



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
National Mall and Memorial Parks
900 Ohio Drive, SW
Washington, DC 20024-2000



February 12, 2021

Michelle Meadows
Republican National Committee
310 First Street SE
Washington, DC 20003

Re: Damage to Park Resources

Dear Ms. Meadows,

On August 24-29, 2020, the Republican National Committee (RNC) held an event on the grounds of the Washington Monument, which is part of the National Mall and Memorial Parks, a unit of the United States National Park Service. The event was permitted (permit number #20-163) but park resources were injured before, during and after the event. Those injuries included turf damage from a forklift operator who drove at a high rate of speed across the turf near the sidewalks, turf damage from fireworks setup and activation such as tire rutting and spinouts, scorch marks from the fireworks and extensive compaction damage from improper setup and security/setup/takedown vehicles driving throughout the turf. In addition, when a dumpster was being positioned, it struck a Park drinking fountain causing damage.

You originally provided the NPS a bond in the amount of \$512,793. In a letter dated November 3, 2020 you were notified that the NPS had charged \$177,176.20 to that bond up to the end of Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 and was refunding the remaining amount by electronic transfer payment. However, the damages outlined in this letter were not included in the \$177,176.20 charges the NPS retained from the original bond. As we made clear in the letter accompanying the bond refund, repairs to park resources that had not yet been completed by the end of FY 2020 were not deducted from the refunded bond amount. In accordance with NPS accounting practices the amount unspent at the end of the fiscal year when the bond was issued was refunded with the proviso that NPS would seek to collect the additional funds needed to address the resource injuries through a separate process in FY 2021, as outlined in this letter.

The System Unit Resource Protection Act, 54 U.S.C. § 100721 *et seq.*, provides that any person or instrumentality that destroys, causes the loss of or injures, any System unit resource is liable for response costs and damages. Response costs include the expenses incurred by the NPS to prevent or minimize injuries to System unit resources, to abate or minimize the risk of such injuries, and to monitor the ongoing effects of the incident. Damages include the necessary costs of restoring or replacing the injured resources and the costs of damage assessment.

The claim for this incident which includes restoration of the turf and fountain is as follows:

Turf Repair:

Deep Tine Aerify of 19 Acres	\$ 5,000.00
Core Tine Aerify of 19 Acres	\$ 5,500.00
Applying Sand/Compost Mix	\$11,500.00
Fertilizer Application	\$ 4,250.00

Fountain Repair:

Fountain	\$ 4,060.00
Template/mis supplies	\$ 1,500.00
Contracted Labor-2 laborers @ \$45.00 X 8 Hours	\$ 720.00
Supervisor-\$50.00 X 8 Hours	\$ 400.00
Concrete @ \$51.00 sf X 120 sf.	\$ 6,120.00

Associated Labor	\$ 3,100.00
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Total	\$42,150.00
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Consequently, it is necessary for you to fully reimburse the National Park Service for the response costs and damages arising from this incident. This letter constitutes the NPS' request that you make payment, for the damages, by no later than thirty days from your receipt of this notice.

Please complete the enclosed SURPA Payment Form and send it along with a check, made payable to the U.S. Department of the Interior, in the amount of \$42,150.00 to:

U.S. Department of the Interior
IBC/Division of Financial Management Services
Branch of Accounting Operations
Attn: Collections Officer
Mail Stop D-2770
7401 W. Mansfield Avenue
Lakewood, CO 80235

This check must reference "Account Number (14X5198) (NPS SURPA), (NAMA), (NAMA 082420), (Permit #20-163).

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have questions, please contact the Budget Office at (202) 510-1485.

Sincerely,

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Jeffrey P. Reinbold
Superintendent

Enclosure

cc: Karen Battle Sanborn, NPS/RPB/Damage Assessment National Program Office

National Park Service
SURPA Payment Form and Instructions

This form should be used for payments under 54 U. S. C. 100721-100725 being sent for deposit into the DOI Restoration Fund.

Please complete this form and enclose it with payment. Non-electronic remittances (checks) should be payable to the Department of Interior and sent to

To: Department of Interior Restoration Fund
IBC Division of Financial Management Services
Branch of Accounting Operations
ATTN: Collections Officer
Mail Stop D-2770
7401 West Mansfield Ave.
Lakewood, CO 80235

IBC Collection Staff: Please deliver this form with a copy of check(s) and all accompanying materials to Carla Bollinger, IBC General Accounting

Completed by National Park Service:

Case Name: RNC Event Damages

Park Unit Name: NAMA

DOI Restoration Fund

Account Number (do not change): 14X5198 (NPS SURPA)

Responsible Party/Defendant's Name: RNC

Completed by Company or Individual Making Payment:

Date of Check: _____

Check Amount: _____

Name of Company or individual making payment: _____

