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Relating to GRCA creationist book.

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
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To gary_machlis@nps.gov
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Subject Creationist book at GRCA

Hi Gary: This is to request your opinion about an issue at Grand Canyon National Park. In particular, there has been an ongoing controversy over the sale of a book titled "Grand Canyon -- A Different View," written by Tom Vale, with 23 contributors. As you will see in the attached letter from the Superintendent of Grand Canyon National Park, I have been asked for a determination of appropriateness of this book as a sales item in the park bookstores, which are managed by the Grand Canyon Association. While I have examined this issue previously, the quality of its scholarship is a particularly important question that would be factored into my determination. Since you are the Director's Science Advisor, I would appreciate your opinion on this matter. Thank you in advance, and please let me know if there is any additional information I can provide you.

 GRCA letter 8-18-10.pdf

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Subject Re: Fw: Peer letter copy to Fagan re GRCA book sale

Diane: Thank you, but there's no need to dig through the files. As I mentioned below, the issue has been percolating for many years, and has generally been a political football. What the issue boils down to is whether the creationist book should be sold in GRCA bookstores. If you want to know more details, I've attached a "predecisional" review from several years ago. To date, no action has been taken. I recently asked Gary Machlis, as the Director's science advisor, to review the book.



Background Info and Analysis.pdf

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Chick,

Not sure if Rose answered this. Are you working on the response? Do you need us to look in the files here for background?

Diane

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To Diane Chalfant/WASO/NPS@NPS, Rose



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Subject Fw: Peer letter copy to Fagan re GRCA book sale

Diane and Rose: I don't know whether you have had any involvement with this issue in the past--I think it was mostly coordination with Corky. FYI, the attachment below shows an exchange of correspondence between PEER and the GRCA superintendent regarding the sale of a creationist book in the park's bookstores. The issue has been percolating for many years. (By the way, although the letter indicates the matter would be referred to the policy office, I did not receive a copy until yesterday.)

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Subject Peer letter copy to Fagan

We apologize if this letter and response thread never reached your office:

Thank you,

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