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Wally Rist  
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Dear Mr. Rist:

Thanks for taking the time to write your July 8<sup>th</sup> letter letting us know in the October meeting GCPBA intends once again to ask Grand Canyon National Park to revisit two rules: the one-trip-per-year rule, and the rule limiting winter trip lengths. I appreciate the advance notice.

We also do not like to see the handful of winter river permits going unused each year, and have looked carefully at why they are going unused. It is not that the trips are undesired; we see applicants claiming our winter permits as long as there is sufficient time before launch remaining for the necessary preparations and planning. In fact, all launch dates do get claimed at least once. The problem is late cancellations. Understandably, few are interested in applying for a winter launches if they have less than a month or so to plan. As a consequence, we have been considering ways to effectively reduce the number of late cancellations for winter trips. At the October meeting we would be interested to listen further to your ideas and consider them alongside our own.

Thanks again for your notification letter, for sharing your ideas, and for the continued collaboration. We appreciate the support.

Sincerely,

David V. Uberuaga  
Superintendent

