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Lynn Hamilton
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Dear Ms. Hamilton:

Thank you for your letter of July 30, 2017, expressing the concerns of Grand Canyon River Guides regarding the definition of the boundary between Grand Canyon National Park and the Hualapai Tribe. We appreciate your support for the work of the National Park Service, including the 2006 Colorado River Management Plan (CRMP) and our ongoing cooperation with the Hualapai Tribe.

The National Park Service's position regarding the boundary is unchanged. It is based upon a 1997 Department of Interior Solicitor's Opinion, researched and written at the request of the Hualapai Tribe. The historic, pre-dam high water mark of the Colorado River is the boundary.

We work closely with the Hualapai Tribe in a government-to-government consultation process we call the CORE team. That process allows for the highest levels of leadership at both Grand Canyon National Park and Lake Mead National Recreation Area, along with tribal leadership from the Hualapai Tribe to work together on important issues of mutual concern, including those in the lower gorge of the Colorado River. The National Park Service and the Hualapai Tribe share many values, including the safety of visitors, visitor experience, and the preservation of important cultural and natural resources.

We appreciate your support and recognize your efforts to continue to interact positively with tribal representatives from all of the Grand Canyon's associated tribes, and to protect the resources of the Colorado River within Grand Canyon National Park.

Sincerely,

Christine Lehnertz
Superintendent