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United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

252 McDowell Street
Harpers Ferry WV 25425

August 7, 2014

Addendum to the Compendium of Orders

A compendium of designations, closures, permit requirements and other restrictions imposed under discretionary authority

In accordance with regulations and delegated authority provided in Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 1, Parts 1 through 7, authorized by Title 16 United States Code, Section 3, the following regulatory provisions are established for the proper management, protection, government and public use of the National Park Service lands administered by the Appalachian Trail Park Office. Unless otherwise noted, these orders apply in addition to the provisions contained in Title 36 CFR, Parts 1 through 7.

This further use restriction is to be added under 36 CFR 1.5 (a)(1) of the current compendium:

Launching, landing, or operating an unmanned aircraft from or on lands and waters administered by the National Park Service within the boundaries of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail is prohibited except as approved in writing by the superintendent.

The term "unmanned aircraft" means a device that is used or intended to be used for flight in the air without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the device, and the associated operational elements and components that are required for the pilot or system operator in command to operate or control the device (such as cameras, sensors, communication links). This term includes all types of devices that meet this definition (e.g., model airplanes, quadcopters, drones) that are used for any purpose, including for recreation or commerce.

Reason for closure:

This activity closure is necessary to safeguard the requirement of the National Scenic Trails Act that the Trail be managed primarily as a footpath for outdoor recreation to promote the preservation of, public access to, travel within, and appreciation of the Appalachian Mountain landscape. The use of unmanned aircraft could disrupt this desired visitor experience and potentially damage the historic and cultural resources. This activity could interfere with the management of this jurisdictionally complex, lineal resource. Emergency response efforts and the existing recreational activities could be impacted if unregulated.

This addendum and the APPA Record of Determination for unmanned aircraft are available at <http://www.nps.gov/appa/parkmgmt>.

RECOMMENDED _____ Date _____

Todd Remaley, Chief Ranger

APPROVED Wendy Janssen Date 8/11/14

Wendy Janssen, Superintendent



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Under NPS Management Policies 2006, the impact of the use of unmanned aircraft over the Appalachian National Scenic Trail could include the soundscapes, vistas, cultural landscapes, migratory birds, critical habitat and other features of the Trail that must remain in the condition mandated by Congress and must be assessed before the park can contemplate their use.

Less restrictive methods will not suffice as this is a new park use that could affect park resources, staff, and visitors in ways that the National Park Service has yet to identify and analyze to examine their impacts on park resources. It is the National Park Service policy to not allow a new park use until a determination has been made that it will not result in unacceptable impacts on park resources and values.

As required by 36 C.F.R. §1.7, notice of this temporary and partial closure and public use limitation will be made through media advisories, maps and posting at conspicuous locations in the affected park areas. Violation is prohibited. This determination is available to the public upon request.

Wendy Janssen
Superintendent