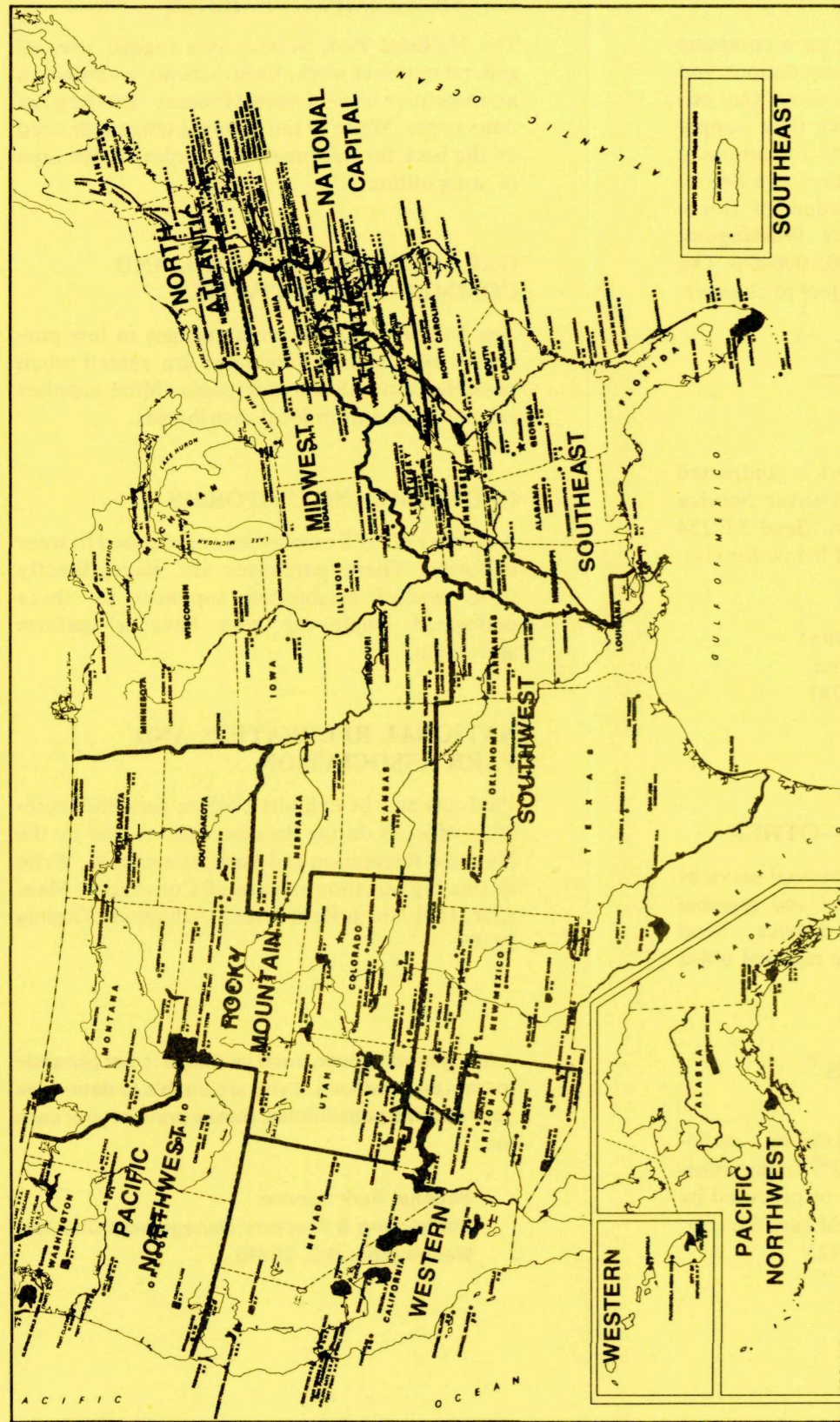


THE NINE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE REGIONS



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INFORMATION ABOUT THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

The National Park Service was created by an Act of Congress in 1916 with a mandate to "... promote and regulate the use of the Federal areas known as national parks, monuments, and reservations hereinafter specified except such as are under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Army, as provided by law, by such means and measures as conform to the fundamental purpose of the said parks, monuments, and reservations which purpose is to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wildlife therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." In addition to this mandate, each park has more specific purposes defined or deduced from its authorizing legislation.

The National Park System has grown from a single park, Yellowstone, established in 1872, to a national system of approximately 300 areas. Once identified primarily with the West, there are now over half of the areas east of the Mississippi. They are classified into three general categories: natural areas, historical areas, and recreational areas. The parks in each of these categories require a special approach in the management, interpretation, and protection of the resources to insure the preservation of their features and the enjoyment of the visitors. To accomplish this mission, the Service employs approximately 8,000 permanent personnel and approximately the same number of temporary seasonal personnel. This work force is comprised of specialists in the various scientific fields, interpretation, protection, and administration.

The number of areas administered by the Service is increasing as new areas are authorized by Congress. The visitation is also increasing. Approximately 260 million visits are made annually to areas of the System, and forecasts indicate that this figure will reach 310 million in 1981 and nearly 370 million in 1986.

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## OVERVIEW

The National Park Service administers three hundred plus areas in the System. There are three principal categories used in classification; namely, natural areas, historical areas, and recreational areas. The use of the National Parks by over 260 million visitors annually makes a significant contribution to the economy of the Nation. From this enormous visitation, most benefits go to business in the form of food, lodging, and travel expenditures. Many other benefits, however, are passed on to local or national firms by way of services or supplies actually required to operate the National Park System.

## MANDATORY SERVICES

Nearly 80 percent of all supplies used by the National Park Service are requisitioned from the General Services Administration. This dependence on in-government supplies and services also extends to other areas. When surplus property exists within the National Park Service, it is the General Services Administration that handles the sale of such property. This method exists because the funds appropriated by the Congress are used in accordance with laws and regulations. All major procurement and sales are advertised in "The Commerce Business Daily." This is a synopsis of U.S. Government proposed procurement sales and contract awards. It is available by writing the U.S. Department of Commerce, Post Office Box 5999, Chicago, IL 60680. You may get information, counseling, and assistance from the Director of Business Services, GSA, at the following ten regional locations:

Regional Office Building  
7th & D Streets, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20407

Post Office Box 2114  
Boston, MA 02106

GSA Center  
Auburn, WA 98002

U.S. Court House Building  
230 South Dearborn Street  
Chicago, IL 60604

26 Federal Plaza  
New York, NY 10007

525 Market Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105

GSA Administration Building  
1500 East Bannister Road  
Kansas City, MO 64131

819 Taylor Street  
Fort Worth, TX 76102

Building 41  
Denver Federal Center  
Denver, CO 80225

1776 Peachtree St., S.W.  
Atlanta, GA 30309

## HOW THE NPS BUYS

Procurement within the National Park Service is performed by the Regional Offices and the park areas. Whenever practical, procurement is delegated to the park level of operations where most requirements are met by purchases from local vendors and distributors. Although there are approximately 300 locations where buying may be done, purchases of significance are usually handled by the Regional Office administering the park. Procurements handled by the Washington Office are limited. Every effort should be made to discuss procurement matters at the Regional Offices indicated on the back of this brochure.

## CONCESSION SERVICES

Within the park properties, long term contracts with businessmen provide accommodations and services for visitors. These concessioners are private and therefore free to select their supply sources without regard to Federal Procurement Regulations. A list of concessioners can be obtained by writing the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., and citing Stock No. 024-005-00648-6. The price is \$1.05 per copy (price subject to change).

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES— ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING

Architectural and engineering work is contracted by the National Park Service, Denver Service Center, at the following location. Send SF-254 and brochures to the office listed below for consideration:

Manager  
Denver Service Center  
National Park Service  
Post Office Box 25287  
755 Parfet Street  
Denver, CO 80225

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES—OTHER

A limited number of other professional services are contracted for by the central and regional offices of the National Park Service. Send brochures, or information, to the regional office where you want consideration.

## INTERPRETATIVE DEVICES AND EXHIBITS

Interpretative films, museum exhibits, audio-visual arts, and other forms of NPS visitor informational products are developed or procured by the Harpers Ferry Center, National Park Service, Harpers Ferry, West Virginia 25425.

## PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENTS

The National Park Service is a regular user of general contract work. Contracts are awarded on a competitive basis. Federal Procurement Regulations apply. Write to the regional office indicated on the back for information according to the area of competition.

## GARAGES, REPAIR SHOPS, AND COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES

The National Park Service engages in few purchases of this kind. Vehicles are rented when possible from GSA motor pools. Most supplies are purchased from local distributors.

## CLOTHING AND UNIFORMS

A number of NPS employees are required to wear uniforms. These purchases are made directly from several established suppliers by these uniformed employees who have a uniform allowance.

## NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION

Products may be exhibited before park and recreation officials during the conventions held by the National Recreation and Park Association. Write to this organization in care of Convention Manager, 1601 North Kent Street, Arlington, Virginia 22209.

**In a general folder, such as this, it is not possible to treat all situations. If you are unable to determine your specific possibilities, please present your case to:**

**National Park Service  
Contracting & Property Management Division  
Washington, D.C. 20240**