sustainable and can replace plastic water bottles. We also look forward to your suggestions and ideas regarding opportunities for visitor education both within your retail locations and park-wide.

We appreciate your cooperation with this matter. Please contact Chief of Concessions, Doug Lentz, at 928-638-7350 with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Martin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Steve" being more prominent than the last name "Martin".

for Steve Martin
Superintendent