



February 1, 2017

Mr. Andrea Quick
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Dear Mr. Quick:

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has become aware of a possible unauthorized disposal of Badlands National Park records based on an inquiry submitted by multiple media sources (see attached email inquiries). The inquiry is specific to Twitter messages posted from the NPS account @BadlandsNPS on 24 January 2017.

In accordance with 36 CFR 1230.16(b), NARA is requesting that NPS provide us with a response within 30 calendar days identifying the specific actions NPS has taken to investigate these allegations, and the steps NPS will take to mitigate future risk. If NPS determines that an unauthorized destruction has occurred, then NPS must submit a report to NARA as described in 36 CFR 1230.14. In your report, please indicate if the specific records cited in the allegation can be recreated or duplicated from other sources.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have further questions, please contact Dawn Sherman-Fells, Archivist & Senior Records Analyst, at 301.837.2083 or by email to dawn.sherman@nara.gov.


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March 29, 2017

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Dear Mr. Quick:

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) reviewed your letter dated March 21, 2017 in response to an allegation of unauthorized disposition of National Park Service (NPS) Twitter messages posted from the NPS account @BadlandsNPS on January 24, 2017. NPS identified the individual who posted the tweets as a former employee. The messages were unauthorized and removed by NPS. NPS is aware that prior to removal, the messages were not captured as records, although NPS did obtain screenshots from other entities. As part of the safeguard process, NPS has issued guidance for exporting and retaining social media content records.

Your response satisfies the requirements codified in 36 CFR 1230.16(b), and as a result, NARA considers this case closed. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have further questions, please contact Dawn Sherman-Fells, Archivist & Senior Records Analyst, at 301.837.2083 or by email to dawn.sherman@nara.gov.


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