



November 3, 2016

Ms. Andrea Quick
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
12201 Sunset Valley Drive
WASO-IR, Room 2C404C
MailStop 252
Reston, VA 20192

Dear Ms. Quick:

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) became aware of a possible unauthorized disposal of National Park Service (NPS) records. The allegation (enclosed) refers to the deletion of all 1988 fire records involving fire management decisions and the destruction of bear incident documents and photographs, records that should be located at the Yellowstone Research Center in Gardiner, Montana. The destruction of these records is attributed to Ms. Joan Anzelmo in her capacity as public relations officer.

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 will take to address 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. Please indicate if the specific records outlined in the allegation can be recreated or duplicated from other sources.

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Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Sherman-Fells, Archivist & Senior Records Analyst, at 301.837.2083 or by email at Dawn.Sherman@nara.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Laurence Brewer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

LAURENCE BREWER
Chief Records Officer
for the U.S. Government

Enclosure



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March 15, 2017

Mr. Andrea Quick
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Dear Mr. Quick:

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has reviewed your agency's responses to the allegations of unauthorized disposition of archival records made by Mr. Carl Schreier in a letter dated 6 October 2017, sent to the Archivist of the United States. National Park Service (NPS) responses were provided by Yellowstone National Park Superintendent, Mr. Daniel Wenk, in a memo dated November 22, 2016, and a follow up email dated February 8, 2016, from NPS archivist, Ms. Anne Foster. All allegations were thoroughly addressed by staff at NPS and Yellowstone National Park. Based on these responses, and NARA's independent review, we are unable to substantiate any of the allegations raised by Mr. Schreier, and as a result, we are closing our file on this case.

Please find enclosed for your file copies of letters sent by NARA's Chief Operating Officer, Mr. William Bosanko, notifying Mr. Schreier and Mr. Wenk of the case findings and closure.

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.

LAURENCE BREWER
Chief Records Officer
for the U.S. Government

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March 9, 2017

Daniel N. Wenk, Superintendent
Yellowstone National Park
National Park Service
P.O. Box 168
Mammoth, Wyoming 82190-0168

Dear Superintendent Wenk:

This letter is in response to the correspondence dated October 6, 2016 received by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) from Carl Schreier regarding the state of the affiliated archive at the Yellowstone Research Center in Gardiner, Montana. Thank you for the information you provided in your memorandum of November 22, 2016 and for the information your staff has provided via telephone and email.

We have made numerous unsuccessful attempts to reach Mr. Schreier and he has failed to respond to our requests that he contact us to discuss this matter. Regardless, we have researched his complaint, reviewed pertinent background information, and discussed the matter with your staff and other National Park Service personnel. We have not been able to substantiate any of the allegations raised by Mr. Schreier. Please be advised that we now consider this matter closed.

As I have noted previously, we are in the early stages of a system-wide review of our administration of the Affiliated Archives program and as part of this effort we may be in contact with your staff later this year. In the meantime, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns or if we can offer any guidance and assistance. I can be reached via (301) 837-3604 or william.bosanko@nara.gov.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. BOSANKO
Chief Operating Officer



March 9, 2017

Mr. Carl Schreier
Box 193
Moose, WY 83012

Dear Mr. Schreier:

I am writing in further response to your letter dated October 6, 2016 regarding the state of the affiliated archive at the Yellowstone Research Center in Gardiner, Montana. I have made numerous unsuccessful attempts to reach you to discuss this matter and my repeated requests that you contact me have gone unanswered.

Regardless, we have researched your complaint, reviewed pertinent background information, and discussed the matter with pertinent National Park Service personnel in Montana and in Washington, D.C. Please be advised that we have not been able to substantiate any of your allegations and we now consider this matter closed. If you have any questions about this decision or otherwise have specifics for our consideration, please contact me at (301) 837-3604 or william.bosanko@nara.gov.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. BOSANKO
Chief Operating Officer