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**Subject:** Re: plastic water bottles

Agree with Brian; that is vital

Also what does this bullet mean:

Preliminary public engagement data contained in a letter to former director Jarvis, and conducted by Corporate Accountability International show that since 2011, more than 500,000 actions have been taken by the public in support of NPS' efforts to reduce DPWBs.

Also please address the concern that parks are allowed to sell other types of beverages (e.g., soda, sports drinks). Have sales of those increased? Or is that being tracked?

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On Wed, Jul 12, 2017 at 12:38 PM, Pavlik, Brian <brian\_pavlik@nps.gov> wrote:  
Thanks Grace. I know the data collected says unpublished but are there any reports you have to back up the figures provided?

On Wed, Jul 12, 2017 at 12:22 PM, Stephens, Beverly (Grace) <grace\_stephens@nps.gov> wrote:  
Hi,

I apologize for the delay. As you will see in the briefing statement, we are working on a memo to come from Mike informing parks that we will not grant any new requests to ban bottled water per the instructions in the report that accompanied the FY17 Omnibus Appropriations bill. The memo has been delayed due to the (b) (6) having to take sudden personal leave. We hope to get it out next week. We have verbally communicated to all regions that the memo is forthcoming and we have not allowed any new parks to impose a water bottle ban in the interim. So, we are already enforcing the report language, we just have not yet put out the memo.

Please let me know if you have questions.  
Thanks,  
Grace

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She is probably expressing concern with our reading of the word "further." Our solicitors agreed with our interpretation that "no further implementation" could be interpreted as "no new bans," vs. "lifting all existing bans." the memo won't come back to Mike until next week, so I guess we will be dealing with Todd on it. I checked the routing, and as of now, it was not scheduled to go through FWP for review, as it is a memo from Mike to the RDs. It is with Jessica for review. When it comes back to me, I will hold it until we can discuss.  
Thanks,  
Grace

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Grace -

Here are our responses to the questions posed below. Let me know if you have any questions.

RESPONSE: An internal report titled "NPS Disposable Plastic Water Bottle Recycling and Reduction Program Evaluation Report" (attached) was submitted to NPS senior management for review and approval in June, 2017. The report is based on data provided by each of 23 participating parks.


RESPONSE: Corporate Accountability International uses the term "actions" to capture the methods used by the public to show support of the policy, including but not limited to;

- documented individual calls to parks,
- meetings with NPS park management,
- signed petitions and postcards

RESPONSE: At this time NPS does not require parks/ concessioners to track the sales data of individual, plastic bottle soda/sports drinks.

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