

Peace and Quiet

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

United States Air Force
U.S. Department of Defense



F-16C Fighting Falcon over Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Lands, Arizona (near Glen Canyon National Recreation Area).

Master Sgt. Dave Nolan, USAF

The *Peace and Quiet Communication Guidebook* is a new tool for park managers and base commanders to use to work together on issues that affect the U.S. Air Force and the National Park Service over units of the National Park System.

Two Agencies

National Park Service



The National Park Service was created in 1916 “to conserve the scenery and the national and historic objects and the wild life 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.” (National Park Service Organic Act 1916)

The National Park Service currently manages 379 units representing the nation’s cultural, historical, and natural treasures, ranging from single historic structures to millions of acres of arctic tundra. From the arctic tundra to the swamps of the Everglades, Congress and the American people have set aside these special places to tell the story of America to present and future generations.

“The National Park Service protects our nation’s heritage through the preservation of our country’s special places—treasured natural and cultural resources—for the enjoyment of this and future generations. The U.S. military protects our heritage through a strong national defense to ensure that this and future generations have the freedom to continue to preserve and enjoy these special places. There must be constructive engagement between these government agencies to honor these missions.”

John Reynolds
Regional Director
National Park Service

United States Air Force



Tracing its lineage to the Aeronautical Division of the United States Army Signal Corps in 1907 and through several incarnations, the United States Air Force was established as a separate service in 1947 with the charter “to defend the United States through the control and exploitation of air and space.”

In the words of Air Force Basic Doctrine, “the overriding objective of any military force is to be prepared to conduct operations in support of national political objectives—to conduct the nation’s wars.”

To that end, Air Force pilots train rigorously to prepare for the demands of combat aviation. In all cases, the United States Air Force balances its need for operational readiness training with the cultural, economic, and environmental effects of that training.

“The mission of the Department of Defense is more than aircraft, guns, and missiles. Part of the defense job is protecting the lands, waters, timber and wildlife—the priceless natural resources that make this great nation of ours worth defending.”

General Thomas D. White
Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
1957-61

Two Vital Missions



Today approximately 150 units of the National Park Service are in close proximity to the routes and airspace that military pilots use for training. Recent legislation has heightened the need for park managers and military base commanders to communicate their needs when the missions of the Air Force and the National Park Service appear to intersect.

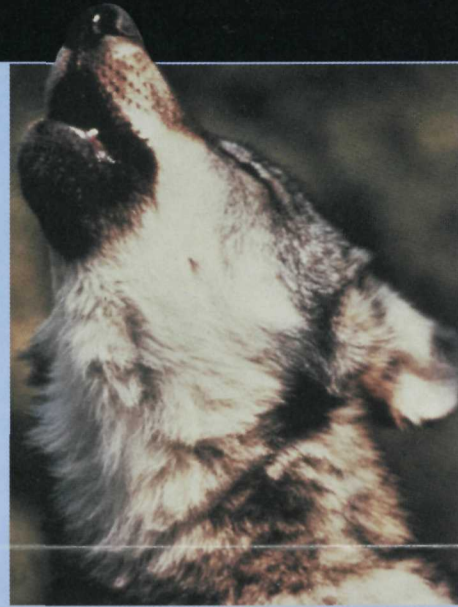
To promote teamwork in communication, the Air Force and the National Park Service have teamed up to provide the units of the National Park Service and military installations with a guidebook. The purpose of this guidebook is to address issues at the local level quickly and efficiently so the two agencies can meet their mandates.

The *Peace and Quiet Communication Guidebook* will provide officials of both agencies a fact-filled basis for building relationships at every level while efficiently accomplishing the significant missions entrusted to the National Park Service and the Air Force.

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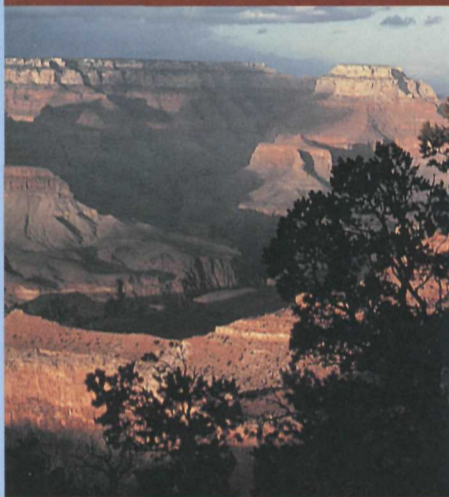


Bighorn sheep/USFWS



Gray wolf/USFWS

A Regional Focus



Each geographic region of the United States has unique issues, so the *Guidebook* will be produced in six volumes tailored to follow the regional boundaries of the Federal Aviation Administration. Each fact-filled volume will provide the information needed to communicate between the agencies and solve issues at the local and regional levels.

Produced in a handy 8 1/2" x 5 1/2" format, the *Guidebook* will be convenient enough to carry everywhere, and the tough, card-stock pages will stand up to the rigors of the field. The ringed-binder will make updates easy as new pages can be inserted as park boundaries or training routes change.

As an added feature, the entire series will be backed by a worldwide web site for immediate updates and to foster an on-going dialogue about issues of interest to both the National Park Service and the Air Force. CDRoms will also be available so maps can be locally printed and distributed when needed.

Grand Canyon National Park/Tom Bean

A Communications Guidebook

The *Guidebook* will contain the following sections organized to provide information on parks, air routes, and military operating areas to both the pilot and the land manager:

Organizational Information. The missions and organizational structure of each agency.

Park Units. Sections describing the different types of National Park Service units, the resources they protect, and how they may be affected by flight activities.

Military Aviation. The basics of military aviation readiness training, from low-level flights to multiple-aircraft practice engagements and the types of airspace that support these activities.

Parks and Air Force Installations. Informative documents on each National Park Service unit and United States Air Force flying installation in the region, including up-to-date contact information for key positions at each facility. This section includes facts and figures for parks and installations, such as visitation numbers for parks, aircraft numbers and types, sensitive resources, etc.

Overflight Maps. Full-color, fold-out maps that show National Park Service

units with sensitive resource areas and United States Air Force flying training routes and operations areas. Each map will be fully cross-referenced with the material in the Parks and Air Force Installations sections. Web and CDRom versions will have click-able features, where additional information can be viewed by clicking on the maps.

References and Glossary. Agency-specific language and acronyms, with explanations of positions and functions within each agency.

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