

Subject: Final Disposition, Request DOI-NPS-2021-000220

Date: Friday, September 17, 2021 at 11:43:07 AM Eastern Daylight Time

From: npsfoia@email.doi.gov

To: FOIA

EXTERNAL SENDER

DOI-NPS-2021-000220 has been processed with the following final disposition: Other.

Austin: Because we received several requests for this information, we have captured all things 'RNC Fireworks' under the first request we processed. Information you requested can be viewed at: FOIA - Frequently Requested Documents (U.S. National Park Service) (nps.gov) under titled: Republican National Convention August 28, 2020 Fireworks. My apologies for not sharing this information sooner. Thank you for your interest in the National Park Service.

Christopher Watts
Freedom of Information Act Officer
National Park Service

Region 1 - National Capital Area

Re_ Grucci fireworks(2).pdf

From: [Mendelson, Lisa](#)
To: [King, James W](#); [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#); [Owen, Robbin](#); [Lee, Leonard](#)
Cc: [Murphy, Jeremy L](#)
Subject: Re: Grucci fireworks
Date: Thursday, August 13, 2020 12:29:16 PM

Without timelines and guidelines our business and workload would be even more difficult to predict.

You've done the right thing in what's laid out.

Thanks!

Lisa Mendelson
Director (Acting)
DOI Region 1 - NPS National Capital Area
Sent by cell 202-297-1338

From: King, James W
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 2:22:49 PM
To: Reinbold, Jeffrey P ; Owen, Robbin ; Lee, Leonard
Cc: Murphy, Jeremy L ; Mendelson, Lisa
Subject: Re: Grucci fireworks

I knew there was no good reason to have this section in our fire and life safety temporary events policy:

Event Documents. All documents shall be submitted through the Park's permits specialist, or event coordinator at least 20 business days prior to the proposed scheduled event.

From: Reinbold, Jeffrey P
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 2:12 PM
To: King, James W ; Owen, Robbin ; Lee, Leonard
Cc: Murphy, Jeremy L ; Mendelson, Lisa
Subject: RE: Grucci fireworks

Grucci reached out to Jaime yesterday. Looks like they're planning something in conjunction with the Republican National Convention. Jaime directed them to Permits, who I don't believe they've yet contacted.

Robbin did confirm the grounds are open for those dates

From: King, James W
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 1:52 PM
To: Reinbold, Jeffrey P ; Owen, Robbin ; Lee, Leonard
Cc: Murphy, Jeremy L ; Mendelson, Lisa
Subject: Grucci fireworks

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Robbin or Leonard, anything?

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From: [Stanwich, John](#)
To: [Mendelson, Lisa](#)
Subject: Re: Grucci fireworks
Date: Thursday, August 13, 2020 2:06:20 PM

Harbinger did turn in an application earlier today for Lafayette Park and WH sidewalk and mentioned the Ellipse but did not include it on their application.

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From: Stanwich, John
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 4:03:46 PM
To: Mendelson, Lisa
Subject: Re: Grucci fireworks
Thank you for the situational awareness!

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From: Mendelson, Lisa
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 4:00:43 PM
To: Stanwich, John
Subject: Fwd: Grucci fireworks
Fyi - base of WAMO for FW

See ref to your park also. Thx.

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From: Lee, Leonard
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 3:56 PM
To: King, James W; Reinbold, Jeffrey P; Owen, Robbin
Cc: Murphy, Jeremy L; Mendelson, Lisa
Subject: Re: Grucci fireworks

Good afternoon.

Nothing official at this time.

I believe that Robbin received an inquiry earlier this morning from the Harbinger Production company, but they were very intentionally vague on details regarding the type of event they were planning. They asked about Lafayette Park and the south side of Constitution Avenue, but did not mention the Washington Monument grounds.

From: King, James W

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FW_ Conflicts with WAMO Grounds and Harbinger P....pdf

From: [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#)
To: [Mendelson, Lisa](#); [Stanwich, John](#)
Subject: FW: Conflicts with WAMO Grounds and Harbinger Permit App Requests
Date: Friday, August 14, 2020 12:29:37 PM

Here's a follow-up to our earlier call:

We have several small applications for WAMO grounds but none that would prohibit the launching of fireworks as of now.

Robbin will have an update on the March on Washington for Monday's meeting.

Harbinger did cancel 2 permits. They were duplicates of the ones shown below.

Jeff

From: Owen, Robbin
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 2:07 PM
To: Reinbold, Jeffrey P
Subject: Fwd: Conflicts with WAMO Grounds and Harbinger Permit App Requests

FYI

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Kerkemeyer, Katherine M" <katherine_kerkemeyer@nps.gov>
Date: August 14, 2020 at 1:26:29 PM EDT
To: "Owen, Robbin" <Robbin_Owen@nps.gov>
Subject: Conflicts with WAMO Grounds and Harbinger Permit App Requests

The conflicts for the Washington Monument Grounds between 8/23 and 8/30 are:

20-1020

20-0163

20-1046

The dates/locations times for the Harbinger events that are still active (not cancelled):

20-1053

South sidewalk of Constitution Avenue between 12th and 14th Street. Large event at Mellon Auditorium

8/24/2020 at 6am - 8/27/2020 at 7pm

20-1054

Lafayette Park, White House Sidewalk, Freedom Plaza

8/25/20 6am to 11:59pm

20-1055

Lafayette Park, White House Sidewalk, Freedom Plaza

8/27/20 6am to 11:59pm

Katie Kerkemeyer

Visitor Services Assistant
National Mall and Memorial Parks, Permits Management
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Mobile: 202-738-2516
Work Schedule: Wednesday-Saturday

Re_FYI_ Week of August 24th.pdf

From: [Owen, Robbin](#)
To: [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#)
Subject: Re: FYI: Week of August 24th
Date: Saturday, August 15, 2020 5:26:48 AM

I understand we have received an application for fireworks. It is being processed and I hope to see today for what they are requesting. Will let you know

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 14, 2020, at 3:49 PM, Reinbold, Jeffrey P wrote:

We've received several permit applications for events most likely related to the Republican National Convention, including possible fireworks on WAMO grounds. These events will likely occur on August 25 and 27. The March on Washington is August 28. May be a spirited week. We will be meeting with NCA, PRPA and USPP early next week. Make sure the SMT Calendar is updated with your availability. More to come.

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Jeff Reinbold, Superintendent
National Mall and Memorial Parks
900 Ohio Drive SW | Washington DC 20024
jeff_reinbold@nps.gov | 202.245.4661

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To: [Lee, Leonard](#); [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#); [Owen, Robbin](#)
Cc: [Murphy, Jeremy L](#); [Mendelson, Lisa](#)
Subject: Re: Grucci fireworks
Date: Saturday, August 15, 2020 2:07:57 PM

Hope this will be a cost recovery permit. There will be at least 3 or 4 of us who will require OT for the fireworks, not to mention monitoring the installation of required security fencing.

On: 13 August 2020 15:56,
"Lee, Leonard" <Leonard_Lee@nps.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon.

Nothing official at this time.

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Re_ New Permit Applications 8-14.pdf

From: [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#)
To: [Owen, Robbin](#)
Subject: Re: New Permit Applications 8-14
Date: Sunday, August 16, 2020 4:12:48 PM

Hmmm. It shows you as invited. I'll resend

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Jeff Reinbold, Superintendent
National Mall and Memorial Parks
900 Ohio Drive SW I Washington DC 20024
jeff_reinbold@nps.gov | 202.245.4661

From: Owen, Robbin
Sent: Sunday, August 16, 2020 5:44:04 PM
To: Reinbold, Jeffrey P
Subject: Re: New Permit Applications 8-14
Hi Jeff did not get the invite

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 16, 2020, at 4:25 PM, Reinbold, Jeffrey P wrote:

8:30-9:00. No one else was crazy about 6:30. Let me know if you didn't get the invite

From: Owen, Robbin
Sent: Sunday, August 16, 2020 3:51 PM
To: Reinbold, Jeffrey P
Subject: Re: New Permit Applications 8-14
Do we have a time?

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 16, 2020, at 1:05 PM, Reinbold, Jeffrey P
<Jeff_Reinbold@nps.gov> wrote:

Thanks for the update. We'll discuss on tomorrow's call

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Jeff Reinbold, Superintendent
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jeff_reinbold@nps.gov | 202.245.4661

From: Owen, Robbin <Robbin_Owen@nps.gov>

Sent: Sunday, August 16, 2020 6:26:14 AM

To: Reinbold, Jeffrey P <Jeff_Reinbold@nps.gov>

Subject: Fwd: New Permit Applications 8-14

Please see note from Katie where Harbinger is adding new requests. I will have Sheila contact them on Monday to schedule a meeting. Also for the fireworks request, we have Nat Geo at the top of WAMO for 4 days to document the march through time lapse. Have fireworks go off would definitely interfere with this historic event filming.

Robbin

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: "NAMA Permits, NPS NCR"

<NAMA_Permits@nps.gov>

Date: August 15, 2020 at 9:37:54 AM EDT

To: "Owen, Robbin" <robbin_owen@nps.gov>

Subject: New Permit Applications 8-14

Good morning Robbin,

Our newly received permit applications are:

20-1058 (Conflicts: 20-1042, 20-0091)

20-1059 (No conflicts)

20-1060 (Conflicts: 20-0878)

20-1061 (Conflicts: 20-1016, 20-0331, 20-0374)

20-1062 (No conflicts)

20-1063 (Conflicts: 20-0163, 20-1010, 20-1020, 20-1046)

20-1064 (No conflicts)

20-1065 (No conflicts)

Harbinger abandoned an application outside the front door at 4:02pm on August 14. We could not open the door because it was after hours. It has not been stamped and it is sitting on the counter at the front desk. The request is for the Washington Monument immediate vicinity, to include area between 14th street and 17th street, as well as the Ellipse for 8/24 to 8/20. The RNC already applied for this area and dates (20-1063).

Katie

National Mall & Memorial Parks

Division of Permits Management

900 Ohio Drive SW

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RE_ running list(1).pdf

From: [Mendelson, Lisa](#)
To: [Owen, Robbin](#); [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#)
Subject: RE: running list
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 8:57:58 AM

Robbin, thanks, just want to clarify one thing:

Is "watch" = to "water" in this description?

20-1046

Enterprise RAC Company of Maryland

Requested type of Event: Special Events,

Location(s) Washington Monument grounds, Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool, VVM, JFK

Hockey Fields and West Potomac Park

Purpose: Set up tents to distribute watch to Commitment march

Participants: 36

Dates/Times: 6:00 am - 5:00 pm, 8/28

Lisa Mendelson, AICP

Director (Acting)

Region 1 – National Capital Area, National Park Service

Office 202-619-7020 Cell 202-297-1338

From: Owen, Robbin

Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 10:55 AM

To: Mendelson, Lisa ; Reinbold, Jeffrey P

Subject: Re: running list

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Location: north sidewalk of Constitution Avenue between 13th and 14th

Purpose: To park media and production trucks on the sidewalk

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Not NPS jurisdiction but MPD

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Location(s) Lafayette Park, White House Sidewalk and Freedom Plaza

Purpose: Political Speech

Participants: 100

Dates/Times: 6:00 am - 11:59 pm 8/25

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20-1063 Republican National Committee

Requested type of Event: Special Event

Location: Washington Monument grounds

Purpose: Aerial Fireworks Display

Participants: 50

Dates/Times: 7:00 am, 8/21 to 9:00 pm, 8/30

20-1066

Team Harbinger

Requested type of Event: Demonstration

Location(s) Washington Monument grounds and the Elipse

Purpose: 1st Amendment

Participants: 15

Dates/Times: 6:00 am, 8/24 - 10:00 pm, 8/30

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Other permitted Events:

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Black Girls Ride

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Purpose: Rally in support of March on Washington

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Dates/Times

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Re_ [EXTERNAL] CBS Q--Permits for Republican Co....pdf

From: [Cook, Sara](#)
To: [Litterst, Michael D](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] CBS Q--Permits for Republican Convention activities?
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 9:30:56 AM

Hi Mike,

Have both of these permits been approved, particularly the fireworks display one?

Thank you,
Sara

Sara Cook
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cooks@cbsnews.com

From: Cook, Sara
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 11:13 AM
To: Litterst, Michael D
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] CBS Q--Permits for Republican Convention activities?
Thank you Mike! This is incredibly helpful. If I have any follow-up questions I'll be sure to circle back with you. Really appreciate it!

Best,
Sara

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From: Litterst, Michael D
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 11:00 AM
To: Cook, Sara
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] CBS Q--Permits for Republican Convention activities?
External Email

Hi, Sara!

Per your previous inquiry, attached are two applications received from the RNC for events at

the Washington Monument and on the National Mall next week.

Hope this helps,

Mike

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Mike Litterst  
Chief of Communications  
National Mall and Memorial Parks

Cell: (202) 306-4166

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**From:** Cook, Sara  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 6, 2020 12:20 PM  
**To:** Litterst, Michael D  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] CBS Q--Permits for Republican Convention activities?  
Quick follow-up; has NPS received any inquiries/permits from the RNC or Trump campaign about events at other national monuments in US? Wondering if there are plans for the convention--or for another event like the one at Mount Rushmore--coming up.

Thank you,  
Sara

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**From:** Cook, Sara  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 6, 2020 10:43 AM  
**To:** Litterst, Michael D  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] CBS Q--Permits for Republican Convention activities?  
Thank you Mike! This is very helpful. If you get any permits in the next few weeks, mind letting us know? I'll check in with you on this periodically as well. Since it was something the RNC told us they were considering we're trying to keep tabs on this.

Thank you!  
Sara

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**From:** Litterst, Michael D  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 5, 2020 8:38 PM  
**To:** Cook, Sara  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] CBS Q--Permits for Republican Convention activities?  
**External Email**

Hi, Sara!

We have not received any inquiries or applications from the Republican National Committee (or any other organization) related to the convention.

Events taking place on National Park Service property are under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service and our law enforcement arm, the United States Park Police. According to guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, organizers are encouraged to incorporate COVID-19 preventative measures in their plans. However, while we strongly encourage social distancing, the use of masks and other measures to prevent the spread of infectious diseases, we will not require nor enforce their use.

Hope this helps,

Mike

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From: Cook, Sara
Sent: Wednesday, August 5, 2020 3:09 PM
To: News Media, NPS ; Litterst, Michael D ; Picavet, Alexandra M
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CBS Q--Permits for Republican Convention activities?

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Hi all,

Has the National Park Service received any permit requests for events in DC/on the National Mall/at any national monuments from the Republican National Committee or the Republican Convention? CBS was told by an RNC official that there was a possibility they could hold some Republican National Convention events at national monuments. Have there been any permit requests or inquiries? This would be the week of August 24th.

Additionally, what is currently permitted in terms of gatherings on the National Mall or at national monuments in terms of COVID-19 restrictions? Are there limits on gathering sizes/other restrictions, and under who's jurisdiction would enforcement fall on federal property (for instance to enforce the wearing of masks)--the National Park Service, USPP, or Mayor Bowser/MPD?

Feel free to give me a call if easier--I'm at (512) 653-0186.

Best,
Sara

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application states "Washington Monument"

From: Mendelson, Lisa
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 11:41 AM
To: Reinbold, Jeffrey P ; Owen, Robbin
Subject: Re: running list
Confirming that the ask is for FW outside of the restricted area?

Lisa Mendelson
Director (Acting)
DOI Region 1 - NPS National Capital Area
Sent by cell 202-297-1338

From: Reinbold, Jeffrey P
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 11:12:19 AM
To: Owen, Robbin ; Mendelson, Lisa
Subject: RE: running list

1. Robbin, please have one of the monitors paste this into a Teams document and send the link to our group or I'm happy to do it if you let me know who else in Permits should have access. I'd like to keep it updated so Lisa and I have access to the latest information. Any future changes should be noted in red.
2. Fireworks: the compendium does have a restriction on personal fireworks but as Robbin mentioned, the larger ban has been removed.

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[EXTERNAL] Washington Post here - fireworks atpdf

From: [Moyer, Justin](#)
To: [Litterst, Michael](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Washington Post here - fireworks at Monument?
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 10:25:25 AM

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Hello - heard that RNC is planning a fireworks display at the Washington Monument at 11:30pm on August 27. Can you confirm a permit was filed for this and/or provide a copy of the permit? Justin

Justin Moyer
Reporter
The Washington Post
(202) 210-5997
Twitter: [@justinwmmoyer](#)

Re_ [EXTERNAL] Permit application for fireworks...(1).pdf

From: [Litterst, Michael D](#)
To: [Brett Samuels](#); [News Media, NPS](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Permit application for fireworks next week?
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 10:29:10 AM
Attachments: [20-1063 Republican National Committee application_Redacted.pdf](#)

Brett:

An application was received on Friday (copy attached). It is still being processed; no decision has been made yet.

Mike

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**From:** Brett Samuels  
**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2020 12:18 PM  
**To:** Litterst, Michael D ; News Media, NPS  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Permit application for fireworks next week?

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Hi Mike,

Wondered if you could confirm or provide any update on the status of the RNC's permit application for fireworks next week at the Washington Monument on the night of Aug. 27. When was this permit submitted, and has it been approved or rejected yet?

Thanks for your help,  
Brett

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White House reporter | The Hill  
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20-1063 Republican National Committee applicat.pdf



APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO CONDUCT A  
DEMONSTRATION OR SPECIAL EVENT IN PARK AREAS

NATIONAL MALL AND MEMORIAL PARKS

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SECTION 1: Contact Information

This is an application for a:

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| Individual/Organization<br>Republican National Committee | Telephone Number<br>202-863-8638 | Cell Phone        | Fax Number        |                |
| Email Address<br>(b) (6)                                 | Website<br>gop.com               |                   |                   |                |
| Street Address<br>310 First St, S.E.                     | City<br>Washington               | State<br>DC       | Zip Code<br>20003 | Country<br>USA |
| Person in Charge of Event<br>Michelle Meadows            | Telephone Number<br>202-863-8638 | Cell Phone Number |                   |                |
| Email Address<br>(b) (6)                                 |                                  |                   |                   |                |
| Street Address<br>310 First Street, S.E.                 | City<br>Washington               | State<br>DC       | Zip Code<br>20003 | Country<br>USA |

At least one person must be listed as in charge of the activity. If different individuals are to be in charge of various activities at different locations, please list their names and contact information:

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SECTION 2: Lafayette Park and White House Sidewalk

Is this an application for the use of the White House Sidewalk<sup>3</sup> or Lafayette Park?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please be aware that a waiver of the numerical limitations is required if an expected demonstration on the White House Sidewalk will include more than 750 participants or that a demonstration in Lafayette Park will include more than 3,000 participants.

Is this an application for a waiver of the numerical limitations?

☐ Yes ☒ No

SECTION 3: Event Logistics

Set-Up Dates and Ending Dates

8/21 Starting Date 8/27 Ending Date 7:00 Starting Time ☒ AM ☐ PM 11:29 Ending Time ☐ AM ☒ PM

Event Dates and Times

8/27 Starting 8/27 Ending 11:30 Starting Time ☐ AM ☒ PM 11:35 Ending Time ☐ AM ☒ PM

Break-down Dates and Times

8/27 Starting 8/30 Ending 11:35 Starting Time ☐ AM ☒ PM 9:00 Ending Time ☐ AM ☒ PM

Please list ALL proposed locations (include assembly and dispersal areas):

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Note that breakdown will begin on 8/28.

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| Estimated maximum number of participants for EACH PARK AREA TO BE USED (Including organizers, volunteers, participants and spectators):<br><b>Fireworks team: approx. 50 people</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                          |                                                                                            |
| Purpose of event: <b>Aerial fireworks display</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                          |                                                                                            |
| Plan for proposed activity (include all speakers, a complete time schedule of the activity, proposed routes for any marches or parades, plans for the orderly termination and dispersal of activity which might affect regular flow of city traffic, etc.):<br><b>Aerial fireworks display</b>                                                                                                                   |                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                          |                                                                                            |
| Please indicate any of these items that will be used during the proposed activity:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Handheld Signs/ Placards<br>Quantity:                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Chairs<br>Quantity:                                                                                                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Tables<br>Quantity:                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Tents<br>Quantity:                                                |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Banner/Sign(s)<br>Size:<br>Length:<br>Width:<br>Height:       | <input type="checkbox"/> Press Riser<br>Size:<br>Length:<br>Width:<br>Height:                                                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Stages<br>Size:<br>Length:<br>Width:<br>Height: | <input type="checkbox"/> Turf Protective Cover(s)<br>Size:<br>Length:<br>Width:<br>Height: |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Podium<br><input type="checkbox"/> Distribution of Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Lighting Equipment<br><input type="checkbox"/> Portable Sound System                                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Estimated # of Buses:                           |                                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Please list all other equipment (include any necessary medical/trailers ):             |                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                          |                                                                                            |
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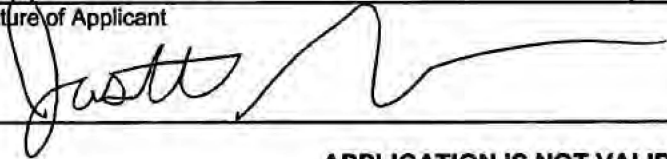


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| Name<br><b>Justin Riemer</b>                                                                                | Telephone Number<br><b>(b) (6)</b> | Cell Phone Number  | Fax Number                |                       |
| Position<br><b>RNC Chief Counsel</b>                                                                        | Email Address<br><b>(b) (6)</b>    |                    |                           |                       |
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| Signature of Applicant<br> |                                    |                    | Date<br><b>08/14/2020</b> |                       |

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**Cc:** [&Washington-WJLA-AssignmentDesk](#)  
**Subject:** RE: nps permit for fireworks  
**Date:** Monday, August 17, 2020 10:29:24 AM

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Mike,  
Sorry – need to clarify – it was the RNC that requested the permit.  
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Ming

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[EXTERNAL] RE\_ Hi Mike, a question.pdf

**From:** [Emma Dumain](#)  
**To:** [Rob Hotakainen](#); [Michael D Litterst](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Hi Mike, a question  
**Date:** Monday, August 17, 2020 10:33:27 AM

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Thanks for the introduction, Rob, and thanks in advance for your help, Mike! Any information you can provide about the process and timeline for approving (or not) the permit request would also be hugely helpful, along with, of course, a copy of the application (we could just say "obtained by E&E News" if you would prefer your fingerprints not be on it). Our deadline for our afternoon edition is 3 pm.

Thanks so much again and all my best,

Emma

Cell: 440-506-2727

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Emma Dumain

Congress reporter, E&E News

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@emma\_dumain

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**From:** Rob Hotakainen  
**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2020 12:30 PM  
**To:** Michael D Litterst  
**Cc:** Emma Dumain  
**Subject:** Hi Mike, a question

Hi Mike, hope you're well! Can you confirm this? And is the application for the permit available? My colleague, Emma Dumain, is writing for our PM edition. (Mike, meet Emma, and Emma, meet Mike.) And many thanks!

Rob

New - RNC has filed a permit with the NPS for a fireworks display at the Washington Monument at 11:30 pm on the evening POTUS gives his speech, per documents. RNC will also be filming and taking photos of National Mall for promotional materials.

**Rob Hotakainen**

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**To:** [LeCroy, Lillian](#); [Curtis, Jodie](#); [Timmermann, Lauren](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Hello Mike. Can you confirm that the RNC is planning a fireworks display on August 27?  
**Date:** Monday, August 17, 2020 10:33:31 AM  
**Attachments:** [20-1063 Republican National Committee application\\_Redacted.pdf](#)

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Hi, Lillian!

Yes, we received an application on Friday (copy attached). It is still being processed; no decision has been made yet.

Busy summer indeed - would love a couple of weeks of quiet!

Hope this helps,

Mike

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Mike Litterst
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To: Litterst, Michael D ; Curtis, Jodie ; Timmermann, Lauren
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Hello Mike- can you confirm this story? Is the RNC planning a fireworks display on August 27 near the Washington Monument? Did they apply for a permit?

I hope you are doing well. Looks like you have been having a busy summer. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Lillian LeCroy

RNC planning fireworks display at Washington Monument at 23:30 on August 27, same night US President Trump to deliver his convention acceptance speech from White House: Sara Cook (Sydney), Reporter via Twitter.

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| Street Address<br>310 First Street, S.E.                 | City<br>Washington               | State<br>DC       | Zip Code<br>20003 | Country<br>USA |

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| Name                                                                                    | Telephone Number | Cell Phone Number | Fax Number |         |
| Justin Riemer                                                                           | (b) (6)          |                   |            |         |
| Position                                                                                | Email Address    |                   |            |         |
| RNC Chief Counsel                                                                       | (b) (6)          |                   |            |         |
| Street Address                                                                          | City             | State             | Zip Code   | Country |
| 310 First Street, S.E.                                                                  | Washington       | DC                | 20003      | USA     |
| Signature of Applicant                                                                  |                  | Date              |            |         |
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**Cc:** [Emma Dumain](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Hi Mike, a question  
**Date:** Monday, August 17, 2020 10:35:34 AM  
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Street Address 310 First St, S.E.	City Washington	State DC	Zip Code 20003	Country USA
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From: [Ming Leong](#)
To: [Litterst, Michael D](#)
Subject: RE: [EXT] Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: nps permit for fireworks
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 10:37:19 AM

Thank you Mike.
Ming

From: Litterst, Michael D
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 12:35 PM
To: Ming Leong
Cc: &Washington-WJLA-AssignmentDesk
Subject: [EXT] Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: nps permit for fireworks

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Mike

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Mike,  
Sorry – need to clarify – it was the RNC that requested the permit.  
Thanks,  
Ming

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**From:** Ming Leong <[mleong@sbgvtv.com](mailto:mleong@sbgvtv.com)>  
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Hi Mike,

Can you confirm for me the White House has asked for and received a permit for fireworks on the

evening of the 27<sup>th</sup> of August? Can I please get a copy of the permit as well.

Thanks,

Ming Leong

Planning Editor

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**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Hi Mike, a question  
**Date:** Monday, August 17, 2020 10:37:30 AM

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Awesome thanks for the quick help Mike!

**Rob Hotakainen**

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From: [Emma Dumain](#)
To: [Litterst, Michael D](#); [Rob Hotakainen](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Hi Mike, a question
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 10:38:18 AM

Oh thank you, this is a huge help! On background, do you know when an application like this would typically be approved for an event happening next week, and if there is precedent for such a request?

From: Litterst, Michael D
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Hi Mike!

I hope you're well.

I saw the CBS report about a permit application for a fireworks display next week. Are you able to share any information on that?

Anything reportable would be great but if you have guidance for planning purposes that would be helpful too.

Thank you!

Stephanie Ebbs
ABC News-Washington
(cell) 202-875-4377

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Are you proposing to solicit donations: ☐ Yes ☒ No		Are you proposing food or beverages service ⁴ : ☐ Yes ☒ No	
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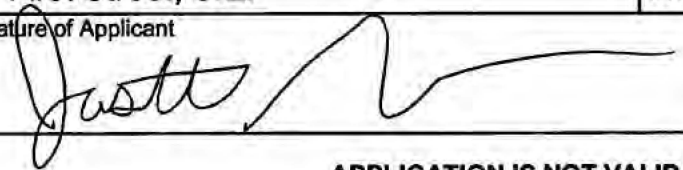


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NATIONAL MALL AND MEMORIAL PARKS

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Washington, DC 20024
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SECTION 6: Permit Applicant Information (information for person completing application)				
Name Justin Riemer	Telephone Number (b) (6)	Cell Phone Number	Fax Number	
Position RNC Chief Counsel	Email Address (b) (6)			
Street Address 310 First Street, S.E.	City Washington	State DC	Zip Code 20003	Country USA
Signature of Applicant 				Date 08/14/2020

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Re_ [EXTERNAL] From NPS.gov_ August 27th Firewo....pdf

From: [Litterst, Michael D](#)
To: lawrence.carney@foxtv.com
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] From NPS.gov: August 27th Fireworks Permit
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 10:44:42 AM
Attachments: [20-1063 Republican National Committee application_Redacted.pdf](#)

Lawrence:

A permit application was received on Friday from the RNC (copy attached). It is still being processed; no decision has been made yet and no permit has been issued.

Mike

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Mike Litterst  
Chief of Communications  
National Mall and Memorial Parks

Cell: (202) 306-4166

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</nama/learn/news/masonrestoration.htm>

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Category: Permits

Can you confirm a permit was granted to the Republican National Committee for fireworks at the Washington Monument on August 27th?



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Date of Application: 8/14/20

SECTION 1: Contact Information

This is an application for a:

☐ Demonstration ☒ Special Event Definitions on 10-941S, Supplemental Instructions

|                                                          |                                  |                   |                   |                |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Individual/Organization<br>Republican National Committee | Telephone Number<br>202-863-8638 | Cell Phone        | Fax Number        |                |
| Email Address<br>(b) (6)                                 | Website<br>gop.com               |                   |                   |                |
| Street Address<br>310 First St, S.E.                     | City<br>Washington               | State<br>DC       | Zip Code<br>20003 | Country<br>USA |
| Person in Charge of Event<br>Michelle Meadows            | Telephone Number<br>202-863-8638 | Cell Phone Number |                   |                |
| Email Address<br>(b) (6)                                 |                                  |                   |                   |                |
| Street Address<br>310 First Street, S.E.                 | City<br>Washington               | State<br>DC       | Zip Code<br>20003 | Country<br>USA |

At least one person must be listed as in charge of the activity. If different individuals are to be in charge of various activities at different locations, please list their names and contact information:

|      |                     |      |                     |
|------|---------------------|------|---------------------|
| Name | Contact Information | Name | Contact Information |
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SECTION 2: Lafayette Park and White House Sidewalk

Is this an application for the use of the White House Sidewalk<sup>3</sup> or Lafayette Park?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please be aware that a waiver of the numerical limitations is required if an expected demonstration on the White House Sidewalk will include more than 750 participants or that a demonstration in Lafayette Park will include more than 3,000 participants.

Is this an application for a waiver of the numerical limitations?

☐ Yes ☒ No

SECTION 3: Event Logistics

Set-Up Dates and Ending Dates

8/21 Starting Date 8/27 Ending Date 7:00 Starting Time ☒ AM ☐ PM 11:29 Ending Time ☐ AM ☒ PM

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| Estimated maximum number of participants for EACH PARK AREA TO BE USED (Including organizers, volunteers, participants and spectators):<br><b>Fireworks team: approx. 50 people</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                          |                                                                                            |
| Purpose of event: <b>Aerial fireworks display</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                          |                                                                                            |
| Plan for proposed activity (include all speakers, a complete time schedule of the activity, proposed routes for any marches or parades, plans for the orderly termination and dispersal of activity which might affect regular flow of city traffic, etc.):<br><b>Aerial fireworks display</b>                                                                                                                   |                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                          |                                                                                            |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Misc. fireworks show materials and command center equipment</b>                     |                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                          |                                                                                            |
| Are you proposing to solicit donations: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                        | Are you proposing food or beverages service <sup>4</sup> : <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                          |                                                                          |                                                                                            |
| Are you proposing road closures or traffic management? If so list the roads and/or trails affected? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No<br><b>Partial closure at the intersection of Maine Ave SW and Independence Ave SW</b>                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                          |                                                                                            |
| How will the event be advertised or publicized:<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TV <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Print <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flyers<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Radio <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email/Listserv<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social media (Twitter, Facebook, Tumblr, etc.) |                                                                                        | Do you propose to have commercial sponsors? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No<br>If yes, how are sponsors recognized. |                                                                          |                                                                                            |
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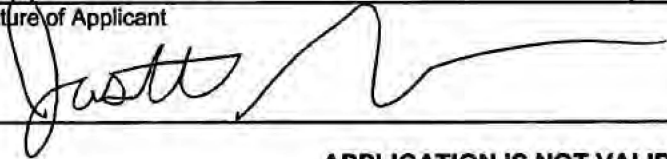


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| Name                                                                                    | Telephone Number | Cell Phone Number | Fax Number |         |
| Justin Riemer                                                                           | (b) (6)          |                   |            |         |
| Position                                                                                | Email Address    |                   |            |         |
| RNC Chief Counsel                                                                       | (b) (6)          |                   |            |         |
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| 310 First Street, S.E.                                                                  | Washington       | DC                | 20003      | USA     |
| Signature of Applicant                                                                  |                  | Date              |            |         |
|        |                  | 08/14/2020        |            |         |

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Re\_ [EXTERNAL] question on RNC and Trump campaign(1).pdf

**From:** [Litterst, Michael D](#)  
**To:** [Wallace, Gregory](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] question on RNC and Trump campaign  
**Date:** Monday, August 17, 2020 10:55:36 AM  
**Attachments:** [20-1063 Republican National Committee application\\_Redacted.pdf](#)  
[20-1067 Republican National Committee application\\_Redacted.pdf](#)

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Greg:

We've received two applications from the RNC for next week (both attached). One is for the aforementioned fireworks, the other is for shooting photos and video around the National Mall.

Mike

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Mike Litterst
Chief of Communications
National Mall and Memorial Parks

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Hi, Mike,
This is Greg over at CNN.
Have GOP convention or Trump campaign officials applied for any permits or indicated interest in doing so for next week's events?
We understand they have applied for a permit for fireworks.
Thank you,
Greg
Gregory Wallace
CNN government agencies reporter
202-738-3113

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Date of Application: 8/14/20

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Individual/Organization Republican National Committee	Telephone Number 202-863-8638	Cell Phone	Fax Number	
Email Address (b) (6)	Website gop.com			
Street Address 310 First St, S.E.	City Washington	State DC	Zip Code 20003	Country USA
Person in Charge of Event Michelle Meadows	Telephone Number 202-863-8638	Cell Phone Number		
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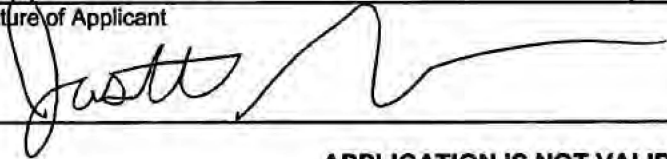


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APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT
COMMERCIAL FILMING / STILL PHOTOGRAPHY
(Short Form)



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WASHINGTON, DC 20024
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Please supply the information requested below. **Attach additional sheets, if necessary, to provide required information.** A nonrefundable processing cost of \$90.00 must accompany this application unless the requested use is an exercise of a First Amendment right. You must allow sufficient time for the park to process your request; check with the park for guidelines. You will be notified of the status of the application and the necessary steps to secure your final permit. Your permit may require the payment of cost recovery charges and proof of liability insurance naming the United States of America an additional insured.

* Enter either a social security number OR a tax ID number; we do not require both.

Applicant Name Michelle Meadows				Company/Organization Name Republican National Committee			
Social Security Number*				Tax Identification Number* (b) (6)			
Street Address 310 First Street, S.E.				Street Address 310 First Street, S.E.			
City Washington	State DC	Zip Code 20003	Country USA	City Washington	State DC	Zip Code 20003	Country USA
Telephone Number 202-863-8638				Contact Name Michelle Meadows			
Cell Phone Number (b) (6)				Telephone Number 202-863-8638			
Fax Number				Fax Number			
Email Address (b) (6)				Email Address (b) (6)			
PROJECT INFORMATION							
Project Name Republican National Convention				Telephone Number 202-863-8638		Cell Phone Number (b) (6)	
Location Manager Michelle Meadows				Email Address (b) (6)			
Type of Project ☒ Video/Motion Picture/Movie ☐ Still Photography							
Detailed Description of Onsite Activities (attach additional pages, if necessary) Scenic photo and video recording on the National Mall							

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**APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT
COMMERCIAL FILMING / STILL PHOTOGRAPHY
(Short Form)**



**NATIONAL MALL AND MEMORIAL PARKS
900 OHIO DR, SW
WASHINGTON, DC 20024
202-245-4715**

Applicant Name Michelle Meadows	Company/Organization Name Republican National Committee
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RE_ running list_1.pdf

From: [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#)
To: [Owen, Robbin](#)
Subject: RE: running list
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 11:02:15 AM

Sam,

It's temporary so why don't you find a place that's easy for Permits to update. Can you give me a link to it and I'll share the link with our RNC Working Group? They don't need to edit, just access and maybe print

Will that work?

Jeff

From: Owen, Robbin
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 12:02 PM
To: Reinbold, Jeffrey P
Subject: Fwd: running list
Please see Sam's questions

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Yancho, Samuel M" <samuel_yancho@nps.gov>
Date: August 17, 2020 at 12:00:57 PM EDT
To: "Owen, Robbin" <robbin_owen@nps.gov>
Subject: Re: running list

Yep, I'll start on it now. Would an Excel file work? What team should I upload it in once it's done?

Sam Yancho

Park Ranger

National Park Service

National Mall and Memorial Parks

Division of Permits Management

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From: Owen, Robbin <Robbin_Owen@nps.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 11:30 AM
To: Yancho, Samuel M <samuel_yancho@nps.gov>
Subject: Fw: running list
Can you do this for Jeff?

From: Reinbold, Jeffrey P <Jeff_Reinbold@nps.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 11:12 AM
To: Owen, Robbin <Robbin_Owen@nps.gov>; Mendelson, Lisa <Lisa_Mendelson-lelmini@nps.gov>

Subject: RE: running list

1. Robbin, please have one of the monitors paste this into a Teams document and send the link to our group or I'm happy to do it if you let me know who else in Permits should have access. I'd like to keep it updated so Lisa and I have access to the latest information. Any future changes should be noted in red.
2. Fireworks: the compendium does have a restriction on personal fireworks but as Robbin mentioned, the larger ban has been removed.

From: Owen, Robbin <Robbin_Owen@nps.gov>

Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 10:55 AM

To: Mendelson, Lisa <Lisa_Mendelson-lelmini@nps.gov>; Reinbold, Jeffrey P <Jeff_Reinbold@nps.gov>

Subject: Re: running list

Adding the following Information as of 8/17

20-1053 Harbinger LLC,

Requested type of Event: Special Event

Location: north sidewalk of Constitution Avenue between 13th and 14th

Purpose: To park media and production trucks on the sidewalk

Participants: 50

Dates/Times: 6:00 am, 8/24 to 7:00 pm, 8/27

Not NPS jurisdiction but MPD

20-1054 Harbinger LLC

Requested type of Event: Demonstration

Location(s) Lafayette Park, White House Sidewalk and Freedom Plaza

Purpose: Political Speech

Participants: 100

Dates/Times: 6:00 am - 11:59 pm 8/25

Note replaced 20-1048 and 20-1049 for the same event but requested as a special event but application for one day of 8/25 and 8/27

20-1055 Harbinger LLC

Requested type of Event: Demonstration

Location(s) Lafayette Park, White House Sidewalk and Freedom Plaza

Purpose: Political Speech

Participants: 100

Dates/Times: 6:00 am - 11:59 pm 8/27

20-1063 Republican National Committee

Requested type of Event: Special Event

Location: Washington Monument grounds

Purpose: Aerial Fireworks Display

Participants: 50

Dates/Times: 7:00 am, 8/21 to 9:00 pm, 8/30

20-1066

Team Harbinger

Requested type of Event: Demonstration
Location(s) Washington Monument grounds and the Elipse
Purpose: 1st Amendment
Participants: 15
Dates/Times: 6:00 am, 8/24 - 10:00 pm, 8/30

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Other permitted Events:

20-0169, Rev. Mark Thompson and National Action Network

Requested type of Event: Demonstration
Location(s): Lincoln Memorial, Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool Area, JFK Hockey
Fields, 23rd Street, Independence Avenue, and Martin Luther King Jr.
Memorial/West Potomac Park

Have not relinquished WAMO grounds as spill over area and water distribution
area

Purpose: Commitment march on anniversary of March on Washington

Participants: 50,000

Dates/Times: 8:00 am, 8/20 to 5:00 pm, 8/30

20-0924

Black Girls Ride

Requested type of Event: Demonstration

Location(s) Freedom Plaza, 15th Street Washington Monument grounds and
Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool area

Purpose: Rally in support of March on Washington

Participants: 100 - 200

Dates/Times: 9:00 am - 9:00 pm, 8/28

20-1020

Falun Gong

Requested type of Event: Demonstration

Location(s) Washington Monument grounds

Purpose: Clarify the truth of Falun Gong

Participants: 100

Dates/Times

20-1046

Enterprise RAC Company of Maryland

Requested type of Event: Special Events,

Location(s) Washington Monument grounds, Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool,
VVM, JFK Hockey Fields and West Potomac Park

Purpose: Set up tents to distribute watch to Commitment march

Participants: 36

Dates/Times: 6:00 am - 5:00 pm, 8/28

Filming/News Coverage of Commitment March and RNC by National Geographic

(time lapse over 16 hours and CBS Pool Camera for convention)

Location: Top of the Washington Monument

Dates: 8/25 to 8/29 (final dates and times TBD)

From: Mendelson, Lisa <Lisa_Mendelson-Ielmini@nps.gov> (**ent:** Monday, August 17, 2020 9:16 AM)

To: Reinbold, Jeffrey P <Jeff_Reinbold@nps.gov>; Owen, Robbin <Robbin_Owen@nps.gov>

Subject: running list

(need to add in who the requestor is and if we know what the specific request is for in terms of activity)

- 20-1053: S. sidewalk Constitution Ave 12th- 14th St @ Mellon Audit. 8/24 6a - 8/27 7pm (We aren't the controllers of that part of Const Ave so I'm confused by this)
- 20-1054: Lafayette Park, White House Sidewalk, Freedom Plaza 8/25 6am to 11:59pm
- 20-1055: Lafayette Park, White House Sidewalk, Freedom Plaza 8/27 6am to 11:59pm
- WAMO/Ellipse
- RNC request
- No permit required: WHHO Inside fence activity

Lisa Mendelson, AICP

Director (Acting)

Region 1 – National Capital Area, National Park Service

Office 202-619-7020 Cell 202-297-1338

RE_ [EXTERNAL] From NPS.gov_ August 27th Firewo..._1.pdf

From: [Lawrence Carney](#)
To: [Litterst, Michael D](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] From NPS.gov: August 27th Fireworks Permit
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 11:07:39 AM

Thank you so much!

From: Litterst, Michael D [mailto:Mike_Litterst@nps.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 12:45 PM
To: Lawrence Carney
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] From NPS.gov: August 27th Fireworks Permit
Lawrence:

A permit application was received on Friday from the RNC (copy attached). It is still being processed; no decision has been made yet and no permit has been issued.

Mike

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Mike Litterst  
Chief of Communications  
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Cell: (202) 306-4166

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**From:** [no-reply@nps.gov](mailto:no-reply@nps.gov) <[no-reply@nps.gov](mailto:no-reply@nps.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2020 12:40 PM  
**To:** Litterst, Michael D <[Mike\\_Litterst@nps.gov](mailto:Mike_Litterst@nps.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] From NPS.gov: August 27th Fireworks Permit

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Email submitted from: [lawrence.carney@foxtv.com](mailto:lawrence.carney@foxtv.com) at  
/nama/learn/news/masonrestoration.htm

Use [lawrence.carney@foxtv.com](mailto:lawrence.carney@foxtv.com) to reply to this message

Category: Permits

Can you confirm a permit was granted to the Republican National Committee for fireworks at the Washington Monument on August 27th?

Re\_ [EXTERNAL] WTOP.pdf



**From:** [Litterst, Michael D](#)  
**To:** [Murillo, Mike](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] WTOP  
**Date:** Monday, August 17, 2020 11:10:29 AM  
**Attachments:** [20-1063 Republican National Committee application\\_Redacted.pdf](#)

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Hi, Mike!

A permit application was received on Friday from the RNC (copy attached). It is still being processed; no decision has been made yet and no permit has been issued.

Mike

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Mike Litterst
Chief of Communications
National Mall and Memorial Parks

Cell: (202) 306-4166

From: Murillo, Mike
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 1:01 PM
To: Litterst, Michael D
Subject: [EXTERNAL] WTOP

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Hi Mike,

I hope all is well.

We are hearing that a permit has been filed for a fireworks display on the National Mall by the RNC. I am guessing its for Thursday, August 27th. Could you share the permit with us, if so?

Thanks,

Mike Murillo | News Anchor & Reporter
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NATIONAL MALL AND MEMORIAL PARKS

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Washington, DC 20024
Telephone: (202) 245-4715

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20-1063

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Date of Application: 8/14/20

SECTION 1: Contact Information

This is an application for a:

☐ Demonstration ☒ Special Event Definitions on 10-941S, Supplemental Instructions

Individual/Organization Republican National Committee	Telephone Number 202-863-8638	Cell Phone	Fax Number	
Email Address (b) (6)	Website gop.com			
Street Address 310 First St, S.E.	City Washington	State DC	Zip Code 20003	Country USA
Person in Charge of Event Michelle Meadows	Telephone Number 202-863-8638	Cell Phone Number		
Email Address (b) (6)				
Street Address 310 First Street, S.E.	City Washington	State DC	Zip Code 20003	Country USA

At least one person must be listed as in charge of the activity. If different individuals are to be in charge of various activities at different locations, please list their names and contact information:

Name	Contact Information	Name	Contact Information
Name	Contact Information	Name	Contact Information

SECTION 2: Lafayette Park and White House Sidewalk

Is this an application for the use of the White House Sidewalk³ or Lafayette Park?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please be aware that a waiver of the numerical limitations is required if an expected demonstration on the White House Sidewalk will include more than 750 participants or that a demonstration in Lafayette Park will include more than 3,000 participants.

Is this an application for a waiver of the numerical limitations?

☐ Yes ☒ No

SECTION 3: Event Logistics

Set-Up Dates and Ending Dates

8/21 Starting Date 8/27 Ending Date 7:00 Starting Time ☒ AM ☐ PM 11:29 Ending Time ☐ AM ☒ PM

Event Dates and Times

8/27 Starting 8/27 Ending 11:30 Starting Time ☐ AM ☒ PM 11:35 Ending Time ☐ AM ☒ PM

Break-down Dates and Times

8/27 Starting 8/30 Ending 11:35 Starting Time ☐ AM ☒ PM 9:00 Ending Time ☐ AM ☒ PM

Please list ALL proposed locations (include assembly and dispersal areas):

Washington Monument
Note that breakdown will begin on 8/28.

³ The White House Sidewalk is the sidewalk between East and West Executive Avenues, on the south side Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Page 1 of 6

Estimated maximum number of participants for EACH PARK AREA TO BE USED (Including organizers, volunteers, participants and spectators): Fireworks team: approx. 50 people			
Purpose of event: Aerial fireworks display			
Plan for proposed activity (include all speakers, a complete time schedule of the activity, proposed routes for any marches or parades, plans for the orderly termination and dispersal of activity which might affect regular flow of city traffic, etc.): Aerial fireworks display			
Please indicate any of these items that will be used during the proposed activity:	☐ Handheld Signs/ Placards Quantity:	☐ Chairs Quantity:	☐ Tables Quantity:
	☐ Portable Restrooms Quantity:	☐ Camera Tripod Quantity:	☐ Jumbotrons Quantity:
	☐ Banner/Sign(s) Size: Length: Width: Height:	☐ Press Riser Size: Length: Width: Height:	☐ Stages Size: Length: Width: Height:
	☐ Podium ☐ Distribution of Literature	☐ Lighting Equipment ☐ Portable Sound System	☐ Tents Quantity: Type: ☐ Generators Quantity: Type: ☐ Turf Protective Cover(s) Size: Length: Width: Height:
	☐ Estimated # of Buses:		
	Please list all other equipment (include any necessary medical/trailers):		
Misc. fireworks show materials and command center equipment			
Are you proposing to solicit donations: ☐ Yes ☒ No		Are you proposing food or beverages service ⁴ : ☐ Yes ☒ No	
Are you proposing road closures or traffic management? If so list the roads and/or trails affected? ☒ Yes ☐ No Partial closure at the intersection of Maine Ave SW and Independence Ave SW			
How will the event be advertised or publicized: ☒ TV ☒ Print ☒ Flyers ☒ Radio ☒ Website ☒ Email/Listserv ☒ Social media (Twitter, Facebook, Tumblr, etc.)		Do you propose to have commercial sponsors? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, how are sponsors recognized.	
If boxes, crates, coffins, or similar items will be used, state whether they are to be carried opened or closed, their proposed size, the materials constructed from, and their proposed contents and use:			
What are your cleanup and/or recycling plans? After the show concludes, cleanup of materials will begin within the fallout zone. All equipment and cleanup will conclude by 8/30.		How will cleanup members be identified? Cleanup crew will operate inside the access-controlled fallout zone	

⁴ Please note there is an additional Temporary Food Establishment Permit Application that must be completed at least 70 days prior to proposed event. Food service is subject to more stringent standards including being preapproved by the National Park Service and meeting Public Health standards. Only ethnic foods that are determined to be integral to the theme of the proposed event are permitted.

SECTION 4: Activity Disruption

Do you have any reason to believe or any information indicating that any individual, group or organization might seek to disrupt the activity for which this application is submitted? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes", list each such individual, group or organization and contact information for each:

Event may attract First Amendment demonstrators

SECTION 5: Marshals⁵ and Volunteers

Will applicant furnish marshals and/or volunteers? ☐ Yes ☒ No

How Many

Note: Marshals are required for all waivers of numerical limitations and for demonstration activities held simultaneously on White House Sidewalk and Lafayette Park.

List the functions the marshals and/or volunteers are expected to perform:

How will the marshals and/or volunteers be identified?

Person(s) responsible for supervision of marshals and/or volunteers (for each location):

Name(s)	Location(s)	Contact information during event (address/phone)

What communications equipment will be provided to the marshals and/or volunteers? (Include the number of walkie-talkies, mobile phone tree, bullhorns, public address systems, flashlights, etc.)

State specifically the plans for ingress and egress of the participants to and from all park areas including Lafayette Park. Please include proposed sites for loading and unloading of buses, automobiles or other forms of transportation which the participants are expected to use (supply chart or map if necessary).

⁵ Marshals do not act as police, they help maintain order among participants, provide information to participants and non-participants. Marshals should have knowledge of the overall event organization.



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SECTION 6: Permit Applicant Information (information for person completing application)				
Name	Telephone Number	Cell Phone Number	Fax Number	
Justin Riemer	(b) (6)			
Position	Email Address			
RNC Chief Counsel	(b) (6)			
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code	Country
310 First Street, S.E.	Washington	DC	20003	USA
Signature of Applicant		Date		
		08/14/2020		

APPLICATION IS NOT VALID UNLESS SIGNED

Hand deliver or mail completed application to:

National Park Service
National Capital Region
Permits Management Division
900 Ohio Drive, S.W., Washington, DC 20024
Office Phone: (202) 245-4715

Open 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday – Friday

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Re_ [EXTERNAL] Washington Post here - firework....pdf

From: [Liming, Katelyn M](#)
To: [Moyer, Justin](#)
Cc: [Litterst, Michael D](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Washington Post here - fireworks permit
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 11:12:02 AM

Hi Justin,

Mike Litterst can best speak on permits for the National Mall.

Katie

Katie Liming
Public Affairs Specialist
Region 1 - National Capital Area
National Park Service

katelyn_liming@nps.gov
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From: Moyer, Justin
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 12:26 PM
To: Liming, Katelyn M
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Washington Post here - fireworks permit

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Hello Ms. Liming - heard that RNC is planning a fireworks display at the Washington Monument at 11:30pm on August 27. Can you confirm a permit was filed for this and/or provide a copy of the permit?

Any help appreciated as always ... Justin

Justin Moyer
Reporter
The Washington Post
(202) 210-5997
Twitter: [@justinwmmoyer](https://twitter.com/justinwmmoyer)

Re_ Permit for fireworks for RNC.pdf

From: [Owen, Robbin](#)
To: [Litterst, Michael D](#)
Subject: Re: Permit for fireworks for RNC
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 11:18:51 AM

correct I am on a teams meeting at 2:30 today to see what we are going to do

From: Litterst, Michael D
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 12:43 PM
To: Owen, Robbin
Cc: Reinbold, Jeffrey P ; Kennealy, Sean J
Subject: Permit for fireworks for RNC
Robbin:

The [news about the fireworks application](#) for the convention next week is out (nothing cloak and dagger - I got a request from CBS News and sent it to them, as we always do) and I've gotten several questions about what the timeline is for a decision. I presume we don't know at this point? I'm think of going with something generic to the effect of "a decision will be made prior to the applicant's requested start date?"

Mike

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Mike Litterst  
Chief of Communications  
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[EXTERNAL] Re\_ WTOP.pdf

**From:** [Murillo, Mike](#)  
**To:** [mike\\_litterst@nps.gov](mailto:mike_litterst@nps.gov); [mikemurillowtop@gmail.com](mailto:mikemurillowtop@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: WTOP  
**Date:** Monday, August 17, 2020 11:29:54 AM

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Mike I am wondering if my email is to blame for not getting the message. I have added my gmail to this, so hopefully replying to all with the permit will allow it to get through.

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**From:** Murillo, Mike  
**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2020 1:21:16 PM  
**To:** [mike\\_litterst@nps.gov](mailto:mike_litterst@nps.gov)  
**Subject:** Re: WTOP  
Hey Mike,

Just wanted to let you know the permit didn't come through.

Thanks again for the help.

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**From:** Murillo, Mike  
**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2020 1:01:47 PM  
**To:** [mike\\_litterst@nps.gov](mailto:mike_litterst@nps.gov)  
**Subject:** WTOP  
Hi Mike,

I hope all is well.

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Fireworks permit application.pdf

**From:** [Litterst, Michael D](#)  
**To:** [mmurillo@wtop.com](mailto:mmurillo@wtop.com)  
**Subject:** Fireworks permit application  
**Date:** Monday, August 17, 2020 11:29:56 AM  
**Attachments:** [20-1063 Republican National Committee application\\_Redacted.pdf](#)

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Sorry, was rushing out to an appointment. I fully expect to find it in my Drafts box when I get back to the office!

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Mike Litterst  
Chief of Communications  
National Mall and Memorial Parks

Ph: 202-306-4166



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|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Individual/Organization<br>Republican National Committee | Telephone Number<br>202-863-8638 | Cell Phone        | Fax Number        |                |
| Email Address<br>(b) (6)                                 | Website<br>gop.com               |                   |                   |                |
| Street Address<br>310 First St, S.E.                     | City<br>Washington               | State<br>DC       | Zip Code<br>20003 | Country<br>USA |
| Person in Charge of Event<br>Michelle Meadows            | Telephone Number<br>202-863-8638 | Cell Phone Number |                   |                |
| Email Address<br>(b) (6)                                 |                                  |                   |                   |                |
| Street Address<br>310 First Street, S.E.                 | City<br>Washington               | State<br>DC       | Zip Code<br>20003 | Country<br>USA |

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|      |                     |      |                     |
|------|---------------------|------|---------------------|
| Name | Contact Information | Name | Contact Information |
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8/27 Starting 8/30 Ending 11:35 Starting Time ☐ AM ☒ PM 9:00 Ending Time ☐ AM ☒ PM

Please list ALL proposed locations (include assembly and dispersal areas):

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<sup>3</sup> The White House Sidewalk is the sidewalk between East and West Executive Avenues, on the south side Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Page 1 of 6

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| Estimated maximum number of participants for EACH PARK AREA TO BE USED (Including organizers, volunteers, participants and spectators):<br><b>Fireworks team: approx. 50 people</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                          |                                                                                            |
| Purpose of event: <b>Aerial fireworks display</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                          |                                                                                            |
| Plan for proposed activity (include all speakers, a complete time schedule of the activity, proposed routes for any marches or parades, plans for the orderly termination and dispersal of activity which might affect regular flow of city traffic, etc.):<br><b>Aerial fireworks display</b>                                                                                                                   |                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                          |                                                                                            |
| Please indicate any of these items that will be used during the proposed activity:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Handheld Signs/ Placards<br>Quantity:                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Chairs<br>Quantity:                                                                                                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Tables<br>Quantity:                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Tents<br>Quantity:                                                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Portable Restrooms<br>Quantity:                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Camera Tripod<br>Quantity:                                                                                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Jumbotrons<br>Quantity:                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Generators<br>Quantity:<br>Type:                                  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Banner/Sign(s)<br>Size:<br>Length:<br>Width:<br>Height:       | <input type="checkbox"/> Press Riser<br>Size:<br>Length:<br>Width:<br>Height:                                                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Stages<br>Size:<br>Length:<br>Width:<br>Height: | <input type="checkbox"/> Turf Protective Cover(s)<br>Size:<br>Length:<br>Width:<br>Height: |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Podium<br><input type="checkbox"/> Distribution of Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Lighting Equipment<br><input type="checkbox"/> Portable Sound System                                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Estimated # of Buses:                           |                                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Please list all other equipment (include any necessary medical/trailers ):             |                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                          |                                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Misc. fireworks show materials and command center equipment</b>                     |                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                          |                                                                                            |
| Are you proposing to solicit donations: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                        | Are you proposing food or beverages service <sup>4</sup> : <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                          |                                                                          |                                                                                            |
| Are you proposing road closures or traffic management? If so list the roads and/or trails affected? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No<br><b>Partial closure at the intersection of Maine Ave SW and Independence Ave SW</b>                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                          |                                                                                            |
| How will the event be advertised or publicized:<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TV <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Print <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flyers<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Radio <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email/Listserv<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social media (Twitter, Facebook, Tumblr, etc.) |                                                                                        | Do you propose to have commercial sponsors? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No<br>If yes, how are sponsors recognized. |                                                                          |                                                                                            |
| If boxes, crates, coffins, or similar items will be used, state whether they are to be carried opened or closed, their proposed size, the materials constructed from, and their proposed contents and use:                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                          |                                                                                            |
| What are your cleanup and/or recycling plans?<br><b>After the show concludes, cleanup of materials will begin within the fallout zone. All equipment and cleanup will conclude by 8/30.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                        | How will cleanup members be identified?<br><b>Cleanup crew will operate inside the access-controlled fallout zone</b>                                   |                                                                          |                                                                                            |

<sup>4</sup> Please note there is an additional Temporary Food Establishment Permit Application that must be completed at least 70 days prior to proposed event. Food service is subject to more stringent standards including being preapproved by the National Park Service and meeting Public Health standards. Only ethnic foods that are determined to be integral to the theme of the proposed event are permitted.

**SECTION 4: Activity Disruption**

Do you have any reason to believe or any information indicating that any individual, group or organization might seek to disrupt the activity for which this application is submitted? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes", list each such individual, group or organization and contact information for each:

Event may attract First Amendment demonstrators

**SECTION 5: Marshals<sup>5</sup> and Volunteers**

Will applicant furnish marshals and/or volunteers? ☐ Yes ☒ No

How Many

*Note: Marshals are required for all waivers of numerical limitations and for demonstration activities held simultaneously on White House Sidewalk and Lafayette Park.*

List the functions the marshals and/or volunteers are expected to perform:

How will the marshals and/or volunteers be identified?

Person(s) responsible for supervision of marshals and/or volunteers (for each location):

| Name(s) | Location(s) | Contact information during event (address/phone) |
|---------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------|
|         |             |                                                  |
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What communications equipment will be provided to the marshals and/or volunteers? (Include the number of walkie-talkies, mobile phone tree, bullhorns, public address systems, flashlights, etc.)

State specifically the plans for ingress and egress of the participants to and from all park areas including Lafayette Park. Please include proposed sites for loading and unloading of buses, automobiles or other forms of transportation which the participants are expected to use (supply chart or map if necessary).

<sup>5</sup> Marshals do not act as police, they help maintain order among participants, provide information to participants and non-participants. Marshals should have knowledge of the overall event organization.





**APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO CONDUCT A  
DEMONSTRATION OR SPECIAL EVENT IN PARK AREAS**



**NATIONAL MALL AND MEMORIAL PARKS**

Division of Permits Management  
900 Ohio Drive, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20024  
Telephone: (202) 245-4715

| SECTION 6: Permit Applicant Information (information for person completing application) |                  |                   |            |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------|---------|
| Name                                                                                    | Telephone Number | Cell Phone Number | Fax Number |         |
| Justin Riemer                                                                           | (b) (6)          |                   |            |         |
| Position                                                                                | Email Address    |                   |            |         |
| RNC Chief Counsel                                                                       | (b) (6)          |                   |            |         |
| Street Address                                                                          | City             | State             | Zip Code   | Country |
| 310 First Street, S.E.                                                                  | Washington       | DC                | 20003      | USA     |
| Signature of Applicant                                                                  |                  | Date              |            |         |
|                                                                                         |                  | 08/14/2020        |            |         |

**APPLICATION IS NOT VALID UNLESS SIGNED**

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<sup>3</sup> The White House Sidewalk is the sidewalk between East and West Executive Avenues, on the south side Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

[EXTERNAL] Re\_ Fireworks permit application(1).pdf

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**Date:** Monday, August 17, 2020 11:46:03 AM

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Got it. Thanks!

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**From:** Litterst, Michael D  
**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2020 1:29:56 PM  
**To:** Murillo, Mike  
**Subject:** Fireworks permit application  
Sorry, was rushing out to an appointment. I fully expect to find it in my Drafts box when I get back to the office!

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Mike Litterst  
Chief of Communications  
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Re\_ [EXTERNAL] Media Request\_ fireworks at Wash....pdf



**From:** [Litterst, Michael D](#)  
**To:** [Jean Lotus](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Media Request: fireworks at Washington National Monument aug. 27  
**Date:** Monday, August 17, 2020 11:51:33 AM

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Jean:

A permit application was received on Friday from the RNC. It is still being processed; no decision has been made yet and no permit has been issued.

Mike

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**From:** Jean Lotus  
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Jean Lotus  
United Press International  
708-510-1776

Hello Mr. Litterst,

Can you confirm, as reported in [The Hill](#), that the Republican National convention has requested a permit for a fireworks display on Aug. 27 after President Trump's acceptance speech at the Republican National Convention?

Thanks in advance,

Jean Lotus

Re\_ [EXTERNAL] Question from NYT.pdf

**From:** [Katie Rogers](#)  
**To:** [Litterst, Michael D](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Question from NYT  
**Date:** Monday, August 17, 2020 11:55:26 AM

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Got it. Thank you!

Katie Rogers  
White House Correspondent  
The New York Times  
(646) 584-6589

On Mon, Aug 17, 2020 at 1:53 PM Litterst, Michael D <[Mike\\_Litterst@nps.gov](mailto:Mike_Litterst@nps.gov)> wrote:  
No, it is still being processed. No decision had been made and no permit has been issue.

Mike

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**From:** Katie Rogers <[katie.rogers@nytimes.com](mailto:katie.rogers@nytimes.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2020 1:04 PM

**To:** Litterst, Michael D

**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Question from NYT

I have a dense question:

If the permit application has been filed does that mean it has been approved? I.e., has the fireworks display been approved?

Katie Rogers  
White House Correspondent  
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On Mon, Aug 17, 2020 at 12:28 PM Katie Rogers <[katie.rogers@nytimes.com](mailto:katie.rogers@nytimes.com)> wrote:

Thanks so much!

Also - have you received any requests for 1A demonstrations related to RNC events or otherwise next week?

Katie Rogers  
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On Mon, Aug 17, 2020 at 10:56 AM Litterst, Michael D <[Mike\\_Litterst@nps.gov](mailto:Mike_Litterst@nps.gov)> wrote:  
Hi, Katie!

We have received the following applications from the Republican National Committee for the Republican National Convention.

Hope this helps,

Mike

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From: Katie Rogers <katie.rogers@nytimes.com>
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To: Litterst, Michael D <Mike_Litterst@nps.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Question from NYT

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Hi Mike,

Covering my bases as the Republican convention grows closer and we learn more about event locations: Has the NPS received any requests to hold speeches or events? If so, which locations have been requested?

Thanks much in advance.

Best,
Katie Rogers

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Katie Rogers
White House Correspondent
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[EXTERNAL] Re_ Fireworks permit application.pdf

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To: [Litterst, Michael D](#)
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Emailed Mike on spectator question. Will forward along any response.

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From: Murillo, Mike
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 2:01:00 PM
To: Litterst, Michael D
Subject: Re: Fireworks permit application

Quick follow up, since the permit under crowd size says fireworks team 50-people. Would this mean spectators would NOT be allowed to gather on the mall for the show?

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FW_ Fireworks - questions _ answers needed.pdf

From: [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#)
To: [Mendelson, Lisa](#); [Murphy, Jeremy L](#); [Adamchik, Mark](#); [Murphy, James R](#); [Fennelly, Russell](#); [Lamond, David J](#); [Kennealy, Sean J](#); [Owen, Robbin](#); [Litterst, Michael D](#); [Milkman, Louise E](#); [Fondren, Kim L](#); [Blasco, Brady B](#)
Subject: FW: Fireworks - questions / answers needed
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 1:32:44 PM
Attachments: [NCA Fire and Life Safety Temporary Events Policy June 1 2020.pdf](#)

Robbin,

See below from Jim.

Please also include in the letter that per CFR § 2.38 Explosives including fireworks, are prohibited in the park except under the terms and conditions of a permit. It's important we document that "prohibited" is the default.

And as we said on the call, such proposals are required at least 20 days in advance of the event to permit adequate review of the proposal to ensure public safety.

Jeff

From: Murphy, Jeremy L
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 3:21 PM
To: Mendelson, Lisa ; Nixon, Robin E ; Reinbold, Jeffrey P ; Kennealy, Sean J
Subject: Fw: Fireworks - questions / answers needed

All,

Jim's questions that need answered are:

11. FIREWORKS DISPLAYS, AERIAL, INDOOR AND OUTDOOR FIREWORKS All fireworks display and indoor pyrotechnics shall meet NFPA 1123, Code for Fireworks Display, NFPA 1124, Code for the Manufacture, Transportation, Storage, and Retail Sales of Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles, and NFPA 1126 Standard for the Use of Pyrotechnics before a Proximate Audience, latest editions. RM-53 Resource Management 53, Special Park Uses, Special Events Fireworks Displays The following information shall be submitted for review and approval to the NCA-AHJ:

- Fireworks company name and contact information
- Type of fireworks; indoor pyrotechnic or outdoor aerial display
- Fireworks Statement of Work, SOW
- Site Plan. Showing dimensions of the display site and location of discharge area, segregation of the fireworks by sizes, spectator viewing area(s), parking area(s), fallout area(s), and the associated separation distances.
- Inventory List, showing number of fireworks to be used, sizes, types of shells, etc.
- Safety Plan.
- Certificate of Liability Insurance
- Technician/shooter/operator) driver's licenses /certificates (State of Virginia requires a Pyrotechnic License from the Virginia Department of Fire Programs • Commercial Drives License CDL, (H) Hazardous Materials Endorsement (HAZMAT)
- Assistants ID information (showing minimum of 18 years of age)

The other questions / concerns are:

Late submission is going to change priority to review the plans

Multitple days of OT to inspect fireworks when they arrive, as well as inspection of racks, and once mortars are loaded into racks

OT the night of for onsite safety and sweeping of area after the show before beginning clean up

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Interior I - National Capital Area, NCA

NCA Fire and Life Safety Temporary Events Policy

Date: June 1, 2020



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DEFINITIONS:

Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) An organization, office, individual or designee responsible for enforcing the requirements of a code or standard, or for approving equipment, materials, an installation, or a procedure. 101:3.2.2 (2018) For the purposes of this document the AHJ is the Structural Fire Management Officer or his / her designee.

Assembly Occupancy: (Building or Area). (1) used for a gathering of 50 or more persons (using occupant load factors in NFPA 101, for deliberation, worship, entertainment, eating, drinking, amusement, awaiting transportation, or similar uses; or (2) used as a **special amusement building**, regardless of occupant load. NFPA 101:3.3.196.2

Building: Any structure used or intended for supporting or sheltering any use or occupancy. (SAF-FUN) NFPA 101:3.3.37

Cooking Booth/Tent/Exhibit: A structure (tent or other construction) where food is prepared/served by any heating or cooking process such as, but not limited to, chaffing, grilling, frying, barbecuing, deep frying, baking, broiling, boiling, or steaming.

Code. A standard that is an extensive compilation of provisions covering broad subject matter or that is suitable for adoption into law independently of other codes and standards. NFPA101:3.2.3 (2018)

Commercial Cooking (Equipment), Operation. Commercial Cooking Operations. Where required by another section of this Code, commercial cooking operations shall be protected in accordance with NFPA 96 unless such installations are approved existing installations, which shall be permitted to be continued in service. NFPA101:9.2.3

Cooking equipment that produces grease-laden vapors and that might be a source of ignition of grease in the hood, grease removal device, or duct shall be protected by listed and approved fire-extinguishing equipment.

Commercial Skid Kitchens are compact, self-contained units that can be equipped with either gas or electric appliances. The Skid Kitchens can be equipped with any combination of the following: Deep Fryers, Range top Ovens, Char broilers, Braising Pan/Tilt Skillets, Flattop Griddles and or Convection Ovens are also available on an individual basis

Consumer Fireworks. (Also referred to as UN0336, DOT 1.4G fireworks). Small fireworks devices containing restricted amounts of pyrotechnic composition, designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, that comply with the construction, chemical composition, and labeling regulations of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), as set forth in CPSC 16 CFR 1500 and 1507, 49 CFR 172, and APA Standard 87-1, Standard for the Construction and Approval for Transportation of Fireworks, Novelties, and Theatrical Pyrotechnics. NFPA 1124:3.3.25.1

Display Fireworks. Large fireworks devices that are (1.3G) explosive materials intended for use in fireworks displays and designed to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation, as set forth in 27 CFR 555, 49 CFR 172, and APA 87-1, Standard for the Construction and Approval for Transportation of Fireworks, Novelties, and Theatrical Pyrotechnics. NFPA 1124:3.3.25.2

Fireworks. Any composition or device for the purpose of producing a **visible or an audible effect** for entertainment purposes by combustion, deflagration, or detonation, that meets the definition of Consumer Fireworks or Display Fireworks as set forth in this code. NFPA 1124:3.3.2.5

Fire Watch. The assignment of a person or persons to an area for the express purpose of notifying the fire department, the building occupants, or both of an emergency; preventing a fire from occurring; extinguishing small fires; or protecting the public from fire or life safety dangers NFPA 101:3.3.108

Label. Equipment or materials to which has been attached a label, symbol, or other identifying mark of an organization that is acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction and concerned with product evaluation, that maintains periodic inspection of production of labeled equipment or materials, and by who's labeling the manufacturer indicates compliance with appropriate standards or performance in a specified manner. NFPA 101:3.2.4 (2018)

Listed. Equipment, materials, or services included in a list published by an organization that is acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction and concerned with evaluation of products or services, that maintains periodic inspection of production of listed equipment or materials or periodic evaluation of services, and whose listing states that either the equipment, material, or service meets appropriate designated standards or has been tested and found suitable for a specified purpose. NFPA 101:3.2.5 (2018)

Occupant Load Certificate. Every room constituting assembly occupancy and not having fixed seats shall have the occupant load of the room posted in a conspicuous place near the main exit from the room. NFPA 1:12.7.9.3.1

Pyrotechnics. Controlled exothermic chemical reactions that are timed to create the effects of heat, gas, sound, and dispersion of aerosols, emission of visible electromagnetic radiation, or a combination of these effects to provide the maximum effect from the least volume.

Permanent Structure. *A building or structure* that is intended to remain in place for a period of more than 180 days in any consecutive 12-month period. NFPA101:3.3.271.8

Special Amusement Building. A building that is **temporary, permanent, or mobile** and contains a device or system that conveys passengers or provides a walkway along, around, or over a course in any direction as a form of amusement arranged so that the egress path is not readily apparent due to visual or audio distractions or an intentionally confounded egress path, or is not readily available due to the mode of conveyance through the building or structure. (SAF-AXM) NFPA 101:3.3.37.9 (2018)

Temporary Structure. *A building or structure* not meeting the definition of *permanent structure*. NFPA 101:3.3.271.9

Tent. *A temporary structure* the covering of which is made of pliable material that achieves its support by mechanical means such as beams, columns, poles, or arches, or by rope or cables, or both. NFPA 101:3.3.278*

1.3G Explosives. Formerly known as **Class B special fireworks**. Items classified as 1.3G explosives are display fireworks. To be used by licensed pyro technicians

1.4G Explosives. Formerly known as **Class C common fireworks**. Items classified as 1.4G explosives are **consumer fireworks** intended for use by the public.

INTRODUCTION

Per Director's Order #58 /Reference Manual 58, (DO58/RM58), the *National Capital Area, NCA-Fire and Emergency Manager* has been designated as the Authority of Having Jurisdiction, AHJ for the administration and enforcement of the **"NCA-Fire and Life Safety Temporary Events Policy"**. The model codes and standards referenced are; The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), NFPA 1, Fire Code, NFPA 101, Life Safety Code, International Fire Code (IFC), Occupational Safety and Health Administration, (OSHA), and the ICC, International Wildland Urban Interface, IWUI.

The **"NCA-Fire and Life Safety Temporary Events Policy"** requires for all temporary event documents be reviewed and approved by the NCA-AHJ.

Event Documents. All documents shall be submitted through the Park's permits specialist, or event coordinator **at least 20 business days** prior to the proposed scheduled event.

All **Site Layout Plans and Tent Floor Diagrams** shall be drawn to scale, at a minimum of 1/8 to 1ft, submitted as **PDF files**. In addition, all **Site Layout Plans** shall include two (2) hard copies, drawn to scale, minimum of 1/8 to 1ft.

SITE LAYOUT PLANS are required on all temporary events that may have an impact on the health and safety of Park visitors, staff and or permittee and shall be included on events utilizing, multiple tents (any size), portable generators, AC units, heating units, lighting units, propane (LPG), cylinders, cooking equipment and or food trucks.

TENT FLOOR DIAGRAMS shall be included for all tents over 900 sq. ft., and any tent with commercial cooking operation.

Documents Package. At minimum, the event plan must include the following documents

1. Site Layout Plans
2. Tent Floor Diagrams
3. Emergency Plan
4. Cooking Tents Diagrams
5. Commercial Cooking Operations, (includes food trucks and kitchen equipment)
6. Crowd Control Management training certificates (*For Assembly occupancies >250 persons and for Outdoor events, >1000 persons*)
7. **NFPA 701**, Standard Methods of Fire Tests for Flame Propagation of Textiles and Films, Flame Propagation certificates or tent labeling shall be submitted for each tent. *Tent name or number shall be labeled on each NFPA 701 certificate*
8. Manufacturer Specification Sheets. Include cut sheets of portable generators, air conditioning (AC), heating units, portable lighting and commercial kitchen equipment. *Only Underwriters Laboratories (UL) listed equipment is approved by the NCA-AHJ*
9. Bonfires, Ceremonial Fires, Flag Burning, Effigy Burning and Banner Fires.
10. Flag, Small Effigy or Banner Burning
11. Fireworks Displays, Aerial, Indoor and Outdoor Fireworks
12. US Public Health Services (USPHS), successful site inspection report on cooking operations prior to the start date.

NOTE:

- *Partial submittal of Document Package will NOT be reviewed*
- *Handwritten site layout plans, tent diagrams or other handwritten event documents are not acceptable.*
- *Document review may take a minimum of 10 business days*
- *Only NCA-AHJ approved plans will be permitted during the event. A copy of all approved documents shall be available on site.*

PARK RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Incorporate the “**NCA-Fire and Life Safety Temporary Event Policy**” into the park’s permit process
- Park’s permit staff, or Park event coordinator shall submit all public event documents to the NCA-AHJ staff
- Coordinate event set-up fire and life safety inspections with NCA-AHJ or designee

NCA-AHJ or designee:

- Assist Park permit staff and/or Park Structural Fire Coordinators, PSFC with the “**NCA-Fire and Life Safety Temporary Events Policy**”
- Review all outdoor event documents, within 10 business days of submittal
- Perform Occupant Load (OL) assessments, and issue OL certificates
- Perform Fire and Life Safety inspections

1. SITE LAYOUT PLANS.

The site layout plans shall include:

- A LEGEND shall be included with the information below.
- Tent numbers, name, description and size (dimensions) in feet and inches
- List of all structures and equipment within the event site.
- List all tents, and approximate number of occupants. NCA-AHJ will determine occupant load
- Location of all tents or structures, include dimensions in **feet and inches**.
- Location and sizes of proposed propane (LPG) cylinders.
All propane cylinders shall be connected to an appliance. (Propane “STORAGE” is NOT permitted).
- Location and size of all portable generators, air conditioning (AC) units, heating units and lighting equipment.
- Identify the location of all nearby fire hydrants
- Distance dimensions in feet and inches of event site to roadways and other buildings.

2. TENT FLOOR DIAGRAMS (NFPA 101:7.3.1.3.2)

The tent floor diagrams shall include

- Overall tent dimensions in **feet/inches**
- Tent name/number, tent description or function
- Placement of tables, chairs, and or stage
- Location of all exit doors/openings, widths in **feet /inches**
- Locations of all exit signs/emergency white lights and portable fire extinguishers
- Location and sizes of proposed LPG cylinders.
- Location of all cooking appliances and equipment

- Location, size, make and model of all portable; generators, heaters, lighting equipment and AC units. **Include the manufacturer specification sheets with proof they are UL listed.**

3. EMERGENCY PLAN

The written emergency plan shall include:

- Name, date, time of the event.
- Event location, or address.
- Estimated number of attendees, including staff
- Complete contact information of the event sponsor (s), coordinator(s), staff assistants and emergency response /security team supervisors who will be on site during the event.
- Plan to immediately stop any music, all audio-visual special effects in the event of an emergency.
- Emergency evacuation or shelter in place plan to be implemented in the event of a fire, medical emergency, severe weather/tornado, and police emergency incident.
- Emergency plan shall be reviewed by the USPP or Security staff before it is submitted to AHJ for approval
- Review emergency plan with operational staff prior to the event.
- In case of emergency, call 911 and/or the USPP at 202-610-7500.

4. COOKING TENT DIAGRAMS

- All tent fabric shall meet the flame propagation performance criteria contained in NFPA 701. The AHJ requires a rating certificate or other evidence of acceptance (i.e. a label attached to the tent material). Evidence of flame resistance shall be included with the event plan. (NFPA 101:11.11.2.1)
- Cooking booths and tents shall be separated by a minimum of 10 feet from non-cooking booths and tents.
- Booth and tent exit opening(s) shall be a minimum of 3 feet in width. NFPA 101:7.3.1(2)
- Portable fire extinguisher requirement: See Section 11, Portable Fire Extinguishers

5. COMMERCIAL COOKING OPERATION.

- All commercial cooking operations in tents, including FOOD TRUCKS or commercial SKIDS shall meet NFPA standards, including NFPA 1, Fire Code, NFPA 17A, Standards for Wet Chemical Extinguishments, NFPA 96, Standard for Ventilation Control and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations, UL 300 Standards and NCA-AHJ approval.
- **Fire Code:** Commercial Cooking Operations. Where required by another section of this Code, commercial cooking operations shall be protected in accordance with NFPA 96 unless such installations are approved existing installations, which shall be permitted to be continued in service. NFPA101:9.2.3
- **Approved Mechanical Drawings**, indicating, Type I hood compliance, size of fire suppression system, sprinkler heads sizes, size and type of cooking or heating appliance(s) being protected, and height dimensions and manual pull station location. As required by the International Mechanical Code (IMC), NFPA 96 and the NCA-AHJ
- **Recent Inspection, Testing and Maintenance, ITM certifications** report by a certified commercial kitchen sprinkler system technician, including Type I Hood maintenance report.
- **K-Rated Fire Extinguisher.** All commercial cooking operations and cooking tents shall have at a minimum, 1 certified K-Rating portable fire extinguisher, minimum size 2.5 gallon (9.46 liter)

6. CROWD CONTROL MANAGEMENT:

A. Assembly Occupancies (indoor events), shall be provided with a minimum of **one** trained crowd manager or crowd manager supervisor. Where the occupant load exceeds 250, additional trained crowd managers or crowd manager supervisors shall be provided at a ratio of one crowd manager or crowd manager supervisor for every 250 occupants, unless otherwise permitted by one of the following:

- (1) This requirement shall not apply to assembly occupancies used exclusively for **religious worship** with an occupant load not exceeding 500.
- (2) The ratio of trained crowd managers to occupants shall be permitted to be reduced where, in the opinion of the AHJ, the existence of an approved, **supervised automatic sprinkler system** and the nature of the event warrant. (NFPA 101:12.7.6.1)

B. Outdoor Events with more than 1000 persons shall require a **Crowd Control Manager**. IFC 403.12.3.1(2018)

Number of crowd managers. Not fewer than two trained crowd managers, and not fewer than one trained crowd manager for each 250 persons or portion thereof, shall be provided for the gathering. IFC (2018) 403.12.3.1

Exceptions:

- Outdoor events with fewer than 1,000 persons in attendance shall not require crowd managers.
- Assembly occupancies used exclusively for religious worship with an occupant load not exceeding 1,000 shall not require crowd managers.
- The number of crowd managers shall be reduced where, in the opinion of the fire code official, the fire protection provided by the facility and the nature of the event warrant a reduction.

C. Crowd Management training. *(Per the NCA -AHJ).*

Event staff requiring Crowd Control Management training, can take either of the following courses below and submit the required training certificate to the NCA-AHJ for review and approval

- The **National Association of State Fire Marshals** (NASFM). Certified training is available at: www.crowdmanagers.com/
- The DHS-Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Traffic and Crowd Management training.
The DHS-FEMA CERT Traffic and Crowd Management certified training is available from any FEMA certified instructor.

7. **NFPA 701, Standard Methods of Fire Tests for Flame Propagation** of Textiles and Films, Flame Propagation certificates or tent labeling shall be submitted for each tent
8. **Manufacturer Specification Sheets** of portable generators, air conditioning (AC), heating units, portable lighting and commercial kitchen equipment. Only Underwriters Laboratories (UL) listed equipment is approved by the NCA-AHJ

9. BONFIRES, CEREMONIAL FIRES, FLAG BURNING, EFFIGY BURNING, AND

BANNER FIRES.

An open burning fire utilized for religious **ceremonial purposes** shall burn only **dry, well-seasoned wood**, to a maximum area of **5 feet in diameter by 5 feet in height**. No other open flame, gas flame or open burning fire shall be permitted on National Park Service (NPS), land.

Fire Department (FD), suppression equipment and support personnel are required during the burn. Permittee is responsible to coordinate FD equipment and personnel and provide FD point of contact and contract documentation to NCA-AHJ and NPS Permit staff.

PERMIT APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Site Layout Plan. A site plan shall provide the following information:

- Proposed location of the fires.
- Location of all utilities such as gas meters and overhead power lines.
- Location of the two closest fire hydrants and all fire department access routes.
- Location of audience separation perimeter
- In addition, see “Site Layout Plan” submittal requirements, page 7
- The NCA-AHJ and permits staff shall be consulted to determine a safe location of any fire.

FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- Maximum of one (1) fire/burn per day, per event may be approved.
- Maximum fuel area of dry, well-seasoned wood not to exceed 5 feet in diameter and 5 feet in height
- Minimum distance to structures, 50 feet. NFPA 1:10.10.4
- Minimum distance to any wooded area, 150 feet
- Minimum audience separation from the bone fire, 4 x the flame height. **Separation distance shall be maintained throughout the event with physical perimeter/barrier.**
- The bonfire shall be constantly attended until completely extinguished. NFPA1:10.10.5
- A minimum of two 2 ½ gl. pressurized water extinguishers or two 4A rating portable fire extinguishers, or water truck shall be available on site.
- Burn only dry, well-seasoned firewood or similar clean burning wood and ignite with small quantity of paper.
- Combustible or flammable liquids, or other hazardous materials, shall NOT be used to aid the ignition or to sustain a fire. **Exception:** *Small amount of liquid paraffin and or traffic flares may be used with the ignition.*

Approval for the fire ignition will be issued after a satisfactory **site inspection by the AHJ or designee.**

Periodic **spot inspections** and additional safety precautions shall be directed by the NPS staff, AHJ or local fire department personnel. Local fire department dispatch center shall be notified prior to ignition of the fire

10. FLAG, SMALL EFFIGY OR BANNER BURNING

- Maintain a minimum **50 ft.** distance to any structure.
- Maintain a minimum audience separation from the (flag, small effigy or banner), **4 x the flame height**, as designated by the NPS staff
- The burning site shall be constantly attended.

- A 20-foot safety perimeter between public and flames outer perimeter shall be maintained
- Maintain a minimum of **two 2 ½ gl.** pressurized water extinguishers or two portable ABC extinguisher (4A rating), shall be on site
- The flag, small effigy or banner, must be burned over an **approved -30 gallon (minimum size), metal receptacle.** All embers and ashes must fall into metal receptacle and not on the ground.
- **Fire Watch.** A fire watch person shall be assigned and provide proof of **fire extinguisher training certificate.**
- Combustible or flammable liquids, or other hazardous materials, shall NOT be used to aid the ignition of the flag, small effigy or banner burning.
- The NPS staff, NCA-AHJ or fire department personnel shall conduct periodic fire and life safety inspections.

Post-Burn Requirements. *Verify ceremonial burn (bon fire, flag burning) is completely extinguished 30 minutes after the burn event and all equipment associated with the burn is removed.*

Weather Requirements. All burns and/or fires described above may be postponed or cancelled when local or state government prohibits open burning due to atmospheric conditions or when the AHJ or designee determine local circumstances or weather make such a fire hazardous.

11. FIREWORKS DISPLAYS, AERIAL, INDOOR AND OUTDOOR FIREWORKS

All fireworks display and indoor pyrotechnics shall meet NFPA 1123, Code for Fireworks Display, NFPA 1124, Code for the Manufacture, Transportation, Storage, and Retail Sales of Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles, and NFPA 1126 Standard for the Use of Pyrotechnics before a Proximate Audience, latest editions. RM-53 Resource Management 53, Special Park Uses, Special Events Fireworks Displays

The following information shall be submitted for review and approval to the NCA-AHJ:

- **Fireworks company** name and contact information
- **Type of fireworks;** indoor pyrotechnic or outdoor aerial display
- **Fireworks Statement of Work, SOW**
- **Site Plan.** *Showing dimensions of the display site and location of discharge area, segregation of the fireworks by sizes, spectator viewing area(s), parking area(s), fallout area(s), and the associated separation distances.*
- **Inventory List,** *showing number of fireworks to be used, sizes, types of shells, etc.*
- **Safety Plan.**
- **Certificate of Liability Insurance**
- **Technician/shooter/operator) driver's licenses /certificates** (State of Virginia requires a Pyrotechnic License from the Virginia Department of Fire Programs
- Commercial Drivers License **CDL**, (H) Hazardous Materials Endorsement (HAZMAT)
- **Assistants ID information** (showing minimum of 18 years of age)

12. TEMPORARY TENTS

- **Tent Clearance:** A minimum **10 ft.** clearance must be maintained from tents to any flammable or combustible materials or vegetation. (NFPA 101:11.10.2.1)

- **Aisle Clearance:** The width of aisles serving seating at tables shall be not less than **44 in.** where serving an occupant load exceeding 50 people, and **36 in.** where serving an occupant load of **49** people or fewer. (NFPA 101:12.2.5.8.2)
- **Exit Head Clearance:** All exits must have a minimum head clearance height of **7 ft.** (NFPA 1:25.1.3.2)
- **BBQ Grills:** No hibachi, grill, or other similar devices used for cooking, heating, or any other purpose shall be used or kindled on any balcony, under any overhanging portion, or within **10 ft.** of any structure. (NFPA 1:10.11.6.1)
- **Flame Propagation Performance:** All tent fabric shall meet the flame propagation performance requirements outlined in NFPA 701. The AHJ requires a **certificate or an acceptance label** attached to the tent material. (NFPA 101:11.11.2.1)
- **Occupant Load:** The Occupant Load (OL), assessments, exit remoteness for assembly areas will be determined by the NCA-AHJ or designee during the document review process. *The Occupant Load certificates shall be posted in a conspicuous place near the main exit from the room.* NFPA101:12.7.9.3.1
- **Exits and Occupant Loads for ENCLOSED TENTS:** Tents that have sides attached and those with rolled up sides which are capable of being closed shall meet the following occupant load and exit requirements. (NFPA 1:14.9.1.2)

Occupant Load Number	Minimum # of Exits
<49 people	1
50-499 people	2
500-999 people	3
>1000 people	4 or more

NOTE: *Occupant Load assessments and exit remoteness calculations for tents requiring two exits or more, shall be performed by the NCA-AHJ*

- **Hay, Straw or Shavings:** Hay, straw, shavings, or similar combustible materials that have not been treated to make them flame retardant to a degree acceptable to the AHJ shall **NOT** be permitted within any structure used as an assembly occupancy. (NFPA 1:25.1.5.3)
- **Stake Line Separation:** There shall be a minimum of **10 ft.** between stake lines. (NFPA 101:11.11.3.1) *(Visible markings are recommended to mitigate trip hazard)*
- **Tent Stakes:** Tent stakes adjacent to any means of egress from any tent open to the public shall be railed off, capped, or covered so as not to present a hazard to the public. (NFPA 1:25.1.3.3)

13. EXIT SIGNS AND EMERGENCY WHITE LIGHTS. Are required on all enclosed **assembly occupancy** tents and or as approved by the AHJ or designee

- **Exit Signs:** Exits must be marked with continually illuminated signs with an emergency battery backup. (NFPA1:14.14.5.1)
- **Emergency White Lights:** Emergency illumination shall be provided for a minimum of 1 ½ hours in the event of failure of normal lighting. (NFPA 101:7.9.2.1*)

14. FIRE HAZARDS

- **Flammable and Combustible Clearance:** Minimum of **10 ft.** clearance of all flammable or combustible materials or *tall* vegetation that is not used for necessary support equipment. (NFPA 101:11.10.2.1)
- **Sources of Ignition:** Sources of ignition, including matches and lighters, shall not be used within **20 ft.** (6 m) of areas used for fueling, servicing fuel systems of internal combustion engines, or receiving or dispensing of Class I and Class II liquids. (NFPA 1:30.3.2.1)
- **ELECTRIC HEATERS.** Portable electric heaters are **not permitted inside temporary tents.** Electric heaters, their placement, and their installation shall be approved by the AHJ. [**101:** 11.9.5.2.2]
- **NO SMOKING:** Smoking shall not be permitted in areas containing flammable or combustible materials. Plainly visible “**NO SMOKING**” signs shall be posted. (NFPA 101:11.11.4.2.1)
- **Wiring Protection:** Flexible cords or cables accessible to the public shall be arranged to minimize the tripping hazard and shall be permitted to be covered with non-conductive matting, provided that the matting does not constitute a greater tripping hazard than the uncovered cables. (NFPA 70:525.20 (G)).
- **Electrical Wiring/Equipment:** All electrical appliances, fixtures, equipment, or wiring shall be installed and maintained in accordance with NFPA 70, National Electrical Code. (NFPA 1:11.1.2). Indoor electrical equipment shall NOT be used outdoors.
- **OUTDOORS electrical cords, receptacles, connections and or appliances** shall be Underwriters Laboratories (UL), listed, and or **Factory Mutual (FM)** approved for wet locations or OUTDOOR use, LABELED and meet NFPA 70 National Electrical Code NEC. NCA-AHJ

15. PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

- **ABC Class:** Portable fire extinguishing equipment of approved types shall be furnished and maintained in temporary membrane (TENTS), structures in such quantity and in such locations as directed by the authority having jurisdiction. Minimum of **2A 10-BC.** (NFPA 101:11.10.3).
- **Assembly Tents.** All temporary tents with occupant load of 50 or more people, or tents operating electrical equipment or appliances shall have a minimum of one ABC certified portable fire extinguisher, **2A: 10BC,** minimum rating.
- **Height Location:** Fire extinguishers under 40 lbs. weight, its top shall be no higher than **5 ft.** from the floor, or the bottom, no less than 4 in. from the floor. (NFPA 1:13.6.8.1.3.8.1)
- **Annual Maintenance:** Fire extinguishers shall be subjected to maintenance at intervals of not more than **1 year,** at the time of hydrostatic test, or when specifically indicated by an inspection or electronic notification. (NFPA 1:13.6.9.3.1.1.1). Annual certification tag issued by a fire extinguisher company is required.
- **Obstruction or Obscure:** Fire extinguishers shall not be obstructed or obscured from view. (NFPA 1: 13.6.8.1.3.3.1)
- **Class K-Rating. COOKING BOOTHS or/TENTS-** Class K-rated fire extinguishers, **minimum size, 2.5 gallon (9.46 liter),** shall be provided where combustible cooking of vegetable or animal oils and fats are being performed. It shall be installed within **30 ft.** of the hazard. NFPA 10:6.6.1(2)
- **Fire Extinguisher Bracket.** A **fire extinguisher listed bracket** shall be available to properly secure the fire extinguisher, approximately 5 ft. from the finished floor. NFPA 10:6.1.3.8
- **Fire Extinguisher Size and Placement for Class B Hazards such as Portable Generators.** Portable fire extinguisher UL rating requirement is based on the maximum fuel capacity of Class B Hazard. **Table NFPA 10:6.3.1.1**

Type of Hazard	Flammable and Combustible Liquids	Fire Ext. Type	Max Travel Distance
Low-Hazard NFPA 10:5.4.1.1	Less than 1gl. fuel	5B Fire Ext. 10B Fire Ext.	30 ft. apart 50 ft. apart
Ordinary-Hazard NFPA10:5.4.1.2	Less than 1-5 gl. fuel	10B Fire Ext. 20B Fire Ext.	30 ft. apart 50 ft. apart
High-Hazard NFPA10:5.4.1.3	More than 5 gl. fuel	40B Fire Ext. 80B Fire Ext.	30 ft. apart 50 ft. apart

16. EGRESS/EXITS

- **Furnishings or Decorations:** No furnishings, decorations, or other objects shall obstruct exits or their access thereto, egress therefrom, or visibility thereof. (NFPA 101:7.1.10.2.1)

17. PORTABLE OUTDOOR HEATERS

- **Portable Outdoor Heaters:** Heaters used for temporary heating shall be located at least **6 ft.** (1.8 m) from any cylinder. (NFPA 58:6.22.4.4) 2017
- **Portable Heaters Location:** All portable heaters shall be located minimum of **10 ft.** (1.5 m) of any tent exit or assembly occupancy. NCA-AHJ
- **Portable Electric Heaters:** Heaters shall be connected to electricity by electric cable that is suitable for **OUTDOOR USE** and is of sufficient size to handle the electrical load. (NFPA 101:11.11.6.2.3). **Portable heaters are not permitted inside tents**
- Only **UL listed/ labeled** heating devices shall be used. NFPA101:11.10.7.1.1 (2018)
- **Listed Patio Heaters:** Patio heaters shall be listed and used in accordance with their listing and the manufacturer's instructions. **NFPA 58:6.23.2.2 (2017)**

18. LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS (LPG) CYLINDERS. All LPG use shall meet NFPA 58, Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code, including the requirements listed below.

- **LPG Separation Distance:** Containers for LPG installed not less than **5 ft.** from any doorway or opening with at least two means of egress and **10 ft.** from any opening with at least one means of egress. (NFPA 58:8.4.1.1)
- **No LPG Storage:** **NO ONSITE STORAGE** of propene (LPG) cylinders is permitted per AHJ.
- **LPG Containers** that show excessive denting, bulging, gouging, or corrosion shall be removed from service. (NFPA 58:5.2.1.4)
- **LPG Cylinder Transportation.** Cylinders in excess of **40 lb.** (18 kg) total weight being transported to or from the site shall be carried on a hand truck or motorized truck. NFPA 1:41.5.5.3
- **LPG Limits: Maximum Allowable Quantity (MAQ), is based on cooking tent size or cooking tent area's square footage.** Per NPS-NCA Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ)

Maximum LPG cylinder size use per appliance	100 lbs.
Maximum LPG use per 10 ft.x10 ft. tent or (100 Sq. ft. tent area)	200 lbs.
Min. separation distance per every 200lbs LPG (100sq.ft.tent)	10 ft. (58:8.4.1.1)

Example: A tent size of 20 ft. x 20 ft., has a maximum LPG use of 400 lbs., with a 10ft. separation distance to every 200 lbs. LPG use.

- **LPG Protection:** LPG cylinders shall be secured in upright position and protected from

vehicular traffic. (NFPA 1:25.1.10.1.7).

- **LPG Cylinder Placement:** LPG cylinders shall not be placed in or adjacent to any pedestrian travel path. NCA-AHJ.
- **LPG Visual Inspection:** Visual inspection shall be performed in accordance with the following: (NFPA 58:5.2.3.4)
 - (1) The cylinder is checked for exposure to fire, dents, cuts, digs, gouges, and corrosion, according to CGA C-6, Standard for Visual Inspection of Steel Compressed Gas Cylinders.
 - (2) The cylinder protective collar (where utilized) and the foot ring are intact and are firmly attached.
 - (3) The cylinder is painted or coated to minimize corrosion.
 - (4) The cylinder pressure relief valve indicates no visible damage, corrosion of operating components, or obstructions.
 - (5) There is no leakage from the cylinder or its appurtenances that is detectable without the use of instruments.
 - (6) The cylinder is installed on a firm foundation and is not in contact with the soil.

19. PORTABLE GENERATORS

- **Separation from tents:** Generators and other internal combustion power sources shall be separated from temporary membrane structures and tents by a minimum of **10 ft.** and shall be protected from contact by fencing, enclosure, or other approved means. (NCA-AHJ)
- **Refueling:** Portable generators shall not be operated or refueled within buildings, on balconies, or on roofs. (NFPA 1: 11.7.2.2).
- Portable generators **Refueling (if approved)**, shall be conducted after hours when public is not present, NCA-AHJ shall be positioned so that the exhaust is directed as follows:
 - o At least **5 ft.** in any direction away from any openings or air intakes
 - o Away from the building.All generator re-fueling must take place off park property. For larger events, on-site refueling may be permitted, but will only be allowed between the hours of 5:00 AM and 8:00 AM and 10:00 PM – 12:00 AM (midnight) on dates agreed upon in advance, in writing, by the Permittee and the NPS Permit Specialist. No storage of fuels is allowed on NPS property.

20. FIRE HYDRANTS

Fire Hydrants: A minimum 36 in. of clear space shall be maintained to permit access to and operation of fire protection equipment, fire department inlet connections, or fire protection system control valves. NFPA 1:13:1.4. Vehicle clearance of 15 feet on all Fire Hydrant, RM58

21. OPEN-FLAME DEVICES. Open-flame decorative devices, **candles, oil lamps, decorative torches and gas lights** are **NOT authorized** in any tent or temporary structures.

22. COMBUSTIBLE OR FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS **shall NOT be stored** on NPS property. NCA-AHJ

23. ELECTRICAL WORK/APPLIANCES. OUTDOOR electrical cords, receptacles, connections and or appliances shall be Underwriters Laboratories (UL), Listed and Labeled and or Factory Mutual (FM) approved for wet locations or OUTDOOR use and meet NFPA 70 National Electrical Code NEC. NCA-AHJ

- ***Wiring Protection:*** Flexible cords or cables accessible to the public shall be arranged to

minimize the tripping hazard and shall be permitted to be covered with non-conductive matting, provided that the matting does not constitute a greater tripping hazard than the uncovered cables. NFPA 70:525.20 (G).

- **Outdoor Equipment. (A) Wet Locations.** All switches, circuit breakers, receptacles, control equipment, and metering devices located in wet locations shall be weatherproof. **NFPA70:551.78 (2017)**

NOTES:

- *Event operation or occupancy shall not be permitted without the NCA-AHJ approval.*
- *Fire and life safety inspections will be conducted during event set-up and while the event is in progress. All fire code violations found shall be corrected immediately, as directed by the NCA-AHJ or designee.*

REFERENCE CODES, STANDARDS & NPS/NCA POLICIES

RM-53 Resource Management 53, Special Park Uses, Special Events Fireworks Displays

DO- 58 Directors Order 58

RM-58 Resource Management 58, Structural Fire Management

CFR 29 Code of Federal Regulation

IFC- International Fire Code

IMC – International Mechanical Code

ICC- International Code Council (ICC),

OSHA- Occupational Safety and Health Administration

IWUI - International Wildland Urban Interface (IWUI)

UL300 Commercial Cooking Controls Standards

NFPA 1, Fire Code

NFPA 10, Standards for Portable Fire Extinguishers

NFPA 17A, Standards for Wet Chemical Extinguishments

NFPA 30, Flammable and Combustible Liquid Code

NFPA 30A, Code of Motor Fuel Dispensing Facilities and Repair Garages

NFPA 58, Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code

NFPA 96, Standard for Ventilation Control and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations

NFPA 70, National Electrical Code

NFPA 101, Life Safety Code

NFPA 102, Standard for Grandstands, Folding and Telescopic Seating, Tents, and Membrane Structures

NFPA 160, NFPA 160 Flame Effect Material:

NFPA 701, Standard Methods of Fire Tests for Flame Propagation of Textiles and Films

NFPA 1123, Code for Fireworks Display

NFPA 1124, Code for the Manufacture, Transportation, Storage, and Retail Sales of Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles

NFPA 1126, Standard for the Use of Pyrotechnics Before a Proximate Audience

SAMPLE DRAWINGS

- ASSEMBLY TENT
- COOKING TENT
- TENT OUTDOOR APPLIANCES AND DEVICES

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ASSEMBLY TENT

TENT SIZE: 40' X 30'
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Occupant Load #80 Persons



NFPA 701
Compliant. Flame
Retardant material,
label or certificate

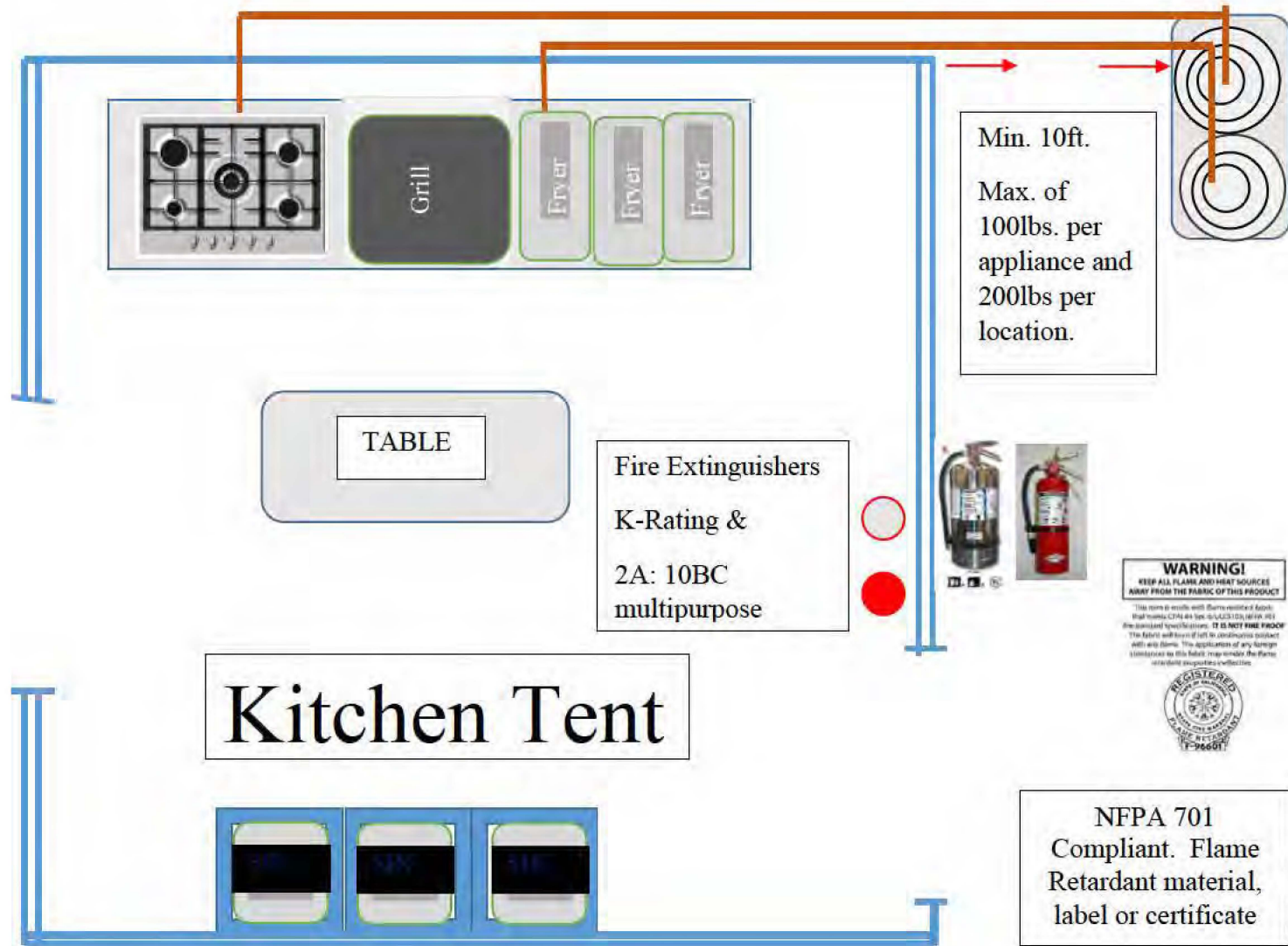
2-EXIT DOORS
1- 2A:10BC fire ext. per exit
1- Exit sign per door
1 set of emergency white lights
per door

FOOD

GIFTS

40 ft.

30 ft.





Re_ [EXTERNAL] Fireworks Perrmits Inforamtion t...(1).pdf

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Thank you for the info.

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Grucci Fireworks who know NPS is the authority having jurisdiction, has seen fit to submit his fireworks application to DC FireEMS. Chief Falwell (Fire Marshal) was nice enough to forward to Raul and I a while ago for review. Thank you Chief.

Note the maps in the package, size of fireworks and proposed fence line. Will take up most of the open area around the Washington Monument. Copying USPP for SA.

Raul and I will review tomorrow / Wednesday and provide comments.

Any questions please reach out.

Jim

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Good Afternoon Gentlemen:

FYI...This is the fireworks permit information that came to FEMS Office of the Fire Marshal. Rahul, based on my understanding, FEMS will be providing Fire and EMS unit support during the shoot. NPS will be working on permitting on your end. Will this permit be approved?

Thank you,



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Hi, Kris!

A permit application was received on Friday from the RNC (copy attached). It is still being processed; no decision has been made yet and no permit has been issued.

Mike

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Mike and Katelyn –

Good afternoon and happy Monday.

CBS is reporting the RNC has filed a permit for a fireworks display at the Washington Monument on Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:30pm. Can you confirm this? And, can you e-mail us the documents? Thanks,

**Kris Mulholland**

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APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO CONDUCT A  
DEMONSTRATION OR SPECIAL EVENT IN PARK AREAS

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SECTION 1: Contact Information

This is an application for a:

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| Individual/Organization<br>Republican National Committee | Telephone Number<br>202-863-8638 | Cell Phone        | Fax Number        |                |
| Email Address<br>(b) (6)                                 | Website<br>gop.com               |                   |                   |                |
| Street Address<br>310 First St, S.E.                     | City<br>Washington               | State<br>DC       | Zip Code<br>20003 | Country<br>USA |
| Person in Charge of Event<br>Michelle Meadows            | Telephone Number<br>202-863-8638 | Cell Phone Number |                   |                |
| Email Address<br>(b) (6)                                 |                                  |                   |                   |                |
| Street Address<br>310 First Street, S.E.                 | City<br>Washington               | State<br>DC       | Zip Code<br>20003 | Country<br>USA |

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SECTION 2: Lafayette Park and White House Sidewalk

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Fireworks team: approx. 50 people

Purpose of event:

Aerial fireworks display

Plan for proposed activity (include all speakers, a complete time schedule of the activity, proposed routes for any marches or parades, plans for the orderly termination and dispersal of activity which might affect regular flow of city traffic, etc.):

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Please list all other equipment (include any necessary medical/trailers ):

Misc. fireworks show materials and command center equipment

Are you proposing to solicit donations:

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are you proposing food or beverages service<sup>4</sup>:

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are you proposing road closures or traffic management? If so list the roads and/or trails affected? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Partial closure at the intersection of Maine Ave SW and Independence Ave SW

How will the event be advertised or publicized:

- ☒ TV      ☒ Print      ☒ Flyers  
☒ Radio      ☒ Website      ☒ Email/Listserv  
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Person(s) responsible for supervision of marshals and/or volunteers (for each location):

| Name(s) | Location(s) | Contact information during event (address/phone) |
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| Name                                                                                    | Telephone Number | Cell Phone Number | Fax Number |         |
| Justin Riemer                                                                           | (b) (6)          |                   |            |         |
| Position                                                                                | Email Address    |                   |            |         |
| RNC Chief Counsel                                                                       | (b) (6)          |                   |            |         |
| Street Address                                                                          | City             | State             | Zip Code   | Country |
| 310 First Street, S.E.                                                                  | Washington       | DC                | 20003      | USA     |
| Signature of Applicant                                                                  |                  |                   | Date       |         |
|                                                                                         |                  |                   | 08/14/2020 |         |

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RE\_[EXTERNAL] WUSA9 - RNC Permits\_1.pdf

**From:** [Mulholland, Kris](#)  
**To:** [Litterst, Michael D](#); [Liming, Katelyn M](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] WUSA9 - RNC Permits  
**Date:** Monday, August 17, 2020 2:24:33 PM  
**Attachments:** [image002.png](#)

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Thanks for the quick response.

Kris

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**From:** Litterst, Michael D  
**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2020 4:22 PM  
**To:** Mulholland, Kris ; Liming, Katelyn M  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] WUSA9 - RNC Permits

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Hi, Kris!

A permit application was received on Friday from the RNC (copy attached). It is still being processed; no decision has been made yet and no permit has been issued.

Mike

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Mike Litterst
Chief of Communications
National Mall and Memorial Parks
Cell: (202) 306-4166

From: Mulholland, Kris <kmulholland@wusa9.com>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 4:18 PM
To: Litterst, Michael D <Mike_Litterst@nps.gov>; Liming, Katelyn M <Katelyn_Liming@nps.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] WUSA9 - RNC Permits

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Mike and Katelyn –

Good afternoon and happy Monday.

CBS is reporting the RNC has filed a permit for a fireworks display at the Washington Monument on Thursday, August 27th at 11:30pm. Can you confirm this? And, can you e-mail us the documents?

Thanks,

Kris Mulholland

Multi-Platform Managing Editor WUSA*9

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Re_ [EXTERNAL] Fwd_ RNC applies for Fireworks p....pdf

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Thank u!!!

Scotty MacFarlane, NBC Washington, 202 507 1129

On Aug 17, 2020, at 4:31 PM, Litterst, Michael D wrote:

Here it is...

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Mike Litterst  
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**From:** MacFarlane, Scott (NBCUniversal)  
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Scotty MacFarlane, NBC Washington, 202 507 1129

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**To:** "@NBC Uni WRC Platform Managers" , "@NBC Uni WRC Content Producers" , "@NBC Uni DC News" , "@NBC Uni WRC Desk"  
**Subject:** RNC applies for Fireworks permit

In case we didn't know already... saw a mention of this on MSNBC:  
<https://newsconnect.nbcuni.com/thread/845589>

**Monica Alba**

August 17 2020 , 01:35 PM

NPS confirms RNC applied for fireworks permit in DC Aug 27 (not approved yet)

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0 Replies

Reportable, on the record:

A National Park Service spokesman confirms a permit application was received on Friday from the RNC. It is still being processed. No decision has been made yet and no permit has been issued, Mike Litterst tells NBC News.

**From:** "Alba, Monica (NBCUniversal)" <[Monica.Alba@nbcuni.com](mailto:Monica.Alba@nbcuni.com)>

**Date:** Monday, August 17, 2020 at 12:43 PM

**To:** "@NBC Political Desk" <[PoliticalDesk@nbcuni.com](mailto:PoliticalDesk@nbcuni.com)>, TRUMP DOMESTIC <[discussions-groups-story--206017465--1434657514628@mail.newsconnect.nbcnews.com](mailto:discussions-groups-story--206017465--1434657514628@mail.newsconnect.nbcnews.com)>

**Subject:** RNC applied for fireworks permit in DC Aug 27

Reportable, approved by Dafna

The Republican National Committee applied for a fireworks permit at the Washington Monument for 11:30 pm on August 27, following President Trump's expected re-nomination acceptance speech from the White House, according to an RNC official. The permit has not been approved yet. We've reached out to the NPS as well. More to come.

Monica Alba  
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347-501-2779

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**From:** [Litterst, Michael D](#)  
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**Subject:** E&E News - GOP wants to use Washington Monument for fireworks show  
**Date:** Monday, August 17, 2020 3:09:41 PM

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Good article on the GOP permit application, especially the second half that discusses the way in which it would not be a Hatch Act violation.

## GOP wants to use Washington Monument for fireworks show

[Emma Dumain](#), E&E News reporterPublished: Monday, August 17, 2020

Though President Trump ultimately decided against traveling to a national park to deliver his 2020 nomination acceptance speech, the Republican National Committee is still looking to use public lands to help mark the occasion.

The national party filed an application Friday with the National Park Service to put on a five-minute fireworks display at the Washington Monument on Aug. 27, timed to coincide with the conclusion of the speech Trump is scheduled to give that evening from the White House lawn.

According to a copy of the RNC's permit request, the fireworks presentation would take place from 11:30 to 11:35 p.m. that Thursday and would result in a partial street closure at an intersection near the monument. The RNC noted in its request that the event could attract "First Amendment demonstrators."

The application is still pending review, said Mike Litterst, chief of communications for the National Mall and Memorial Parks.

Trump was at one point considering use of the Gettysburg National Military Park in Pennsylvania as a dramatic backdrop for delivering his acceptance speech on the final night of the GOP convention.

He was looking for a spot where he could capture some of the energy of a campaign-style rally after the pandemic forced both parties to scale back their convention plans ([E&E News PM](#), Aug. 10).

In the days Trump was said to be mulling the Gettysburg option, government watchdog groups and ethics experts warned that choosing a national park would put government staff at no less of a risk of violating the Hatch Act than if he had chosen the White House grounds ([Greenwire](#), Aug. 14).

While the president and vice president are exempt from having to comply with the Hatch Act, it bars all other executive branch employees and federal officials from engaging in political activities.

Having employees attend or play some role in facilitating a political event on federal property could leave them vulnerable to running afoul of the law, even if inadvertently.

Today, some of those same groups said that although they remained concerned about the integrity of the White House event, they didn't think the Washington Monument fireworks would necessarily cause a similar ethical headache.

"Technically, it's possible for a steadfastly ethical and careful administration to orchestrate RNC convention activities using federal lands without violating the law," said Austin Evers, the executive director of American Oversight.

Evers cautioned, though, that the RNC must comply with the same process as everyone else for getting its

application approved.

Donald Sherman, deputy director for Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, agreed.

"The RNC is free to petition the use of federal property for a political rally, and federal employees can process that request without violating the law," Sherman said.

"However, if Trump appointees intervene in the process to expedite or approve this request outside the normal process to benefit the president's political speech, that would almost certainly violate the Hatch Act."

Jonathan Jarvis, director of the National Park Service under President Obama, issued [guidance](#) on this very subject as the country prepared for the 2012 presidential election season.

"The 394 parks in the National Park System ... are often used as the backdrop for political events, rallies, and public gatherings," Jarvis wrote in an August 2011 memo.

"This is perfectly legitimate. Political events are subject to the exact same policies as any other event; if a special use permit is called for, that requirement is not waived."

In its permit application, the RNC said that while it planned to use all available outreach methods to spread the word about its fireworks event, it would not be displaying any signage, featuring any speakers, soliciting any donations or partnering with any corporate sponsors.

The RNC filed its request as a "special event" rather than a "First Amendment demonstration," indicating the party plans for the fireworks to be a politics-free affair in and of itself except for external communications clearly linking the display to Trump's speech at a separate location.

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Mike Litterst

Chief of Communications

National Mall and Memorial Parks

Cell: (202) 306-4166

Re_ [EXTERNAL] RNC Permit for Fireworks 8_27 .pdf

From: [Dyer, Lois](#)
To: [Litterst, Michael D](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RNC Permit for Fireworks 8/27
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 3:18:44 PM

Thanks for info for planning purposes only.

Lois F. Dyer
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CBS News Washington Bureau
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From: Litterst, Michael D
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 5:11 PM
To: Dyer, Lois
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RNC Permit for Fireworks 8/27
External Email

For planning purposes - I'm not so sure I'd make that presumption. It's a huge lift with a short timeline.

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**From:** Dyer, Lois  
**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2020 4:56 PM  
**To:** Litterst, Michael D  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RNC Permit for Fireworks 8/27

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Hello, Mike,

The chance are very good this permit will be approved, correct?  
The is is for planning only, not for publication.

RE\_ Costs relative to events .pdf



**From:** [Milkman, Louise F](#)  
**To:** [Fondren, Kim L](#); [Romanik, Peg A](#); [Mendelson, Lisa](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Costs relative to events  
**Date:** Monday, August 17, 2020 4:04:53 PM

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Lisa just told me that NPS itself does not clean the bathrooms or empty the dumpster; a contractor already does that. So, RNC would use that contractor and pay them separately, or get their own contractor.

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**From:** Fondren, Kim L  
**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2020 5:47 PM  
**To:** Romanik, Peg A ; Milkman, Louise F ; Mendelson, Lisa  
**Subject:** Re: Costs relative to events

(b) (5)

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[REDACTED]

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**From:** Romanik, Peg A <[PEG.ROMANIK@sol.doi.gov](mailto:PEG.ROMANIK@sol.doi.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2020 5:36 PM  
**To:** Milkman, Louise F <[louise.milkman@sol.doi.gov](mailto:louise.milkman@sol.doi.gov)>; Fondren, Kim L <[Kim.Fondren@sol.doi.gov](mailto:Kim.Fondren@sol.doi.gov)>; Mendelson, Lisa <[Lisa\\_Mendelson-Ielmini@nps.gov](mailto:Lisa_Mendelson-Ielmini@nps.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Costs relative to events

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[REDACTED]

Peg  
Peg Romanik  
Associate Solicitor  
Division of Parks and Wildlife  
Office of the Solicitor  
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**From:** Milkman, Louise F <[louise.milkman@sol.doi.gov](mailto:louise.milkman@sol.doi.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2020 5:28 PM  
**To:** Fondren, Kim L <[Kim.Fondren@sol.doi.gov](mailto:Kim.Fondren@sol.doi.gov)>; Mendelson, Lisa <[Lisa\\_Mendelson-](mailto:Lisa_Mendelson-)

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**Subject:** RE: Costs relative to events

Plus Peg

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**From:** Fondren, Kim L <[Kim.Fondren@sol.doi.gov](mailto:Kim.Fondren@sol.doi.gov)>

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**Subject:** Re: Costs relative to events

Louise,

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**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2020 5:16 PM

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**Subject:** RE: Costs relative to events

OK I'll call you both on Teams

Louise Milkman

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**Subject:** Re: Costs relative to events

Back now Louise, if you want to do a teams call, phone is charging.

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**Subject:** RE: Costs relative to events

Kim is unavailable but I think I can reach her shortly.

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**From:** Mendelson, Lisa <[Lisa\\_Mendelson-Ielmini@nps.gov](mailto:Lisa_Mendelson-Ielmini@nps.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2020 4:40 PM  
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**Subject:** Costs relative to events

I've got a quick follow up re (b) (5)

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Bottom line: Is there a distinction between (a) (b) (5) and (b) (b) (5) Is (a) (b) (5) and (b) (b) (5)?

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Lisa Mendelson  
Director (Acting)  
DOI Region 1 - NPS National Capital Area  
Sent by cell 202-297-1338

FW\_ [EXTERNAL] Fireworks Perrmits Inforamtion t...(1).pdf

**From:** [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#)  
**To:** [Litterst, Michael D](#); [Boyle, Jaime L](#); [Hitchcock, Jeffrey A](#)  
**Cc:** [Gowen, Jeffrey M](#); [Owen, Robbin](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Fireworks Perrmits Inforamtion that came to FEMS  
**Date:** Monday, August 17, 2020 4:24:12 PM  
**Attachments:** [image003.png](#)  
[Packet for DCFEMS Application & NPS Permit 081420.pdf RNC--2.pdf](#)

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Here's the Grucci proposal. Robbin mentioned that she might invite you to a meeting to discuss. I removed some of the PII from original file she has so any page numbering at the end might be off

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**From:** King, James W

**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2020 3:45 PM

**To:** Murphy, Jeremy L

**Cc:** Fennelly, Russell ; Adamchik, Mark ; Mendelson, Lisa ; Reinbold, Jeffrey P ; Castillo, Raul G ; Kennealy, Sean J ; Owen, Robbin ; Falwell, Tony (FEMS)

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Fireworks Perrmits Inforamtion that came to FEMS

Grucci Fireworks who know NPS is the authority having jurisdiction, has seen fit to submit his fireworks application to DC FireEMS. Chief Falwell (Fire Marshal) was nice enough to forward to Raul and I a while ago for review. Thank you Chief.

Note the maps in the package, size of fireworks and proposed fence line. Will take up most of the open area around the Washington Monument. Copying USPP for SA.

Raul and I will review tomorrow / Wednesday and provide comments.

Any questions please reach out.

Jim

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**From:** Falwell, Tony (FEMS) <[tony.falwell@dc.gov](mailto:tony.falwell@dc.gov)>

**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2020 3:26 PM

**To:** Castillo, Raul G <[raul\\_castillo@nps.gov](mailto:raul_castillo@nps.gov)>; King, James W <[James\\_King@nps.gov](mailto:James_King@nps.gov)>

**Cc:** Barnes, John Jr. (FEMS) <[john.barnes@dc.gov](mailto:john.barnes@dc.gov)>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fireworks Perrmits Inforamtion that came to FEMS

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Good Afternoon Gentlemen:

FYI...This is the fireworks permit information that came to FEMS Office of the Fire Marshal. Rahul, based on my understanding, FEMS will be providing Fire and EMS unit support during the shoot. NPS will be working on permitting on your end. Will this permit be approved?

Thank you,



**TONY FALWELL**

**FIRE MARSHAL- DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF**

FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION

District of Columbia Fire and EMS Department

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For the latest information on the District Government's response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus), please visit [coronavirus.dc.gov](https://coronavirus.dc.gov).

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APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO CONDUCT A  
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NATIONAL MALL AND MEMORIAL PARKS  
Division of Permits Management  
900 Ohio Drive, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20024  
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RECEIVED BY  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
DIVISION OF PERMITS MANAGEMENT

Date of Application: 8/14/20

SECTION 1: Contact Information

This is an application for a:

☐ Demonstration ☒ Special Event Definitions on 10-941S, Supplemental Instructions

|                                                                 |                                         |                    |                          |                       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Individual/Organization<br><b>Republican National Committee</b> | Telephone Number<br><b>202-863-8638</b> | Cell Phone         | Fax Number               |                       |
| Email Address<br><b>Counsel@gop.com</b>                         | Website<br><b>gop.com</b>               |                    |                          |                       |
| Street Address<br><b>310 First St, S.E.</b>                     | City<br><b>Washington</b>               | State<br><b>DC</b> | Zip Code<br><b>20003</b> | Country<br><b>USA</b> |
| Person in Charge of Event<br><b>Michelle Meadows</b>            | Telephone Number<br><b>202-863-8638</b> | Cell Phone Number  |                          |                       |
| Email Address<br><b>MMeadows@2020gopconvention.com</b>          |                                         |                    |                          |                       |
| Street Address<br><b>310 First Street, S.E.</b>                 | City<br><b>Washington</b>               | State<br><b>DC</b> | Zip Code<br><b>20003</b> | Country<br><b>USA</b> |

At least one person must be listed as in charge of the activity. If different individuals are to be in charge of various activities at different locations, please list their names and contact information:

| Name | Contact Information | Name | Contact Information |
|------|---------------------|------|---------------------|
|      |                     |      |                     |
|      |                     |      |                     |

SECTION 2: Lafayette Park and White House Sidewalk

Is this an application for the use of the White House Sidewalk<sup>3</sup> or Lafayette Park?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please be aware that a waiver of the numerical limitations is required if an expected demonstration on the White House Sidewalk will include more than 750 participants or that a demonstration in Lafayette Park will include more than 3,000 participants.

Is this an application for a waiver of the numerical limitations?

☐ Yes ☒ No

SECTION 3: Event Logistics

| Set-Up Dates and Ending Dates |               |      |             |       |               |       |             |                                                                    |
|-------------------------------|---------------|------|-------------|-------|---------------|-------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8/21                          | Starting Date | 8/27 | Ending Date | 7:00  | Starting Time | 11:29 | Ending Time | <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM |
| Event Dates and Times         |               |      |             |       |               |       |             |                                                                    |
| 8/27                          | Starting      | 8/27 | Ending      | 11:30 | Starting Time | 11:35 | Ending Time | <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM |
| Break-down Dates and Times    |               |      |             |       |               |       |             |                                                                    |
| 8/27                          | Starting      | 8/30 | Ending      | 11:35 | Starting Time | 9:00  | Ending Time | <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM |

Please list ALL proposed locations (include assembly and dispersal areas):

Washington Monument  
Note that breakdown will begin on 8/28.

<sup>3</sup> The White House Sidewalk is the sidewalk between East and West Executive Avenues, on the south side Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Page 1 of 6



Estimated maximum number of participants for EACH PARK AREA TO BE USED (Including organizers, volunteers, participants and spectators):

Fireworks team: approx. 50 people

Purpose of event:

Aerial fireworks display

Plan for proposed activity (include all speakers, a complete time schedule of the activity, proposed routes for any marches or parades, plans for the orderly termination and dispersal of activity which might affect regular flow of city traffic, etc.):

Aerial fireworks display

|                                                                                    |                                                     |                                                |                                                |                                                   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Please indicate any of these items that will be used during the proposed activity: | <input type="checkbox"/> Handheld Signs/ Placards   | <input type="checkbox"/> Chairs                | <input type="checkbox"/> Tables                | <input type="checkbox"/> Tents                    |
|                                                                                    | Quantity:                                           | Quantity:                                      | Quantity:                                      | Quantity:                                         |
|                                                                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Portable Restrooms         | <input type="checkbox"/> Camera Tripod         | <input type="checkbox"/> Jumbotrons            | <input type="checkbox"/> Generators               |
|                                                                                    | Quantity:                                           | Quantity:                                      | Quantity:                                      | Quantity:                                         |
|                                                                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Banner/Sign(s)             | <input type="checkbox"/> Press Riser           | <input type="checkbox"/> Stages                | <input type="checkbox"/> Turf Protective Cover(s) |
|                                                                                    | Size:<br>Length:<br>Width:<br>Height:               | Size:<br>Length:<br>Width:<br>Height:          | Size:<br>Length:<br>Width:<br>Height:          | Size:<br>Length:<br>Width:<br>Height:             |
|                                                                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Podium                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Lighting Equipment    | <input type="checkbox"/> Estimated # of Buses: |                                                   |
|                                                                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Distribution of Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Portable Sound System |                                                |                                                   |

Please list all other equipment (Include any necessary medical/trailers):

Misc. fireworks show materials and command center equipment

Are you proposing to solicit donations:

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are you proposing food or beverages service<sup>4</sup>:

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are you proposing road closures or traffic management? If so list the roads and/or trails affected? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Partial closure at the intersection of Maine Ave SW and Independence Ave SW

How will the event be advertised or publicized:

- ☒ TV      ☒ Print      ☒ Flyers  
☒ Radio      ☐ Website      ☒ Email/Listserv  
☒ Social media (Twitter, Facebook, Tumblr, etc.)

Do you propose to have commercial sponsors? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
If yes, how are sponsors recognized.

If boxes, crates, coffins, or similar items will be used, state whether they are to be carried opened or closed, their proposed size, the materials constructed from, and their proposed contents and use:

What are your cleanup and/or recycling plans?

After the show concludes, cleanup of materials will begin within the fallout zone. All equipment and cleanup will conclude by 8/30.

How will cleanup members be identified?

Cleanup crew will operate inside the access-controlled fallout zone

<sup>4</sup> Please note there is an additional Temporary Food Establishment Permit Application that must be completed at least 70 days prior to proposed event. Food service is subject to more stringent standards including being preapproved by the National Park Service and meeting Public Health standards. Only ethnic foods that are determined to be integral to the theme of the proposed event are permitted.

**SECTION 4: Activity Disruption**

Do you have any reason to believe or any information indicating that any individual, group or organization might seek to disrupt the activity for which this application is submitted? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes", list each such individual, group or organization and contact information for each:

Event may attract First Amendment demonstrators

**SECTION 5: Marshals<sup>5</sup> and Volunteers**

Will applicant furnish marshals and/or volunteers? ☐ Yes ☒ No

How Many

*Note: Marshals are required for all waivers of numerical limitations and for demonstration activities held simultaneously on White House Sidewalk and Lafayette Park.*

List the functions the marshals and/or volunteers are expected to perform:

How will the marshals and/or volunteers be identified?

Person(s) responsible for supervision of marshals and/or volunteers (for each location):

| Name(s) | Location(s) | Contact information during event (address/phone) |
|---------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------|
|         |             |                                                  |
|         |             |                                                  |
|         |             |                                                  |
|         |             |                                                  |

What communications equipment will be provided to the marshals and/or volunteers? (Include the number of walkie-talkies, mobile phone tree, bullhorns, public address systems, flashlights, etc.)

State specifically the plans for ingress and egress of the participants to and from all park areas including Lafayette Park. Please include proposed sites for loading and unloading of buses, automobiles or other forms of transportation which the participants are expected to use (supply chart or map if necessary).

<sup>5</sup> Marshals do not act as police, they help maintain order among participants, provide information to participants and non-participants. Marshals should have knowledge of the overall event organization.

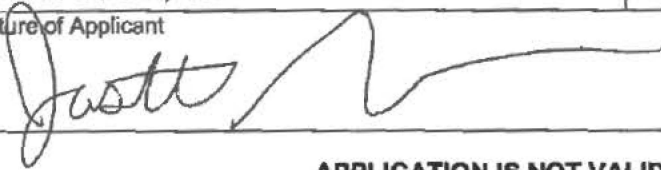


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| SECTION 6: Permit Applicant Information (Information for person completing application) |                  |                   |            |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------|---------|
| Name                                                                                    | Telephone Number | Cell Phone Number | Fax Number |         |
| Justin Riemer                                                                           | 202-863-8805     |                   |            |         |
| Position                                                                                | Email Address    |                   |            |         |
| RNC Chief Counsel                                                                       | JRiemer@gop.com  |                   |            |         |
| Street Address                                                                          | City             | State             | Zip Code   | Country |
| 310 First Street, S.E.                                                                  | Washington       | DC                | 20003      | USA     |
| Signature of Applicant                                                                  |                  | Date              |            |         |
|        |                  | 08/14/2020        |            |         |

**APPLICATION IS NOT VALID UNLESS SIGNED**

Hand deliver or mail completed application to:

National Park Service  
National Capital Region  
Permits Management Division  
900 Ohio Drive, S.W., Washington, DC 20024  
Office Phone: (202) 245-4715

Open 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday – Friday

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August 14, 2020

District of Columbia  
Fire & Emergency Medical Services Department  
Fire Prevention Division  
1100 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW Suite E700  
Washington, DC 20024  
(202) 727-1614

Hello,

Attached please find the following documents for the fireworks display noted below:

1. Fireworks Statement of Work
2. Display Site Plan
3. Fireworks Safety Plan
4. Insurance Certificate
5. Pyrotechnician's State Licenses and ID Information
6. U.S. DOJ BATF Importers and Manufacturers License
7. FAA Notice
8. Production Itinerary
9. Operator's Resume (Scott Raso)
10. SDS for 1.3G and 1.4G Fireworks

Per agreement 45 pages removed  
as non-responsive

Event: Republican National Convention  
Date: August 27, 2020  
Location: Areas surrounding the Washington Monument  
Time: Approx. 11:30 PM  
Duration: 4 – 5 minutes

If you should need any further information or have any questions, please contact me. Thank you for your help and cooperation in the issuance of the corresponding permit as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Christopher Grucci  
Logistics Manager

Fireworks by Grucci  
20 Pinehurst Drive  
Bellport, NY 11713

Office #: (631) 286-0088  
Fax #: (631) 286-9036  
E-mail: [cgrucci@grucci.com](mailto:cgrucci@grucci.com)



RE\_ [EXTERNAL] [The Washington Post] Republican....pdf

**From:** [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#)  
**To:** [Outerbridge Horsey](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] [The Washington Post] Republicans plan a fireworks show at the Washington Monument on night of Trump's speech  
**Date:** Monday, August 17, 2020 4:57:30 PM

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(b) (6) sounds good right about now. You hit on the very point we're debating.  
Enjoy your time away,  
Jeff

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**From:** Outerbridge Horsey  
**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2020 5:39 PM  
**To:** Reinbold, Jeffrey P  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] [The Washington Post] Republicans plan a fireworks show at the Washington Monument on night of Trump's speech  
Thanks Jeff.

I'm at (b) (6) for a couple of days and my phone died earlier.  
We obviously don't have any jurisdiction or really any say in the matter but I thought it was the NPS policy not to allow the use of the National Mall memorials for private (much less political) purposes. The President, whoever he might be, saying whatever he want to say to the nation on the Fourth of July is one thing, but a presidential candidate and his political party using the setting for purely partisan purposes seems a far cry indeed.  
Good luck with your review.  
Thanks for being in touch.  
All the best  
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**Date:** Monday, August 17, 2020 at 5:22 PM  
**To:** Outerbridge HORSEY <[oh@outerbridgehorsey.com](mailto:oh@outerbridgehorsey.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] [The Washington Post] Republicans plan a fireworks show at the Washington Monument on night of Trump's speech  
Outerbridge,  
They've submitted the application and we're reviewing it. I tried to reach you by phone. I'm happy to discuss if you'd like. Feel free to call me anytime at 202.256.2522.  
Jeff

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**From:** Outerbridge Horsey <[oh@outerbridgehorsey.com](mailto:oh@outerbridgehorsey.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2020 4:11 PM  
**To:** Reinbold, Jeffrey P <[Jeff\\_Reinbold@nps.gov](mailto:Jeff_Reinbold@nps.gov)>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] [The Washington Post] Republicans plan a fireworks show at the Washington Monument on night of Trump's speech

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**Jeff**

**I hope you are well.**

**I was surprised to see this as I thought this sort of thing was not allowed?**

**Thank you**

**Outerbridge**

**Republicans plan a fireworks show at the Washington Monument on night of Trump's speech**

The fireworks would begin about 11:30 p.m., hours before thousands are expected for a civil rights march.

By Marissa J. Lang

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/repUBLICans-plan-a-fireworks-show-at-the-washington-monument-on-night-of-trumps-speech/2020/08/17/f379ec2e-e0af-11ea-8dd2-d07812bf00f7\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/repUBLICans-plan-a-fireworks-show-at-the-washington-monument-on-night-of-trumps-speech/2020/08/17/f379ec2e-e0af-11ea-8dd2-d07812bf00f7_story.html)

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Best regards,

Outerbridge

Outerbridge Horsey, AIA, LEED AP

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Re\_ fireworks.pdf



**From:** [Mendelson, Lisa](#)  
**To:** [Romanik, Peg A](#); [Stanwich, John](#)  
**Subject:** Re: fireworks  
**Date:** Monday, August 17, 2020 5:19:23 PM

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Lisa Mendelson  
Director (Acting)  
DOI Region 1 - NPS National Capital Area  
Sent by cell 202-297-1338

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**From:** Romanik, Peg A  
**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2020 7:11:03 PM  
**To:** Mendelson, Lisa ; Stanwich, John  
**Subject:** fireworks  
Lisa or John, could I possibly see the fireworks permit application? Peg  
Peg Romanik  
Associate Solicitor  
Division of Parks and Wildlife  
Office of the Solicitor  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
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NATIONAL MALL AND MEMORIAL PARKS

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Date of Application: 8/14/20

SECTION 1: Contact Information

This is an application for a:

☐ Demonstration ☒ Special Event Definitions on 10-941S, Supplemental Instructions

|                                                                 |                                         |                    |                          |                       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Individual/Organization<br><b>Republican National Committee</b> | Telephone Number<br><b>202-863-8638</b> | Cell Phone         | Fax Number               |                       |
| Email Address<br><b>Counsel@gop.com</b>                         | Website<br><b>gop.com</b>               |                    |                          |                       |
| Street Address<br><b>310 First St, S.E.</b>                     | City<br><b>Washington</b>               | State<br><b>DC</b> | Zip Code<br><b>20003</b> | Country<br><b>USA</b> |
| Person in Charge of Event<br><b>Michelle Meadows</b>            | Telephone Number<br><b>202-863-8638</b> | Cell Phone Number  |                          |                       |
| Email Address<br><b>MMeadows@2020gopconvention.com</b>          |                                         |                    |                          |                       |
| Street Address<br><b>310 First Street, S.E.</b>                 | City<br><b>Washington</b>               | State<br><b>DC</b> | Zip Code<br><b>20003</b> | Country<br><b>USA</b> |

At least one person must be listed as in charge of the activity. If different individuals are to be in charge of various activities at different locations, please list their names and contact information:

| Name | Contact Information | Name | Contact Information |
|------|---------------------|------|---------------------|
|      |                     |      |                     |
|      |                     |      |                     |

SECTION 2: Lafayette Park and White House Sidewalk

Is this an application for the use of the White House Sidewalk<sup>3</sup> or Lafayette Park?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please be aware that a waiver of the numerical limitations is required if an expected demonstration on the White House Sidewalk will include more than 750 participants or that a demonstration in Lafayette Park will include more than 3,000 participants.

Is this an application for a waiver of the numerical limitations?

☐ Yes ☒ No

SECTION 3: Event Logistics

| Set-Up Dates and Ending Dates |               |      |             |       |               |       |             |                                                                    |
|-------------------------------|---------------|------|-------------|-------|---------------|-------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8/21                          | Starting Date | 8/27 | Ending Date | 7:00  | Starting Time | 11:29 | Ending Time | <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM |
| Event Dates and Times         |               |      |             |       |               |       |             |                                                                    |
| 8/27                          | Starting      | 8/27 | Ending      | 11:30 | Starting Time | 11:35 | Ending Time | <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM |
| Break-down Dates and Times    |               |      |             |       |               |       |             |                                                                    |
| 8/27                          | Starting      | 8/30 | Ending      | 11:35 | Starting Time | 9:00  | Ending Time | <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM |

Please list ALL proposed locations (include assembly and dispersal areas):

**Washington Monument**  
Note that breakdown will begin on 8/28.

<sup>3</sup> The White House Sidewalk is the sidewalk between East and West Executive Avenues, on the south side Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Page 1 of 6

Estimated maximum number of participants for EACH PARK AREA TO BE USED (Including organizers, volunteers, participants and spectators):

Fireworks team: approx. 50 people

Purpose of event:

Aerial fireworks display

Plan for proposed activity (include all speakers, a complete time schedule of the activity, proposed routes for any marches or parades, plans for the orderly termination and dispersal of activity which might affect regular flow of city traffic, etc.):

Aerial fireworks display

|                                                                                    |                                                     |                                                |                                                |                                                   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Please indicate any of these items that will be used during the proposed activity: | <input type="checkbox"/> Handheld Signs/ Placards   | <input type="checkbox"/> Chairs                | <input type="checkbox"/> Tables                | <input type="checkbox"/> Tents                    |
|                                                                                    | Quantity:                                           | Quantity:                                      | Quantity:                                      | Quantity:                                         |
|                                                                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Portable Restrooms         | <input type="checkbox"/> Camera Tripod         | <input type="checkbox"/> Jumbotrons            | <input type="checkbox"/> Generators               |
|                                                                                    | Quantity:                                           | Quantity:                                      | Quantity:                                      | Quantity:                                         |
|                                                                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Banner/Sign(s)             | <input type="checkbox"/> Press Riser           | <input type="checkbox"/> Stages                | <input type="checkbox"/> Turf Protective Cover(s) |
|                                                                                    | Size:<br>Length:<br>Width:<br>Height:               | Size:<br>Length:<br>Width:<br>Height:          | Size:<br>Length:<br>Width:<br>Height:          | Size:<br>Length:<br>Width:<br>Height:             |
|                                                                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Podium                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Lighting Equipment    | <input type="checkbox"/> Estimated # of Buses: |                                                   |
|                                                                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Distribution of Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Portable Sound System |                                                |                                                   |

Please list all other equipment (Include any necessary medical/trailers):

Misc. fireworks show materials and command center equipment

Are you proposing to solicit donations:

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are you proposing food or beverages service<sup>4</sup>:

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are you proposing road closures or traffic management? If so list the roads and/or trails affected? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Partial closure at the intersection of Maine Ave SW and Independence Ave SW

How will the event be advertised or publicized:

- ☒ TV      ☒ Print      ☒ Flyers  
☒ Radio      ☐ Website      ☒ Email/Listserv  
☒ Social media (Twitter, Facebook, Tumblr, etc.)

Do you propose to have commercial sponsors? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
If yes, how are sponsors recognized.

If boxes, crates, coffins, or similar items will be used, state whether they are to be carried opened or closed, their proposed size, the materials constructed from, and their proposed contents and use:

What are your cleanup and/or recycling plans?

After the show concludes, cleanup of materials will begin within the fallout zone. All equipment and cleanup will conclude by 8/30.

How will cleanup members be identified?

Cleanup crew will operate inside the access-controlled fallout zone

<sup>4</sup> Please note there is an additional Temporary Food Establishment Permit Application that must be completed at least 70 days prior to proposed event. Food service is subject to more stringent standards including being preapproved by the National Park Service and meeting Public Health standards. Only ethnic foods that are determined to be integral to the theme of the proposed event are permitted.



#### SECTION 4: Activity Disruption

Do you have any reason to believe or any information indicating that any individual, group or organization might seek to disrupt the activity for which this application is submitted? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes", list each such individual, group or organization and contact information for each:

Event may attract First Amendment demonstrators

#### SECTION 5: Marshals<sup>5</sup> and Volunteers

Will applicant furnish marshals and/or volunteers? ☐ Yes ☒ No

How Many

*Note: Marshals are required for all waivers of numerical limitations and for demonstration activities held simultaneously on White House Sidewalk and Lafayette Park.*

List the functions the marshals and/or volunteers are expected to perform:

How will the marshals and/or volunteers be identified?

Person(s) responsible for supervision of marshals and/or volunteers (for each location):

| Name(s) | Location(s) | Contact information during event (address/phone) |
|---------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------|
|         |             |                                                  |
|         |             |                                                  |
|         |             |                                                  |
|         |             |                                                  |

What communications equipment will be provided to the marshals and/or volunteers? (Include the number of walkie-talkies, mobile phone tree, bullhorns, public address systems, flashlights, etc.)

State specifically the plans for ingress and egress of the participants to and from all park areas including Lafayette Park. Please include proposed sites for loading and unloading of buses, automobiles or other forms of transportation which the participants are expected to use (supply chart or map if necessary).

<sup>5</sup> Marshals do not act as police, they help maintain order among participants, provide information to participants and non-participants. Marshals should have knowledge of the overall event organization.



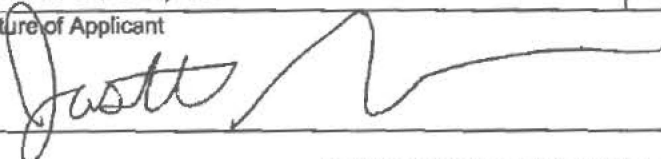


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| SECTION 6: Permit Applicant Information (Information for person completing application)                     |  |                                         |  |                           |                          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Name<br><b>Justin Riemer</b>                                                                                |  | Telephone Number<br><b>202-863-8805</b> |  | Cell Phone Number<br>     |                          |
| Position<br><b>RNC Chief Counsel</b>                                                                        |  | Email Address<br><b>JRiemer@gop.com</b> |  |                           |                          |
| Street Address<br><b>310 First Street, S.E.</b>                                                             |  | City<br><b>Washington</b>               |  | State<br><b>DC</b>        | Zip Code<br><b>20003</b> |
| Country<br><b>USA</b>                                                                                       |  |                                         |  |                           |                          |
| Signature of Applicant<br> |  |                                         |  | Date<br><b>08/14/2020</b> |                          |

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August 14, 2020

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Hello,

Attached please find the following documents for the fireworks display noted below:

1. Fireworks Statement of Work
2. Display Site Plan
3. Fireworks Safety Plan
4. Insurance Certificate
5. Pyrotechnician's State Licenses and ID Information
6. U.S. DOJ BATF Importers and Manufacturers License
7. FAA Notice
8. Production Itinerary
9. Operator's Resume (Scott Raso)
10. SDS for 1.3G and 1.4G Fireworks

Per agreement 62 pages removed as non-responsive

Event: Republican National Convention  
Date: August 27, 2020  
Location: Areas surrounding the Washington Monument  
Time: Approx. 11:30 PM  
Duration: 4 – 5 minutes

If you should need any further information or have any questions, please contact me. Thank you for your help and cooperation in the issuance of the corresponding permit as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Christopher Grucci  
Logistics Manager

Fireworks by Grucci  
20 Pinehurst Drive  
Bellport, NY 11713

Office #: (631) 286-0088  
Fax #: (631) 286-9036  
E-mail: [cgrucci@grucci.com](mailto:cgrucci@grucci.com)

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**Cc:** [Fondren, Kim L](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Fireworks Perrmits Inforamtion that came to FEMS  
**Date:** Monday, August 17, 2020 5:34:53 PM  
**Attachments:** [image003.png](#)

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Adding Kim

Louise Milkman  
Assistant Solicitor for National Parks  
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202-604-5489 (mobile)

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WAMO Fireworks Costs.pdf

**From:** [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#)  
**To:** [Swafford, Lori B](#); [Boyle, Jaime L](#)  
**Cc:** [Kennealy, Sean J](#)  
**Subject:** WAMO Fireworks Costs  
**Date:** Monday, August 17, 2020 9:24:17 PM

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I drafted a letter to the RNC presenting some of the obvious concerns we'll have with their fireworks proposal, which we still haven't formally received. Lisa would like to include an expected cost range to help them understand the magnitude of the cost. Please provide me with an estimate for costs at just WAMO to include fencing, flooring, USPP and NPS overtime costs, clean up, etc. Anything associated with the event? Assume we are not paying for anything beyond our core work. Assume everything is done at WAMO (no staging area) and do not include cost of fireworks. Think magnitude. Is it \$50-100k? \$100-\$200? More than \$250k? And we'll need before noon tomorrow. Go!

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**Jeff Reinbold**, Superintendent  
National Mall and Memorial Parks  
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**To:** [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#); [Mendelson, Lisa](#); [Owen, Robbin](#)  
**Cc:** [Murphy, Jeremy L](#); [Castillo, Raul G](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] RNC - Grucci Fireworks Display application for a display August 27. 2020 @11:00pm  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 4:17:09 AM

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RNC submittal to NPS permitting Friday Aug 14 (?) I won't bother with a response. Raul and I will work through the fireworks details when they arrive to assure a safe and compliant event.

Jim

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**From:** Phil Grucci  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 12:38 AM  
**To:** King, James W ; Castillo, Raul G  
**Cc:** Christopher Grucci ; Scott Raso ; Chris Carlino ; Phil Grucci  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RNC - Grucci Fireworks Display application for a display August 27. 2020 @11:00pm

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Hello Mr. King & Mr. Castillo;

Christopher Grucci will forward the application packet to you in the morning. This packet was previously submitted to the NPS permitting entity via the RNC on Friday August 14th. Christopher will be available to you for any additional documentation you may request.

Mr Scott Raso will again perform the duties as our Chief Pyrotechnician and will be on location to facilitate all inspections.

We look forward to working with you as well to the earliest correspondence between us to assure we have another safe and successful performance.

All the best to your health and safety.

Sincerely,

Phil

Phil Grucci  
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On Aug 17, 2020, at 5:01 PM, Castillo, Raul G wrote:

Phil Grucci and Christopher Grucci

It is my understanding Fireworks by Grucci is anticipating a fireworks display in the NPS/ Washington Monument Grounds.

As required by the NPS policy and Code, please submit the aerial display fireworks documents as soon as possible to Raúl Castillo and Jim King NCA- AHJ for reviewing and processing.

Let me know who will be the point of contact(s) during the fireworks inspection process in order to coordinate, the fireworks truck (s) arrival/position, inventory verification, rack inspections and display inspections.

We look forward receiving the fireworks documents

V/r

***Raúl***

**Raúl G. Castillo, Regional Structural Fire Program Specialist**

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**From:** [Mendelson, Lisa](#)  
**To:** [Mendelson, Lisa](#)  
**Subject:** print  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 5:45:33 AM

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**Lisa's running list of topics to discuss w/ Director/Deputy Director**

8/18/20 supplemental discussion w Shawn to ensure his awareness of the following topics:

1. Death of employee
2. Best way to get info to Dir?
3. RNC and other requests for permits
  - a. Want you to be aware, and to let Margaret know.
  - b. Several for Lafayette, Freedom Plaza (Harbinger)
  - c. Fireworks (RNC) – event 8/27, load in start 8/21
- i. Didn't provide a site plan, sent the request to DC instead of NPS; seeking to meet asap – drafted letter
- ii. Are prohibited at 36 CFR 2.38 and have only rarely been permitted outside of the national 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration, and then usually by the NPS for celebratory events such as the millennium
- iii. Special event would be responsible for all costs setup, take down, review, public safety, etc
- iv. Review of proposal – 20 days – 3 days - History of last minute changes and less than honest info sharing. Unclear as to where proposing storage of explosives.
- v. Location – close area for 8 days and require closure of major roads once F on site
- vi. Multiple other permit apps for WAMO grounds related to March on Washington on 8/28
- vii.
  4. GWMP-ARHO reopening strategy –
    - a. descendants Lee and enslaved part of planning
    - b. ANC closure, no groups.
    - c. Park wants to bring in descendant groups – concerned about scoping – know media has contacted, everyone has a phone.
    - d. Media on board. SOI walk and talk
    - e. Slow opening this fall, bigger push next spring.
    - f. My proposal: Get SOI and Dir to the park in next couple of weeks for fam tour. Schedule media walk talk for later in September.
  5. Long term fencing for Lafayette Park – and church
    - a. Current ROD expires 8/31. Interest from USSS in retaining. Told park to get a written request.
  6. Wolf Trap – schedule is next step. Tanner – seeking compliant documents, ensure all corners are tight.
  7. Any feedback on AMB Big Bus issue from Margaret?
  8. RFK football team – may be moving, or not. Staff working w SOL to determine process for demo – SUP or some other instrument
  9. Regular business: met with DDOT director. Looking to enter sort of agreement on how work together and codify process points – ROW, T of J, etc
  10. FSA requested park by park assessment of what's open or not – rather than general statement on curtailed.
  11. COVID – one more positive – GWMP. GWMP Supt determined Phase 3 and bringing all employees back, case by case basis working w ELR and HR. Gov declared Ph3 on 7/1. Concern about employee push back – I had him present approach to all downtown Supts. for their awareness. They are not there.

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Lisa Mendelson, AICP  
Director (Acting)  
Region 1 – National Capital Area, National Park Service  
Office 202-619-7020 Cell 202-297-1338

Re\_ Pls set meeting tomorrow - WAMO Fireworks r...(1).pdf

**From:** [Robbins, Tasha L](#)  
**To:** [Fox, Kelly](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Pls set meeting tomorrow - WAMO Fireworks request  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 7:17:34 AM

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2:30 works

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**From:** Fox, Kelly  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 9:15 AM  
**To:** Robbins, Tasha L  
**Subject:** Re: Pls set meeting tomorrow - WAMO Fireworks request  
I could make 2:30 work as well.

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~Lisa

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Lisa Mendelson, AICP

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Region 1 – National Capital Area, National Park Service

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**To:** [Everson, Margaret E](#)  
**Subject:** Accepted: WAMO fireworks requests

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Re\_ Pls set meeting tomorrow - WAMO Fireworks r....pdf

**From:** [Robbins, Tasha L](#)  
**To:** [Fox, Kelly](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Pls set meeting tomorrow - WAMO Fireworks request  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 7:29:17 AM

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can you add Ryan as optional?

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**From:** Fox, Kelly  
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**To:** Robbins, Tasha L  
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I could make 2:30 work as well.

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**From:** [Boyle, Jaime L](#)  
**To:** [Swafford, Lori B](#); [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#); [Owen, Robbin](#); [Hitchcock, Jeffrey A](#)  
**Subject:** Boyle, Jaime L shared "RNC Estimate" with you.  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 8:45:09 AM  
**Attachments:** [AttachedImage](#)  
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Hi everyone,

Here is our initial cost estimate for logistical items associated with the plan Grucci presented.

I am going to follow up with an email explanation. Having a bit of trouble with downloading the spreadsheet and maintaining formulas, etc.



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RNC Estimate

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FW\_ WAMO fireworks requests(3).pdf



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FW\_ WAMO fireworks requests(2).pdf

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Accepted\_ WAMO fireworks requests(5).pdf

**From:** [Mendelson, Lisa](#)  
**To:** [Everson, Margaret E](#)  
**Subject:** Accepted: WAMO fireworks requests

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Accepted\_ WAMO fireworks requests(4).pdf

**From:** [Tanner, John R](#)  
**To:** [Everson, Margaret E](#)  
**Subject:** Accepted: WAMO fireworks requests

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[EXTERNAL] Nexstar-TV Request.pdf



**From:** [Allison Mannheimer](#)  
**To:** [mike\\_litterst@nps.gov](mailto:mike_litterst@nps.gov)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Nexstar-TV Request  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 9:02:32 AM  
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Good Morning,

My name is Allie Mannheimer and I'm a producer with Nexstar Media Group. I had tried calling your office phone number but the inbox was full so I wanted to reach out via email. I was wondering if you could confirm the following information:

- The Republican National Committee filed a permit with the National Parks Service Friday August 14th to hold a fireworks show on the National Mall at the Washington Monument on August 27th.
- How long would the fireworks show last if the permit was granted? When would it start?
- Has the permit been granted already? If not, when is an answer expected?

Thanks for your assistance!

**Allie Mannheimer**

**Digital Producer**

**(202) 965-2361**

WDVM & WDCW

Nexstar Media Group, Inc.

[amannheimer@nexstar.tv](mailto:amannheimer@nexstar.tv)



Accepted\_ WAMO fireworks requests(3).pdf

**From:** [Farinelli, Susan](#)  
**To:** [Everson, Margaret E](#)  
**Subject:** Accepted: WAMO fireworks requests

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Re\_ Cost Spreadsheet Explanation(1).pdf

**From:** [Owen, Robbin](#)  
**To:** [Boyle, Jaime L](#); [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#); [Hitchcock, Jeffrey A](#); [Swafford, Lori B](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Cost Spreadsheet Explanation  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 9:49:10 AM

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thanks. Add in jeff H costs. my monitoring costs and potential resource damage costs.

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**From:** Boyle, Jaime L  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 11:47 AM  
**To:** Owen, Robbin ; Reinbold, Jeffrey P ; Hitchcock, Jeffrey A ; Swafford, Lori B  
**Subject:** Cost Spreadsheet Explanation  
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Thanks!

Jaime

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Jaime Boyle  
Special Events Coordinator  
National Mall and Memorial Parks  
900 Ohio Drive SW  
Washington, DC 20024  
202-438-9674

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**Date:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 10:01:05 AM

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Yes, we agree. That is why we threw the portable toilet costs on the sheet.

Jaime

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**From:** Hitchcock, Jeffrey A  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 11:56 AM  
**To:** Boyle, Jaime L ; Owen, Robbin ; Reinbold, Jeffrey P ; Swafford, Lori B  
**Subject:** Re: Cost Spreadsheet Explanation  
Jamie,

One thing I would like to point out is that we will be issuing a stop work order for the contractor cleaning the Sylvan Theater restroom since it will be inside of the security fence. I see on Grucci's request is that they want the restroom to be left open for their use only. I would suggest they get their own portable toilets.

Thanks,

Jeffrey Hitchcock  
Chief of Facility Operations  
National Mall & Memorial Parks  
1000 Ohio Drive SW  
Washington DC 20024  
202-438-6642

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**From:** [Jorjani, Daniel H](#)  
**To:** [MacGregor, Katharine S](#); [Everson, Margaret E](#)  
**Cc:** [Romanik, Peg A](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Fireworks Perrmits Inforamtion that came to FEMS  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 10:22:53 AM  
**Attachments:** [image003.png](#)  
[Packet for DCFEMS Application & NPS Permit 081420.pdf RNC.PDF](#)

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**From:** Romanik, Peg A  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 11:54 AM  
**To:** Jorjani, Daniel H  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Fireworks Perrmits Inforamtion that came to FEMS  
Sorry for delay – just didn't push send last night. Peg  
Peg Romanik  
Associate Solicitor  
Division of Parks and Wildlife  
Office of the Solicitor  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
(202)208-5578

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**From:** Mendelson, Lisa <[Lisa\\_Mendelson-Ielmini@nps.gov](mailto:Lisa_Mendelson-Ielmini@nps.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2020 7:21 PM  
**To:** Milkman, Louise F <[louise.milkman@sol.doi.gov](mailto:louise.milkman@sol.doi.gov)>; Stanwich, John <[John\\_Stanwich@nps.gov](mailto:John_Stanwich@nps.gov)>;  
Romanik, Peg A <[PEG.ROMANIK@sol.doi.gov](mailto:PEG.ROMANIK@sol.doi.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Fireworks Perrmits Inforamtion that came to FEMS  
FW application Attached here  
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Lisa Mendelson  
Director (Acting)  
DOI Region 1 - NPS National Capital Area  
Sent by cell 202-297-1338

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**From:** King, James W <[James\\_King@nps.gov](mailto:James_King@nps.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2020 3:44 PM  
**To:** Murphy, Jeremy L  
**Cc:** Fennelly, Russell; Adamchik, Mark; Mendelson, Lisa; Reinbold, Jeffrey P; Castillo, Raul G; Kennealy, Sean J; Owen, Robbin; Falwell, Tony (FEMS)  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Fireworks Perrmits Inforamtion that came to FEMS  
Grucci Fireworks who know NPS is the authority having jurisdiction, has seen fit to submit his fireworks application to DC FireEMS. Chief Falwell (Fire Marshal) was nice enough to forward to Rual and I a while ago for review. Thank you Chief.  
Note the maps in the package, size of fireworks and proposed fence line. Will take up most of the open area around the Washington Monument. Copying USPP for SA.  
Raul and I will review tomorrow / Wednesday and provide comments.  
Any questions please reach out.

Jim

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**From:** Falwell, Tony (FEMS) <[tony.falwell@dc.gov](mailto:tony.falwell@dc.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2020 3:26 PM  
**To:** Castillo, Raul G <[raul\\_castillo@nps.gov](mailto:raul_castillo@nps.gov)>; King, James W <[James\\_King@nps.gov](mailto:James_King@nps.gov)>  
**Cc:** Barnes, John Jr. (FEMS) <[john.barnes@dc.gov](mailto:john.barnes@dc.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fireworks Permits Information that came to FEMS

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Good Afternoon Gentlemen:

FYI...This is the fireworks permit information that came to FEMS Office of the Fire Marshal. Rahul, based on my understanding, FEMS will be providing Fire and EMS unit support during the shoot. NPS will be working on permitting on your end. Will this permit be approved?

Thank you,



**TONY FALWELL**

**FIRE MARSHAL- DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF**

FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION

District of Columbia Fire and EMS Department

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APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO CONDUCT A  
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NATIONAL MALL AND MEMORIAL PARKS

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Washington, DC 20024  
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DIVISION OF PERMITS MANAGEMENT

Date of Application: 8/14/20

SECTION 1: Contact Information

This is an application for a:

☐ Demonstration ☒ Special Event Definitions on 10-941S, Supplemental Instructions

|                                                                 |                                         |                    |                          |                       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Individual/Organization<br><b>Republican National Committee</b> | Telephone Number<br><b>202-863-8638</b> | Cell Phone         | Fax Number               |                       |
| Email Address<br><b>Counsel@gop.com</b>                         | Website<br><b>gop.com</b>               |                    |                          |                       |
| Street Address<br><b>310 First St, S.E.</b>                     | City<br><b>Washington</b>               | State<br><b>DC</b> | Zip Code<br><b>20003</b> | Country<br><b>USA</b> |
| Person in Charge of Event<br><b>Michelle Meadows</b>            | Telephone Number<br><b>202-863-8638</b> | Cell Phone Number  |                          |                       |
| Email Address<br><b>MMeadows@2020gopconvention.com</b>          |                                         |                    |                          |                       |
| Street Address<br><b>310 First Street, S.E.</b>                 | City<br><b>Washington</b>               | State<br><b>DC</b> | Zip Code<br><b>20003</b> | Country<br><b>USA</b> |

At least one person must be listed as in charge of the activity. If different individuals are to be in charge of various activities at different locations, please list their names and contact information:

| Name | Contact Information | Name | Contact Information |
|------|---------------------|------|---------------------|
|      |                     |      |                     |
|      |                     |      |                     |

SECTION 2: Lafayette Park and White House Sidewalk

Is this an application for the use of the White House Sidewalk<sup>3</sup> or Lafayette Park?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please be aware that a waiver of the numerical limitations is required if an expected demonstration on the White House Sidewalk will include more than 750 participants or that a demonstration in Lafayette Park will include more than 3,000 participants.

Is this an application for a waiver of the numerical limitations?

☐ Yes ☒ No

SECTION 3: Event Logistics

| Set-Up Dates and Ending Dates |               |      |             |       |               |       |             |                                                                    |
|-------------------------------|---------------|------|-------------|-------|---------------|-------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8/21                          | Starting Date | 8/27 | Ending Date | 7:00  | Starting Time | 11:29 | Ending Time | <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM |
| Event Dates and Times         |               |      |             |       |               |       |             |                                                                    |
| 8/27                          | Starting      | 8/27 | Ending      | 11:30 | Starting Time | 11:35 | Ending Time | <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM |
| Break-down Dates and Times    |               |      |             |       |               |       |             |                                                                    |
| 8/27                          | Starting      | 8/30 | Ending      | 11:35 | Starting Time | 9:00  | Ending Time | <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM |

Please list ALL proposed locations (include assembly and dispersal areas):

**Washington Monument**  
Note that breakdown will begin on 8/28.

<sup>3</sup> The White House Sidewalk is the sidewalk between East and West Executive Avenues, on the south side Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Page 1 of 6

Estimated maximum number of participants for EACH PARK AREA TO BE USED (Including organizers, volunteers, participants and spectators):

Fireworks team: approx. 50 people

Purpose of event: Aerial fireworks display

Plan for proposed activity (include all speakers, a complete time schedule of the activity, proposed routes for any marches or parades, plans for the orderly termination and dispersal of activity which might affect regular flow of city traffic, etc.):

Aerial fireworks display

|                                                                                    |                                                                                  |                                                                               |                                                                          |                                                                                            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Please indicate any of these items that will be used during the proposed activity: | <input type="checkbox"/> Handheld Signs/ Placards<br>Quantity:                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Chairs<br>Quantity:                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Tables<br>Quantity:                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Tents<br>Quantity:                                                |
|                                                                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Portable Restrooms<br>Quantity:                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Camera Tripod<br>Quantity:                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Jumbotrons<br>Quantity:                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Generators<br>Quantity:<br>Type:                                  |
|                                                                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Banner/Sign(s)<br>Size:<br>Length:<br>Width:<br>Height: | <input type="checkbox"/> Press Riser<br>Size:<br>Length:<br>Width:<br>Height: | <input type="checkbox"/> Stages<br>Size:<br>Length:<br>Width:<br>Height: | <input type="checkbox"/> Turf Protective Cover(s)<br>Size:<br>Length:<br>Width:<br>Height: |
|                                                                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Podium                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Lighting Equipment                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Estimated # of Buses:                           |                                                                                            |
|                                                                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Distribution of Literature                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Portable Sound System                                |                                                                          |                                                                                            |

Please list all other equipment (Include any necessary medical/trailers):

Misc. fireworks show materials and command center equipment

Are you proposing to solicit donations:

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are you proposing food or beverages service<sup>4</sup>:

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are you proposing road closures or traffic management? If so list the roads and/or trails affected? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Partial closure at the intersection of Maine Ave SW and Independence Ave SW

How will the event be advertised or publicized:

- ☒ TV      ☒ Print      ☒ Flyers  
☒ Radio      ☐ Website      ☒ Email/Listserv  
☒ Social media (Twitter, Facebook, Tumblr, etc.)

Do you propose to have commercial sponsors? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
If yes, how are sponsors recognized.

If boxes, crates, coffins, or similar items will be used, state whether they are to be carried opened or closed, their proposed size, the materials constructed from, and their proposed contents and use:

What are your cleanup and/or recycling plans?

After the show concludes, cleanup of materials will begin within the fallout zone. All equipment and cleanup will conclude by 8/30.

How will cleanup members be identified?

Cleanup crew will operate inside the access-controlled fallout zone

<sup>4</sup> Please note there is an additional Temporary Food Establishment Permit Application that must be completed at least 70 days prior to proposed event. Food service is subject to more stringent standards including being preapproved by the National Park Service and meeting Public Health standards. Only ethnic foods that are determined to be integral to the theme of the proposed event are permitted.



**SECTION 4: Activity Disruption**

Do you have any reason to believe or any information indicating that any individual, group or organization might seek to disrupt the activity for which this application is submitted? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes", list each such individual, group or organization and contact information for each:

Event may attract First Amendment demonstrators

**SECTION 5: Marshals<sup>5</sup> and Volunteers**

Will applicant furnish marshals and/or volunteers? ☐ Yes ☒ No

How Many

*Note: Marshals are required for all waivers of numerical limitations and for demonstration activities held simultaneously on White House Sidewalk and Lafayette Park.*

List the functions the marshals and/or volunteers are expected to perform:

How will the marshals and/or volunteers be identified?

Person(s) responsible for supervision of marshals and/or volunteers (for each location):

| Name(s) | Location(s) | Contact information during event (address/phone) |
|---------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------|
|         |             |                                                  |
|         |             |                                                  |
|         |             |                                                  |
|         |             |                                                  |

What communications equipment will be provided to the marshals and/or volunteers? (Include the number of walkie-talkies, mobile phone tree, bullhorns, public address systems, flashlights, etc.)

State specifically the plans for ingress and egress of the participants to and from all park areas including Lafayette Park. Please include proposed sites for loading and unloading of buses, automobiles or other forms of transportation which the participants are expected to use (supply chart or map if necessary).

<sup>5</sup> Marshals do not act as police, they help maintain order among participants, provide information to participants and non-participants. Marshals should have knowledge of the overall event organization.

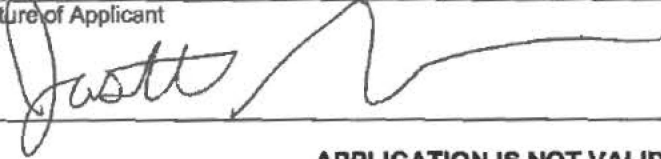


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| SECTION 6: Permit Applicant Information (Information for person completing application) |  |                                                                                                             |  |                           |                          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Name<br><b>Justin Riemer</b>                                                            |  | Telephone Number<br><b>202-863-8805</b>                                                                     |  | Cell Phone Number         | Fax Number               |
| Position<br><b>RNC Chief Counsel</b>                                                    |  | Email Address<br><b>JRiemer@gop.com</b>                                                                     |  |                           |                          |
| Street Address<br><b>310 First Street, S.E.</b>                                         |  | City<br><b>Washington</b>                                                                                   |  | State<br><b>DC</b>        | Zip Code<br><b>20003</b> |
| Country<br><b>USA</b>                                                                   |  | Signature of Applicant<br> |  | Date<br><b>08/14/2020</b> |                          |

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August 14, 2020

District of Columbia  
Fire & Emergency Medical Services Department  
Fire Prevention Division  
1100 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW Suite E700  
Washington, DC 20024  
(202) 727-1614

Hello,

Attached please find the following documents for the fireworks display noted below:

1. Fireworks Statement of Work
2. Display Site Plan
3. Fireworks Safety Plan
4. Insurance Certificate
5. Pyrotechnician's State Licenses and ID Information
6. U.S. DOJ BATF Importers and Manufacturers License
7. FAA Notice
8. Production Itinerary
9. Operator's Resume (Scott Raso)
10. SDS for 1.3G and 1.4G Fireworks

Event: Republican National Convention  
Date: August 27, 2020  
Location: Areas surrounding the Washington Monument  
Time: Approx. 11:30 PM  
Duration: 4 – 5 minutes

Per agreement 62 pages  
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If you should need any further information or have any questions, please contact me. Thank you for your help and cooperation in the issuance of the corresponding permit as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Christopher Grucci  
Logistics Manager

Fireworks by Grucci  
20 Pinehurst Drive  
Bellport, NY 11713

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APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO CONDUCT A  
DEMONSTRATION OR SPECIAL EVENT IN PARK AREAS

NATIONAL MALL AND MEMORIAL PARKS

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Date of Application: 8/14/20

SECTION 1: Contact Information

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☐ Demonstration ☒ Special Event Definitions on 10-941S, Supplemental Instructions

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Individual/Organization<br><b>Republican National Committee</b> | Telephone Number<br><b>202-863-8638</b> | Cell Phone         | Fax Number               |                       |
| Email Address<br><b>Counsel@gop.com</b>                         | Website<br><b>gop.com</b>               |                    |                          |                       |
| Street Address<br><b>310 First St, S.E.</b>                     | City<br><b>Washington</b>               | State<br><b>DC</b> | Zip Code<br><b>20003</b> | Country<br><b>USA</b> |
| Person in Charge of Event<br><b>Michelle Meadows</b>            | Telephone Number<br><b>202-863-8638</b> | Cell Phone Number  |                          |                       |
| Email Address<br><b>MMeadows@2020gopconvention.com</b>          |                                         |                    |                          |                       |
| Street Address<br><b>310 First Street, S.E.</b>                 | City<br><b>Washington</b>               | State<br><b>DC</b> | Zip Code<br><b>20003</b> | Country<br><b>USA</b> |

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| Set-Up Dates and Ending Dates |               |      |             |       |               |       |             |                                                                    |
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| 8/21                          | Starting Date | 8/27 | Ending Date | 7:00  | Starting Time | 11:29 | Ending Time | <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM |
| Event Dates and Times         |               |      |             |       |               |       |             |                                                                    |
| 8/27                          | Starting      | 8/27 | Ending      | 11:30 | Starting Time | 11:35 | Ending Time | <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM |
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Please list ALL proposed locations (include assembly and dispersal areas):

**Washington Monument**  
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Estimated maximum number of participants for EACH PARK AREA TO BE USED (Including organizers, volunteers, participants and spectators):

Fireworks team: approx. 50 people

Purpose of event:

Aerial fireworks display

Plan for proposed activity (include all speakers, a complete time schedule of the activity, proposed routes for any marches or parades, plans for the orderly termination and dispersal of activity which might affect regular flow of city traffic, etc.):

Aerial fireworks display

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|                                                                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Podium                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Lighting Equipment                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Estimated # of Buses:                           |                                                                                            |
|                                                                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Distribution of Literature                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Portable Sound System                                |                                                                          |                                                                                            |

Please list all other equipment (Include any necessary medical/trailers):

Misc. fireworks show materials and command center equipment

Are you proposing to solicit donations:

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are you proposing food or beverages service<sup>4</sup>:

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are you proposing road closures or traffic management? If so list the roads and/or trails affected? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Partial closure at the intersection of Maine Ave SW and Independence Ave SW

How will the event be advertised or publicized:

- ☒ TV      ☒ Print      ☒ Flyers  
☒ Radio      ☐ Website      ☒ Email/Listserv  
☒ Social media (Twitter, Facebook, Tumblr, etc.)

Do you propose to have commercial sponsors? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
If yes, how are sponsors recognized.

If boxes, crates, coffins, or similar items will be used, state whether they are to be carried opened or closed, their proposed size, the materials constructed from, and their proposed contents and use:

What are your cleanup and/or recycling plans?

After the show concludes, cleanup of materials will begin within the fallout zone. All equipment and cleanup will conclude by 8/30.

How will cleanup members be identified?

Cleanup crew will operate inside the access-controlled fallout zone

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**SECTION 4: Activity Disruption**

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Event may attract First Amendment demonstrators

**SECTION 5: Marshals<sup>5</sup> and Volunteers**

Will applicant furnish marshals and/or volunteers? ☐ Yes ☒ No

How Many

*Note: Marshals are required for all waivers of numerical limitations and for demonstration activities held simultaneously on White House Sidewalk and Lafayette Park.*

List the functions the marshals and/or volunteers are expected to perform:

How will the marshals and/or volunteers be identified?

Person(s) responsible for supervision of marshals and/or volunteers (for each location):

| Name(s) | Location(s) | Contact information during event (address/phone) |
|---------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------|
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What communications equipment will be provided to the marshals and/or volunteers? (Include the number of walkie-talkies, mobile phone tree, bullhorns, public address systems, flashlights, etc.)

State specifically the plans for ingress and egress of the participants to and from all park areas including Lafayette Park. Please include proposed sites for loading and unloading of buses, automobiles or other forms of transportation which the participants are expected to use (supply chart or map if necessary).

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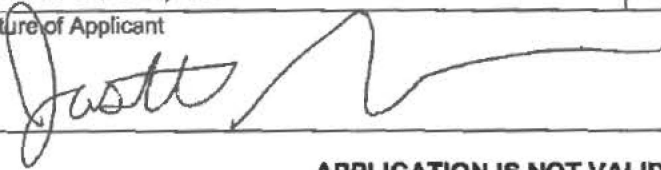


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| SECTION 6: Permit Applicant Information (Information for person completing application) |                  |                   |            |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------|---------|
| Name                                                                                    | Telephone Number | Cell Phone Number | Fax Number |         |
| Justin Riemer                                                                           | 202-863-8805     |                   |            |         |
| Position                                                                                | Email Address    |                   |            |         |
| RNC Chief Counsel                                                                       | JRiemer@gop.com  |                   |            |         |
| Street Address                                                                          | City             | State             | Zip Code   | Country |
| 310 First Street, S.E.                                                                  | Washington       | DC                | 20003      | USA     |
| Signature of Applicant                                                                  |                  | Date              |            |         |
|        |                  | 08/14/2020        |            |         |

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August 14, 2020

District of Columbia  
Fire & Emergency Medical Services Department  
Fire Prevention Division  
1100 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW Suite E700  
Washington, DC 20024  
(202) 727-1614

Hello,

Attached please find the following documents for the fireworks display noted below:

1. Fireworks Statement of Work
2. Display Site Plan
3. Fireworks Safety Plan
4. Insurance Certificate
5. Pyrotechnician's State Licenses and ID Information
6. U.S. DOJ BATF Importers and Manufacturers License
7. FAA Notice
8. Production Itinerary
9. Operator's Resume (Scott Raso)
10. SDS for 1.3G and 1.4G Fireworks

Per agreement 60 pages  
removed as non-responsive

Event: Republican National Convention  
Date: August 27, 2020  
Location: Areas surrounding the Washington Monument  
Time: Approx. 11:30 PM  
Duration: 4 – 5 minutes

If you should need any further information or have any questions, please contact me. Thank you for your help and cooperation in the issuance of the corresponding permit as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Christopher Grucci  
Logistics Manager

Fireworks by Grucci  
20 Pinehurst Drive  
Bellport, NY 11713

Office #: (631) 286-0088  
Fax #: (631) 286-9036  
E-mail: [cgrucci@grucci.com](mailto:cgrucci@grucci.com)

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**From:** [Litterst, Michael D](#)  
**To:** [Colleen Grablick](#)  
**Cc:** [News Media, NPS](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] DEADLINE: Reporter Seeking Statement  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 11:24:50 AM  
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Colleen:

The attached permit application was received on Friday from the RNC. It is still being processed; no decision has been made yet and no permit has been issued.

Mike

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Mike Litterst
Chief of Communications
National Mall and Memorial Parks

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From: Sullivan, Chelsea P on behalf of News Media, NPS
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 11:16 AM
To: Litterst, Michael D
Cc: Roulett, Stephanie A ; Mummart, Jennifer
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For you

National Park Service
Office of Public Affairs

From: Colleen Grablick
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 10:29 AM
To: News Media, NPS
Subject: [EXTERNAL] DEADLINE: Reporter Seeking Statement

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Hi there,

My name is Colleen Grablick and I am a reporter with DCist/WAMU. I am reaching out for a

statement from NPS on the recent filing from the RNC to host fireworks on the National Mall on August 27.

Has this request been acted on by NPS, and is it possible for me to access a copy of the request? My deadline is by 2 p.m. this afternoon.

Thank you!
Colleen

Colleen Grablick | DCist.com Reporter
grablick@wamu.org
610-393-0893

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Email Address (b) (6)	Website gop.com			
Street Address 310 First St, S.E.	City Washington	State DC	Zip Code 20003	Country USA
Person in Charge of Event Michelle Meadows	Telephone Number 202-863-8638	Cell Phone Number		
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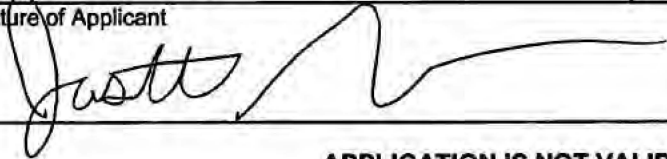


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Re_ [EXTERNAL] Nexstar-TV Request(1).pdf

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To: [Allison Mannheimer](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Nexstar-TV Request
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 11:28:23 AM
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Hi, Allie:

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**From:** Allison Mannheimer  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 11:02 AM  
**To:** Litterst, Michael D  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Nexstar-TV Request

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Good Morning,

My name is Allie Mannheimer and I'm a producer with Nexstar Media Group. I had tried calling your office phone number but the inbox was full so I wanted to reach out via email. I was wondering if you could confirm the following information:

- The Republican National Committee filed a permit with the National Parks Service Friday August 14th to hold a fireworks show on the National Mall at the Washington Monument on August 27th.
- How long would the fireworks show last if the permit was granted? When would it start?
- Has the permit been granted already? If not, when is an answer expected?

Thanks for your assistance!

**Allie Mannheimer**

**Digital Producer**

**(202) 965-2361**

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Nexstar Media Group, Inc.

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| Plan for proposed activity (include all speakers, a complete time schedule of the activity, proposed routes for any marches or parades, plans for the orderly termination and dispersal of activity which might affect regular flow of city traffic, etc.):<br><b>Aerial fireworks display</b>                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                            |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Please list all other equipment (include any necessary medical/trailers ):<br><b>Misc. fireworks show materials and command center equipment</b> |                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                            |
| Are you proposing to solicit donations: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                  | Are you proposing food or beverages service <sup>4</sup> : <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                          |                                                                                            |
| Are you proposing road closures or traffic management? If so list the roads and/or trails affected? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No<br><b>Partial closure at the intersection of Maine Ave SW and Independence Ave SW</b>                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                            |
| How will the event be advertised or publicized:<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TV <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Print <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flyers<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Radio <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email/Listserv<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social media (Twitter, Facebook, Tumblr, etc.) |                                                                                                                                                  | Do you propose to have commercial sponsors? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No<br>If yes, how are sponsors recognized. |                                                                                            |
| If boxes, crates, coffins, or similar items will be used, state whether they are to be carried opened or closed, their proposed size, the materials constructed from, and their proposed contents and use:                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                            |
| What are your cleanup and/or recycling plans?<br><b>After the show concludes, cleanup of materials will begin within the fallout zone. All equipment and cleanup will conclude by 8/30.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                  | How will cleanup members be identified?<br><b>Cleanup crew will operate inside the access-controlled fallout zone</b>                                   |                                                                                            |

<sup>4</sup> Please note there is an additional Temporary Food Establishment Permit Application that must be completed at least 70 days prior to proposed event. Food service is subject to more stringent standards including being preapproved by the National Park Service and meeting Public Health standards. Only ethnic foods that are determined to be integral to the theme of the proposed event are permitted.



**SECTION 4: Activity Disruption**

Do you have any reason to believe or any information indicating that any individual, group or organization might seek to disrupt the activity for which this application is submitted? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes", list each such individual, group or organization and contact information for each:

Event may attract First Amendment demonstrators

**SECTION 5: Marshals<sup>5</sup> and Volunteers**

Will applicant furnish marshals and/or volunteers? ☐ Yes ☒ No

How Many

*Note: Marshals are required for all waivers of numerical limitations and for demonstration activities held simultaneously on White House Sidewalk and Lafayette Park.*

List the functions the marshals and/or volunteers are expected to perform:

How will the marshals and/or volunteers be identified?

Person(s) responsible for supervision of marshals and/or volunteers (for each location):

| Name(s) | Location(s) | Contact information during event (address/phone) |
|---------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------|
|         |             |                                                  |
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|         |             |                                                  |

What communications equipment will be provided to the marshals and/or volunteers? (Include the number of walkie-talkies, mobile phone tree, bullhorns, public address systems, flashlights, etc.)

State specifically the plans for ingress and egress of the participants to and from all park areas including Lafayette Park. Please include proposed sites for loading and unloading of buses, automobiles or other forms of transportation which the participants are expected to use (supply chart or map if necessary).

<sup>5</sup> Marshals do not act as police, they help maintain order among participants, provide information to participants and non-participants. Marshals should have knowledge of the overall event organization.



**APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO CONDUCT A  
DEMONSTRATION OR SPECIAL EVENT IN PARK AREAS**



**NATIONAL MALL AND MEMORIAL PARKS**

Division of Permits Management  
900 Ohio Drive, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20024  
Telephone: (202) 245-4715

| SECTION 6: Permit Applicant Information (information for person completing application) |                  |                   |            |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------|---------|
| Name                                                                                    | Telephone Number | Cell Phone Number | Fax Number |         |
| Justin Riemer                                                                           | (b) (6)          |                   |            |         |
| Position                                                                                | Email Address    |                   |            |         |
| RNC Chief Counsel                                                                       | (b) (6)          |                   |            |         |
| Street Address                                                                          | City             | State             | Zip Code   | Country |
| 310 First Street, S.E.                                                                  | Washington       | DC                | 20003      | USA     |
| Signature of Applicant                                                                  |                  | Date              |            |         |
|                                                                                         |                  | 08/14/2020        |            |         |

**APPLICATION IS NOT VALID UNLESS SIGNED**

Hand deliver or mail completed application to:

National Park Service  
National Capital Region  
Permits Management Division  
900 Ohio Drive, S.W., Washington, DC 20024  
Office Phone: (202) 245-4715

Open 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday – Friday

<sup>3</sup> The White House Sidewalk is the sidewalk between East and West Executive Avenues, on the south side Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Fw\_ Tentative fireworks schedule.pdf

**From:** [Long, Ralph W](#)  
**To:** [Litterst, Michael D](#); [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#); [Kennealy, Sean J](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Tentative fireworks schedule  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 11:57:43 AM  
**Attachments:** [Packet for National Parks Service - 2020-08-27 REVISED REPORT.pdf](#)

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Just FYI

Ralph W. Long  
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<https://sites.google.com/a/nps.gov/ncrsafety/?pli=1>

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**From:** Castillo, Raul G  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 1:44 PM  
**To:** Long, Ralph W ; Mills, Kevin W ; Lt John Barnes Jr  
**Cc:** Hoover, Patrick M. ; Jenna E. Pipkins ATF Industry Operations Investigator ; King, James W  
**Subject:** Tentative fireworks schedule  
Ralph, Kevin and Lt Barnes  
**Below and attached is the tentative fireworks inspection schedule**

**Let me know if you are available to meet tomorrow, Wednesday from 10-11 am, Office Teams meeting to go over the paperwork and inspect the fallout areas on Thursday at 10 am**

**INSPECTION PARTICIPANTS: Raul Castillo, Ralph Long, Kevin Mills, Jim King and Lt Barnes, Fire Marshal DC Fire and EMS,**  
August 19 , Office Teams Fireworks inspection process

**August 22, Thursday at 10 AM, Fall Out area inspection at the Washington Monument Meeting place: Survey Lodge parking lot**  
**PRELIMINARY PRODUCTION SCHEDULE PPS**

**August 21, Friday.**

8 am, Grucci truck with equipment arrives. Rack inspections, starting Friday, 7:30 am (TO BE CONFIRMED)

**August 22. Saturday**

8 am, Fireworks Truck #1 arrives, 3.1G/Inventory ( meet at 730 am), fireworks Inventory to follow

**August 23. Sunday**

8 am, Fireworks Truck #2 arrives, 3.1G/Inventory ( meet at 730 am), fireworks Inventory to

follow

**August 24. Monday**

8 am, Fireworks Truck #3 arrives, 3.1G, Inventory ( meet at 730 am), fireworks Inventory to follow

**August 25. Tuesday**

8 am, Fireworks Truck #4 arrives, 3.1G, Inventory ( meet at 730 am), fireworks Inventory to follow

**August 26. Wednesday**

8 am, Fireworks Truck #5 arrives, 3.1G, Inventory ( meet at 730 am), fireworks Inventory to follow

1300 RNC Vendor to have Show Control equipment (Tables, tent, power, etc.) set up and ready for rehearsal

1500 Grucci to perform Showtime Rehearsal (NO FIREWORKS WILL BE FIRED)

**August 27, Thursday work schedule to be determined**

TBD Grucci team conducts **circuit testing** and final prep for show Washington Monument

TBD Grucci crew disconnects all firing systems from fireworks in field

23:31 Showtime (5 minutes maximum) Washington Monument

23:35 Program complete. Mandatory 30 min cooldown begins and safety zone held until released by Fireworks Command Center Washington Monument

00:05 (Midnight) Grucci pyrotechnicians perform security and safety sweep for live fireworks, package and secure live fireworks into truck with security

August 28

0600 daybreak sweep. Completion of the fireworks inspection

V/r

***Raúl***

**Raúl G. Castillo, Regional Structural Fire Program Specialist**

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Per agreement 8 pages removed as non-responsive

Agenda - FWP Operations Meeting 8\_18\_2020.pdf

**From:** [White, Katherine M](#)  
**To:** [Budd-Falen, Karen J](#); [Thiele, Aaron J](#); [Weaver, Kiel P](#); [Werkheiser, William H](#); [Foster, Maureen D](#); [Goodwin, Nicholas R](#); [Critchfield, Marshall T](#); [Wallace, George R](#); [Baptiste, OS Thomas](#); [Stemler, Casey](#); [McDowall, Lena E](#); [Benge, Shawn T](#); [Hambleton, Ryan M](#); [Bowron, Jessica](#); [Renkes, Gregg D](#); [Rojewski, Cole J](#); [Guertin, Stephen](#); [Eisenman, Theresa M](#); [Everson, Margaret E](#); [Arroyo, Bryan](#); [Tanner, John R](#); [Hall, Amanda L](#); [Playforth, Taylor G](#); [Williams, Timothy G](#); [Gale, Michael](#); [Skipwith, Aurelia](#); [Vander Voort, Faith C](#); [Bies, Brandon](#); [Farinelli, Susan](#); [Everson, Margaret E](#)  
**Cc:** [Gulac, Catherine D](#); [Sellars, Roslyn](#); [Robbins, Tasha L](#); [Fox, Kelly](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda - FWP Operations Meeting 8/18/2020  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 12:13:45 PM  
**Attachments:** [ASFWP Standing Agenda for Operational Meeting 2020-08-18.docx](#)

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Good afternoon,

Attached is the agenda for today's 3:00 meeting. Thank you.

Best,

-Katie

**Katie White**

Administrative Assistant

Office of the Deputy Secretary

Rm 6117

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ASFWP Standing Agenda for Operational Meeting.pdf

**Agenda for Bi-Weekly Operational Meeting with  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks  
August 18, 2020  
3:00 p.m.**

**Priority Goals**

**FWS**

- 4(b)(2) regulation (timeline and schedule)
- Habitat regulation (timeline and schedule)
- Consultation handbook
- Wetlands easement program
- Ebikes
- MBTA regulations (timeline and schedule)
- Cormorants (timeline and schedule)
- \* GMO use
- \*Concessions
- \*Migration corridors
- \*Northern Continental Divide grizzly bears
- \*1002 Biological Opinion and timeline
  - \* Completed

**NPS**

- Fireworks
  - Salute to America - after action report
  - Mount Rushmore - after action report
- Campground modernization
- Concessions regulations
- Deferred maintenance
- Ebikes
- Forest management
- Hurricane funding
- Sturgeon v Frost rulemaking
- Yellowstone housing
- \*Road-based tours CUA and commercial tour entrance fees
  - \*Completed

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**

- Eagle feathers
- International grants
- MVP
- OSM SMCRA BA
- Grey Wolf decision
- Hunt/Fish rule
- Pelly Petition in Mexico
- National Shooting Sports Month
- Kenai hunting rule

## **National Park Service**

National Garden of American Heroes  
Wolf Trap  
Mt. Rainier volcano monitoring system  
MVP  
National Register of Historic Places regulations

## **Meeting Awareness/Upcoming Travel (within 30 days)**

- Rob Wallace: pending trips to Maine, Ohio, and Minnesota
- Aurelia Skipwith: August 18 - 19: official travel to North Dakota for Easements; August 20 - 22: official travel to Canaan Valley, West Virginia, Refuge. August 23: On official travel to Tampa, Florida, for MOU Signing Ceremony; August 24 - 26: official travel to Rock Springs, Wyoming, for Wyoming Cattle Industry Convention and Trade Show; August 27 - 29: official travel to Beaver Creek, Colorado for 12th Annual Freedom Conference, Steamboat Institute.
- Margaret Everson: In the office

## **Forward Looking**

### **National Park Service**

#### S47 rollouts

- In late August or early September, the NPS expects to launch the American World War II Heritage Cities program that will designate one city in each state or territory as an American World War II Heritage City.

#### Comms announcements

- On or about August 18, Everglades National Park press release for the contract award on the final phase of the Tamiami Trail Next Steps project, the culmination of \$300 million worth of projects to raise and construct bridges on the Tamiami Trail north of Everglades National Park and restore critical water flow to the park.
- On or after August 19, award of 42 grants totaling \$12.8 million from the Save America's Treasures Grant Program.
- By August 31, \$4.8 million in grants from the Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant Program – 8 grants to support the preservation of historic buildings in rural communities across the country.
- On or around August 21, press release announcing the celebration of its 104<sup>th</sup> anniversary on August 25 by providing free entrance to all accessible NPS sites; will also commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment with a variety of engaging virtual events related to the suffrage movement.
- By August 31, \$602,923 from the Tribal Heritage Grant Program for 13 preservation projects that promote the protection of native cultures across the country.
- By August 31, 6 Battlefield Land Acquisition Grant (BLAG) awards, funded through the Land and Water Conservation Fund, to Government

sponsors, in partnership with non-profits, for battlefield protection through fee simple acquisitions; awards total \$2,887,422.52 and protect 221.82 acres at Civil War battlefields in Virginia and Kentucky and 13.12 acres at a Revolutionary War battlefield in New Jersey.

## **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**

### **S47 rollouts**

- Section 7001; Subsection (d) – Theodore Roosevelt Genius Prize Competitions - The White House has approved 10 slots of the 18 slots and may pick from the remaining 20 nominations submitted to fully fill out the 5 TR Genius Boards
- Section 3002 – Conservation Incentives Landowner Education Program - cleared FWP (pending determination of additional review)
- Section 1119 – Alaska Native Vietnam Era Veterans Land Allotment - FWS addressing BLM comments to Congressional report

### **Comms announcements:**

- On August 18, the Secretary will announce the final rule for the 2020-2021 Station-specific Hunting and Sport Fishing during a visit to the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge in Saginaw, Michigan. Outreach will include a national news release and a comprehensive plan for celebrating this success.
- By August 31, Federal Register notice of the final 2020-21 hunting regulations for certain migratory game birds; outreach to congressional and stakeholder notifications.
- On or around September 1, Federal Register notice of the final rule to establish a nonessential experimental population of the California condor in the Pacific Northwest.; outreach coordinated by FWS with NPS and Yurok Tribe support.
- On or around September 4, publish the e-bike final rule; outreach includes a national news release and a comprehensive plan for celebrating this success.
- Around September 5, FWS and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation announcement of the 2020 grant slate for the Delaware Watershed Conservation Fund, with a total of \$8.12 million to 37 grantees; press event in Delaware pending with NFWF for September/October.

## **Internal or External Topics/Potential Issues Awareness**

### **Surname Packages**

RE\_ Cost Spreadsheet Explanation\_1.pdf

**From:** [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#)  
**To:** [Hitchcock, Jeffrey A](#); [Boyle, Jaime L](#); [Owen, Robbin](#); [Swafford, Lori B](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Cost Spreadsheet Explanation  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 12:22:06 PM

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Completely agree. We are not leaving our restrooms open for Grucci. We can not have our contractors going into their fenced area, especially with explosives present.

Jeff

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**From:** Hitchcock, Jeffrey A  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 11:56 AM  
**To:** Boyle, Jaime L ; Owen, Robbin ; Reinbold, Jeffrey P ; Swafford, Lori B  
**Subject:** Re: Cost Spreadsheet Explanation

Jamie,

One thing I would like to point out is that we will be issuing a stop work order for the contractor cleaning the Sylvan Theater restroom since it will be inside of the security fence. I see on Grucci's request is that they want the restroom to be left open for their use only. I would suggest they get their own portable toilets.

Thanks,

Jeffrey Hitchcock

Chief of Facility Operations

National Mall & Memorial Parks

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**From:** Boyle, Jaime L <[Jaime\\_Boyle@nps.gov](mailto:Jaime_Boyle@nps.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 11:47 AM  
**To:** Owen, Robbin <[Robbin\\_Owen@nps.gov](mailto:Robbin_Owen@nps.gov)>; Reinbold, Jeffrey P <[Jeff\\_Reinbold@nps.gov](mailto:Jeff_Reinbold@nps.gov)>; Hitchcock, Jeffrey A <[Jeffrey\\_Hitchcock@nps.gov](mailto:Jeffrey_Hitchcock@nps.gov)>; Swafford, Lori B <[Lori\\_Swafford@nps.gov](mailto:Lori_Swafford@nps.gov)>  
**Subject:** Cost Spreadsheet Explanation

Hello again,

I just wanted to take a minute to explain some of the cost spreadsheet I just sent:

- Fencing costs - Just so all are aware the "security fence" we refer to on the spreadsheet is the red line of fence Grucci shows on their site plan
- Restrooms - we added the portable restrooms and cleanings because we were not sure we should give exclusive use of the bathroom to Grucci with us paying for cleanings by our contractor.
- Personnel - Our spreadsheet does not include personnel costs - Jeff H submitted his expected costs to Robbin, Jim King gave or is giving Robbin a cost estimate for his fireworks inspection crew and Robbin is accounting for monitoring and USPP costs
- The method to our madness - the way we came up with the costs we provided were based on the bid schedule we have from our events management contract so we may want to pad these numbers a bit, but this definitely gives a ballpark.

If we missed anything or there are any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Thanks!

Jaime

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Jaime Boyle

Special Events Coordinator

National Mall and Memorial Parks

900 Ohio Drive SW

Washington, DC 20024

202-438-9674

RE\_ Conference Call Scheduled for tomorrow at 1....pdf



**From:** [Michelle Meadows](#)  
**To:** [Owen Robbin](#); [James Oaks](#); [Zachary Walz - Legal](#); [Christopher Grucci](#); [Corey Grucci](#); [Chris Carino](#); [Scott Raso](#)  
**Cc:** [Thomas Maxwell](#); [Justin Caporale](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Conference Call Scheduled for tomorrow at 12:30 pm  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 1:31:33 PM  
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Robbin,

I am adding the appropriate people for this call. Thank you very much. Please use the number below if you need to reach me.

**Michelle Meadows**

*Campaign and Advance Liaison*

**2020 Republican National Convention**



(214) 808-9322



[mmeadows@2020gopconvention.com](mailto:mmeadows@2020gopconvention.com)



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**From:** Owen, Robbin

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 3:03 PM

**To:** Michelle Meadows

**Subject:** Conference Call Scheduled for tomorrow at 12:30 pm  
**External Email**

Good Afternoon, We have been trying to reach you to discuss your proposal of an Aerial Fireworks Display on the Washington Monument grounds. Our conference line is 1-877-929-8420 code 4975186. Please let me know if you can call in.

Thanks

Robbin Owen

Chief, Division of Permits Management

Re\_ [EXTERNAL] RE\_ Conference Call Scheduled fo....pdf

**From:** [Owen, Robbin](#)  
**To:** [Michelle Meadows](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: Conference Call Scheduled for tomorrow at 12:30 pm  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 2:20:08 PM  
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Yes

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 18, 2020, at 3:43 PM, Michelle Meadows <[mmeadows@2020gopconvention.com](mailto:mmeadows@2020gopconvention.com)> wrote:

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Robbin,

Is this the same meeting that Sheila is trying to coordinate?

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!vml]--> *Campaign and Advance Liaison*  
><!-- **2020 Republican National Convention**  
[endif]--> (214) 808-9322  
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[EXTERNAL] Re\_ [EXTERNAL]RE\_ NPS Meeting Request .pdf

**From:** [Michelle Meadows](#)  
**To:** [Phil Grucci](#); [Owen, Robbin](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL]RE: NPS Meeting Request  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 2:23:07 PM

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Robbin,

Phil had been in contact with Sheila. The group in the below email is who will be on the call if she would like to send out an invite.

Michelle Meadows

Campaign and Advance Liaison

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**From:** Phil Grucci

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 3:37:00 PM

**To:** James Oaks ; Zachary Walz - Legal ; Christopher Grucci ; Corey Grucci ; Chris Carlino ; Scott Raso ; Phil Grucci

**Cc:** Michelle Meadows ; Max Miller ; Justin Caporale

**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]RE: NPS Meeting Request

**External Email**

Hello all,

I just spoke w Sheila Gotha from NPS and she advised the meeting will be a conference call at 12:30pm tomorrow. Mrs. Gotha will send the meeting invite to all that will attend the meeting. We would request representation of the RNC on the call as well to address any specifics that may arise relative to the general event permit and municipal services that may be addressed in the meeting. Grucci will respond to any specific Fireworks safety and load in/out elements of the agenda.

Please advise whom else will attend and I will send Mrs. Gotha a list of email addresses to send the invite to.

From the Grucci team it will be:

Phil Grucci – [philgrucci@grucci.com](mailto:philgrucci@grucci.com) (CEO/Creative Director)

Chris Carlino – [ccarlino@grucci.com](mailto:ccarlino@grucci.com) (Director of Operations)

Christopher Grucci – [cgrucci@grucci.com](mailto:cgrucci@grucci.com) (Logistics Manager)

Corey Grucci - [coreygrucci@grucci.com](mailto:coreygrucci@grucci.com) (Personnel Manager)

Scott Raso – [sraso@grucci.com](mailto:sraso@grucci.com) (Chief Pyrotechnician – on site POV)

Thank you,

Phil

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**From:** James Oaks

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 2:59 PM

**To:** Phil Grucci ; Zachary Walz - Legal ; Christopher Grucci ; Corey Grucci ; Chris Carlino ; Scott Raso

**Cc:** Michelle Meadows ; Max Miller ; Justin Caporale

**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]RE: NPS Meeting Request

I defer to Sheila and her team. Could you guys reach out to her directly to coordinate?

Best,

James

James P. Oaks

Special Projects Manager - Operations

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c. 202-557-1831

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**From:** Phil Grucci <[philgrucci@grucci.com](mailto:philgrucci@grucci.com)>

**Date:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 2:58 PM

**To:** James Oaks <[joaks@donaldtrump.com](mailto:joaks@donaldtrump.com)>, Zachary Legal <[ZWalz@gop.com](mailto:ZWalz@gop.com)>, Christopher Grucci <[cgrucci@grucci.com](mailto:cgrucci@grucci.com)>, Corey Grucci <[coreygrucci@grucci.com](mailto:coreygrucci@grucci.com)>, Chris Carlino <[ccarlino@grucci.com](mailto:ccarlino@grucci.com)>, Scott Raso <[sraso@grucci.com](mailto:sraso@grucci.com)>

**Cc:** Michelle Meadows <[mmeadows@2020gopconvention.com](mailto:mmeadows@2020gopconvention.com)>, Max Miller <[maxmiller@donaldtrump.com](mailto:maxmiller@donaldtrump.com)>, Justin Caporale <[jcaporale@donaldtrump.com](mailto:jcaporale@donaldtrump.com)>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]RE: NPS Meeting Request

We are happy to join the meeting. Due to time constraints is it possible we join via MS Teams or other preferred remote meeting site?

Phil

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**From:** James Oaks <[joaks@donaldtrump.com](mailto:joaks@donaldtrump.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 2:27 PM

**To:** Zachary Walz - Legal <[ZWalz@gop.com](mailto:ZWalz@gop.com)>; Christopher Grucci <[cgrucci@grucci.com](mailto:cgrucci@grucci.com)>; Phil Grucci <[philgrucci@grucci.com](mailto:philgrucci@grucci.com)>; Corey Grucci <[coreygrucci@grucci.com](mailto:coreygrucci@grucci.com)>

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**Subject:** Re: NPS Meeting Request

Thanks Zack. Adding Grucci team to help coordinate.

Best,

James

James P. Oaks

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**From:** Zachary Legal <[ZWalz@gop.com](mailto:ZWalz@gop.com)>

**Date:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 2:23 PM

**To:** James Oaks <[joaks@donaldtrump.com](mailto:joaks@donaldtrump.com)>

**Cc:** Michelle Meadows <[mmeadows@2020gopconvention.com](mailto:mmeadows@2020gopconvention.com)>

**Subject:** NPS Meeting Request

Hey James,

Following up on our call, Sheila Gotha from NPS called looking to setup a meeting between our team and her boss Robert Owen. They suggested 12pm tomorrow at the NPS. They are looking to discuss the details of the fireworks celebration and walkthrough the program. Her contact info is below and let me know if there is anything you need.

240-381-0334

Thanks,

Zack

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**To:** [King, James W](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Draft Letter to RNC Applicants -- Comments Due 5:00pm Today  
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Region is in the CFR. I assume we leave the actual language.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 4:02 PM  
**To:** Reinbold, Jeffrey P  
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Under (A) are we National Capital Area v Region?  
Otherwise, all pyrotechnic language looks accurate sir.  
Jim

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**To:** [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#)  
**Cc:** [Milkman, Louise F](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Draft Letter to RNC Applicants -- Comments Due 5:00pm Today  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 2:29:15 PM

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**Date:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 2:33:18 PM  
**Attachments:** [Letter to RNC Re Fireworks--08.18.2020 draft SOL.docx](#)

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Another good catch, Lisa. See my proposed edits, which get at both your comments, and one other one.

Copying Kim for final SOL signoff.

Louise Milkman

Assistant Solicitor for National Parks

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Here you go.

I did have a number of suggestions, including one from earlier today that Louise agreed with but it didn't make it into this version (see the paragraph that starts "Finally,...")

Thanks, lisa

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Permit #20- 1063 Republican National Committe....pdf

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**Subject:** Permit #20- 1063 Republican National Committee (NOTE: CONF-CALL MEETING)

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Date of Activity: August 21-30, 2020

Location(s): Washington Monument Grounds

Purpose(s): Aerial Fireworks Display

Permits Management Office Contact: Robbin Owen 245-4715

Anticipated Number of Participants: 50

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**From:** [Christopher Grucci](#)  
**To:** [King, James W](#)  
**Cc:** [Scott Raso](#); [Chris Carlino](#); [Jenna E. Pipkins ATF Industry Operations Investigator](#); [Hoover, Patrick M.](#); [Murphy, Jeremy L.](#); [Castillo, Raul G.](#); [Lt John Barnes Jr](#); [Owen, Robbin](#); [Reinbold, Jeffrey P.](#); [Adamchik, Mark](#); [Fennelly, Russell](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: RNC - Grucci Fireworks Display application for a display August 27, 2020 @11:00pm  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 5:46:11 PM

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Hello Mr. King,

It is a pleasure to be working with you and the National Park Service again on what we hope will be another spectacular display. I wanted to give you some insight on the below requested documents so you know when to expect them, as well as to be aware of the status of these documents. Please see below notes;

- Fireworks product description
  - The show is still in the design process, and once it is complete we will be able to provide you this information right away.
- CDL and HazMat endorsement driver's information
  - We have confirmed the remainder of our crew today, and will be providing these to you tomorrow morning.
- Pyrotechnic assistant's identification.
  - Similar to the CDL and HazMat endorsements, we will be providing these documents to you tomorrow morning.
- FAA approval letter
  - FAA Notice has been submitted, and once the approval has been received we will send it over to you.
- DC Fire and EMS contract document for fire department unit(s) and staff providing suppression assistance during the shoot on Aug., 27, 2020. Email agreement will suffice.
  - I have spoken to Lt. Barnes of DC Fire and EMS to acquire this contract, and they are working with the RNC to create and finalize this document. It will be forwarded over when we have received it.
- Point of contact for the law enforcement organization(s) providing escort of fireworks trucks to NPS property.
  - I have reached out to Sergeant Gregory Jackson of Metro Police Department, as he was our Point of Contact for last year's escorts. I have not yet heard back from him, but when I do I will provide you with the POC for the escort.
- Copy of Bill of Lading(s) will be collected when each truck arrives on location. Please notify us 48 hours (minimum) in advance of arrival of fireworks.
  - I will be sure to notify you of this arrival as soon as it is arranged with Sergeant Jackson, we anticipate this escort to be on August 22nd, arriving on site by 8:00AM.

If you have any questions on the above points, please feel free to reach out to me either via email or on my cell phone at 631-949-6548.

Thank You,



**Christopher Grucci**

*Logistics Manager*

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NOTE:

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- 2) We will inspect all tubes prior to loading per NFPA 1123. Please reach out to Raul Castillo and/or myself 48 hours (minimum) in advance to request inspection(s).
- 3) Please let us know ASAP when security fence is installed so we can verify distances for the fallout area.

Attached please find inspection document we utilize as well as NPS incident report.

We look forward to working with you. Please reach out with any questions.

Jim King, AHJ

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**From:** Castillo, Raul G

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 8:59 AM

**Cc:** Scott Raso ; Chris Carlino ; Jenna E. Pipkins ATF Industry Operations Investigator ; Hoover, Patrick M. ; King, James W

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] RE: RNC - Grucci Fireworks Display application for a display August 27. 2020 @11:00pm

Mr. Grucci,

I have revived the aerial fireworks documents scheduled for Aug 27, 2020 at the NPS, Washington Monument grounds.

I will contact you back if I have any questions and to coordinate the inspection process

V/r

***Raúl***

**Raúl G. Castillo, Regional Structural Fire Program Specialist**

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**From:** Christopher Grucci

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 8:02 AM

**To:** Phil Grucci ; King, James W ; Castillo, Raul G

**Cc:** Scott Raso ; Chris Carlino

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: RNC - Grucci Fireworks Display application for a display August 27. 2020

@11:00pm

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Hello Mr. Castillo and Mr. King,

Please find attached here a packet including the following documents:

1. Fireworks Statement of Work
2. Display Site Plan
3. Fireworks Safety Plan
4. Insurance Certificate
5. Pyrotechnician's State Licenses and ID Information
6. U.S. DOJ BATF Importers and Manufacturers License
7. FAA Notice
8. Production Itinerary
9. Operator's Resume (Scott Raso)
10. SDS for 1.3G and 1.4G Fireworks

This performance is still in the process of being design, and following the conclusion of that process we will send over the product quantity and description. We are also finalizing our crew, and the HAZMAT Endorsement for our drivers will be sent when they are confirmed. If you need anything else in the mean time, please let me know.

Thank You,



**Christopher Grucci**

*Logistics Manager*

**Fireworks by Grucci, Inc.**

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**From:** Phil Grucci

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 12:38 AM

**To:** King, James W ; Castillo, Raul G

**Cc:** Christopher Grucci ; Scott Raso ; Chris Carlino ; Phil Grucci

**Subject:** RNC - Grucci Fireworks Display application for a display August 27. 2020 @11:00pm

Hello Mr. King & Mr. Castillo;

Christopher Grucci will forward the application packet to you in the morning. This packet was previously submitted to the NPS permitting entity via the RNC on Friday August 14th. Christopher will be available to you for any additional documentation you may request.

Mr Scott Raso will again perform the duties as our Chief Pyrotechnician and will be on location to facilitate all inspections.



We look forward to working with you as well to the earliest correspondence between us to assure we have another safe and successful performance.

All the best to your health and safety.

Sincerely,

Phil

Phil Grucci  
CEO Creative Director  
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On Aug 17, 2020, at 5:01 PM, Castillo, Raul G <[raul\\_castillo@nps.gov](mailto:raul_castillo@nps.gov)> wrote:

Phil Grucci and Christopher Grucci

It is my understanding Fireworks by Grucci is anticipating a fireworks display in the NPS/ Washington Monument Grounds.

As required by the NPS policy and Code, please submit the aerial display fireworks documents as soon as possible to Raúl Castillo and Jim King NCA- AHJ for reviewing and processing.

Let me know who will be the point of contact(s) during the fireworks inspection process in order to coordinate, the fireworks truck (s) arrival/position, inventory verification, rack inspections and display inspections.

We look forward receiving the fireworks documents

V/r

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**To:** [Everson, Margaret E](#)  
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**To:** [Farinelli, Susan](#); [Fox, Kelly](#)  
**Subject:** please attach this PDF to the 8/19 meeting invite re: WAMO fireworks proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 19, 2020 6:15:16 AM  
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Thanks in advance,

~Lisa

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**Subject:** FW: Proposed August 27, 2020 Special Event for Washington Monument Grounds (Application #20-1063)  
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Here's the letter mentioned earlier. I've asked Susan/Kelly to attach it to the meeting invite for tomorrow.

Thanks for the call this evening,

~Lisa

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So weird! I sent that last night around 7 pm. I don't know why it says I sent it this morning, my apologies!

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**To:** [Fondren, Kim L](#); [Milkman, Louise F](#); [Mendelson, Lisa](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Permit meetings  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 19, 2020 7:20:29 AM

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My understanding is that Harbinger is 10:00 and RNC is at 12:30.

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**From:** Fondren, Kim L  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 19, 2020 9:13 AM  
**To:** Milkman, Louise F ; Mendelson, Lisa ; Reinbold, Jeffrey P  
**Subject:** Re: Permit meetings

It's at 10am. Sorry was going to let you know this am. Got busy. I will be on the call with Robbin.

Kimberly L. Fondren  
Law Enforcement Team Leader  
Division of Parks and Wildlife  
Office of the Solicitor  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, August 19, 2020 8:55 AM  
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**Subject:** Permit meetings

Lisa, Jeff- what time is the meeting with Harbinger today? And is there one set up with RNC for the fireworks?

Thanks

Louise Milkman  
Assistant Solicitor for National Parks  
202-208-6535  
202-604-5489 (mobile)

Fireworks Discussion Graphics.pdf

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**To:** [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#)  
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**Subject:** Fireworks Discussion Graphics  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 19, 2020 7:26:10 AM

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All Concerned,

In conversations yesterday about the areas in question on the Washington Monument Grounds to be considered for the fireworks permit, Grucci submitted the map reflecting basically the southern half of the area (reflected as Washington Monument Grounds Perimeter Option 1 in my attachments).

In yesterday's meeting at USSS WFO with Harbinger and the Campaign they indicated they were in favor of putting the entire Washington Monument Grounds (reflected as Washington Monument Grounds Perimeter Option 2 in my attachments) under permit as well as closing the Ellipse and Constitution Ave between the two park areas in question (reflected as perimeter Option 3 in my attachments).

The attachments were created for us to see the area to be discussed and provide information with regards to perimeter lengths and areas of the permit.

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Captain Russ Fennelly  
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**From:** [Milkman, Louise F](#)  
**To:** [Fondren, Kim L](#); [Mendelson, Lisa](#); [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Permit meetings  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 19, 2020 7:26:55 AM

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Great thanks

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**From:** Fondren, Kim L  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 19, 2020 9:12:58 AM  
**To:** Milkman, Louise F ; Mendelson, Lisa ; Reinbold, Jeffrey P  
**Subject:** Re: Permit meetings  
It's at 10am. Sorry was going to let you know this am. Got busy. I will be on the call with Robbin.

Kimberly L. Fondren  
Law Enforcement Team Leader  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, August 19, 2020 8:55 AM  
**To:** Mendelson, Lisa ; Reinbold, Jeffrey P  
**Cc:** Fondren, Kim L  
**Subject:** Permit meetings  
Lisa, Jeff- what time is the meeting with Harbinger today? And is there one set up with RNC for the fireworks?  
Thanks

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Fireworks topics .pdf

**From:** [Mendelson, Lisa](#)  
**To:** [Fox, Kelly](#)  
**Subject:** Fireworks topics  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 19, 2020 7:33:10 AM

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RE\_ Fireworks Discussion Graphics(1).pdf

**From:** [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#)  
**To:** [Fennelly, Russell](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Fireworks Discussion Graphics  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 19, 2020 7:34:45 AM

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**From:** Fennelly, Russell  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 19, 2020 9:34 AM  
**To:** Reinbold, Jeffrey P  
**Subject:** RE: Fireworks Discussion Graphics  
I'm fine with it.

These are the areas they are discussing putting under permit.

If we can talk about in terms of option 1, option 2 or option 3, it may make it easier to understand for those not intimately familiar with the areas.

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Are you good with me sharing with others in the group?

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**Subject:** FW: Proposed August 27, 2020 Special Event for Washington Monument Grounds (Application #20-1063)  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 6:33 PM  
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**Subject:** RE: Fireworks Discussion Graphics  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 19, 2020 7:51:50 AM

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All,

Wanda Ellis from DC DPW, reached out to me about street sweepers for the fireworks in the event this happens. She is willing to put the plans together to clean NPS and DC Streets affected by the fireworks launch and the permit holder can remit payment to DPW for the services.

Robbin, can you make sure this is covered in the conversations with the permittee as this is really not an LE issue?

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**To:** [Romanik, Peg A](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Fireworks Discussion Graphics  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 19, 2020 7:53:16 AM

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**To:** [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#)  
**Subject:** Accepted: Fireworks Check-In

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**To:** [Everson, Margaret E](#)  
**Subject:** Accepted: WAMO fireworks requests

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Re\_ Raul at the NCRO On Wednesday at 1130 -1230.pdf

**From:** [Shields, Claire E](#)  
**To:** [Castillo, Raul G](#)  
**Cc:** [Turner, Tenisha L](#); [Jones, Dominique](#); [People, Altovise T](#); [Murphy, Jeremy L](#); [King, James W](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Raul at the NCRO On Wednesday at 1130 -1230  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 19, 2020 9:17:23 AM

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Raul,  
Thank you for letting me know - I will make a note on the tracking sheet.

Claire Shields  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, August 19, 2020 10:52 AM  
**To:** Shields, Claire E  
**Cc:** Turner, Tenisha L ; Jones, Dominique ; People, Altovise T ; Murphy, Jeremy L ; King, James W  
**Subject:** Raul at the NCRO On Wednesday at 1130 -1230

Hi Claire,  
Just to keep you informed, I anticipate stop by the NCRO today, from 1130am -1230pm to pick up fireworks equipment, print some documents and arrange for GOV vehicles for Jim and Raul.  
Thank you

***Raúl***

**Raúl G. Castillo, Regional Structural Fire Program Specialist**

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Re\_ [EXT] Re\_ [EXTERNAL] RE\_ nps permit for fir...\_1.pdf

**From:** [Litterst, Michael D](#)  
**To:** [Jamie Scott](#); [Ming Leong](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXT] Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: nps permit for fireworks  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 19, 2020 9:43:51 AM

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Still pending and I don't have a timeline. We'll provide an update when there's a decision.

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Mike Litterst
Chief of Communications
National Mall and Memorial Parks

Cell: (202) 306-4166

From: Jamie Scott
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 11:28 AM
To: Litterst, Michael D ; Ming Leong
Subject: RE: [EXT] Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: nps permit for fireworks

Mike,

Good morning. Checking back on this fireworks permit. Has this permit been approved yet or if not, is there an estimate for when a decision might be made?

Thanks!

Jamie Scott
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From: Litterst, Michael D
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 12:35 PM
To: Ming Leong
Cc: &Washington-WJLA-AssignmentDesk
Subject: [EXT] Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: nps permit for fireworks

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Hey, Ming!

An application was received on Friday (copy attached) from the RNC. It is still being processed; no decision has been made yet.

Mike

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: nps permit for fireworks

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Mike,  
Sorry – need to clarify – it was the RNC that requested the permit.  
Thanks,  
Ming

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**From:** Ming Leong <[mleong@sbgvtv.com](mailto:mleong@sbgvtv.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2020 12:28 PM  
**To:** Litterst, Michael ([mike\\_litterst@nps.gov](mailto:mike_litterst@nps.gov)) <[mike\\_litterst@nps.gov](mailto:mike_litterst@nps.gov)>  
**Cc:** &Washington-WJLA-AssignmentDesk <[ml-Washington-WJLA-AssignmentDesk@sbgvtv.com](mailto:ml-Washington-WJLA-AssignmentDesk@sbgvtv.com)>  
**Subject:** nps permit for fireworks

Hi Mike,  
Can you confirm for me the White House has asked for and received a permit for fireworks on the evening of the 27<sup>th</sup> of August? Can I please get a copy of the permit as well.  
Thanks,  
Ming Leong  
Planning Editor  
WJLA/24-7  
703-236-9421



RE\_ [EXTERNAL] RE\_ RNC - Grucci Fireworks Displ....pdf

**From:** [Christopher Grucci](#)  
**To:** [King, James W](#)  
**Cc:** [Scott Raso](#); [Chris Carlino](#); [Jenna E. Pipkins ATF Industry Operations Investigator](#); [Hoover, Patrick M.](#); [Murphy, Jeremy L](#); [Castillo, Raul G](#); [Lt John Barnes Jr](#); [Owen, Robbin](#); [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#); [Adamchik, Mark](#); [Fennelly, Russell](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: RNC - Grucci Fireworks Display application for a display August 27, 2020 @11:00pm  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 19, 2020 9:49:22 AM  
**Attachments:** [Fireworks by Grucci - NPS Requested Personnel Documents - Republican National Convention 200827 REV03b.pdf](#)

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Hello Mr. King,

Attached, please find the Identification for our Pyrotechnicians, along with a HazMat Endorsed license for our driver, Todd Albano. Due to the effects of the Corona Virus, Mr. Albano has renewed his HazMat Endorsement, but has not yet received a physical copy of this license.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these documents, please let me know and I will address them to the best of my ability.

Thank You,



**Christopher Grucci**

*Logistics Manager*

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**From:** Christopher Grucci

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 7:46 PM

**To:** King, James W

**Cc:** Scott Raso ; Chris Carlino ; Jenna E. Pipkins ATF Industry Operations Investigator ; Hoover, Patrick M. ; Murphy, Jeremy L ; Castillo, Raul G ; Lt John Barnes Jr ; Owen, Robbin ; Reinbold, Jeffrey P ; Adamchik, Mark ; Fennelly, Russell

**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: RNC - Grucci Fireworks Display application for a display August 27, 2020 @11:00pm

Hello Mr. King,

It is a pleasure to be working with you and the National Park Service again on what we hope will be another spectacular display. I wanted to give you some insight on the below requested documents so you know when to expect them, as well as to be aware of the status of these documents. Please see below notes;

- Fireworks product description
  - The show is still in the design process, and once it is complete we will be able to provide you this information right away.

- CDL and HazMat endorsement driver's information
  - We have confirmed the remainder of our crew today, and will be providing these to you tomorrow morning.
- Pyrotechnic assistant's identification.
  - Similar to the CDL and HazMat endorsements, we will be providing these documents to you tomorrow morning.
- FAA approval letter
  - FAA Notice has been submitted, and once the approval has been received we will send it over to you.
- DC Fire and EMS contract document for fire department unit(s) and staff providing suppression assistance during the shoot on Aug., 27, 2020. Email agreement will suffice.
  - I have spoken to Lt. Barnes of DC Fire and EMS to acquire this contract, and they are working with the RNC to create and finalize this document. It will be forwarded over when we have received it.
- Point of contact for the law enforcement organization(s) providing escort of fireworks trucks to NPS property.
  - I have reached out to Sergeant Gregory Jackson of Metro Police Department, as he was our Point of Contact for last year's escorts. I have not yet heard back from him, but when I do I will provide you with the POC for the escort.
- Copy of Bill of Lading(s) will be collected when each truck arrives on location. Please notify us 48 hours (minimum) in advance of arrival of fireworks.
  - I will be sure to notify you of this arrival as soon as it is arranged with Sergeant Jackson, we anticipate this escort to be on August 22nd, arriving on site by 8:00AM.

If you have any questions on the above points, please feel free to reach out to me either via email or on my cell phone at 631-949-6548.

Thank You,



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**From:** King, James W <[James\\_King@nps.gov](mailto:James_King@nps.gov)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 3:14 PM

**To:** Christopher Grucci <[cgrucci@grucci.com](mailto:cgrucci@grucci.com)>

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**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: RNC - Grucci Fireworks Display application for a display August 27. 2020 @11:00pm

National Park Service (NPS) has reviewed the 2020 RNC pyrotechnics submittal received today from Grucci and find it NOT APPROVED. This review and comments are for the pyrotechnics ONLY.

Please submit or resubmit revision(s) as follows:

- Fireworks product description
- CDL and HazMat endorsement driver's information
- Pyrotechnic assistant's identification.
- FAA approval letter
- DC Fire and EMS contract document for fire department unit(s) and staff providing suppression assistance during the shoot on Aug., 27, 2020. Email agreement will suffice.
- Point of contact for the law enforcement organization(s) providing escort of fireworks trucks to NPS property.
- Copy of Bill of Lading(s) will be collected when each truck arrives on location. Please notify us 48 hours (minimum) in advance of arrival of fireworks.

NOTE:

- 1) Please do not bring pyrotechnics to NPS property without first assuring we have inventory of what is arriving.
- 2) We will inspect all tubes prior to loading per NFPA 1123. Please reach out to Raul Castillo and/or myself 48 hours (minimum) in advance to request inspection(s).
- 3) Please let us know ASAP when security fence is installed so we can verify distances for the fallout area.

Attached please find inspection document we utilize as well as NPS incident report.

We look forward to working with you. Please reach out with any questions.

Jim King, AHJ

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**From:** Castillo, Raul G <[raul\\_castillo@nps.gov](mailto:raul_castillo@nps.gov)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 8:59 AM

**Cc:** Scott Raso <[sraso@grucci.com](mailto:sraso@grucci.com)>; Chris Carlino <[ccarlino@grucci.com](mailto:ccarlino@grucci.com)>; Jenna E. Pipkins ATF

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**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] RE: RNC - Grucci Fireworks Display application for a display August 27. 2020 @11:00pm

Mr. Grucci,

I have revived the aerial fireworks documents scheduled for Aug 27, 2020 at the NPS, Washington Monument grounds.

I will contact you back if I have any questions and to coordinate the inspection process  
V/r

***Raúl***

**Raúl G. Castillo, Regional Structural Fire Program Specialist**

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**From:** Christopher Grucci <[cgrucci@grucci.com](mailto:cgrucci@grucci.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 8:02 AM

**To:** Phil Grucci <[philgrucci@grucci.com](mailto:philgrucci@grucci.com)>; King, James W <[James\\_King@nps.gov](mailto:James_King@nps.gov)>; Castillo, Raul G <[raul\\_castillo@nps.gov](mailto:raul_castillo@nps.gov)>

**Cc:** Scott Raso <[sraso@grucci.com](mailto:sraso@grucci.com)>; Chris Carlino <[ccarlino@grucci.com](mailto:ccarlino@grucci.com)>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: RNC - Grucci Fireworks Display application for a display August 27. 2020 @11:00pm

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Hello Mr. Castillo and Mr. King,

Please find attached here a packet including the following documents:

1. Fireworks Statement of Work
2. Display Site Plan
3. Fireworks Safety Plan
4. Insurance Certificate
5. Pyrotechnician's State Licenses and ID Information
6. U.S. DOJ BATF Importers and Manufacturers License
7. FAA Notice
8. Production Itinerary

9. Operator's Resume (Scott Raso)

10. SDS for 1.3G and 1.4G Fireworks

This performance is still in the process of being design, and following the conclusion of that process we will send over the product quantity and description. We are also finalizing our crew, and the HAZMAT Endorsement for our drivers will be sent when they are confirmed. If you need anything else in the mean time, please let me know.

Thank You,



**Christopher Grucci**

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**Subject:** RNC - Grucci Fireworks Display application for a display August 27. 2020 @11:00pm

Hello Mr. King & Mr. Castillo;

Christopher Grucci will forward the application packet to you in the morning. This packet was previously submitted to the NPS permitting entity via the RNC on Friday August 14th. Christopher will be available to you for any additional documentation you may request.

Mr Scott Raso will again perform the duties as our Chief Pyrotechnician and will be on location to facilitate all inspections.

We look forward to working with you as well to the earliest correspondence between us to assure we have another safe and successful performance.

All the best to your health and safety.

Sincerely,

Phil

Phil Grucci

CEO Creative Director

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On Aug 17, 2020, at 5:01 PM, Castillo, Raul G <[raul\\_castillo@nps.gov](mailto:raul_castillo@nps.gov)> wrote:

Phil Grucci and Christopher Grucci

It is my understanding Fireworks by Grucci is anticipating a fireworks display in the NPS/ Washington Monument Grounds.

As required by the NPS policy and Code, please submit the aerial display fireworks documents as soon as possible to Raúl Castillo and Jim King NCA- AHJ for reviewing and processing.

Let me know who will be the point of contact(s) during the fireworks inspection process in order to coordinate, the fireworks truck (s) arrival/position, inventory verification, rack inspections and display inspections.

We look forward receiving the fireworks documents

V/r

***Raúl***

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**From:** [Mendelson, Lisa](#)  
**To:** [King, James W](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Grucci email - RESPONSE REQUESTED  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 19, 2020 9:57:55 AM

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I'm good with your response and look forward to seeing that of others. Thx Jim.

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Director (Acting)  
DOI Region 1 - NPS National Capital Area  
Sent by cell 202-297-1338

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**From:** King, James W  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 19, 2020 11:28:10 AM  
**To:** Murphy, Jeremy L ; Adamchik, Mark ; Fennelly, Russell  
**Cc:** Reinbold, Jeffrey P ; Mendelson, Lisa ; Fondren, Kim L  
**Subject:** Grucci email - RESPONSE REQUESTED

My response to this is going to be no. The NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) section cited is accurate and calls for "preparation area(s) for display fireworks be secured from public access by at least 100 feet." History has shown us the public tried to scale security fence north of WAMO on the 4th in an effort to get to the fireworks.

In view of recent civil disturbances and the nature of this display my response will be **fence "and" security force**. The very next section of the NFPA code says:

Where unusual or safety-threatening conditions exist, the AHJ shall be permitted to increase the required separation distances as it deems necessary.

Thoughts before I reply?

From Chris Grucci today:

Hello Mr. King,

We are in the process of revising our production schedule to reduce days on site from our original application package for the RNC fireworks display August 27<sup>th</sup>. In doing so we are attempting to minimize our footprint on the areas surrounding the Washington Monument as we load-in and assemble our equipment and load the fireworks in the days leading up to August 27<sup>th</sup> (the Show Date). As such, we have a question we would like clarity on related to the fireworks load in.

In accordance with NFPA 1123 2018 edition, Section 4.2.2.2 it states "Preparation area(s) for display fireworks shall be secured from public access by at least 100 ft (30 m). Our plan for the load -in preparation of the fireworks would be to have a 100ft perimeter surround our load-in areas marked by Yellow Caution Ribbon on stations in conjunction with an independently hired security force to maintain that distance during the entire load-in period.

In your review, would you consider this process to be in compliance with NFPA 1123, 2018, Section 4.2.2.2? Would this be a satisfactory method to the NPS of securing the area surrounding our preparation areas for the fireworks and equipment?

I have attached a site plan showing the current proposed fireworks discharge locations and the 100 ft separation to the line that denotes the yellow barrier ribbon path to identify the area to be secured during the preparation before the show. Naturally the area would be expanded to the Fallout Areas (minimum 70ft/Inch diameter of the aerial shells) on August 27<sup>th</sup> for the conduct of the display. We also understand the Site plan is in review and this site plan has not been approved. Please feel free to call me or provide me a time and number to call you should you have any questions.

Thank you and we look forward to working with you on this project.

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**From:** [Emma Dumain](#)  
**To:** [Litterst, Michael D](#); [Rob Hotakainen](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Hi Mike, a question  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 19, 2020 10:00:02 AM

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Thank you for the quick response! Will stay tuned, of course!

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**From:** Litterst, Michael D  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 19, 2020 12:00 PM  
**To:** Emma Dumain ; Rob Hotakainen  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Hi Mike, a question

Hi, Emma!

Still pending and I don't have a timeline for an answer. We'll provide an update when there's a decision.

Mike

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Mike Litterst
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From: Emma Dumain <edumain@eenews.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 11:57 AM
To: Litterst, Michael D <Mike_Litterst@nps.gov>; Rob Hotakainen <rhotakainen@eenews.net>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Hi Mike, a question
Hey Mike, hope you're doing well. Just wanted to check in and see if there was an update on the permit request here, if there has been a decision yet etc.?
Thank you!

Emma

From: Emma Dumain
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 4:58 PM
To: 'Litterst, Michael D' <Mike_Litterst@nps.gov>; Rob Hotakainen <rhotakainen@eenews.net>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Hi Mike, a question
Aha, thank you for the clarification!

From: Litterst, Michael D <Mike_Litterst@nps.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 4:55 PM
To: Emma Dumain <edumain@eenews.net>; Rob Hotakainen <rhotakainen@eenews.net>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Hi Mike, a question

Emma:

Quick correction - so apparently the rally in the article I linked to was rained out and got moved to Temple University. But the Clinton campaign did hold a [rally on Independence Mall the night before the election](#).

Mike

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**From:** Emma Dumain <[edumain@eenews.net](mailto:edumain@eenews.net)>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2020 3:54 PM  
**To:** Litterst, Michael D <[Mike\\_Litterst@nps.gov](mailto:Mike_Litterst@nps.gov)>; Rob Hotakainen <[rhotakainen@eenews.net](mailto:rhotakainen@eenews.net)>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Hi Mike, a question  
I appreciate that, thank you so much Mike!

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**From:** Litterst, Michael D <[Mike\\_Litterst@nps.gov](mailto:Mike_Litterst@nps.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2020 3:53 PM  
**To:** Emma Dumain <[edumain@eenews.net](mailto:edumain@eenews.net)>; Rob Hotakainen <[rhotakainen@eenews.net](mailto:rhotakainen@eenews.net)>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Hi Mike, a question  
Emma:  
I can't provide you a comprehensive list of events, but political rallies in national parks is not without precedent. One of the most recent high profile events was a [2016 rally on Independence Mall](#) in Philadelphia following the Democratic National Convention.  
Hope this helps,  
Mike

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From: Emma Dumain <edumain@eenews.net>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 1:58 PM
To: Litterst, Michael D <Mike_Litterst@nps.gov>; Rob Hotakainen <rhotakainen@eenews.net>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Hi Mike, a question
Thank you so much, Mike, huge help! I will stay tuned!

From: Litterst, Michael D <Mike_Litterst@nps.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 1:58 PM
To: Emma Dumain <edumain@eenews.net>; Rob Hotakainen <rhotakainen@eenews.net>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Hi Mike, a question
Emma:
I'm out of the office for a couple of hours. I'll check the system for RNC or DNC permits when I get back.
Mike

Mike Litterst
Chief of Communications
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From: Emma Dumain <edumain@eenews.net>

Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 1:51:16 PM

To: Litterst, Michael D <Mike_Litterst@nps.gov>; Rob Hotakainen <rhotakainen@eenews.net>

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Hi Mike, a question

So Rob has helpfully reminded me that NPS has a very helpful FAQ page relating to the permitting process, so I am all set there! I am still trying to figure out, however, under what circumstances have other political parties submitted permits for use of national mall areas for special events in order to put this request in the correct context. Is that something you could help me figure out, again, on background?

Thanks so much,

Emma

From: Emma Dumain

Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 12:38 PM

To: 'Litterst, Michael D' <Mike_Litterst@nps.gov>; Rob Hotakainen <rhotakainen@eenews.net>

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Hi Mike, a question

Oh thank you, this is a huge help! On background, do you know when an application like this would typically be approved for an event happening next week, and if there is precedent for such a request?

From: Litterst, Michael D <Mike_Litterst@nps.gov>

Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 12:36 PM

To: Rob Hotakainen <rhotakainen@eenews.net>

Cc: Emma Dumain <edumain@eenews.net>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Hi Mike, a question

Hi, Rob (and Emma)!

An application was received on Friday (copy attached). It is still being processed; no decision has been made yet.

Hope this helps,

Mike

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Mike Litterst

Chief of Communications

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**From:** Rob Hotakainen <[rhotakainen@eenews.net](mailto:rhotakainen@eenews.net)>

**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2020 12:29 PM

**To:** Litterst, Michael D <[Mike\\_Litterst@nps.gov](mailto:Mike_Litterst@nps.gov)>

**Cc:** Emma Dumain <[edumain@eenews.net](mailto:edumain@eenews.net)>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Hi Mike, a question

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Hi Mike, hope you're well! Can you confirm this? And is the application for the permit available? My colleague, Emma Dumain, is writing for our PM edition. (Mike, meet Emma, and Emma, meet Mike.) And many thanks!

Rob

New - RNC has filed a permit with the NPS for a fireworks display at the Washington Monument at 11:30 pm on the evening POTUS gives his speech, per documents. RNC will also be filming and taking photos of National Mall for promotional materials.

**Rob Hotakainen**

National parks, oceans and fisheries reporter

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Fw\_ [EXTERNAL] Plans for fireworks or gathering....pdf

**From:** [Sullivan, Chelsea P](#) on behalf of [News Media, NPS](#)  
**To:** [Litterst, Michael D](#)  
**Cc:** [NCR Communications, NPS](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Plans for fireworks or gatherings...  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 19, 2020 10:42:37 AM

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For you

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National Park Service  
Office of Public Affairs

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**From:** Knickmeyer, Ellen  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 19, 2020 12:10 PM  
**To:** News Media, NPS ; USPP PIO, NPS  
**Cc:** Khalil, Ashraf  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Plans for fireworks or gatherings...

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Hi, all -can you please tell us where you are in terms of OKing any fireworks permits etc. during next week's convention? Can you give an outline just what requests/plans there are regarding NPS and USPP territory in DC?

Thanks,  
Ellen

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**From:** [Milkman, Louise F](#)  
**To:** [Mendelson, Lisa](#)  
**Cc:** [Romanik, Peg A](#); [Fondren, Kim L](#); [Blasco, Brady B](#)  
**Subject:** Draft legal memo - permit issues  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 19, 2020 11:53:21 AM  
**Attachments:** [Permits -- Legal issues draft 8-19.docx](#)

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Lisa – attached is the draft memo I mentioned. It's a work in progress; we will do more legal analysis when we know more facts.

Louise

Louise Milkman

Assistant Solicitor for National Parks

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Permits -- Legal issues draft 8-19.pdf

**Week of August 24 –Legal Issues Related to Permits**

I. SUMMARY OF RELEVANT LEGAL ISSUES

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**From:** [King, James W](#)  
**To:** [Christopher Grucci](#)  
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**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: RNC - Grucci Fireworks Display application for a display August 27. 2020 @11:00pm  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 19, 2020 1:02:47 PM

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Thank you for the additional information sir.

Jim King

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**Sent:** Wednesday, August 19, 2020 11:46 AM  
**To:** King, James W  
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**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: RNC - Grucci Fireworks Display application for a display August 27. 2020 @11:00pm

Hello Mr. King,

Attached, please find the Identification for our Pyrotechnicians, along with a HazMat Endorsed license for our driver, Todd Albano. Due to the effects of the Corona Virus, Mr. Albano has renewed his HazMat Endorsement, but has not yet received a physical copy of this license.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these documents, please let me know and I will address them to the best of my ability.

Thank You,



**Christopher Grucci**

*Logistics Manager*

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Hello Mr. King,

It is a pleasure to be working with you and the National Park Service again on what we hope will be another spectacular display. I wanted to give you some insight on the below requested documents so you know when to expect them, as well as to be aware of the status of these documents. Please see below notes;

- Fireworks product description
  - The show is still in the design process, and once it is complete we will be able to provide you this information right away.
- CDL and HazMat endorsement driver's information
  - We have confirmed the remainder of our crew today, and will be providing these to you tomorrow morning.
- Pyrotechnic assistant's identification.
  - Similar to the CDL and HazMat endorsements, we will be providing these documents to you tomorrow morning.
- FAA approval letter
  - FAA Notice has been submitted, and once the approval has been received we will send it over to you.
- DC Fire and EMS contract document for fire department unit(s) and staff providing suppression assistance during the shoot on Aug., 27, 2020. Email agreement will suffice.
  - I have spoken to Lt. Barnes of DC Fire and EMS to acquire this contract, and they are working with the RNC to create and finalize this document. It will be forwarded over when we have received it.
- Point of contact for the law enforcement organization(s) providing escort of fireworks trucks to NPS property.
  - I have reached out to Sergeant Gregory Jackson of Metro Police Department, as he was our Point of Contact for last year's escorts. I have not yet heard back from him, but when I do I will provide you with the POC for the escort.
- Copy of Bill of Lading(s) will be collected when each truck arrives on location. Please notify us 48 hours (minimum) in advance of arrival of fireworks.
  - I will be sure to notify you of this arrival as soon as it is arranged with Sergeant Jackson, we anticipate this escort to be on August 22nd, arriving on site by

8:00AM.

If you have any questions on the above points, please feel free to reach out to me either via email or on my cell phone at 631-949-6548.

Thank You,



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National Park Service (NPS) has reviewed the 2020 RNC pyrotechnics submittal received today from Grucci and find it NOT APPROVED. This review and comments are for the pyrotechnics ONLY.

Please submit or resubmit revision(s) as follows:

- Fireworks product description
- CDL and HazMat endorsement driver's information
- Pyrotechnic assistant's identification.
- FAA approval letter
- DC Fire and EMS contract document for fire department unit(s) and staff providing suppression assistance during the shoot on Aug., 27, 2020. Email agreement will suffice.
- Point of contact for the law enforcement organization(s) providing escort of fireworks trucks to NPS property.
- Copy of Bill of Lading(s) will be collected when each truck arrives on location. Please notify us 48 hours (minimum) in advance of arrival of fireworks.

NOTE:

- 1) Please do not bring pyrotechnics to NPS property without first assuring we have inventory of what is arriving.
- 2) We will inspect all tubes prior to loading per NFPA 1123. Please reach out to Raul Castillo and/or myself 48 hours (minimum) in advance to request inspection(s).

3) Please let us know ASAP when security fence is installed so we can verify distances for the fallout area.

Attached please find inspection document we utilize as well as NPS incident report.

We look forward to working with you. Please reach out with any questions.

Jim King, AHJ

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**From:** Castillo, Raul G <[raul\\_castillo@nps.gov](mailto:raul_castillo@nps.gov)>

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**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] RE: RNC - Grucci Fireworks Display application for a display August 27. 2020 @11:00pm

Mr. Grucci,

I have revived the aerial fireworks documents scheduled for Aug 27, 2020 at the NPS, Washington Monument grounds.

I will contact you back if I have any questions and to coordinate the inspection process

V/r

***Raúl***

**Raúl G. Castillo, Regional Structural Fire Program Specialist**

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Hello Mr. Castillo and Mr. King,

Please find attached here a packet including the following documents:

1. Fireworks Statement of Work
2. Display Site Plan
3. Fireworks Safety Plan
4. Insurance Certificate
5. Pyrotechnician's State Licenses and ID Information
6. U.S. DOJ BATF Importers and Manufacturers License

7. FAA Notice
8. Production Itinerary
9. Operator's Resume (Scott Raso)
10. SDS for 1.3G and 1.4G Fireworks

This performance is still in the process of being design, and following the conclusion of that process we will send over the product quantity and description. We are also finalizing our crew, and the HAZMAT Endorsement for our drivers will be sent when they are confirmed. If you need anything else in the mean time, please let me know.

Thank You,



**Christopher Grucci**

*Logistics Manager*

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**Subject:** RNC - Grucci Fireworks Display application for a display August 27. 2020 @11:00pm

Hello Mr. King & Mr. Castillo;

Christopher Grucci will forward the application packet to you in the morning. This packet was previously submitted to the NPS permitting entity via the RNC on Friday August 14th. Christopher will be available to you for any additional documentation you may request.

Mr Scott Raso will again perform the duties as our Chief Pyrotechnician and will be on location to facilitate all inspections.

We look forward to working with you as well to the earliest correspondence between us to assure we have another safe and successful performance.

All the best to your health and safety.

Sincerely,

Phil

Phil Grucci

CEO Creative Director

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- Bellport, NY. - Dubai, UAE

On Aug 17, 2020, at 5:01 PM, Castillo, Raul G <[raul\\_castillo@nps.gov](mailto:raul_castillo@nps.gov)> wrote:

Phil Grucci and Christopher Grucci

It is my understanding Fireworks by Grucci is anticipating a fireworks display in the NPS/ Washington Monument Grounds.

As required by the NPS policy and Code, please submit the aerial display fireworks documents as soon as possible to Raúl Castillo and Jim King NCA- AHJ for reviewing and processing.

Let me know who will be the point of contact(s) during the fireworks inspection process in order to coordinate, the fireworks truck (s) arrival/position, inventory verification, rack inspections and display inspections.

We look forward receiving the fireworks documents

V/r

***Raúl***

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Re\_ [EXTERNAL] Security Question for RNC Firewo....pdf

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**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Security Question for RNC Fireworks Performance - August 27th, 2020  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 19, 2020 1:29:55 PM

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Thank you for reaching out Mr Grucci. Unfortunately due to civil disturbances past, present, and potential, I need to ask you to both fence (metal chain link) around the preparation area(s) as well as provide security personnel. (please see NFPA 1123 section 5.1.1)

As seen during this past 4th of July, some demonstrators will stop at very little to disrupt a pyrotechnic display or just be disruptive!. Certainly yellow caution tape and roving patrol will not suffice as adequate security for you, your staff, and the racks and equipment you will be building and installing not to mention the pyrotechnics themselves upon arrival.

We look forward to working with you on this auspicious display. Please reach out with any other questions or concerns.

Jim King

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**From:** Christopher Grucci  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 19, 2020 11:08 AM  
**To:** King, James W ; Castillo, Raul G  
**Cc:** Phil Grucci ; Chris Carlino ; Corey Grucci ; Douglas Schantz ; Larry Goetz  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Security Question for RNC Fireworks Performance - August 27th, 2020

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Hello Mr. King,

We are in the process of revising our production schedule to reduce days on site from our original application package for the RNC fireworks display August 27<sup>th</sup>. In doing so we are attempting to minimize our footprint on the areas surrounding the Washington Monument as we load-in and assemble our equipment and load the fireworks in the days leading up to August 27<sup>th</sup> (the Show Date). As such, we have a question we would like clarity on related to the fireworks load in. In accordance with NFPA 1123 2018 edition, Section 4.2.2.2 it states "Preparation area(s) for display fireworks shall be secured from public access by at least 100 ft (30 m). Our plan for the load -in preparation of the fireworks would be to have a 100ft perimeter surround our load-in areas marked by Yellow Caution Ribbon on stations in conjunction with an independently hired security force to maintain that distance during the entire load-in period.

In your review, would you consider this process to be in compliance with NFPA 1123, 2018, Section 4.2.2.2? Would this be a satisfactory method to the NPS of securing the area surrounding our

preparation areas for the fireworks and equipment?

I have attached a site plan showing the current proposed fireworks discharge locations and the 100 ft separation to the line that denotes the yellow barrier ribbon path to identify the area to be secured during the preparation before the show. Naturally the area would be expanded to the Fallout Areas (minimum 70ft/Inch diameter of the aerial shells) on August 27<sup>th</sup> for the conduct of the display. We also understand the Site plan is in review and this site plan has not been approved. Please feel free to call me or provide me a time and number to call you should you have any questions.

Thank you and we look forward to working with you on this project.

Thank You,



**Christopher Grucci**

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**From:** [Litterst, Michael D](#)  
**To:** [Khalil, Ashraf](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Question on Republican National Convention activities and fireworks  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 19, 2020 3:24:23 PM  
**Attachments:** [20-1063 Republican National Committee application\\_Redacted.pdf](#)  
[20-1067 Republican National Committee application\\_Redacted.pdf](#)

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Hi, Ashraf!

A permit application was received on Friday from the RNC (copy attached) to launch fireworks from the Washington Monument grounds on August 27. It is still being processed; no decision has been made yet and no permit has been issued.

They also applied for a permit to take photographs and video at sites on the National Mall (also attached).

Mike

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Mike Litterst
Chief of Communications
National Mall and Memorial Parks

Cell: (202) 306-4166

From: Khalil, Ashraf
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 2:34 PM
To: Litterst, Michael D
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Question on Republican National Convention activities and fireworks

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Hey Mike,
We're taking a look at the DC-related plans for next week's Republican National Convention. My colleagues have reported that the RNC has requested a fireworks permit. Can you confirm that? And if so, what's the status of that application?
And have there been any other convention-related applications for gatherings on the mall or elsewhere under NPS jurisdiction?
Thanks!
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APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO CONDUCT A
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NATIONAL MALL AND MEMORIAL PARKS

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Date of Application: 8/14/20

SECTION 1: Contact Information

This is an application for a:

☐ Demonstration ☒ Special Event Definitions on 10-941S, Supplemental Instructions

Individual/Organization Republican National Committee	Telephone Number 202-863-8638	Cell Phone	Fax Number	
Email Address (b) (6)	Website gop.com			
Street Address 310 First St, S.E.	City Washington	State DC	Zip Code 20003	Country USA
Person in Charge of Event Michelle Meadows	Telephone Number 202-863-8638	Cell Phone Number		
Email Address (b) (6)				
Street Address 310 First Street, S.E.	City Washington	State DC	Zip Code 20003	Country USA

At least one person must be listed as in charge of the activity. If different individuals are to be in charge of various activities at different locations, please list their names and contact information:

Name	Contact Information	Name	Contact Information
Name	Contact Information	Name	Contact Information

SECTION 2: Lafayette Park and White House Sidewalk

Is this an application for the use of the White House Sidewalk³ or Lafayette Park?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please be aware that a waiver of the numerical limitations is required if an expected demonstration on the White House Sidewalk will include more than 750 participants or that a demonstration in Lafayette Park will include more than 3,000 participants.

Is this an application for a waiver of the numerical limitations?

☐ Yes ☒ No

SECTION 3: Event Logistics

Set-Up Dates and Ending Dates

8/21 Starting Date 8/27 Ending Date 7:00 Starting Time ☒ AM ☐ PM 11:29 Ending Time ☐ AM ☒ PM

Event Dates and Times

8/27 Starting 8/27 Ending 11:30 Starting Time ☐ AM ☒ PM 11:35 Ending Time ☐ AM ☒ PM

Break-down Dates and Times

8/27 Starting 8/30 Ending 11:35 Starting Time ☐ AM ☒ PM 9:00 Ending Time ☐ AM ☒ PM

Please list ALL proposed locations (include assembly and dispersal areas):

Washington Monument
Note that breakdown will begin on 8/28.

³ The White House Sidewalk is the sidewalk between East and West Executive Avenues, on the south side Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Page 1 of 6

Estimated maximum number of participants for EACH PARK AREA TO BE USED (Including organizers, volunteers, participants and spectators):

Fireworks team: approx. 50 people

Purpose of event:

Aerial fireworks display

Plan for proposed activity (include all speakers, a complete time schedule of the activity, proposed routes for any marches or parades, plans for the orderly termination and dispersal of activity which might affect regular flow of city traffic, etc.):

Aerial fireworks display

Please indicate any of these items that will be used during the proposed activity:	☐ Handheld Signs/ Placards Quantity:	☐ Chairs Quantity:	☐ Tables Quantity:	☐ Tents Quantity:
	☐ Portable Restrooms Quantity:	☐ Camera Tripod Quantity:	☐ Jumbotrons Quantity:	☐ Generators Quantity: Type:
	☐ Banner/Sign(s) Size: Length: Width: Height:	☐ Press Riser Size: Length: Width: Height:	☐ Stages Size: Length: Width: Height:	☐ Turf Protective Cover(s) Size: Length: Width: Height:
	☐ Podium	☐ Lighting Equipment	☐ Estimated # of Buses:	
	☐ Distribution of Literature	☐ Portable Sound System		

Please list all other equipment (include any necessary medical/trailers):

Misc. fireworks show materials and command center equipment

Are you proposing to solicit donations:

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are you proposing food or beverages service⁴:

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are you proposing road closures or traffic management? If so list the roads and/or trails affected? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Partial closure at the intersection of Maine Ave SW and Independence Ave SW

How will the event be advertised or publicized:

- ☒ TV ☒ Print ☒ Flyers
☒ Radio ☒ Website ☒ Email/Listserv
☒ Social media (Twitter, Facebook, Tumblr, etc.)

Do you propose to have commercial sponsors? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If yes, how are sponsors recognized.

If boxes, crates, coffins, or similar items will be used, state whether they are to be carried opened or closed, their proposed size, the materials constructed from, and their proposed contents and use:

What are your cleanup and/or recycling plans?

After the show concludes, cleanup of materials will begin within the fallout zone. All equipment and cleanup will conclude by 8/30.

How will cleanup members be identified?

Cleanup crew will operate inside the access-controlled fallout zone

⁴ Please note there is an additional Temporary Food Establishment Permit Application that must be completed at least 70 days prior to proposed event. Food service is subject to more stringent standards including being preapproved by the National Park Service and meeting Public Health standards. Only ethnic foods that are determined to be integral to the theme of the proposed event are permitted.

SECTION 4: Activity Disruption

Do you have any reason to believe or any information indicating that any individual, group or organization might seek to disrupt the activity for which this application is submitted? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes", list each such individual, group or organization and contact information for each:

Event may attract First Amendment demonstrators

SECTION 5: Marshals⁵ and Volunteers

Will applicant furnish marshals and/or volunteers? ☐ Yes ☒ No

How Many

Note: Marshals are required for all waivers of numerical limitations and for demonstration activities held simultaneously on White House Sidewalk and Lafayette Park.

List the functions the marshals and/or volunteers are expected to perform:

How will the marshals and/or volunteers be identified?

Person(s) responsible for supervision of marshals and/or volunteers (for each location):

Name(s)	Location(s)	Contact information during event (address/phone)
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What communications equipment will be provided to the marshals and/or volunteers? (Include the number of walkie-talkies, mobile phone tree, bullhorns, public address systems, flashlights, etc.)

State specifically the plans for ingress and egress of the participants to and from all park areas including Lafayette Park. Please include proposed sites for loading and unloading of buses, automobiles or other forms of transportation which the participants are expected to use (supply chart or map if necessary).

⁵ Marshals do not act as police, they help maintain order among participants, provide information to participants and non-participants. Marshals should have knowledge of the overall event organization.

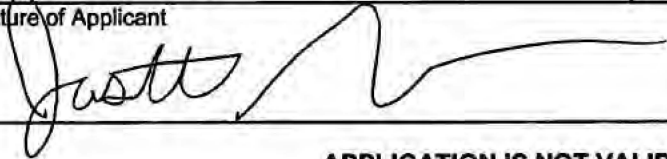


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SECTION 6: Permit Applicant Information (information for person completing application)				
Name Justin Riemer	Telephone Number (b) (6)	Cell Phone Number	Fax Number	
Position RNC Chief Counsel	Email Address (b) (6)			
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Signature of Applicant 				Date 08/14/2020

APPLICATION IS NOT VALID UNLESS SIGNED

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Open 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday – Friday

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COMMERCIAL FILMING / STILL PHOTOGRAPHY
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Please supply the information requested below. **Attach additional sheets, if necessary, to provide required information.** A nonrefundable processing cost of \$90.00 must accompany this application unless the requested use is an exercise of a First Amendment right. You must allow sufficient time for the park to process your request; check with the park for guidelines. You will be notified of the status of the application and the necessary steps to secure your final permit. Your permit may require the payment of cost recovery charges and proof of liability insurance naming the United States of America an additional insured.

* Enter either a social security number OR a tax ID number; we do not require both.

Applicant Name Michelle Meadows				Company/Organization Name Republican National Committee			
Social Security Number*				Tax Identification Number* (b) (6)			
Street Address 310 First Street, S.E.				Street Address 310 First Street, S.E.			
City Washington	State DC	Zip Code 20003	Country USA	City Washington	State DC	Zip Code 20003	Country USA
Telephone Number 202-863-8638				Contact Name Michelle Meadows			
Cell Phone Number (b) (6)				Telephone Number 202-863-8638			
Fax Number				Fax Number			
Email Address (b) (6)				Email Address (b) (6)			
PROJECT INFORMATION							
Project Name Republican National Convention				Telephone Number 202-863-8638		Cell Phone Number (b) (6)	
Location Manager Michelle Meadows				Email Address (b) (6)			
Type of Project ☒ Video/Motion Picture/Movie ☐ Still Photography							
Detailed Description of Onsite Activities (attach additional pages, if necessary) Scenic photo and video recording on the National Mall							

Applicant Name Michelle Meadows			Company/Organization Name Republican National Committee			
LOCATION SCHEDULE						
Date	Location	Start	End time	Interior/ Exterior	Activity: Set-Up/Film/ Non-Filming/Breakdown	Number of Cast/Crew*
8/17	National Mall	8:00AM	8/28 10:00PM	Exterior	Film	10

* number in this column should include all individuals present at the location

EQUIPMENT
Description of equipment, backdrops, sets, props (attach additional pages, if necessary). Please note if any of the following will be included: weapons, animals, minors, nudity. Small portable photo and video equipment

NUMBER OF VEHICLES	
Cars, SUVs, or light pick-up trucks 2	Vehicles greater than a 10,000 lbs. (class 3 or higher) 0

Have you physically visited the requested area? ☒ Yes ☐ No

When answering "Yes" to any of the following questions, provide additional information using additional pages, as necessary

Do you have, or are you applying for, a permit with another Federal, State or local agency for this activity? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Have you had previous permits from the National Park Service? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Have you ever been denied a permit or had a permit revoked by a Federal agency? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Have you forfeited a bond or other security for filming on Federal lands? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are there any pending Federal investigations against you which involve a commercial filming activity? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Do you plan to advertise or issue a press release before the event? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Do you anticipate any security concerns? If yes, explain (attach additional sheet). ☐ Yes ☒ No

CONTACTS	
Person on location responsible for adherence to all terms & conditions of the permit	
Name Michelle Meadows	Title Advance Liaison
Telephone Number 202-863-8638	Cell Phone Number (b) (6)

The applicant by his or her signature certifies that all the information given is complete and correct, and that no false or misleading information or false statements have been given.

Printed Name Michelle Meadows	Title Advance Liaison	Company Name Republican National Committee
Signature <i>Michelle Meadows</i>		Date 8/17



**APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT
COMMERCIAL FILMING / STILL PHOTOGRAPHY
(Short Form)**



**NATIONAL MALL AND MEMORIAL PARKS
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WASHINGTON, DC 20024
202-245-4715**

Applicant Name Michelle Meadows	Company/Organization Name Republican National Committee
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FYI Letter to Applicant.pdf

From: [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#)
To: [Zerzan, Gregory P](#)
Subject: FYI Letter to Applicant
Date: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 3:55:10 PM
Attachments: [Proposed August 27, 2020 Special Event for Washington Monument Grounds \(Application #20-1063\).pdf](#)

Greg,

Here's the letter that I sent to the fireworks applicant yesterday. For activities that are not allowed out right, I usually present high level concerns in a meeting or letter. The applicant was not responding to staff's initial requests for a meeting so I put some of the most obvious concerns in the letter. I also included potential event costs including potential unique costs related to the nature of the event so they were not surprised by the magnitude of the cost. Copies were shared with Peg, Louise and Kim.

Jeff

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Proposed August 27, 2020 Special Event for Was.pdf

From: [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#)
To: mmeadows@2020gopconvention.com; jriemer@gop.com
Cc: [Owen, Robbin](#)
Subject: Proposed August 27, 2020 Special Event for Washington Monument Grounds (Application #20-1063)
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 6:33:00 PM

Hello Ms. Meadows and Mr. Riemer:

On Friday August 14, 2020, we received your Special Event permit application (Application #20-1063) for a fireworks display on the Washington Monument grounds on Thursday, August 27, 2020. The application included no details on the proposed display. Today, Tuesday, August 18, 2020, the National Park Service Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) received a pyrotechnics submittal. The AHJ has found the package to be incomplete and it has not been approved.

Fireworks are prohibited at the National Mall and Memorial Parks without a permit (36 C.F.R. § 2.38) and have only rarely been permitted outside of the national Fourth of July Celebration (see 36 C.F.R. § 7.96), and then usually by the National Park Service for public celebratory events such as the Millennium. This proposal does not have regulatory preference under 36 C.F.R. § 7.96 and the National Park Service is not a partner to the proposed event.

The proposed location on the Washington Monument grounds presents specific challenges because of the historic and scenic character of the area, that also make it one of the most desirable places for events and general visitation. Your proposal would close a significant portion of the grounds to public use for 10 days and necessitate the closure of several major thoroughfares. In addition to the pyrotechnics review, we will be looking closely at the potential impact of the event, including setup and takedown, on the several demonstrations and special events that are already planned for this area. Consistent with our regulations, we strive to provide for multiple occupancy, but these other applications were received before yours, and would take precedence for portions of the grounds if there is a conflict.

For a special event, you would also be responsible for all costs associated with set up, execution and take down related to the event. This includes any costs for US Park Police and National Mall and Memorial Parks staff beyond their core work. National Park staff may have limited involvement with your event in order to comply with the Hatch Act. You would also be responsible for removing all fireworks related debris, even outside the identified fallout area. All roadways would need to be cleared by 3:00am on Friday, August 28, 2020 and all turf areas outside the fenced areas by 6:00am on August 28, 2020 so as not to impede the other permitted activities. For planning purposes, you can expect the event to cost between \$300,000 - \$500,000 (not including fireworks) based on our experience with the Washington Monument elements of the recent Fourth of July fireworks display.

Finally, consistent with our regulations, and with awareness that this activity is prohibited in the park without a permit, we will evaluate the application under the following criteria (36 C.F.R. § 7.96) before issuing a permit:

- A. Whether the objectives and purposes of the proposed special event relate to and are within the basic mission and responsibilities of the National Capital Region, National Park Service.
- B. Whether the park area requested is reasonably suited in terms of accessibility, size, and nature of the proposed special event.
- C. Whether the proposed special event can be permitted within a reasonable budgetary allocation of National Park Service funds considering the event's public appeal, and the anticipated participation of the general public therein.
- D. Whether the proposed event is duplicative of events previously offered in National Capital

Region or elsewhere in or about Washington, DC.

- E. Whether the activities contemplated for the proposed special event are in conformity with all applicable laws and regulations.

No activity related to this proposal may proceed on the National Mall and Memorial Parks without written National Park Service approval. I've copied Robbin Owen who will continue to be your primary contact and work with you through the details of your proposed event.

Sincerely,
Jeff Reinbold

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[EXTERNAL] Revised Application Packet for Repub....pdf

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To: [King, James W](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Revised Application Packet for Republican National Convention Fireworks Performance - August 27th, 2020
Date: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 5:57:55 PM
Attachments: [Packet for National Parks Service - 2020-08-27 Rev02a.pdf](#)

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Thank You,



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August 14, 2020

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Per agreement 132 pages
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Event: Republican National Convention
 Date: August 27, 2020
 Location: Areas surrounding the Washington Monument
 Time: Approx. 11:30 PM
 Duration: 4 – 5 minutes

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Sincerely,

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From: [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#)
To: [Mendelson, Lisa](#)
Date: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 7:09:53 PM

Good Evening,

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From: [Mendelson, Lisa](#)
To: [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#)
Subject: Lmendelson@nps.gov
Date: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 7:22:50 PM
Attachments: [Document.docx](#)

I offered a few additional words and sentences. Otherwise content and tone look good. Presume you're responding to all on the incoming Grucci email.

Thanks much, call if you have any Qs!

Lisa Mendelson
Director (Acting)
DOI Region 1 - NPS National Capital Area
Sent by cell 202-297-1338

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From: [Mendelson, Lisa](#)
To: [Benge, Shawn T](#)
Subject: email
Date: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 9:45:02 PM
Attachments: [EMAIL 2020 08 19 RE \[EXTERNAL\] Revised Application Packet for Republican National Convention Fireworks Performance - August 27th, 2020.pdf](#)

FYI We sent this tonight, thanks.

Lisa Mendelson, AICP
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EMAIL 2020 08 19 RE_ [EXTERNAL] Revised Applic.pdf

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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Revised Application Packet for Republican National Convention Fireworks Performance - August 27th, 2020
Date: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 9:33:23 PM

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From: [Litterst, Michael D](#)
To: [Jamie Scott](#)
Subject: Read: RE: [EXT] Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: nps permit for fireworks
Date: Thursday, August 20, 2020 2:07:13 AM

Your message

To: Litterst, Michael D
Subject: RE: [EXT] Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: nps permit for fireworks
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 11:28:38 AM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)
was read on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 11:43:17 AM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

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From: [Mendelson, Lisa](#)
To: [Benge, Shawn T](#)
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Revised Application Packet for Republican National Convention Fireworks Performance - August 27th, 2020
Date: Thursday, August 20, 2020 5:31:08 AM

Keeping you in the loop. Will update again this afternoon, or when there's something specific to discuss. Thanks so much.

Lisa Mendelson
Director (Acting)
DOI Region 1 - NPS National Capital Area
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From: Phil Grucci
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2020 7:08 AM
To: Reinbold, Jeffrey P
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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Revised Application Packet for Republican National Convention Fireworks Performance - August 27th, 2020
Good morning Mr. Reinbold,

Thank you for your email and further details of the status of our efforts towards the issuance of the NPS Event permit to support the fireworks display proposed for August 27, 2020.

We are working diligently and continuously with the RNC and Convention team on the multiple requirements of the permitting for this event I including and beyond the fireworks related submittal.

Yesterday we were benefitted by receiving further clarification from Mrs Owen, Mr King and Calt Fennelly and team on the requirements of the event permit including the ROM estimate for costs for NPP details to secure the display area during installation and display, and the NPS services and related operational restriction we must be aware of when conducting an event on the National Mall.

Yesterday and all day today we aim to secure many of the requirements and their associated budgets. We anticipate requesting a discussion later today with members of the NPS to discuss the revised application details as well an update on our progress with the budget for securing the site and NPS related costs and services.

We have been communicating with a number of vendors to provide details and quotes for temporary fencing, clean up, street sweeping, EMS and all of the items related to the safe and efficient operations of the event.

We understand no work may commence on the National Mall and Memorial Parks until the permit is issued.

We appreciate your continued clarity and remain steadfast in our efforts to see this project come to fruition with a safe and spectacular results.

Thank you, and have a safe day.

Phil

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[EXTERNAL] Updated Production Schedule.pdf

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To: [Owen, Robbin](#)
Cc: [Phil Grucci](#); [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#); [Fennelly, Russell](#); [Larry Goetz](#); [Chris Carlino](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Updated Production Schedule
Date: Thursday, August 20, 2020 9:07:53 AM

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Hello Ms. Owen,

I saw your email requesting the Revised Production Schedule, and I wanted to reach out to you to make sure you received the full packet we sent yesterday. In that packet, there is a copy of the Revised Production Schedule, it is included right after the FAA Approval Letter, and in the PDF the Schedule begins on page 99. Please let me know if you see it, as it is a rather large packet and I want to ensure that it was not truncated when sent via email.

Thank You,



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Re_ [EXTERNAL] Nexstar-TV Request.pdf

From: [Allison Mannheimer](#)
To: [Litterst, Michael D](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Nexstar-TV Request
Date: Thursday, August 20, 2020 11:51:08 AM
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Good Afternoon,

I wanted to follow up on this story. Do you know if the permit has been granted or denied? If no answer has come yet, do you know when a final decision is expected? Thanks for your help!

Allie Mannheimer

Digital Producer

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From: Allison Mannheimer
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 1:33 PM
To: Litterst, Michael D
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Nexstar-TV Request
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From: Litterst, Michael D
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 1:28 PM
To: Allison Mannheimer
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Nexstar-TV Request
Hi, Allie:

The attached permit application was received on Friday from the RNC and contains details of their request. The application is still being processed; no decision has been made yet and no permit has been issued.

Mike

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Mike Litterst  
Chief of Communications  
National Mall and Memorial Parks

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**From:** Allison Mannheimer  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 11:02 AM  
**To:** Litterst, Michael D  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Nexstar-TV Request

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Good Morning,

My name is Allie Mannheimer and I'm a producer with Nexstar Media Group. I had tried calling your office phone number but the inbox was full so I wanted to reach out via email. I was wondering if you could confirm the following information:

- The Republican National Committee filed a permit with the National Parks Service Friday August 14th to hold a fireworks show on the National Mall at the Washington Monument on August 27th.
- How long would the fireworks show last if the permit was granted? When would it start?
- Has the permit been granted already? If not, when is an answer expected?

Thanks for your assistance!

**Allie Mannheimer**

**Digital Producer**

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[EXTERNAL] RNC Activities on NPS Property.pdf

**From:** [William Bredderman](#)  
**To:** [mike\\_litterst@nps.gov](mailto:mike_litterst@nps.gov)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RNC Activities on NPS Property  
**Date:** Thursday, August 20, 2020 2:38:18 PM

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Dear Mr. Litterst,

Will Bredderman, reporter for the Daily Beast here. I'm reaching out to check out two things:

- 1) Has the NPS approved the widely reported permit requests for a fireworks show at the Washington Monument on August 27?
- 2) Has the RNC, the Trump campaign, or any other GOP organization requested permits for events on NPS property in or around Washington, D.C. next week?

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Will Bredderman  
(347) 820-2908

Re\_ Update on permits - NCA .pdf

**From:** [Benge, Shawn T](#)  
**To:** [Mendelson, Lisa](#)  
**Cc:** [Everson, Margaret E](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Update on permits - NCA  
**Date:** Thursday, August 20, 2020 5:59:13 PM

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Copy. Thanks Lisa.

Shawn BengeSent from my iPhone

On Aug 20, 2020, at 6:43 PM, Mendelson, Lisa wrote:

End of day update: moving along well.

Provided \$512k number to RNC today for NPS/USPP costs. Have requested and expect to receive bond by noon tomorrow to allow us to issue a permit by the end of the day, which will allow Grucci to begin load in on Saturday. We are requiring and expect to have proof of contracts for fencing and clean up, etc to ensure applicant has the full range special event aspects covered.

Technical issues w fireworks continue to be hammered out for the 4 minute display, don't anticipate any issues as long as there are no unexpected last minute changes.

Harbinger retracted their applications today, and MD RNC applied for much of the same area in exchange. Continue to work to understand their interests, more as we get it.

Received written request from USSS today for closures and fencing associated with 8/27 event, we continue to discuss responsibility for cost, will know more tomorrow.

Media interest continues, we are working w WASO and DOI.

Overall, positive movement.

Pls let me know if any questions, thanks.

-Lisa

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Lisa Mendelson  
Director (Acting)  
DOI Region 1 - NPS National Capital Area  
Sent by cell 202-297-1338

Re\_ [EXTERNAL] RE\_ Additional detail requested ...(3).pdf

**From:** [Owen, Robbin](#)  
**To:** [Christopher Gucci](#); [Michelle Meadows](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: Additional detail requested by Mrs. Robbin Owen on 2020-08-20  
**Date:** Friday, August 21, 2020 5:03:15 AM

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Good Morning Chris, Thank you for your information. In requires to your responses please see below:

1. Tents are not allowed anywhere with the security barrier system. As you did for July 4, you may use the Sylvan Theater as your command post. What size is your dumpster?
2. We do not park box trucks on the entry roadway to Sylvan off of Independence Avenue. Trucks can only come in to unload and load. In addition the roadway is an emergency access road. Please remove the trucks from the site plan. As with all events, we will only allow three (3) vehicles to park behind Sylvan. Please provide information on the three vehicles so I may be able to issue parking passes. Any vehicle without a parking pass will be ticketed and removed.
3. Any vehicle entering the Washington Monument grounds will need a U. S. Park Police Access Pass. Contact Sgt. Eddie Burnett at [eddie\\_burnett@nps.gov](mailto:eddie_burnett@nps.gov) for access passes.
4. Please provide a new site plan with removal of box trucks and tents
5. I still need copies of paid contracts for restrooms, medical, trash removal and street sweeper.
6. Please provide you spectator plan to include restrooms, COVID 19 plan and first aid
7. Need vehicle routes on the Washington Monument grounds to include entry onto and exit on the grounds
8. Need your plan for protecting the structures in the Fall out area.

Thanks,  
Robbin

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**From:** Christopher Gucci  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 20, 2020 8:45 PM  
**To:** Owen, Robbin  
**Cc:** King, James W ; Castillo, Raul G ; Phil Gucci ; Corey Gucci ; Scott Raso ; Chris Carlino ; Larry Goetz ; Douglas Schantz  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Additional detail requested by Mrs. Robbin Owen on 2020-08-20

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Hello Mrs. Owen,

Please see attached packet to address your questions brought up earlier today. If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to us.

Thank You,



Christopher Grucci

*Logistics Manager*

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Re\_ [EXTERNAL] RNC Activities on NPS Property.pdf

**From:** [Litterst, Michael D](#)  
**To:** [William Bredderman](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] RNC Activities on NPS Property  
**Date:** Friday, August 21, 2020 6:42:12 AM  
**Attachments:** [20-1098 Maryland Republican Party application Redacted.pdf](#)

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Will:

1. The RNC application for fireworks at the Washington Monument is still being processed. No decision has been made and no permit has been issued.
2. The Maryland Republican Party submitted the attache application yesterday afternoon. Likewise, it is still being processed.

Hope this helps,

Mike

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Mike Litterst
Chief of Communications
National Mall and Memorial Parks

Cell: (202) 306-4166

From: William Bredderman
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2020 4:37 PM
To: Litterst, Michael D
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RNC Activities on NPS Property

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20-1098 Maryland Republican Party application_.pdf



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NATIONAL MALL AND MEMORIAL PARKS

Division of Permits Management
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20-1098

RECEIVED BY
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON, DC

Date of Application: 8/20/2020

SECTION 1: Contact Information

This is an application for a:

☒ Demonstration ☐ Special Event Definitions on 10-941S, Supplemental Instructions

Individual/Organization Maryland Republican Party	Telephone Number (b) (6)	Cell Phone	Fax Number
Email Address (b) (6)	Website		
Street Address PO Box 631	City Annapolis	State MD	Zip Code 21222
Person in Charge of Event Corine Frank	Telephone Number (b) (6)	Cell Phone Number	
Email Address corine@mdgop.org			
Street Address (b) (6)	City (b) (6)	State	Zip Code USA

At least one person must be listed as in charge of the activity. If different individuals are to be in charge of various activities at different locations, please list their names and contact information:

Name	Contact Information	Name	Contact Information
Name	Contact Information	Name	Contact Information

SECTION 2: Lafayette Park and White House Sidewalk

Is this an application for the use of the White House Sidewalk³ or Lafayette Park?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Please be aware that a waiver of the numerical limitations is required if an expected demonstration on the White House Sidewalk will include more than 750 participants or that a demonstration in Lafayette Park will include more than 3,000 participants.

Is this an application for a waiver of the numerical limitations?

☒ Yes ☐ No

SECTION 3: Event Logistics

Set-Up Dates and Ending Dates			
8/25/20	Starting Date 8/25/20	Ending Date 12:00	Starting Time 1:00 PM
Ending Time AM PM			
Event Dates and Times			
8/25/20	Starting 8/27/20	Ending 1:00	Starting Time 11:30 PM
Ending Time AM PM			
Break-down Dates and Times			
8/27/20	Starting 8/27/20	Ending 11:30	Starting Time 11:59 PM
Ending Time AM PM			

Please list ALL proposed locations (include assembly and dispersal areas):

The White House Sidewalk, Lafayette Park, and Freedom Plaza. These events are SOLELY on the 25th and 27th; not the 26th. Nothing will be in the space the 26th.

³ The White House Sidewalk is the sidewalk between East and West Executive Avenues, on the south side Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Estimated maximum number of participants for EACH PARK AREA TO BE USED (Including organizers, volunteers, participants and spectators): ~10,000, in each location. The two locations we are looking at are Lafayette Park/White House Sidewalk, and Freedom Plaza, to clarify which two sites we are referring to.			
Purpose of event: A First Amendment demonstration, coordinated by the Maryland GOP and the Maryland Black Republican Council.			
Plan for proposed activity (include all speakers, a complete time schedule of the activity, proposed routes for any marches or parades, plans for the orderly termination and dispersal of activity which might affect regular flow of city traffic, etc.): Attendees will be standing and occupying the spaces from the afternoon through the late night. No sound will be directed specifically at the White House. Protesters will not have any planned speeches or any use of production assets, and are free to leave and return of their own accord.			
Please indicate any of these items that will be used during the proposed activity:	☒ Handheld Signs/ Placards Quantity: 4,000	☐ Chairs Quantity:	☐ Tables Quantity:
	☐ Portable Restrooms Quantity:	☐ Camera Tripod Quantity:	☐ Jumbotrons Quantity:
	☐ Banner/Sign(s) Size: Length: Width: Height:	☐ Press Riser Size: Length: Width: Height:	☐ Stages Size: Length: Width: Height:
	☐ Podium ☐ Distribution of Literature	☐ Lighting Equipment ☐ Portable Sound System	☐ Tents Quantity: ☐ Generators Quantity: Type: ☐ Turf Protective Cover(s) Size: Length: Width: Height:
	☐ Estimated # of Buses:		
Please list all other equipment (include any necessary medical/trailers):			
Are you proposing to solicit donations: ☐ Yes ☒ No		Are you proposing food or beverages service ⁴ : ☐ Yes ☒ No	
Are you proposing road closures or traffic management? If so list the roads and/or trails affected? ☐ Yes ☒ No Attendees will not be switching between sites in a way that impacts streets.			
How will the event be advertised or publicized: ☐ TV ☐ Print ☐ Flyers ☐ Radio ☐ Website ☒ Email/Listserv ☐ Social media (Twitter, Facebook, Tumblr, etc.)		Do you propose to have commercial sponsors? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, how are sponsors recognized.	
If boxes, crates, coffins, or similar items will be used, state whether they are to be carried opened or closed, their proposed size, the materials constructed from, and their proposed contents and use: None.			
What are your cleanup and/or recycling plans? Attendees are mandated to be responsible for their own trash, but marshals/volunteers will be ensuing cleanup at end of day.		How will cleanup members be identified? Red t-shirts.	

⁴ Please note there is an additional Temporary Food Establishment Permit Application that must be completed at least 70 days prior to proposed event. Food service is subject to more stringent standards including being preapproved by the National Park Service and meeting Public Health standards. Only ethnic foods that are determined to be integral to the theme of the proposed event are permitted.

SECTION 4: Activity Disruption		
Do you have any reason to believe or any information indicating that any individual, group or organization might seek to disrupt the activity for which this application is submitted? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
If "Yes", list each such individual, group or organization and contact information for each:		
We do not have any specific outstanding groups challenging this that we are aware of.		
SECTION 5: Marshals⁵ and Volunteers		
Will applicant furnish marshals and/or volunteers? ☒ Yes ☐ No		How Many
Note: Marshals are required for all <u>waivers of numerical limitations</u> and for demonstration activities held simultaneously on White House Sidewalk and Lafayette Park.		200
List the functions the marshals and/or volunteers are expected to perform:		
Marshals and volunteers will be ensuring attendees do not disturb rush hour or direct sound at the White House, and maintaining an organized group, as well as overseeing a clean space at the end.		
How will the marshals and/or volunteers be identified?		
Red t-shirts		
Person(s) responsible for supervision of marshals and/or volunteers (for each location):		
Name(s)	Location(s)	Contact information during event (address/phone)
Corine Frank	Freedom Plaza, Lafayette Park	(b) (6)
What communications equipment will be provided to the marshals and/or volunteers? (Include the number of walkie-talkies, mobile phone tree, bullhorns, public address systems, flashlights, etc.)		
Radios -50.		
State specifically the plans for ingress and egress of the participants to and from all park areas including Lafayette Park. Please include proposed sites for loading and unloading of buses, automobiles or other forms of transportation which the participants are expected to use (supply chart or map if necessary).		
No organized buses (or similar) will be used and attendees will be commuting to this event of their own accord, and not parking on or near the street.		

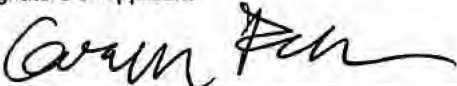
⁵ Marshals do not act as police, they help maintain order among participants, provide information to participants and non-participants. Marshals should have knowledge of the overall event organization.



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SECTION 6: Permit Applicant Information (information for person completing application)				
Name	Telephone Number	Cell Phone Number	Fax Number	
Corine Frank	(b) (6)			
Position	Email Address			
Executive Director	(b) (6)			
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code	Country
(b) (6)	(b) (6)			USA
Signature of Applicant		Date		
		8/20/20		

APPLICATION IS NOT VALID UNLESS SIGNED

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Office Phone: (202) 245-4715

Open 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday – Friday

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Re_ [EXTERNAL] RE_ Additional Information.pdf

From: [Owen, Robbin](#)
To: [Phil Grucci](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: Additional Information
Date: Friday, August 21, 2020 10:00:58 AM

Hi. The picture is from West Potomac Park and I can appreciate what you need to do. We do not allow any tents/structures from the wall directly in front of Sylvan to the Monument including inside the vehicle barrier. Again you may use Sylvan Theater and have a small canopy no larger than 12'x12' on the hardscape directly in front of Sylvan and the cement pad on the west of the theater grassy area. I also spoke to Jaime Boyle about your approved set up from 2020 and it did not include any tents. Approval was given to use the theater.

Robbin

From: Phil Grucci
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 11:40 AM
To: Christopher Grucci ; Owen, Robbin ; King, James W ; Castillo, Raul G
Cc: Corey Grucci ; Chris Carlino ; Larry Goetz ; Douglas Schantz ; Scott Raso
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Additional Information

Hello Robbin,

First we are very thankful for your attention to the details and your feedback on our portion of the submittals.

We wish to clarify some details regarding the tent request.

These tents (we can reduce to the two at the theatre only) were proposed to be used as shading and protection for inclement weather while we prepare the plates and attach the 1.4 pyrotechnics that will have the pyrotechnics positioned around the Monument (see blue dots "A" positions on the site plan). We would plan to take the tenting material off the metal frame before the display. If

necessary we would remove the tent completely the morning of Aug 27th (show day).

I have included a photo below to illustrate the equipment we would work on as we did in 2019 and 2020.

Without the tents we have no protection for work and personnel from inclement weather and the heat of the sun.

Can we have a discussion to understand the concern on this subject to determine a possible solution.

We appreciate with the anticipated workload you have your patience and cooperation to clarify some of these items.

Thank you,

Respectfully,

Phil

Similar preparation operations under tent for July 4th 2019 and 2020



From: Christopher Gucci

Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 11:22 AM

To: Owen, Robbin

Cc: Phil Gucci ; Corey Gucci ; Chris Carlino ; Larry Goetz ; Douglas Schantz ; Scott Raso

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Additional Information

Hello Ms. Owen,

We have the fencing installed on Sunday, as this must be done prior to our work commencing Monday morning. The Donald J Trump group is handling the installation of the fencing.

We have 3 forklifts, and one extended boom forklift, for a total of 4 coming in. We have changed our delivery to be first thing (around 6:00AM) Monday morning.

Thank You,



Christopher Gucci

Logistics Manager

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From: Owen, Robbin <Robbin_Owen@nps.gov>

Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 10:47 AM

To: Christopher Grucci <cgrucci@grucci.com>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: Additional Information

Hi, Your schedule still states you are doing fencing on Sunday. Forklifts cannot be delivered on Saturday and left. We do not allow any permittees to do that. If you are starting at 7:00 am on Monday, they can be delivered on Monday prior to morning rush hour which begins at 6:00 am. Permission is not granted for the 10'x30' tents. They have to be removed from you schedule. Again how many forklifts?

Thanks,

Robbin

From: Christopher Grucci <cgrucci@grucci.com>

Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 10:40 AM

To: Owen, Robbin <Robbin_Owen@nps.gov>

Cc: Phil Grucci <philgrucci@grucci.com>; Chris Carlino <ccarlino@grucci.com>; Larry Goetz <lgoetz@grucci.com>; Douglas Schantz <dschantz@grucci.com>; Corey Grucci <coreygrucci@grucci.com>; Scott Raso <sraso@grucci.com>

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Additional Information

I have attached the updated Production Schedule to this email, and this is the Schedule that was included in the updated Packet sent on 8/19/20.

As for the Forklifts, we were informed by our vendor that it was standard to deliver the forklifts early, and we have contracted the use of three forklifts and one boom lift. We would like to be able to deliver these forklifts early so that we may begin work as early as possible on Monday. If this information is incorrect, please let me know so we may make the proper adjustments.

Thank You,



Christopher Grucci

Logistics Manager

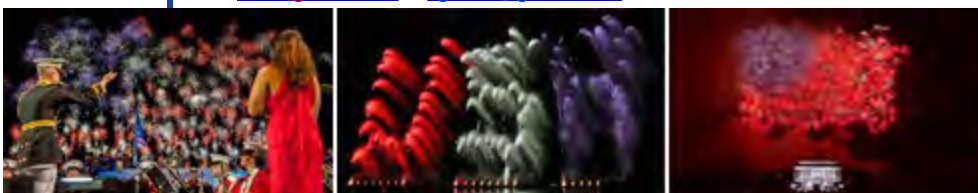
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From: Owen, Robbin <Robbin_Owen@nps.gov>

Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 10:14 AM

To: Christopher Grucci <cgrucci@grucci.com>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: Additional Information

one more thing. The production schedule I have has you starting today. Please update and email me a new production schedule.

Thanks

From: Owen, Robbin <Robbin_Owen@nps.gov>

Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 10:06 AM

To: Christopher Grucci <cgrucci@grucci.com>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: Additional Information

Also how many forklifts?

From: Christopher Grucci <cgrucci@grucci.com>

Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 9:53 AM

To: Owen, Robbin <Robbin_Owen@nps.gov>

Cc: Phil Grucci <philgrucci@grucci.com>; Chris Carlino <ccarlino@grucci.com>; Larry Goetz <lgoetz@grucci.com>; Corey Grucci <coreygrucci@grucci.com>; Douglas Schantz <dschantz@grucci.com>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Additional Information

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Hello Robbin,

We will not begin delivering and assembling our equipment until Monday at 7:00AM. Our forklifts will be delivered on Saturday.

Thank You,



Christopher Grucci

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From: Owen, Robbin <Robbin_Owen@nps.gov>

Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 9:37 AM

To: Christopher Grucci <cgrucci@grucci.com>

Subject: Additional Information

Hi, Are you proposing to doing any set up on Sunday? In addition I still need a full equipment

list of logistical support.

Thanks,

Robbin

Re_ Grucci permit(1).pdf

From: [King, James W](#)
To: [Owen, Robbin](#); [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#)
Cc: [Murphy, Jeremy L](#); [Castillo, Raul G](#)
Subject: Re: Grucci permit
Date: Friday, August 21, 2020 10:58:13 AM

Bike rack is not acceptable for 100 foot separation - their work (building tubes to load) and the public. I told them chain link fence "and" security personnel. If that isn't in place, they will not be working Monday.

On: 21 August 2020 12:54,
"Owen, Robbin" <Robbin_Owen@nps.gov> wrote:

confirmed set up to begin on Monday with Bike Rack as of right now

From: Owen, Robbin
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 9:31 AM
To: Reinbold, Jeffrey P ; King, James W
Cc: Murphy, Jeremy L ; Castillo, Raul G
Subject: Re: Grucci permit

Hi According to their current work schedule it's to start on Monday. I'll have to verify if that time is for the fireworks with fencing starting on Sunday. I sent them a list of outstanding documents, etc.

Jim did you get all you needed and has it been approved?

Robbin

From: Reinbold, Jeffrey P
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 9:28 AM
To: King, James W ; Owen, Robbin
Cc: Murphy, Jeremy L ; Castillo, Raul G
Subject: RE: Grucci permit

As of late yesterday, they are pushing for permit to be signed today so work can begin on Sunday. Robbin requested payment by noon today plus gave them a list of other items to provide, including proof of fence and clean up contracts. Still awaiting a response

From: King, James W
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 9:16 AM
To: Owen, Robbin ; Reinbold, Jeffrey P
Cc: Murphy, Jeremy L ; Castillo, Raul G
Subject: Grucci permit

Would one of you please give a Raul and / or I a call if y'all issue permit to Grucci? We are both off today.

I asked Raul to not comment on their recent submission until they were permitted and I'm sure

they'll want to start fence this weekend so the can work on Monday.
I'm available by phone all weekend.

Thanks

Jim

Re_ [EXTERNAL] Hi - checking in!.pdf

From: [Jackson, Hallie \(NBCUniversal\)](#)
To: [Litterst, Michael D](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Hi - checking in!
Date: Friday, August 21, 2020 11:02:37 AM

Many thanks.

On Aug 21, 2020, at 1:01 PM, Litterst, Michael D wrote:

Nothing yet...

I'll keep you posted.

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Mike Litterst  
Chief of Communications  
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**From:** Jackson, Hallie (NBCUniversal)  
**Sent:** Friday, August 21, 2020 1:00 PM  
**To:** Litterst, Michael D  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Hi - checking in!

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Any word on the Thursday fireworks permit?(and apologies if I'm the 2826195718 to ask... ;))

Re\_ Statement on approval of fireworks request.pdf

**From:** [Roulett, Stephanie A](#)  
**To:** [Litterst, Michael D](#); [Bockmier, John M](#); [Mummart, Jennifer](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Statement on approval of fireworks request  
**Date:** Friday, August 21, 2020 11:13:56 AM

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Thanks, Mike - sharing around with the DOI/WASO team. Will let you know what I hear.

Stephanie Roulett  
Acting Chief Spokesperson and Chief of Public Affairs  
National Park Service  
202-339-1509  
[stephanie\\_roulett@nps.gov](mailto:stephanie_roulett@nps.gov)

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**From:** Litterst, Michael D  
**Sent:** Friday, August 21, 2020 1:11 PM  
**To:** Bockmier, John M ; Roulett, Stephanie A ; Mummart, Jennifer  
**Subject:** Statement on approval of fireworks request

We have approved the RNC's application to shoot fireworks at the Washington Monument next week as part of the convention. Permit is being prepared now and work is expected to begin on Monday. I've got probably 25 requests for notification when a decision has been made. Draft statement is below. I'd like to get this out this afternoon whether or not the permit is ready (to avoid questions about why we delayed if it has to wait until Monday).

The National Park Service has approved the Republican National Committee's request for a fireworks demonstration on the grounds of the Washington Monument on August 27. As with all special events that take place on the National Mall, a permit will be issued to define the conditions under which the demonstration will take place in order to ensure public safety and the protection of park resources. Additionally, per policy, the National Park Service will recover all costs from the RNC incurred as a result of the activity, including administrative costs for permit preparation and management of the event, and monitoring of the activity to ensure compliance with the conditions of the permit.

Let me know what you think...

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Mike Litterst
Chief of Communications
National Mall and Memorial Parks

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Fwd_ Statement on approval of fireworks request.pdf

From: [Goodwin, Nicholas R](#)
To: [Willens, Todd D](#); [Everson, Margaret E](#); [Zerzan, Gregory P](#)
Subject: Fwd: Statement on approval of fireworks request
Date: Friday, August 21, 2020 11:29:21 AM

For your awareness. Questions, let me know.

Nick Goodwin
Office of the Secretary
Department of the Interior

From: Roulett, Stephanie A
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 1:13 PM
To: Goodwin, Nicholas R; Farinelli, Susan
Cc: Bockmier, John M; Interior Press; News Media, NPS
Subject: Fw: Statement on approval of fireworks request
And also for NAMA's event. Please see below.

Stephanie Roulett
Acting Chief Spokesperson and Chief of Public Affairs
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From: Litterst, Michael D
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 1:11 PM
To: Bockmier, John M ; Roulett, Stephanie A ; Mummart, Jennifer
Subject: Statement on approval of fireworks request

We have approved the RNC's application to shoot fireworks at the Washington Monument next week as part of the convention. Permit is being prepared now and work is expected to begin on Monday. I've got probably 25 requests for notification when a decision has been made. Draft statement is below. I'd like to get this out this afternoon whether or not the permit is ready (to avoid questions about why we delayed if it has to wait until Monday).

The National Park Service has approved the Republican National Committee's request for a fireworks demonstration on the grounds of the Washington Monument on August 27. As with all special events that take place on the National Mall, a permit will be issued to define the conditions under which the demonstration will take place in order to ensure public safety and the protection of park resources. Additionally, per policy, the National Park Service will recover all costs from the RNC incurred as a result of the activity, including administrative costs for permit preparation and management of the event, and monitoring of the activity to ensure compliance with the conditions of the permit.

Let me know what you think...

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Mike Litterst  
Chief of Communications  
National Mall and Memorial Parks

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RE\_ Update on permits - NCA \_1.pdf

**From:** [Everson, Margaret E](#)  
**To:** [Mendelson, Lisa](#); [Benge, Shawn T](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Update on permits - NCA  
**Date:** Friday, August 21, 2020 11:45:54 AM

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**From:** Mendelson, Lisa  
**Sent:** Friday, August 21, 2020 1:03 PM  
**To:** Everson, Margaret E ; Benge, Shawn T  
**Subject:** Re: Update on permits - NCA

1pm Update:

RNC payment received for NAMA fireworks permit, awaiting the fence and clean up contract info.

I'll have another update after 4 pm.

-lisa

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Lisa Mendelson  
Director (Acting)  
DOI Region 1 - NPS National Capital Area  
Sent by cell 202-297-1338

On Aug 20, 2020, at 6:43 PM, Mendelson, Lisa <[Lisa\\_Mendelson-Ielmini@nps.gov](mailto:Lisa_Mendelson-Ielmini@nps.gov)> wrote:

End of day update: moving along well.

Provided \$512k number to RNC today for NPS/USPP costs. Have requested and expect to receive bond by noon tomorrow to allow us to issue a permit by the end of the day, which will allow Grucci to begin load in on Saturday. We are requiring and expect to have proof of contracts for fencing and clean up, etc to ensure applicant has the full range special event aspects covered.

Technical issues w fireworks continue to be hammered out for the 4 minute display, don't anticipate any issues as long as there are no unexpected last minute changes. Harbinger retracted their applications today, and MD RNC applied for much of the same area in exchange. Continue to work to understand their interests, more as we get it.

Received written request from USSS today for closures and fencing associated with 8/27 event, we continue to discuss responsibility for cost, will know more tomorrow.

Media interest continues, we are working w WASO and DOI.

Overall, positive movement.

Pls let me know if any questions, thanks.

-Lisa

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Lisa Mendelson  
Director (Acting)

DOI Region 1 - NPS National Capital Area  
Sent by cell 202-297-1338

[EXTERNAL] Signed Efforts quote by Donald J. Tr....pdf

**From:** [Phil Grucci](#)  
**To:** [Owen Robbin](#)  
**Cc:** [Justin Caporale](#); [Justin Riemer - Legal](#); [Matt Raymer - Legal](#); [Matt@TeamHarbinger.com](#); [Phil Grucci](#); [Chris Carlino](#); [Christopher Grucci](#); [Scott Raso](#); [James Oaks](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Signed Efforts quote by Donald J. Trump for President Inc.  
**Date:** Friday, August 21, 2020 12:03:18 PM  
**Attachments:** [DJTFP 200821 Effort LLC Quote.pdf](#)

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Please see signed efforts quote from Donald J. Trump for President Inc.

Thank you,

Phil

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To Support the  
**2020 ACCEPTANCE OF PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION**  
 Fireworks by Grucci, August 24-30, 2020 -  
 Washington Monument

**Perimeter Safety Barrier, Street Closings, Site Cleanup**

| Qty                      | Description                                                                                                                                                        | Unit Price     | Ext Price          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 5200                     | Construction Perimeter - purple lines (5,200 In feet estimated by Grucci)                                                                                          | 3.00           | \$15,600.00        |
| 1650                     | Fallout and Road Closure fencing - Red Line (Survey to Sylvan via EB Indep Ave<br>... final bill will reflect actual lineal feet based on NPS site directions TBD! | 3.00           | \$4,950.00         |
| 1                        | Labor to Close Roads and Re-Open                                                                                                                                   | 1100           | \$1,100.00         |
| 1                        | Site Clean-up and Waste Disposal of fallout debris from Fireworks                                                                                                  |                | \$12,700.00        |
| 2                        | Street Sweepers (4 hours) for perimeter streets - requested by NPS                                                                                                 |                | TBD                |
| TBD                      | Portable Restrooms for spectators - TBD!                                                                                                                           |                | TBD                |
| 640                      | Sq ft - 8' x 80' Armor Deck Path                                                                                                                                   | 1.50           |                    |
| 240                      | Sq ft - 12' x 20' Armor Deck Pad (west)                                                                                                                            | 1.50           |                    |
| 480                      | Sq ft - 8' x 60' Armor Deck Path                                                                                                                                   | 1.50           |                    |
| Armour Deck Total        |                                                                                                                                                                    |                | \$2,040.00         |
| 2                        | <del>10' x 30' Tents (received indication from Robbin Owen she will not permit tents)</del><br>....does not include stamped engineer drawing                       | <del>700</del> |                    |
| <b>TOTAL ABOVE ITEMS</b> |                                                                                                                                                                    |                | <b>\$38,430.00</b> |

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. Acceptance

Treasurer

Title 8/21/2020 . Date

Method of Payment ☐ Check. ☐ Credit Card.

Re\_ [EXTERNAL] Forgot to ask.pdf



**From:** [Litterst, Michael D](#)  
**To:** [Martinez, Carlos2 \(NBCUniversal\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Forgot to ask  
**Date:** Friday, August 21, 2020 12:16:39 PM  
**Attachments:** [20-1098 Maryland Republican Party application\\_Redacted.pdf](#)  
[20-1063 Republican National Committee application\\_Redacted.pdf](#)

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Carlos:

The Maryland Republican Party are the only ones who have submitted an application (attached). The fireworks application is also attached.

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Mike Litterst
Chief of Communications
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From: Martinez, Carlos2 (NBCUniversal)
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 12:48 PM
To: Litterst, Michael D
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Forgot to ask

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Have any other groups asked for permits to protests on the Mall, Lafayette Square or Ellipse?

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20-1098 Maryland Republican Party application__1.pdf



APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO CONDUCT A
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20-1098

RECEIVED BY
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON, DC 20024

Date of Application: 8/20/2020

SECTION 1: Contact Information

This is an application for a:

☒ Demonstration ☐ Special Event Definitions on 10-941S, Supplemental Instructions

Individual/Organization Maryland Republican Party	Telephone Number (b) (6)	Cell Phone	Fax Number
Email Address (b) (6)	Website		
Street Address PO Box 631	City Annapolis	State MD	Zip Code 21222
Person in Charge of Event Corine Frank	Telephone Number (b) (6)	Cell Phone Number	
Email Address corine@mdgop.org			
Street Address (b) (6)	City (b) (6)	State	Zip Code USA

At least one person must be listed as in charge of the activity. If different individuals are to be in charge of various activities at different locations, please list their names and contact information:

Name	Contact Information	Name	Contact Information
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SECTION 2: Lafayette Park and White House Sidewalk

Is this an application for the use of the White House Sidewalk³ or Lafayette Park?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Please be aware that a waiver of the numerical limitations is required if an expected demonstration on the White House Sidewalk will include more than 750 participants or that a demonstration in Lafayette Park will include more than 3,000 participants.

Is this an application for a waiver of the numerical limitations?

☒ Yes ☐ No

SECTION 3: Event Logistics

Set-Up Dates and Ending Dates			
8/25/20	Starting Date 8/25/20	Ending Date 12:00	Starting Time 1:00 PM
Ending Time 1:00 PM			
Event Dates and Times			
8/25/20	Starting 8/27/20	Ending 1:00	Starting Time 11:30 PM
Ending Time 11:30 PM			
Break-down Dates and Times			
8/27/20	Starting 8/27/20	Ending 11:30	Starting Time 11:59 PM
Ending Time 11:59 PM			

Please list ALL proposed locations (include assembly and dispersal areas):

The White House Sidewalk, Lafayette Park, and Freedom Plaza. These events are SOLELY on the 25th and 27th; not the 26th. Nothing will be in the space the 26th.

³ The White House Sidewalk is the sidewalk between East and West Executive Avenues, on the south side Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Estimated maximum number of participants for EACH PARK AREA TO BE USED (Including organizers, volunteers, participants and spectators): ~10,000, in each location. The two locations we are looking at are Lafayette Park/White House Sidewalk, and Freedom Plaza, to clarify which two sites we are referring to.				
Purpose of event: A First Amendment demonstration, coordinated by the Maryland GOP and the Maryland Black Republican Council.				
Plan for proposed activity (include all speakers, a complete time schedule of the activity, proposed routes for any marches or parades, plans for the orderly termination and dispersal of activity which might affect regular flow of city traffic, etc.): Attendees will be standing and occupying the spaces from the afternoon through the late night. No sound will be directed specifically at the White House. Protesters will not have any planned speeches or any use of production assets, and are free to leave and return of their own accord.				
Please indicate any of these items that will be used during the proposed activity:	☒ Handheld Signs/ Placards Quantity: 4,000	☐ Chairs Quantity:	☐ Tables Quantity:	☐ Tents Quantity:
	☐ Portable Restrooms Quantity:	☐ Camera Tripod Quantity:	☐ Jumbotrons Quantity:	☐ Generators Quantity: Type:
	☐ Banner/Sign(s) Size: Length: Width: Height:	☐ Press Riser Size: Length: Width: Height:	☐ Stages Size: Length: Width: Height:	☐ Turf Protective Cover(s) Size: Length: Width: Height:
	☐ Podium ☐ Distribution of Literature	☐ Lighting Equipment ☐ Portable Sound System	☐ Estimated # of Buses:	
	Please list all other equipment (include any necessary medical/trailers):			
Are you proposing to solicit donations: ☐ Yes ☒ No		Are you proposing food or beverages service⁴: ☐ Yes ☒ No		
Are you proposing road closures or traffic management? If so list the roads and/or trails affected? ☐ Yes ☒ No Attendees will not be switching between sites in a way that impacts streets.				
How will the event be advertised or publicized: ☐ TV ☐ Print ☐ Flyers ☐ Radio ☐ Website ☒ Email/Listserv ☐ Social media (Twitter, Facebook, Tumblr, etc.)		Do you propose to have commercial sponsors? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, how are sponsors recognized.		
If boxes, crates, coffins, or similar items will be used, state whether they are to be carried opened or closed, their proposed size, the materials constructed from, and their proposed contents and use: None.				
What are your cleanup and/or recycling plans? Attendees are mandated to be responsible for their own trash, but marshals/volunteers will be ensuing cleanup at end of day.		How will cleanup members be identified? Red t-shirts.		

⁴ Please note there is an additional Temporary Food Establishment Permit Application that must be completed at least 70 days prior to proposed event. Food service is subject to more stringent standards including being preapproved by the National Park Service and meeting Public Health standards. Only ethnic foods that are determined to be integral to the theme of the proposed event are permitted.

SECTION 4: Activity Disruption		
Do you have any reason to believe or any information indicating that any individual, group or organization might seek to disrupt the activity for which this application is submitted? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
If "Yes", list each such individual, group or organization and contact information for each:		
We do not have any specific outstanding groups challenging this that we are aware of.		
SECTION 5: Marshals⁵ and Volunteers		
Will applicant furnish marshals and/or volunteers? ☒ Yes ☐ No		How Many
Note: Marshals are required for all <u>waivers of numerical limitations</u> and for demonstration activities held simultaneously on White House Sidewalk and Lafayette Park.		200
List the functions the marshals and/or volunteers are expected to perform:		
Marshals and volunteers will be ensuring attendees do not disturb rush hour or direct sound at the White House, and maintaining an organized group, as well as overseeing a clean space at the end.		
How will the marshals and/or volunteers be identified?		
Red t-shirts		
Person(s) responsible for supervision of marshals and/or volunteers (for each location):		
Name(s)	Location(s)	Contact information during event (address/phone)
Corine Frank	Freedom Plaza, Lafayette Park	(b) (6)
What communications equipment will be provided to the marshals and/or volunteers? (Include the number of walkie-talkies, mobile phone tree, bullhorns, public address systems, flashlights, etc.)		
Radios -50.		
State specifically the plans for ingress and egress of the participants to and from all park areas including Lafayette Park. Please include proposed sites for loading and unloading of buses, automobiles or other forms of transportation which the participants are expected to use (supply chart or map if necessary).		
No organized buses (or similar) will be used and attendees will be commuting to this event of their own accord, and not parking on or near the street.		

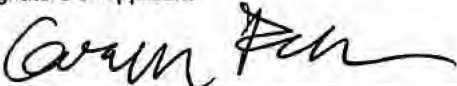
⁵ Marshals do not act as police, they help maintain order among participants, provide information to participants and non-participants. Marshals should have knowledge of the overall event organization.



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Washington, DC 20024
Telephone: (202) 245-4715

SECTION 6: Permit Applicant Information (information for person completing application)				
Name	Telephone Number	Cell Phone Number	Fax Number	
Corine Frank	(b) (6)			
Position	Email Address			
Executive Director	(b) (6)			
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code	Country
(b) (6)	(b) (6)			USA
Signature of Applicant		Date		
		8/20/20		

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20-1063

RECEIVED BY
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Date of Application: 8/14/20

SECTION 1: Contact Information

This is an application for a:

☐ Demonstration ☒ Special Event Definitions on 10-941S, Supplemental Instructions

Individual/Organization Republican National Committee	Telephone Number 202-863-8638	Cell Phone	Fax Number	
Email Address (b) (6)	Website gop.com			
Street Address 310 First St, S.E.	City Washington	State DC	Zip Code 20003	Country USA
Person in Charge of Event Michelle Meadows	Telephone Number 202-863-8638	Cell Phone Number		
Email Address (b) (6)				
Street Address 310 First Street, S.E.	City Washington	State DC	Zip Code 20003	Country USA

At least one person must be listed as in charge of the activity. If different individuals are to be in charge of various activities at different locations, please list their names and contact information:

Name	Contact Information	Name	Contact Information
Name	Contact Information	Name	Contact Information

SECTION 2: Lafayette Park and White House Sidewalk

Is this an application for the use of the White House Sidewalk³ or Lafayette Park?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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Is this an application for a waiver of the numerical limitations?

☐ Yes ☒ No

SECTION 3: Event Logistics

Set-Up Dates and Ending Dates

8/21 Starting Date 8/27 Ending Date 7:00 Starting Time ☒ AM ☐ PM 11:29 Ending Time ☐ AM ☒ PM

Event Dates and Times

8/27 Starting 8/27 Ending 11:30 Starting Time ☐ AM ☒ PM 11:35 Ending Time ☐ AM ☒ PM

Break-down Dates and Times

8/27 Starting 8/30 Ending 11:35 Starting Time ☐ AM ☒ PM 9:00 Ending Time ☐ AM ☒ PM

Please list ALL proposed locations (include assembly and dispersal areas):

Washington Monument
Note that breakdown will begin on 8/28.

³ The White House Sidewalk is the sidewalk between East and West Executive Avenues, on the south side Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Page 1 of 6

Estimated maximum number of participants for EACH PARK AREA TO BE USED (Including organizers, volunteers, participants and spectators): Fireworks team: approx. 50 people			
Purpose of event: Aerial fireworks display			
Plan for proposed activity (include all speakers, a complete time schedule of the activity, proposed routes for any marches or parades, plans for the orderly termination and dispersal of activity which might affect regular flow of city traffic, etc.): Aerial fireworks display			
Please indicate any of these items that will be used during the proposed activity:	☐ Handheld Signs/ Placards Quantity:	☐ Chairs Quantity:	☐ Tables Quantity:
	☐ Portable Restrooms Quantity:	☐ Camera Tripod Quantity:	☐ Jumbotrons Quantity:
	☐ Banner/Sign(s) Size: Length: Width: Height:	☐ Press Riser Size: Length: Width: Height:	☐ Stages Size: Length: Width: Height:
	☐ Podium ☐ Distribution of Literature	☐ Lighting Equipment ☐ Portable Sound System	☐ Tents Quantity: Type: ☐ Generators Quantity: Type: ☐ Turf Protective Cover(s) Size: Length: Width: Height:
	☐ Estimated # of Buses:		
	Please list all other equipment (include any necessary medical/trailers):		
Misc. fireworks show materials and command center equipment			
Are you proposing to solicit donations: ☐ Yes ☒ No		Are you proposing food or beverages service ⁴ : ☐ Yes ☒ No	
Are you proposing road closures or traffic management? If so list the roads and/or trails affected? ☒ Yes ☐ No Partial closure at the intersection of Maine Ave SW and Independence Ave SW			
How will the event be advertised or publicized: ☒ TV ☒ Print ☒ Flyers ☒ Radio ☒ Website ☒ Email/Listserv ☒ Social media (Twitter, Facebook, Tumblr, etc.)		Do you propose to have commercial sponsors? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, how are sponsors recognized.	
If boxes, crates, coffins, or similar items will be used, state whether they are to be carried opened or closed, their proposed size, the materials constructed from, and their proposed contents and use:			
What are your cleanup and/or recycling plans? After the show concludes, cleanup of materials will begin within the fallout zone. All equipment and cleanup will conclude by 8/30.		How will cleanup members be identified? Cleanup crew will operate inside the access-controlled fallout zone	

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SECTION 4: Activity Disruption

Do you have any reason to believe or any information indicating that any individual, group or organization might seek to disrupt the activity for which this application is submitted? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes", list each such individual, group or organization and contact information for each:

Event may attract First Amendment demonstrators

SECTION 5: Marshals⁵ and Volunteers

Will applicant furnish marshals and/or volunteers? ☐ Yes ☒ No

How Many

Note: Marshals are required for all waivers of numerical limitations and for demonstration activities held simultaneously on White House Sidewalk and Lafayette Park.

List the functions the marshals and/or volunteers are expected to perform:

How will the marshals and/or volunteers be identified?

Person(s) responsible for supervision of marshals and/or volunteers (for each location):

Name(s)	Location(s)	Contact information during event (address/phone)
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What communications equipment will be provided to the marshals and/or volunteers? (Include the number of walkie-talkies, mobile phone tree, bullhorns, public address systems, flashlights, etc.)

State specifically the plans for ingress and egress of the participants to and from all park areas including Lafayette Park. Please include proposed sites for loading and unloading of buses, automobiles or other forms of transportation which the participants are expected to use (supply chart or map if necessary).

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Name	Telephone Number	Cell Phone Number	Fax Number	
Justin Riemer	(b) (6)			
Position	Email Address			
RNC Chief Counsel	(b) (6)			
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code	Country
310 First Street, S.E.	Washington	DC	20003	USA
Signature of Applicant			Date	
			08/14/2020	

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Re_ [EXTERNAL] question on RNC and Trump campaign.pdf

From: [Litterst, Michael D](#)
To: [Wallace, Gregory](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] question on RNC and Trump campaign
Date: Friday, August 21, 2020 12:26:07 PM

Still being processed. We'll make an announcement when we reach a decision.

Mike

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Mike Litterst  
Chief of Communications  
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**From:** Wallace, Gregory  
**Sent:** Friday, August 21, 2020 2:16 PM  
**To:** Litterst, Michael D  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] question on RNC and Trump campaign  
Hi, Mike,  
Has NPS acted on the permit applications?  
Thank you,  
Greg 202-738-3113

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**From:** "Wallace, Gregory"  
**Date:** Monday, August 17, 2020 at 13:06  
**To:** "Litterst, Michael D"  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] question on RNC and Trump campaign  
[Thank you. I appreciate it.](#)

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**From:** "Litterst, Michael D"  
**Date:** Monday, August 17, 2020 at 12:55  
**To:** "Wallace, Gregory"  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] question on RNC and Trump campaign

Greg:

We've received two applications from the RNC for next week (both attached). One is for the aforementioned fireworks, the other is for shooting photos and video around the National Mall.

Mike

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Mike Litterst
Chief of Communications

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From: Wallace, Gregory

Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 12:50 PM

To: Litterst, Michael D

Subject: [EXTERNAL] question on RNC and Trump campaign

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Hi, Mike,

This is Greg over at CNN.

Have GOP convention or Trump campaign officials applied for any permits or indicated interest in doing so for next week's events?

We understand they have applied for a permit for fireworks.

Thank you,

Greg

Gregory Wallace

CNN government agencies reporter

202-738-3113

Re_ Fireworks statement(2).pdf

From: [Litterst, Michael D](#)
To: [Mendelson, Lisa](#); [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#); [Mummart, Jennifer](#)
Subject: Re: Fireworks statement
Date: Friday, August 21, 2020 12:35:46 PM

Jennifer pointed that out as well. We were going with display, as they're referred to in Management Policies.

Thanks!

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**From:** Mendelson, Lisa  
**Sent:** Friday, August 21, 2020 2:34 PM  
**To:** Reinbold, Jeffrey P ; Litterst, Michael D ; Mummart, Jennifer  
**Subject:** Re: Fireworks statement  
I have concerns about the use of the word  
“demonstration”. Believe we use demonstration in relation to first amendment. Suggest  
removing it and using “activity”.

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Lisa Mendelson  
Director (Acting)  
DOI Region 1 - NPS National Capital Area  
Sent by cell 202-297-1338

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**From:** Reinbold, Jeffrey P  
**Sent:** Friday, August 21, 2020 2:25:11 PM  
**To:** Mendelson, Lisa  
**Subject:** FW: Fireworks statement

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**From:** Litterst, Michael D  
**Sent:** Friday, August 21, 2020 1:12 PM  
**To:** Reinbold, Jeffrey P  
**Subject:** Fireworks statement

Sent this up to Bockmier, Steph and Jennifer for approval, and having Robbin take a look as well. Any thoughts?

The National Park Service has approved the Republican National Committee’s request



for a fireworks demonstration on the grounds of the Washington Monument on August 27. As with all special events that take place on the National Mall, a permit will be issued to define the conditions under which the demonstration will take place in order to ensure public safety and the protection of park resources. Additionally, per policy, the National Park Service will recover all costs from the RNC incurred as a result of the activity, including administrative costs for permit preparation and management of the event, and monitoring of the activity to ensure compliance with the conditions of the permit.

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RE_ Fireworks statement.pdf

From: [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#)
To: [Litterst, Michael D](#); [Mendelson, Lisa](#); [Mummart, Jennifer](#)
Subject: RE: Fireworks statement
Date: Friday, August 21, 2020 12:39:00 PM
Attachments: [RNC Press Release--jr.docx](#)

I made same suggestion. Did in track changes to include rationale

From: Litterst, Michael D
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 2:36 PM
To: Mendelson, Lisa ; Reinbold, Jeffrey P ; Mummart, Jennifer
Subject: Re: Fireworks statement

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Thanks!

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RNC Press Release--jr.pdf

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Re_ Fireworks statement(1).pdf

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To: [Litterst, Michael D](#); [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#); [Mummart, Jennifer](#)
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Date: Friday, August 21, 2020 12:44:14 PM

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Agree that it won't be used til we issue the permit and then if-asked. I'm lukewarm on the "of its". Could go either way.

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How about we also add the following to further clarify:

"...the National Park Service will recover all **OF ITS** costs from the RNC..."

And while the intention was to perhaps release this today as a placeholder while the permit was being prepared, solicitors don't want any statement going out until the permit is issued. Which makes sense, because I talked to Robbin about half an hour ago and she was still waiting for lots of documentation that was due at noon. So best not putting a statement out that we might have to backtrack on if it all falls apart. So now this statement will just go out with the permit after it's been issued.

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Re_ Grucci permit.pdf

From: [Adamchik, Mark](#)
To: [King, James W](#); [Owen, Robbin](#); [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#)
Cc: [Murphy, Jeremy L](#); [Castillo, Raul G](#); [Fennelly, Russell](#)
Subject: Re: Grucci permit
Date: Friday, August 21, 2020 1:17:11 PM

Thank you Jim.

Major Mark A. Adamchik
Commander, Icon Protection Branch
United States Park Police
1100 Ohio Drive SW
Washington, DC 20242
(202) 528-8468

From: King, James W
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 3:16:33 PM
To: Owen, Robbin ; Reinbold, Jeffrey P
Cc: Murphy, Jeremy L ; Castillo, Raul G ; Fennelly, Russell ; Adamchik, Mark
Subject: Re: Grucci permit

Just had a nice call from Phil Grucci, just to confirm they do not need "2 fences." In order to start building tubes and racks Monday to support the pyrotechnics they need an area secured from public (code says 100 feet). The required perimeter chain link fence as well as USPP patrol is also adequate to meet NFPA 1123 code.

After that, Raul has the laundry list of remaining items we either need to see or inspect on site.

Please reach out if there are any questions. These Friday's off just aren't as much fun as they used to be!

Jim King

From: Owen, Robbin
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 12:54 PM
To: Reinbold, Jeffrey P ; King, James W
Cc: Murphy, Jeremy L ; Castillo, Raul G
Subject: Re: Grucci permit
confirmed set up to begin on Monday with Bike Rack as of right now

From: Owen, Robbin
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 9:31 AM
To: Reinbold, Jeffrey P ; King, James W
Cc: Murphy, Jeremy L ; Castillo, Raul G
Subject: Re: Grucci permit

Hi According to their current work schedule it's to start on Monday. I'll have to verify if that

time is for the fireworks with fencing starting on Sunday. I sent them a list of outstanding documents, etc.

Jim did you get all you needed and has it been approved?

Robbin

From: Reinbold, Jeffrey P

Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 9:28 AM

To: King, James W ; Owen, Robbin

Cc: Murphy, Jeremy L ; Castillo, Raul G

Subject: RE: Grucci permit

As of late yesterday, they are pushing for permit to be signed today so work can begin on Sunday. Robbin requested payment by noon today plus gave them a list of other items to provide, including proof of fence and clean up contracts. Still awaiting a response

From: King, James W

Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 9:16 AM

To: Owen, Robbin ; Reinbold, Jeffrey P

Cc: Murphy, Jeremy L ; Castillo, Raul G

Subject: Grucci permit

Would one of you please give a Raul and / or I a call if y'all issue permit to Grucci? We are both off today.

I asked Raul to not comment on their recent submission until they were permitted and I'm sure they'll want to start fence this weekend so the can work on Monday.

I'm available by phone all weekend.

Thanks

Jim

Fwd_ Update on permits - NCA .pdf

From: [Mendelson, Lisa](#)
To: [Romanik, Peg A](#)
Subject: Fwd: Update on permits - NCA
Date: Friday, August 21, 2020 1:55:53 PM

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From: Mendelson, Lisa
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 3:34 PM
To: Everson, Margaret E; Bengé, Shawn T
Subject: Re: Update on permits - NCA
Update 330 pm - Credit card was denied. We are attempting to reach the RNC people.

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From: Everson, Margaret E
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 1:45:54 PM
To: Mendelson, Lisa ; Bengé, Shawn T
Subject: RE: Update on permits - NCA
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From: Mendelson, Lisa
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 1:03 PM
To: Everson, Margaret E ; Bengé, Shawn T
Subject: Re: Update on permits - NCA
1pm Update:
RNC payment received for NAMA fireworks permit, awaiting the fence and clean up contract info.
I'll have another update after 4 pm.
-lisa

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On Aug 20, 2020, at 6:43 PM, Mendelson, Lisa <Lisa_Mendelson-Ielmini@nps.gov> wrote:

End of day update: moving along well.

Provided \$512k number to RNC today for NPS/USPP costs. Have requested and expect to receive bond by noon tomorrow to allow us to issue a permit by the end of the day, which will allow Grucci to begin load in on Saturday. We are requiring and expect to have proof of contracts for fencing and clean up, etc to ensure applicant has the full range special event aspects covered.

Technical issues w fireworks continue to be hammered out for the 4 minute display, don't anticipate any issues as long as there are no unexpected last minute changes. Harbinger retracted their applications today, and MD RNC applied for much of the same area in exchange. Continue to work to understand their interests, more as we get it.

Received written request from USSS today for closures and fencing associated with 8/27 event, we continue to discuss responsibility for cost, will know more tomorrow. Media interest continues, we are working w WASO and DOI.

Overall, positive movement.

Pls let me know if any questions, thanks.

-Lisa

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Trucks at Haines Point.pdf

From: [Owen, Robbin](#)
To: [Adamchik, Mark](#); [Lamond, David J](#); [Fennelly, Russell](#)
Cc: [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#)
Subject: Trucks at Haines Point
Date: Friday, August 21, 2020 2:18:19 PM

Grucci changed his request he wants to park 7 box trucks to store fireworks overnight for the whole 4 days. I told him no that would require a closure and USPP.

Robbin

RE_ [EXTERNAL] RE_ Additional detail requested ...(1).pdf

From: [Christopher Grucci](#)
To: [Owen, Robbin](#); [Michelle Meadows](#)
Cc: [Justin Caporale](#); [James Oaks](#); [Matt Hall](#); [Wes Maul](#); [Sadoux Kim](#); [Matt Raymer - Legal](#); [Justin Riemer - Legal](#); [Zachary Walz - Legal](#); [Whitney Andersen](#); [Chris Carlino](#); [Scott Cooper](#); [Scott Raso](#); [Douglas Schantz](#); [Larry Goetz](#); [Corey Grucci](#); [Lorrie Colichio](#); [Phil Grucci](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Additional detail requested by Mrs. Robbin Owen on 2020-08-20
Date: Friday, August 21, 2020 2:36:42 PM
Attachments: [Production Itinerary - Republican National Convention - 2020-08-27 Rev02d.pdf](#)

All,
Please see attached revised Production Schedule.
Thank You,



[Christopher Grucci](#)

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Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 1:59 PM
To: Owen, Robbin ; Michelle Meadows
Cc: Justin Caporale ; James Oaks ; Matt Hall ; Wes Maul ; Sadoux Kim ; Matt Raymer - Legal ; Justin Riemer - Legal ; Zachary Walz - Legal ; Whitney Andersen ; Chris Carlino ; Scott Cooper ; Scott Raso ; Douglas Schantz ; Larry Goetz ; Corey Grucci ; Lorrie Colichio ; Phil Grucci
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Additional detail requested by Mrs. Robbin Owen on 2020-08-20
Hello Ms. Owen,

Please see attached documents to address your below questions. Included is a letter containing answers to your questions, along with a revised site plan.

If there are any further questions, please let us know and we will address them right away.

Thank You,



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Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 7:03 AM

To: Christopher Grucci <cgrucci@grucci.com>; Michelle Meadows <mmeadows@2020gopconvention.com>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: Additional detail requested by Mrs. Robbin Owen on 2020-08-20

Good Morning Chris, Thank you for your information. In requires to your responses please see below:

1. Tents are not allowed anywhere with the security barrier system. As you did for July 4, you may use the Sylvan Theater as your command post. What size is your dumpster?
2. We do not park box trucks on the entry roadway to Sylvan off of Independence Avenue. Trucks can only come in to unload and load. In addition the roadway is an emergency access road. Please remove the trucks from the site plan. As with all events, we will only allow three (3) vehicles to park behind Sylvan. Please provide information on the three vehicles so I may be able to issue parking passes. Any vehicle without a parking pass will be ticketed and removed.
3. Any vehicle entering the Washington Monument grounds will need a U. S. Park Police Access Pass. Contact Sgt. Eddie Burnett at eddie_burnett@nps.gov for access passes.
4. Please provide a new site plan with removal of box trucks and tents
5. I still need copies of paid contracts for restrooms, medical, trash removal and street sweeper.
6. Please provide you spectator plan to include restrooms, COVID 19 plan and first aid
7. Need vehicle routes on the Washington Monument grounds to include entry onto and exit on the grounds
8. Need your plan for protecting the structures in the Fall out area.

Thanks,

Robbin

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Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2020 8:45 PM

To: Owen, Robbin <Robbin_Owen@nps.gov>

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Production Itinerary - Republican National Con.pdf

"Republican National Convention" - Washington DC
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 Preliminary Production Schedule - Fireworks by Grucci Inc.
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Time	Date/Task	Location	Responsibility
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WASHINGTON MONUMENT DISPLAY - PRODUCTION ITINERARY

Monday		August 24, 2020	
06:00	Forklifts to be delivered.	Washington Monument	Grucci
06:00	National Park Service to remove bollards in 4 locations surrounding the Washington Monument	Washington Monument	NPS
06:00	Grucci Trucks with Fireworks (1.3G) arrives meeting place for Escort 1	Escort Rendezvous in Virginia - Exact Location TBD	Grucci/DCFD/Metro
07:00	Grucci Crew arrives at staging area and begins assembling equipment	Washington Monument	Grucci
07:00	National Park Police to begin securing Washington Monument location.	Washington Monument	NPP
07:00	1 12' x 12' Production tents installed in front of Sylvan Theater	Washington Monument	Grucci
07:00	Grucci Trucks with equipment ONLY arrive at Washington Monument Loading Location	Washington Monument	Grucci
08:00	Grucci Trucks with Fireworks arrives Washington Monument Loading Location with escort	Washington Monument	Grucci/DCFD/Metro/NPP
08:00	National Park Service to turn off sprinklers at the affected areas of the Washington Monument grounds prior to arrival of Grucci box truck. Sprinklers to remain off until removal of equipment on August 30th	Washington Monument	NPS
TBD	National Park Service to re-install bollards in 4 locations surrounding the Washington Monument	Washington Monument	NPS
Tuesday		August 25, 2020	
06:00	Grucci Trucks with Fireworks (1.3G) arrives meeting place for Escort 2	Escort Rendezvous in Virginia - Exact Location TBD	Grucci/DCFD/Metro
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08:00	24hr National Park Police coverage continues to secure Washington Monument location, staging area, and attend fireworks storage	West Potomac Park / Washington Monument	NPP
08:00	Grucci Pyrotechnicians place pyroplates around Washington Monument in grass.	Washington Monument	Grucci

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TBD	National Park Service to re-install bollards in 4 locations surrounding the Washington Monument	Washington Monument	NPS
Wednesday August 26, 2020			
06:00	Grucci Trucks with Fireworks (1.3G) arrives meeting place for Escort 3	Escort Rendezvous in Virginia - Exact Location TBD	Grucci/DCFD/Metro
06:00	National Park Service to remove bollards in 4 locations surrounding the Washington Monument	Washington Monument	NPS
07:00	Grucci crew arrives on site and continues assembling equipment and loading product	Washington Monument	Grucci
07:00	Armordeck grass protection install starts (72 hour window begins)	Washington Monument	RNC Vendor: TBD
08:00	Grucci Trucks with Fireworks arrives Washington Monument Loading Location with escort	Washington Monument	Grucci/DCFD/Metro/NPP
08:00	24hr National Park Police coverage continues to secure Washington Monument location, staging area, and attend fireworks storage	West Potomac Park / Washington Monument	NPP
12:00	Armordeck grass protection install completes	Washington Monument	RNC Vendor: TBD
12:00	Grucci Pyrotechnicians install equipment at SE03 and C04a (see site plan, 72 hour window begins)	Washington Monument	Grucci
13:00	RNC Vendor to have Show Control equipment (Tables, tent, power, etc.) set up and ready for rehearsal	White House Show Control	RNC Vendor: TBD
15:00	Grucci to perform Showtime Rehearsal (NO FIREWORKS WILL BE FIRED)	White House Show Control, Washington Monument	Grucci
TBD	National Park Service to re-install bollards in 4 locations surrounding the Washington Monument	Washington Monument	NPS
Thursday August 27, 2020			
07:00	Grucci continues to position and cable fireworks	Washington Monument	Grucci
16:00	National Park Police to close and secure Fallout Area	Washington Monument	NPP
TBD	Grucci team conducts circuit testing and final prep for show	Washington Monument	Grucci
TBD	Grucci crew disconnects all firing systems from fireworks in field	Washington Monument	Grucci
23:00	Grucci crew completes final showtime protocol	Washington Monument	Grucci
23:31	Showtime (5 minutes maximum)	Washington Monument	Grucci
23:35	Program complete. Mandatory 30 min cooldown begins and safety zone held until released by Fireworks Command Center	Washington Monument	Grucci
Friday August 28, 2020			
00:05	Grucci pyrotechnicians perform security and safety sweep for live fireworks, package and secure live fireworks into truck with security	Washington Monument	Grucci/NPP

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Time	Date/Task	Location	Responsibility
00:15	Grucci Pyrotechnicians remove pyro plates on grass around the Washington Monument and place on the plaza for the remainder of the night.	Washington Monument	Grucci
TBD	RNC Vendor to clean up non hazardous fireworks debris from Washington Monument grounds	Washington Monument	RNC Vendor: TBD
06:00	Daylight security and safety sweep for live unexpended product performed	Washington Monument	Grucci
07:00	Grucci team begins strike of equipment at posts SE03 and C04 (see site plan)	Washington Monument	Grucci Vendor: TBD
08:00	24hr National Park Police coverage continues to secure staging area and attend unexpended/surplus fireworks storage	Washington Monument	NPP
08:00	Armordeck grass protection dismantal starts	Washington Monument	RNC Vendor: TBD
12:00	Armordeck grass protection dismantal completed	Washington Monument	RNC Vendor: TBD
Saturday August 29, 2020			
08:00	Grucci team continues strike of equipment	Washington Monument	Grucci
08:00	24hr National Park Police coverage continues to secure staging area and attend unexpended/surplus fireworks storage	Washington Monument	NPP
0800	24hr National Park Police coverage released at loading location	West Potomac Park	NPP
01:00	Escort 4 of any remaining Fireworks out of DC	Washington Monument	Grucci/DCFD/Metro
TBD	Grucci team completes strike of equipment at Washington Monument	Washington Monument	Grucci
TBD	National Park Service to re-install bollards in 4 locations surrounding the Washington Monument pending the removal of Grucci box truck	Washington Monument	NPS
Sunday August 30, 2020			
TBD	All Equipment (Forklifts, Dumpster) to be removed from Washington Monument	Washington Monument	Grucci

FW_ Update on permits - NCA .pdf

From: [Benge, Shawn T](#)
To: [Everson, Margaret E](#)
Subject: FW: Update on permits - NCA
Date: Friday, August 21, 2020 3:06:22 PM

Talked with Lisa. Plan is for RNC to complete a wire transfer on Monday morning and we will immediately issue a permit. Everyone seems comfortable with that plan.

Re the other permits for Maryland RNC, that will happen Monday too. Info seems to now be flowing back and forth.

Shawn

From: Mendelson, Lisa
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 3:35 PM
To: Everson, Margaret E ; Benge, Shawn T
Subject: Re: Update on permits - NCA
Update 330 pm - Credit card was denied. We are attempting to reach the RNC people.

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Lisa Mendelson
Director (Acting)
DOI Region 1 - NPS National Capital Area
Sent by cell 202-297-1338

From: Everson, Margaret E <margaret_e_everson@nps.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 1:45:54 PM
To: Mendelson, Lisa <Lisa_Mendelson-lelmi@nps.gov>; Benge, Shawn T <Shawn_Benge@nps.gov>
Subject: RE: Update on permits - NCA
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From: Mendelson, Lisa <Lisa_Mendelson-lelmi@nps.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 1:03 PM
To: Everson, Margaret E <margaret_e_everson@nps.gov>; Benge, Shawn T <Shawn_Benge@nps.gov>
Subject: Re: Update on permits - NCA

1pm Update:

RNC payment received for NAMA fireworks permit, awaiting the fence and clean up contract info.

I'll have another update after 4 pm.

-lisa

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Director (Acting)
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On Aug 20, 2020, at 6:43 PM, Mendelson, Lisa <Lisa_Mendelson-lelmi@nps.gov> wrote:

End of day update: moving along well.

Provided \$512k number to RNC today for NPS/USPP costs. Have requested and expect to receive bond by noon tomorrow to allow us to issue a permit by the end of the day, which will allow Grucci to begin load in on Saturday. We are requiring and expect to have proof of contracts for fencing and clean up, etc to ensure applicant has the full range special event aspects covered.

Technical issues w fireworks continue to be hammered out for the 4 minute display, don't anticipate any issues as long as there are no unexpected last minute changes. Harbinger retracted their applications today, and MD RNC applied for much of the same area in exchange. Continue to work to understand their interests, more as we get it.

Received written request from USSS today for closures and fencing associated with 8/27 event, we continue to discuss responsibility for cost, will know more tomorrow.

Media interest continues, we are working w WASO and DOI.

Overall, positive movement.

Pls let me know if any questions, thanks.

-Lisa

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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Additional detail requested by Mrs. Robbin Owen on 2020-08-20
Date: Friday, August 21, 2020 4:28:34 PM
Attachments: [Production Itinerary - Republican National Convention - 2020-08-27 Rev02e.pdf](#)

Hello All,
Please see attached Production Schedule with changes made to reflect reception of NPS Permit at 0800 on Monday, August 24th.

Thank You,



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Robbin

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Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2020 8:45 PM
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Re_ (1).pdf

From: [Everson, Margaret E](#)
To: [Zerzan, Gregory P](#)
Subject: Re:
Date: Saturday, August 22, 2020 9:32:29 AM

Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 22, 2020, at 10:50 AM, Zerzan, Gregory P wrote:

FYSA

From: Romanik, Peg A
Sent: Saturday, August 22, 2020 10:05:51 AM
To: Zerzan, Gregory P
Subject: Re:

Greg, I understand from Lisa Mendelson that the money issue did not get resolved - permittee is in virtual line at the bank for first thing Monday morning. NPS expects to be able to issue the permit first thing Monday. So, permit not issued, not because of the "after 4 o'clock" issue, but rather because permit not complete.
Peg

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From: Zerzan, Gregory P
Sent: Saturday, August 22, 2020 7:39:12 AM
To: Romanik, Peg A
Subject: Re:
That is my understanding as well.

From: Romanik, Peg A
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 9:55:35 PM
To: Zerzan, Gregory P
Subject:
My understanding is that the permit in question earlier today was for the fireworks - where the only outstanding issue was the \$, which got resolved. NPS is not being told to issue the permit for the others where we do not have enough info, correct?

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Re_ [EXTERNAL] DEADLINE_ Reporter Seeking State....pdf

From: [Litterst, Michael D](#)
To: [Colleen Grablick](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] DEADLINE: Reporter Seeking Statement
Date: Saturday, August 22, 2020 2:06:27 PM

The request is still being processed. We'll make an announcement once a decision is made.

Mike

Mike Litterst
Chief of Communications
National Mall and Memorial Parks

Ph: 202-306-4166

From: Colleen Grablick
Sent: Saturday, August 22, 2020 12:42:33 PM
To: Litterst, Michael D
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] DEADLINE: Reporter Seeking Statement
Hi Mr. Litterst,

I'm just checking in again on the status of the RNC fireworks permit for the National Mall.

Thanks!
Colleen

Colleen Grablick | DCist.com Reporter
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610-393-0893

From: Colleen Grablick
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 9:23 AM
To: Litterst, Michael D
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] DEADLINE: Reporter Seeking Statement
Hi Mr. Litterst,

Thanks for your email yesterday. I'm just checking to see if there have been any updates on the approval for the permit.

Thanks!
Colleen

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From: Litterst, Michael D
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 1:24 PM
To: Colleen Grablick
Cc: News Media, NPS
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] DEADLINE: Reporter Seeking Statement

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Colleen:

The attached permit application was received on Friday from the RNC. It is still being processed; no decision has been made yet and no permit has been issued.

Mike

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Mike Litterst  
Chief of Communications  
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**From:** Sullivan, Chelsea P on behalf of News Media, NPS  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 11:16 AM  
**To:** Litterst, Michael D  
**Cc:** Roulett, Stephanie A ; Mummart, Jennifer  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] DEADLINE: Reporter Seeking Statement

For you

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National Park Service  
Office of Public Affairs

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**From:** Colleen Grablick  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 10:29 AM  
**To:** News Media, NPS  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] DEADLINE: Reporter Seeking Statement

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Hi there,

My name is Colleen Grablick and I am a reporter with DCist/WAMU. I am reaching out for a statement from NPS on the recent filing from the RNC to host fireworks on the National Mall on August 27.

Has this request been acted on by NPS, and is it possible for me to access a copy of the request? My deadline is by 2 p.m. this afternoon.

Thank you!

Colleen

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Re\_ [EXTERNAL] RE\_ Additional detail requested ...(2).pdf

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**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: Additional detail requested by Mrs. Robbin Owen on 2020-08-20  
**Date:** Sunday, August 23, 2020 8:49:39 AM  
**Attachments:** [Amendment 03-20200823 to Event Permit Application rev01 dated August 19, 2020.pdf](#)

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Hello all,

Please see attached Amendment 03-20200823 for the Republican National Convention Fireworks Performance. Included in this packet are the Site Plan, Production Schedule, and Product List for the August 27th performance.

Thank You,



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**Sent:** Friday, August 21, 2020 6:28 PM

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**Sent:** Thursday, August 20, 2020 8:45 PM

**To:** Owen, Robbin <[Robbin\\_Owen@nps.gov](mailto:Robbin_Owen@nps.gov)>

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Amendment 02-20200821 to Event Permit Application rev01 dated August 19, 2020  
RE: Additional detail requested by Mrs. Robbin Owen on 2020-08-21

Hello Ms. Owen,

Please see the following attached documents:

1. Fireworks Product List
2. Display Site Plan
3. Production Itinerary

Per agreement 5 pages removed as non-responsive

If you should need any further information or have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Grucci'.

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Re\_ [EXTERNAL] RNC permit for fireworks\_ .pdf

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**To:** [Litterst, Michael D](#); [Liming, Katelyn M](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] RNC permit for fireworks?  
**Date:** Sunday, August 23, 2020 5:18:34 PM

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Hi all! Happy Sunday. Just checking in to see if you have any updates on this by chance. Has the permit been approved yet? Thanks so much

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**From:** "Litterst, Michael D"  
**Date:** Monday, August 17, 2020 at 1:32 PM  
**To:** "Alba, Monica (NBCUniversal)" , Katie Liming  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] RNC permit for fireworks?

Monica:

A permit application was received on Friday from the RNC. It is still being processed; no decision has been made yet and no permit has been issued.

Mike

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Mike Litterst  
Chief of Communications  
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Ph: 202-306-4166

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**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2020 1:16 PM  
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Great, thanks! Mike, let me know if there's any guidance you can provide

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**From:** Katie Liming  
**Date:** Monday, August 17, 2020 at 1:14 PM  
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Hi Monica,

Mike Litterst can best speak on permits for the National Mall.

Katie

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Monica Alba

NBC News

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# United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

National Capital Region

1100 Ohio Drive, S.W.

Washington, D.C. 20242

## PUBLIC GATHERING PERMIT

Permit: 20-1063

Date: August 24, 2020

In accordance with Park Regulations as contained in C.F.R., Title 36, Chapter 1, Section 7.96, permission is granted to conduct a public gathering to the following:

Person(s) and/or Organization(s): Republican National Committee

Dates(s): Monday, August 24, 2020

To: Saturday, August 29, 2020

Time: Starting: 8:00 am

Ending: 3:00 pm

Location(s):

Washington Monument Grounds-Southern Portion

Purpose: Aerial Fireworks Display

Anticipated Number or Participants: 50

Person(s) in Charge: Michelle Meadows

Address(es): 310 First St. NE, Washington, District of Columbia 20003

Phone Number: (202) 863-8638

On Site Aerial Fireworks Representatives: Phil Grucci (631-312-1411)

This permit is granted subject to the following conditions:

1. Permittee and all participants authorized therein must comply with all of the conditions of this permit and with all reasonable directions of the United States Park Police.
2. All sidewalks, walkways, and roadways must remain unobstructed to allow for the reasonable use of these areas by pedestrians, vehicles and other park visitors.

PERMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR READING AND ADHERING TO ATTACHED  
ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS.

## **ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS**

**PERMIT #20-1063**

**REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION; WASHINGTON MONUMENT GROUNDS,  
SOUTHERN PORTION**

**AUGUST 24-AUGUST 29, 2020**

**Event Overview:** Aerial Fireworks Display

**Event Contact Information:** Christopher Grucci, Logistics Manager, 631-286-0088

**NPS Site Coordinator:** Robbin Owen, 202-359-1458

### **Event Timeline:**

See the attached spreadsheets for complete timeline.

- Set up starts on: August 24
- Event: August 27
- Tear down complete: August 29

### **Permit Authorization**

A. This permit authorizes the Republican National Convention and their contractor, Fireworks by Grucci (RNC/FBG) use of the Washington Monument Grounds, southern portion for this permitted activity. Permission is granted to RNC/FBG to commence load-in for the placement of any fireworks, porta-johns, trash dumpsters, support structures, and the erection of fencing:

1. RNC/FBG will submit to the NPS stamped engineered drawings for all structures, larger than 900 square feet for NPS review and approval.
2. The permittee(s) agrees to be fully responsible for the management, performance, use and safety within the permit area involved in this authorization until the work is completed, inspected, and accepted.

Stated Total of Participants: 50 staff

### **B. Schedule of Events August 24 – August 29**

- Set up: Monday, August 24 – Thursday August 27, 7:00 am – 7:00 pm
- Event Day: Thursday, August 27, 11:30 pm – 11:35 pm
- Overnight security, August 24-26 7:00 pm -7:00 am daily  
8/28, 2:00 am – 7:00 am and 5:00 pm – 7:00 am, August 29

Program: Thursday, August 27, 11:30 pm – 11:35 pm



Load-Out: Friday, August 28, 7:00 am – 5:00 pm  
 Saturday, August 29, 7:00 am – 3:00 pm

**NOTE: See attached timeline. Tear down is not permitted after dark at 8:00 pm on Friday and Saturday, August 28 and August 29**

## **I. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT**

1. All activities pursuant to this permit shall be in compliance with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252; 42 U.S.C. 200d et seq.); Title V, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 394; 29 U.S.C. 794); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (89 Stat. 728; 42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.); and with all other Federal laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination on grounds of race, color, national origin, handicap, religion, or sex in employment and in providing facilities and services to the public. Nothing in advertising for employees shall be done which will prevent those covered by these laws from qualifying for employment.
2. Permittee and all participants authorized therein must comply with all of the conditions of this permit and with all reasonable directions of the United States Park Police and/or other representative of the NPS.
3. The area must be left in substantially the same conditions as it was prior to the activities authorized herein. All trash, debris, and litter resulting from activities of this permit shall not be allowed to accumulate and shall be bagged **in clear plastic bags** and placed in trash dumpsters provide by RNC/FBG.
4. All requests, correspondence and meetings with NPS pertaining to this permit shall be scheduled by RNC/FBG only. All contractors, subcontractors or consultants must channel their request through the recognized representatives of the permittee, who in turn, will contact NPS.
5. All laws, rules, and regulations applicable to the area covered by this permit remain in effect.
6. This permit is applicable only for the use of the area designated above, and during the times designated above, or as may be designated in written amendment to this permit.
7. In use of this area, the permittee shall require all employees and/or contractors to exercise all normal and reasonable safety precautions including observance of all applicable OSHA codes, to protect park property and to provide for public safety. Suitable devices such as barricades, fences, lanterns, etc., necessary for employee, public safety, and resource protection shall be provided by RNC/FBG shall be adequately maintained. Placement of such devices require the concurrence of the NPS.
8. All work performed as a result of the permitted use by the permittee or its agents shall be subject to the conditions of this permit, and the permittee is responsible for ensuring that such work meets the conditions of this permit.



9. All proposed amendments or additions to this permit and all proposed locations of vehicles, equipment, storage, installations of any kind, areas of activity, work and power plans shall be submitted to the NPS for prior written approval. These proposals shall be in map or diagram form suitable for on the ground inspection. Placement of tents, displays, and other detailed and specific site map will be provided to the NPS prior to installation of facilities.
  - a. Arrival schedules, equipment lists and vehicle lists must be provided in advance and all units in use in the park area must have specific approval by the NPS.
  - b. Permittee will provide an on-site coordinator to be accessible to the NPS and the United States Park Police (USPP) personnel at all times during construction or set-up activities and during dismantling of facilities post-event.
10. NPS reserves the right to immediately revoke this permit at any time should it reasonably appear that the activity presents present danger to the public safety, good order or health, or if any conditions of this permit are violated.
11. This permit may be amended upon final approval of the site plan, certified stamped engineered drawings, sign plan and timeline.
12. A copy of this permit shall be at the site during the use of the park area.

## **II. SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT**

### **1. Event Venues:**

- A. Washington Monument Grounds, southern portion

Set-up will include the following: Fireworks, fencing, dumpster, and tents. A complete equipment list must be provided for the permit.

**See attached diagram**

### **2. Resource Protection:**

Throughout the course of this permit, the RNC/FBG, is responsible for taking all necessary precautions to minimize resource damage throughout the permitted area. In addition, permittee must supervise their contractors and employees during set-up and teardown to assure that there is no damage to park resources. RNC/FBG must have a representative on site during set up and tear down of equipment to monitor the vendors.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 7.96(g)(5)(vi)(C), 2.31(a)(2),(3) the destruction, defacement, damaging, alteration, or removal of park resources or facilities is prohibited. No item, including signs or banners, may be attached to park trees, plantings, benches, statues, walls, fences, or other park property.

To protect the resources, stands and other facilities approved for placement on the grass and walkways, outside of any restricted zones, must be supported by pre-approved, hard interlocking plastic material. Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.

No excavation or disturbance of park features or landscape shall be permitted under this permit without written approval of NPS.

When heavy equipment vehicles (forklifts/cranes, etc.) are used to move equipment, permittee must provide spotters in the front and rear of the heavy equipment vehicle to insure safety of pedestrians and workers.

Throughout the course of this permit, RNC/FBG will require its employees/volunteers, and contractors, to exercise special care and attention to protect the resources of parkland and its environs. In addition, RNC/FBG must supervise their contractors and employees during set-up and teardown to assure that there is no damage to park resources.

### **Landscapes:**

Lawn, trees, shrubs, and the irrigation system, curbs, electric conduits, and water mains located within the permitted area, shall be protected from adverse impacts associated with event activities.

Heavy Equipment Near Trees and Shrubs: The use of any heavy equipment (crane, back hoe, etc.) placed under or near trees or shrubs is prohibited.

Turf Protection: For the purpose of protection, any area not paved must follow the O & M Turf Manual. No heavy equipment (cranes, backhoes, etc.), vehicles or stock piling of materials is permitted on turf areas.

The use of vehicles, heavy cranes, backhoes, etc are not allowed on the turf sections of parkland.

The temporary covering of turf for this event must be provided by the permittee for the permitted areas. Use of this ground cover allows for pedestrian walkways, temporary flooring, structure, and support, with special permission from NPS.

Permittee is must secure products such as Terraplas, Terratile and Matrax LD or equal that is ADA-compliant, interlocking mats that are translucent and allow UV light to pass through to the grass below. The products must either be perforated or ribbed, allowing for ventilation and some moisture access to the turf below. Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.

### **Site Furnishings:**

Permittee may not move or otherwise harm existing site furnishings, including but not limited to posts and chains, benches, waste receptacles, and drinking fountains. No attachments may be made to, pass through, or be affixed to existing site furnishings.



Additional temporary site furnishings may be provided by the Permittee; however, these furnishings must meet the guidelines set forth in this document. No permanent installation of site furnishings is permitted.

All necessary precautions as deemed necessary by the NPS shall be taken to prevent damage to underground utilities, and sprinkler systems located throughout the area. Any utilities damage by this work shall be promptly repaired. The sprinkler system plan will be clearly marked on-site by the National Park Service.

### **Hard Surfaces:**

Temporary protection of all hard surfaces affected by the construction or erection of staging elements, sound towers, camera equipment, cranes, lighting structures, miscellaneous equipment, or scaffolding must be provided. All protective pads or cushioning devices shall be non-staining.

**Oil or Hydraulic Fluid Leaks:** Temporary protection of hard surfaces shall be used where motorized vehicles are operating to avoid oil and/or hydraulic fluid leaks. Should a leak of this type occur, the permit holder shall be held liable for clean-up, at no expense to the NPS.

### **Structures:**

To protect the turf areas, it is strongly encouraged that structures be placed on the Washington Monument grounds hardscape areas where it would not impact the turf. The NPS may allow under permit the use of turf areas, however, if the structure and its equipment use the turf protection measures as detailed throughout this permit. All structures must minimize all points that come in contact with the turf.

All structures must be able to withstand a minimum wind gust of 30 mph and follow the High Wind Action Plan below.

1. The High Wind Action Plan shall be in effect for the entirety of this event.
2. RNC/FBG is responsible for a designated representative to be present for the duration of this event to implement the High Wind Action Plan.
3. An Anemometer shall be placed on the roof of the stage structure to monitor wind speeds.
4. Noted wind speeds are 3 second gusts in accordance with ASCE 7.
5. **When wind speeds are expected to exceed 25 MPH, RNC/FBG will place crews on alert.**
6. **When wind speeds are expected to exceed 30 MPH, all sidewall scrim shall be removed.**  
All video walls and large speaker clusters/delay towers shall be lowered to the ground and secured.  
Lowering of scrim or equipment shall be done from the ground by means of remotely activated equipment such as motors or mechanical releases.
7. **When wind speeds are expected to exceed 40 MPH, all event operations shall cease and the immediate area shall be evacuated.**
8. Do not lower stage system, video walls, large speaker/delay towers during high wind events.
9. The High Wind Action Plan shall be posted at a conspicuous area on site. It must be available at all times to venue operators and crew.



All structures must follow the guidelines below and adhere to National Fire Protection Association codes.

Any temporary structure exceeding over 900 square feet require the submission of engineered drawings stamped by a structural engineer licensed in the United States. Drawings should include tent support lines identified by flagging.

Structures on the turf should be on a raiser with as few points as possible touching the turf. Each point that does touch the turf should have Enkamat Flatback<sup>8</sup> or equal product and plywood pads under all points as outlined:

Each screw jack should have a wooden pad and two layers of Enkamat Flatback<sup>1</sup> or equal product, eighteen inches square (18"x18")

Concrete pads should have four (4) layers of Enkamat Flatback or equal product  
Under each concrete tower pad two (2) layers of plywood

All screws and fasteners used in the construction of structures should be policed during the build and retained during removal. Screws and fasteners should be made of a non-aluminum metal, enabling a post-event magnet sweep to ensure all pieces are removed from the site.

**Tents:** To protect the turf, tents should be located on hardscape surfaces including gravel, asphalt, concrete, granite, wood, etc. tents and other similar structures must be secured using cement blocks and/or water-filled ballast tanks. No stakes are permitted on hardscape surfaces.

Non-freezing, no-staining liquid approved by the NPS (water treated with bio-degradable antifreeze) in plastic containers shall be used as weighing elements. No sand bags are permitted for this purpose.

At takedown, all water filled ballast tanks must be pumped to the nearest catch basin (located within the curbs) or to the area drains located throughout the hardscape. Tanks may not be drained into the turf or pumped in gravel areas. This prevents creation of muddy puddles and soft areas in the turf and also limits runoff of gravel into area drains.

Footnote 8 Enkamat Flatback is a unique product designed for turf grass protection. Enkamat's tightly interwoven flat upper layer can withstand the weight of thousands of people and staging equipment. Enkamat is a three-dimensional geomatrix of highly resilient, nylon monofilaments which are fused where they intersect. Ninety percent (90%) of the geomatrix is open space which allows for air and rain to pass freely through to the turf below. Enkamat comes in standard sizes of 39"x150' and 15'X150' and can be cut onsite into any shape or size.

**If approval is granted by NPS,** no tent stakes may penetrate the ground surface by more than 18 inches. Use of stakes longer than this requires coordination through the Turf Management Specialist, National Mall & Memorial Parks, at (202) 245-4685. Permittee must hire an independent contractor to survey the grounds with radar penetrating equipment to map all utilities prior to any staking.

Tents must be constructed of fire retardant material. A certificate of fire retardant material must be provided as confirmation to the NPS

Tents should be placed at least 5 to 10 feet apart.

### **Stages, Lighting, and Audio & AV Towers:**

Stages, lighting trusses, video walls/screens and any scaffold towers used to support them must be constructed to conform to architectural plans stamped by a licensed structural engineer. Permittee is responsible for installing a barricade, bike rack and/or fencing around all lighting, audio and AV towers to secure them from the general public.

If authorized by permit stages may only have skirting on the audience-facing area and only during the event, to allow maximum light and air to reach the turf, thereby limiting damage.

### **Fencing:**

Any fencing or other physical barriers planned for the event must be shown on the site plan and called out by type.

Fencing must be designed in such a way that it does not prevent safe egress from the event. Permittee must provide public access to the area until fireworks are loaded in.

Fencing located on turf areas may not be staked into the ground unless authorized by permit. If authorized, stakes must be no longer than eighteen inches (18") driven into the ground. Stakes must avoid all underground pipes and fixtures. In the event chain linked fencing is used, security barbed wire is prohibited.

Concrete barriers (such as jersey barriers) are permitted only on hardscape areas.

Tree protection fencing may be required as a condition of the permit.

### **Evening Work:**

Evening work may be conducted for both load in and load out periods with prior permission by the Superintendent. For work conducted during evening hours a portable lighting system is required. In addition all motor vehicles including golf cart(s) must have lights. Generally night work is not allowed after 10:00 pm and prior to 6:00 am.

**Structures on Turf Panels:** To protect the turf, neither structures nor parking or operation of equipment is permitted on turf. Event vehicles of any kind (delivery, cranes, forklifts, golf carts, trailers, exhibit trailers, etc.) are not allowed on turf or surrounding curbs. To accommodate use for the event and to protect against compaction and plant damage, turf protection, the use of matting that holds itself and any added loads such as foot traffic, above the crown of the grass blades, and does not sink into the ground is required.



Laying roadway surfaces on the Washington Monument grounds is prohibited without NPS approval in advance.

Turf protection flooring must be light weight, able to be carried and set in place without vehicular assistance.

Products such as Terraplas, or equal, must be ADA-compliant, with interlocking mats that are translucent and allow UV light to pass through to the grass below and perforated or ribbed to allow for ventilation and some moisture access to the turf below. The use of plywood for this purpose is strictly prohibited. Specific material used must be approved in advance by NPS.

No carpet or other obstructions to turf covering holes will be allowed.

Driving stakes and/or grounding rods into the turf is prohibited without the approval of the NPS.

**Structures Under/Around Trees:** To minimize soil compaction and to protect the continued health of the trees, neither structures nor parking or operation of equipment, is permitted within any tree canopy (root zone) area or in any of the Tree areas. This includes but is not limited to stages, booths, audio/visual towers, tents and lighting. As a condition of the permit, the Permittee may be required to install tree-protection fencing.

**Walkways:** To protect the resources, stages, stands and other facilities approved for placement on any walkway, must be supported by 1 inch, professional, outdoor grade plywood or similar material.  
*Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.*

### **Crate Storage and Bone Yards :**

Crate storage, bone yards and staging areas are prohibited on parkland. They must be located off-site

### **Site Access:**

*Extreme* caution must be exercised when driving on the sidewalks. Pedestrian access must be maintained at all times, however, if for safety reasons, an area has to be temporarily closed to the public,

**Except when being driven on established public vehicular roadways: Logistical equipment and vehicles, forklifts including gas and electric carts, must not exceed 5-mph. All trucks with a GVW of over 7500 pounds, and equipment such as bucket trucks, platform lifts, forklifts, and cranes, must be accompanied by a walking spotter when moving or operating in an area accessible to the public.**

Vehicles must have headlights on while in motion. All individuals operating Golf Carts/gators on NPS property must have a Valid Driver's License. All Golf Carts/gators operating after dusk, must have fixed and/or portable illumination.

Parking of Permittee(s) employee's or subcontractors private vehicles for conduct of this permit's activities, in tree panels and/or on turf or walkway areas is prohibited.



RNC/FBG must receive prior, written approval from the NPS/USPP if traffic is to be blocked at any time during preparation for, during the course of, and after a special event or demonstration (at any location in the immediate vicinity of the National Mall). If District of Columbia streets are to be blocked, the appropriate authorities must be notified as well.

All pathways and roadways must remain open and unobstructed. A minimum twenty foot (20') drive aisle must remain open at all times for emergency vehicle egress. No temporary or permanent structures may be located within the egress lane. The egress drive aisle must be called out on the site plan.

Submittal Requirements: A plan of how the site will be approached and how traffic will be controlled is required for logistical vehicles that are delivering and/or removing temporary equipment and supplies. In this submittal, information documenting the path of vehicular traffic in and around the roadways of the National Mall during preparation for, during the course of, and after all activities associated with the event, is required. Rules and regulations for District of Columbia streets also shall be observed. Signs directing vehicular and pedestrian traffic shall be furnished, with text and locations of signs indicated on the plan.

Deliveries and removal of materials shall occur so as not to adversely affect daily operations of NPS Concessioners and monuments and memorials in and around the National Mall. No deliveries shall be made after hours without prior, written approval from the NPS.

**Vehicular access to turf areas will only be permitted per conditions listed below:**

Driving within any Level 1 turf areas is strictly prohibited. Only hardscape areas can be used.

Driving directly on all turf and tree areas is prohibited. The temporary interlocking protective material supports shall be installed over plazas, and walkway areas for the ingress and egress of all vehicles/units or heavy equipment by RNC/FBG. **Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.**

Parking of Permittee(s) employee's or subcontractors private vehicles for conduct of this permit's activities on parkland is prohibited. Permittee must arrange for parking of employee and contractor vehicles off parkland.

**3. Trash/Recycling Maintenance:**

A. RNC/FBG will be responsible for providing card board trash receptacles for collection and disposal of all trash, debris, and litter resulting from the use of the permitted area, including a recycling program. Trash shall not be allowed to accumulate and shall be continually and promptly bagged in **clear plastic bags** and removed from the site. The location and placement of any litter containers must be coordinated with the NPS.

**Recycling:**

The permittee is required to collect and transport to a certified recycling center, commingled cans and bottles (aluminum and bimetal cans and plastic bottles), plastic, and aluminum materials generated from the permitted activity off park land.

The permittee shall furnish all management, supervision, labor, equipment, materials, supplies and any other items necessary to perform the recycling service of their permitted event. Work includes providing labor, proper equipment, collection and transport of generated recycled items, as well as providing records on the recycled material to NPS.

Permittee must submit the trash and recycling plan and have it approved prior to set up.

#### **4. Electricity and Generator Usage:**

No electricity available on site. RNC/FBG may provide their own gasoline and/or solar powered generator(s) to provide power if needed. Generators will be installed in accordance with the site plan, D.C. Fire Department guidelines, and safely installed per manufacturer requirements. The fueling/refueling of gasoline powered generators on parkland is prohibited\*. The storage of additional fuel is prohibited.

At a minimum, for hand carted generators, 1" professional outdoor grade plywood, or similar material must be placed underneath the generator to protect the underlying surfaces from potential weight and vibration damage and fluid leakage. Generators must be encased with a secondary drip containment unit.

Tow plant generator(s) and light tower(s) must have an internal secondary drip containment unit and/or placed in self-adsorbent, fire retardant containment troughs and be fenced in or closed in with bike rack.

All wires must be covered by mats and/or yellow jackets to prevent tripping hazards. The cord must be in good condition, of sufficient gauge to accommodate the electrical load of equipment and must be properly grounded.

**A Fire extinguisher must be within 15 feet of generator(s) and light tower(s)**

**\*Refueling of generators:** Refueling of the gasoline generators will be permitted pursuant to the following conditions:

Refueling will only be allowed on dates and times agreed upon in advance with the NPS- generally, (05:00 a.m.-08:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. (midnight)).

The following materials must be placed on the ground during refueling:

Plastic tarp

Absorbent material on top of tarp

Drip pan under fueling nozzle

Spill containment material or absorbent booms or pads must be stored at each generator location

55-gallon drum labeled hazardous material must be placed alongside of each generator. Should spillage occur the absorbent material must be placed in these barrels.

Contractor will be responsible for removing the barrels off of park property

Contractor will be responsible for any damage to the park's resources as a result of the refueling.



In case of spill please contact DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services at 911 and National Mall & Memorial Parks' Chief of Maintenance at (202) 359-1551.

The storage of fuel on parkland, in trailers, next to generators and at other NPS locations is strictly prohibited.

RNC/FBG will be responsible for any damages to park resources resulting from the re-fueling.

The spillage of deleterious substances such as engine oil, gasoline, etc. is prohibited. In the event of such an occurrence, NPS and USPP must be notified immediately.

All cables, power lines, etc. shall be run in an orderly manner and contained in matted yellow jackets that provide for safety and accessibility. No power lines can be strung between trees. All temporary electrical service wiring must be covered by mats and/or high-visibility Yellow Jacket™, or equivalent item, so as not to create a tripping hazard or navigation barrier to handicapped individuals. The cord must be in good condition, of sufficient gauge to accommodate the electrical load of the equipment and must be properly grounded.

Bike rack must be placed around all generators, as well as light and sound towers.

##### **5. Overnight Security/Camping:**

RNC/FBG is responsible for providing UNARMED overnight security. Coordinate security with Sgt. Eddie Burnett or Sgt. Zakiyyah Mahasin U. S. Park Police at 202-610-7092.

Sleeping overnight in park areas, including in any tents by employees or subcontractors workmen is prohibited. Camping is defined as the use of the park land for living accommodation purposes such as sleeping activities, or making preparations to sleep (including the laying down or bedding for the purpose of sleeping), or storing personal belongings, or making any fire, or using any tents or shelter or other structure or vehicle for sleeping or doing any digging or earth breaking or carrying on cooking activities. The above-listed activities constitute camping when it reasonably appears, in light of all the circumstances that the participants, in conducting these activities, are in fact using the area as a living accommodation regardless of the intent of the participants or the nature of any other activities in which they may also be engaging.

##### **6. Safety:**

RNC/FBG is required to meet OSHA guidelines regarding employee/subcontractor work schedules. No employee/subcontractor is to work no more than 10 hours within a 24 hour period. Any work required beyond the 10 hour limitation will need to be requested to the NPS in advance for review and approval by the Superintendent, National Mall & Memorial Parks.

An authorized RNC/FBG official must be assigned for on-site supervision each day of the event for load-in and load-out. NPS and USPP will also be assigned to monitor and to provide for public safety. All instructions given by authorized NPS or USPP personnel must be obeyed promptly.

Any movement by heavy equipment such as forklifts and cranes must be accompanied by spotters in the front and rear of the piece of equipment at all times. In the event cranes are used, the gravel walk must be secured and pedestrians directed to other available walkways.

Failure to comply with all terms and conditions of this permit may constitute grounds for cancellation of the permit and immediate termination of the event.

**7. Portable Toilets/Comfort facilities:**

- A. Adequate portable restroom facilities shall be installed by RNC/FBG for employee and public use. These units shall be placed in "low profile" locations approved by NPS. The National Park Service recommends one portable restroom facility for every 300 participants with 20% of those facilities wheelchair accessible.

**8. Security:**

RNC/FBG will be responsible for providing unarmed security for any equipment left unattended at any given time and/or overnight on parkland. Individual(s) must be properly identified. Security will begin on the first day of set-up and continue through the final day of tear down.

In addition, during the hours of load-in and load-out, RNC/FBG will be required to provide an adequate number of security personnel to assist with pedestrian and vehicle movement on the walkways.

Meetings with the RNC/FBG, the United States Park Police and the National Park Service, Permits Management Office have been held to coordinate and finalize the security plan for this event.

**9. Credentials**

All staff, volunteers, artists/participants, press, VIPs, and vendors involved this event will be issued credentials. The credentials will identify the person by name and category to include the event logo.

Colored copies of all credentials will be provided to USPP in advance of the event.

**10. Water and Food:**

RNC/FBG will be responsible for providing adequate bottled water to accommodate those attending this event.

Guest Services, Inc. and/or RGI will provide food and water for sale at their permanent food kiosks.

Permittee may provide food to their staff. All public health rules and guidelines must be followed at all times.

**11. Sales of Merchandise/Solicitation of Donations:**

Permittee is responsible for adhering to item #4, last page of permit concerning sales. Permittee states no sales nor soliciting of donations will take place.



## 12. Sound Amplification:

Special attention is drawn to item #7, last page of permit concerning sound amplification.

## 13. Signs, Banners, and Commercial Advertising and Sponsor Recognition:

NPS regulations generally prohibit Federal parkland from being used for business solicitation or for the advertisement or promotion of commercial brands, products, and services. As such, no commercial notices and advertisements shall be placed, posted or distributed at the event. Further, no structures representing commercial products, or models or replications of commercial products or merchandise may be displayed.

Further consistent with long-standing NPS policy now under Public Law 108-108, Title I, § 145, special event permits will expressly prohibit the erection, placement, or use of structures and signs bearing commercial advertising. However, a permit may issued that authorizes the recognition of sponsors of special events, if the National Park Service determines that the size and form of the recognition is consistent with the special nature and sanctity of the National Mall or any other requested park area, and if the lettering or design identifying the sponsor is no larger than one-third the size of the lettering or design identifying the special event. Further, to the maximum extent practicable for such special events, public use of and access to the National Mall and other parkland is not restricted.

The permittee shall submit a sign plan for NPS review and approval. Any request seeking NPS approval for sponsor recognition must be submitted to the NPS at least 30 days prior to the proposed event, and depicted on the sign plan. If approved by the National Park Service, sponsor recognition will be authorized within the terms of the special event permit. Authorized sponsor recognition must be in keeping with the NPS policy, regulations, and law, and be appropriate to the scale and theme of the special event. Further, the overall size, number, and design of any signs or banners shall be appropriate to the park setting and the lettering or design identifying the sponsor must be no larger than one-third the size of the lettering or design identifying the special event. Signs and banners may not be affixed to existing trees or other NPS facilities or structures.

Distribution or give aways of any commercial product is limited to only those that may be consumed on the event site such as juices or popcorn. Soliciting personal information such as names, addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, zip codes, etc. or any other information which may be used for future solicitation, or marketing purposes is strictly prohibited. **A list of all giveaway items will be provided to the NPS for approval.**

Permittee will be responsible for assuring that sponsors adhere to the law regarding commercial advertising, promotion and signage (see conditions above)

No commercial displays, promotions, coupon give-a-ways or advertising permitted on park land.

**14. Protection of the Public and General Welfare:**

Bike rack and chain link fence shall be erected by RNC/DBG to contain the event areas and provide Necessary resource protection, security and buffer zones. The permittee(s) is responsible for encircling generators with fence and/or bike rack.

**15. Media:**

**SAT/Microwave Trucks**

Cameras, equipment, crew, and participants in this filming may not be situated on sidewalks, paths, or roadways that prohibit the passage of pedestrians and/or vehicles. No equipment may be attached and/or affixed to any plant materials (i.e. trees and shrubs) or structures. Running cables thru trees is prohibited.

No exclusive use of the area is permitted and the area must remain open to the general public at all times. This filming may in no way impede or prevent public access to the area.

No reserved parking for "crew vehicles" is permitted. .

No electrical service is available. The use of a portable, hand carted, generator, to be provided by the Permittee, is permitted. Plywood or a similar material must be placed beneath the generator to protect the turf.

Cabling across entrances and handicapped accessible ramps must be ADA approved and cannot impair or prevent access. All cables must be covered to prevent tripping hazards.

16. Glass bottles, balloons and confetti is not allowed on park land.

**17. Aerial Display:**

Permittee must following adhere to established guidelines and safety standards. The following must be provided to the NPS Incident Commander and NPS Fire Marshall:

- Fireworks Display Map
- Fireworks Inventory
- Fireworks Safety Plan
- Fireworks Scope of Work
- Pyrotechnic Certificate of Liability Insurance to include liability to the Federal Government and the District of Columbia
- Pyrotechnic Technician Licenses/certificates
- Pyrotechnic Truck Driver Licenses/certificates
- Pyrotechnic Assistants ID information
- NPS Matrix Deck Plan

PLEASE NOTE: No fireworks on NPS lands without first providing an inventory to NPS Fire Marshall, 24 hours in advance. In addition fence will need to be placed around the tubes and racks before they being building, per NFPA code requirement.



Equipment List:

- Three (3) Forklifts with non-marking tires
- One (1) shooting boom forklift with non-marking tires
- One (1) 12'x12' canopy tent on the hardscape directly in front of the Sylvan Theater
- One (1) 30 yard dumpster on Sylvan Theater hardscape
- Three (3) portable restroom on the east side of the Sylvan Theater hardscape

- A. Fireworks will be delivered on site with US Park Police escort at approved designed times.
- B. NPS-NCA AHJ will conduct daily Aerial Fireworks Display Inspections. Fireworks by Grucci must provide an onsite representative to meet with NPS-NCR AHJ.
- C. Once on site the area must be secured by bike rack and chain link if needed. Security personnel must be provided onsite while building tubes to load.
- D. Permittee is responsible for any damages attributed to the fireworks including but not limited to turf damage, statuary, burn marks, tire marks and roadway damage. Permittee must clean up and remove any debris associated with fireworks display include sweeper cleaning of Constitution and Independence Avenues.
- E. Permittee is responsible for ensuring the proper resource protection measures are followed as outlined by this permit including approved flooring. To protect the exposed aggregate from the steel rack system the permittee must lay down a minimum of:
  - ¾" piece of plywood on top of the pallet additional
  - ½" piece of plywood on top with an additional cross section of 2x6 lumber over it
- F. All fireworks displays or use of pyrotechnics shall be approved by the NPS-NCA AHJ and shall meet NFPA 1123: Code for Fireworks Display, NFPA 1124: Code for the Manufacture, Transportation, and Storage of Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Article, NFPA 1126: Use of Pyrotechnics Before a Proximate Audience, and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration OSHA, standards.
- G. Fireworks drawing plans, fireworks inventory list, along with technician and assistant, certifications, including; name, title and DOB of staff who will performing the fireworks display, shall be provided to the NPS-NCR Authority Having Jurisdiction, AHJ, at least 10 working days for review and approval.
- H. The aerial display shall be delayed, stopped or postponed immediately if 1123:8.1.4.1 and 1123:8.1.4.2:
  1. Wind/Weather-lightning in immediate area, approaching storm front.
  2. Inadequate/Loss of Crowd Control
  3. Loss of trajectory
  4. Unsafe practices

- I. The NCA Fireworks Permit shall be issued pending successful fireworks site inspection by the NPS NCA AHJ or designee and DC Fire EMS .
- J. Contact Sgt. Eddie Burnett, or Sgt. Zakiyyah Mahasin ,United States Park Police, at (202) 610-7092, with questions concerning police procedures or logistics.
- K. No vehicle larger than a flatbed truck and a 26 foot box truck can enter the Washington Monument Grounds. Vehicles cannot travel more than 5 MPH. Spotters must be located in the front and in the back of the vehicle. No parking will be allowed of any box truck or flat bed truck on the Washington Monument grounds. Fireworks by Grucci must contact the U.S. Park Police for vehicle Access passes onto the Washington Monument grounds. Three (3) NPS parking passes will be issued to park behind Sylvan Theater. No overnight parking will be allowed.

#### Vehicles Parking Behind Sylvan Theater

- One (1) pick up truck
- One (1) ten passenger van
- One (1) seven passenger suv

#### Timeline:

8/24-8/26 7:00 am – 7:00 pm  
 8/27 8:00 am – 3:00 am, 8/28  
 8/28 7:00 am – 5:00 pm  
 8/29 7:00 am – 3:00 pm

The Sylvan Theater access road off Independence Avenue cannot be blocked at any time. The roadway is for emergency access only.

Entry/Exit for the Washington Monument will be from off Independence Avenue, westbound on the Sylvan Theater access roadway and off 17<sup>th</sup> Street on the west side, north and south center walkways (see attached diagram). All vehicle movement on 17<sup>th</sup> Street and Independence Avenue must be under the direction of the U. S. Park Police. Contact Sgt. Eddie Burnett or Sgt. Zakiyyah Mahasin, 202-610-7092.

- L. The use of any forklift on the plaza inside the circle of flags is limited to weight of 15,000 pounds or less. Forklifts, a total of four (4; 3 regular and one with a boom) must have non-marking tires. Driving over any lights around the Monument is strictly prohibited as well as near any marble benches. Delivery of any equipment including forklifts cannot take place prior to Monday, August 24. Grucci can deliver to the Sylvan Theater backstage area prior to morning rush hour which starts at 6:00 am. U. S. Park Police must be on site to assist with traffic control both for unloading and loading. In addition of equipment and no deliveries and pick up can take place during posted rush hours 6:00 am – 9:30 am and 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm, Monday through Friday.
- M. No items may be brought on site that has not been authorized. If any unauthorized equipment/items are found on site, permit may be revoked and the event cancelled.



**PENDING DOCUMENTATION as of 8/24/20**

- A. Fireworks inventory list, 24 hours prior to each fireworks truck arrival.
- B. Pyrotechnician and assistants list is pending ATF background check approval
- C. Provide DC Fire and EMS contract document of fire department units and staff providing suppression assistance on August 27, 2020.
- D. Any tent use approval, need to meet NFPA 701 compliance. Permittee must provide NFPA 701 fire retardant certificate or photo copy of the fire retardant label attached to the tent material, in accordance with the "NCA Fire and Life Safety Temporary Events Policy".

Permittee must provide all items prior to load in.

**18. Alcoholic Beverages:**

The possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages is generally prohibited.

**19. Sound Amplification:**

Special attention is drawn to item #7, last page of permit, concerning sound amplification.

**20. Glass Bottles:**

No glass bottles and/or containers are permitted on parkland

**21. First Aid/Medical Services:**

All medical and First Aid provided must comply with the National Capital Area Medical Director protocols.

RNC/FBG is responsible for providing First Aid services on-site. The NPS adheres to the District of Columbia Department of Fire & Emergency Medical Services guidelines established according to the number of people anticipated at an event. The following guidelines, established according to the number of people anticipated at an event, will ensure that appropriate medical coverage is provided throughout the event:

- 1-1,999: The Permittee may rely on 911
- 2,000 – 9,999: The Permittee should have a fixed First Aid site with certified/licensed personnel, who will remain on site throughout the event.
- 10,000 – 20,000: The Permittee should have one fixed First Aid site with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event and a Basic Life Support Ambulance (licensed in the District of Columbia) who will transport patients to an appropriate medical facility.
- 20,000 – 30,000: The Permittee should have one fixed First Aid site with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event, a licensed Basic Life Support Ambulance and a Licensed Advanced Life Support Unit (D. C. Fire & EMS has the only certificate of need to provide on-scene paramedic services in the District of Columbia).

- 30,000 – 50,000: The Permittee should have two fixed First Aid sites with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event, two Basic Life Support Units and one Advanced Life Support Unit (both licensed in the District of Columbia).
- 50,000 – 60,000: The Permittee should have two fixed First Aid sites with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event, two Basic Life Support Units and two Advanced Life Support Units (both licensed in the District of Columbia).
- Events exceeding 60,000 participants: The Permittee is required to have emergency medical services personnel from D. C. Fire & EMS as well as the Department of Health on site for the appropriate provision of first aid and/or emergency medical services.

## 22. Sales/Solicitation:

Special attention is drawn to item #4, last page of this permit concerning fees collected and donations solicited on parkland.

## 23. Accessibility:

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) applies to temporary services, programs, and activities. Temporary facilities and structures must comply with the ADA Standards.

Policies and operations for the event must meet the nondiscrimination requirements of the ADA, including, but not limited to provision of accessible parking, routes through site, food service, toilet, facilities, and assembly seating.

RNC/FBG is responsible for providing auxiliary aids and services as requested. RNC/FBG is responsible for providing promotional material explaining how the public can request a particular auxiliary aid or service and be informed of when specific auxiliary aids and services may be available for all Presidential Inaugural Ceremonies held on parkland.

Service animals, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), are permitted under proper supervision. The ADA defines a service animal as any guide dog, signal dog, or other animal individually trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability. If they meet this definition, animals are considered service animals under the ADA regardless of whether they have been licensed or certified by a state or local government.

RNC/FBG must consider elements of accessibility when designing the layout of the event. Potential items for inclusion are:

- Addition of temporary curb ramps where needed to provide an accessible route
- Location of structures and tents along an accessible route
- Provision of auxiliary aids and services
- Provision of and an accessible route from transit stops to the event location
- Provision of tactile braille signage
- Provision of portable wheelchair lifts to access stages or other elevated areas.



24. **Adverse Weather Policy:**

When there is a threat to public health or safety, the Superintendent and/or his/or her designee, may close the park or an event being held there for such duration as determined necessary to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the public. Such situations have occasionally occurred in the past where park areas have been closed due to severe weather warning of heavy rain and thunderstorms with lightning and high winds. Where an area is ordered closed due to a weather-related public safety threat, pursuant to 36 CFR 2.32(2) people must comply with official directions to leave the closed area and relocate to safer sheltered locations.

Closing or canceling an event is a last resort. However, while most events will be held despite the weather, RNC/FBG is responsible for providing updated information in the event schedules and drop-off points may change. **If a weather emergency is declared, programs may be closed early or canceled.**

25. Prior to load in of fireworks, permittee must provide openings in the fencing for visitor access.

**PERMITTEE MUST READ AND ADHERE TO THE "FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR OUTDOOR EVENTS AND TENT USE" AT ALL TIMES. IN ADDITION, FIREWORKS BY GRICCI, MUST PROVIDE ALL DOCUMENTATION AND SAFETY INFORMATION FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL TO THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA FIRE AND SAFETY OFFICERS/FIRE MARSHAL. FIREWORKS BY GRICCI MUST FOLLOW ALL FIRE AND SAFETY GUIDANCES PROVIDED BY THE FIRE AND SAFETY OFFICERS/FIRE MARSHAL. ANY VIOLATIONS OF THESE GUIDELINES AND FIRE AND SAFETY PROCEDURES IS SUBJECT TO REVOCATION OF THIS PERMIT.**

Please see attached schedule and diagrams.

26. **The following will be made available to the RNC/FBG Incident Command Unit**

- All Site Diagrams
- Equipment List
- Production Schedule/Time line
- Access Locations
- Security Plan
- Communications Plan
- Medical Plan
- Media Plan
- Sanitation Plan
- Safe Haven Plan
- Severe Weather Plan
- Vendor List

**A COMPLETE AND LEGIBLE COPY OF THIS PERMIT MUST BE RETAINED ON-SITE AT ALL TIMES WHILE OPERATING UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED**

Republican National Convention Fireworks Performance - Washington DC  
August 27th, 2020  
Product Description and Count, Fireworks by Grucci, Inc.  
Rev01 - 2020-08-23



#### WASHINGTON MONUMENT PRODUCT COUNTS

| QNT  | SIZE | Description                   |
|------|------|-------------------------------|
| 608  | 2"   | Comets                        |
| 117  | 3"   | Comets                        |
| 1650 | 3"   | Aerial Shells                 |
| 400  | 4"   | Aerial Shells                 |
| 260  | 5"   | Aerial Shells                 |
| 316  | 6"   | Aerial Shells                 |
| 45   | 45mm | Roman Candles                 |
| 45   | MSB  | Multi-Shot Boxes              |
| 45   | 30mm | Multi Shot Single Row Devices |
| 3597 | 40mm | One Shot Comets/Mines         |
| 737  | 50mm | One Shot Comets/Mines         |



# Overview - Site Plan

| REVISIONS |                                                                   |           |
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| 2g        | Removed Tents, added truck routes                                 | 8/21/2020 |
| 2h        | Added 12' x 12' Canopy                                            | 8/21/2020 |
| 2i        | Adjusted site plan titles                                         | 8/21/2020 |

Show Control

Communications  
Show Control

- Legend**
- 2in Max Comets and Mines  
230ft Fallout Area
  - 3in Max Aerial Site  
210ft Fallout Area
  - 4in Max Aerial Site  
280ft Fallout Area
  - 6in Max Aerial Site  
420ft Fallout Area
  - SkyEtching™ Locations
  - Secured Fallout Area for  
Showtime (Barrier Fencing)
  - Secured Fireworks  
Preparation Area (Barrier  
Fencing)
  - Fire Protection Services  
Needed
- \*Fallout Areas meet or exceed  
NFPA 1123

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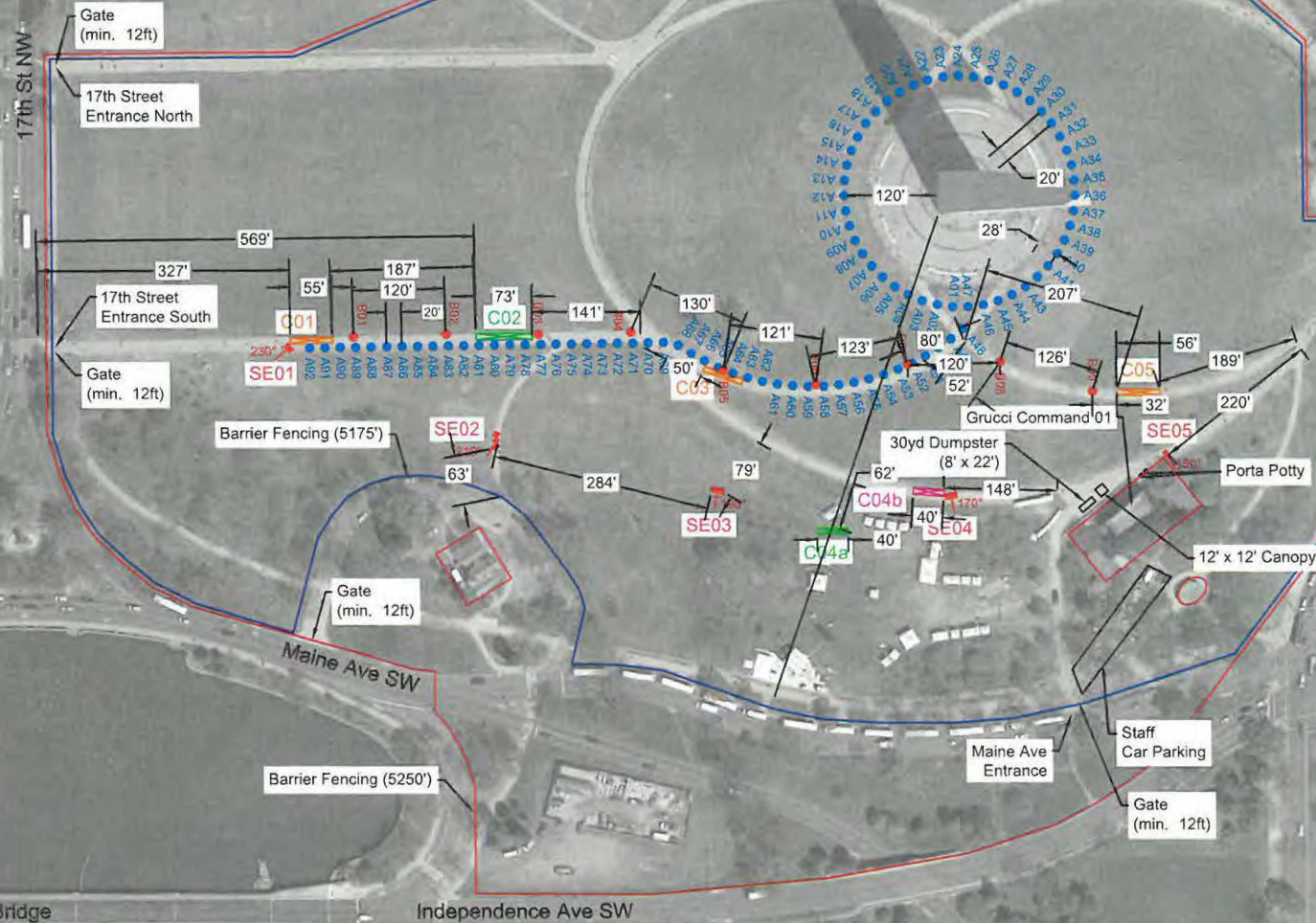
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# Showtime - Site Plan

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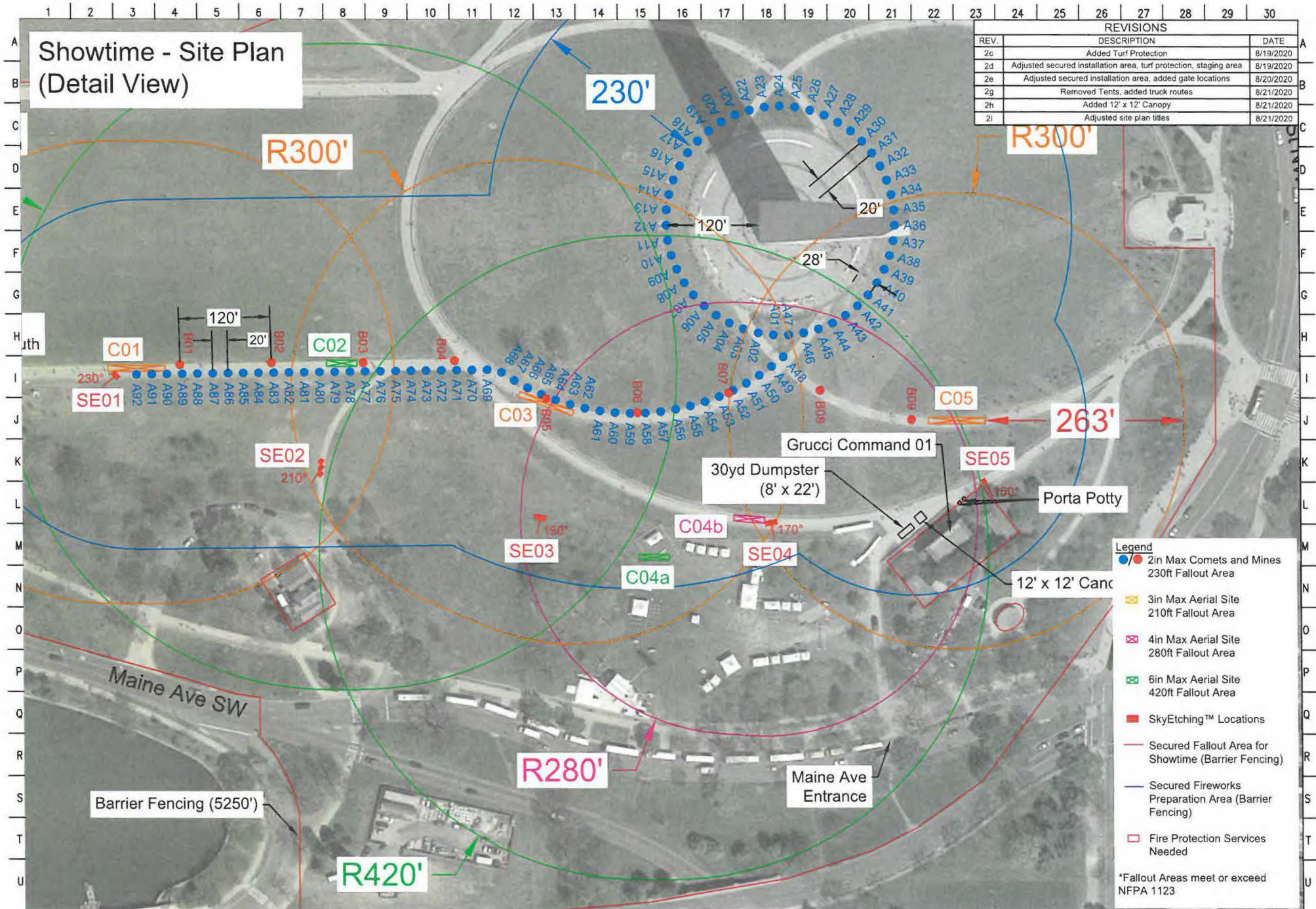
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  - Secured Fallout Area for Showtime (Barrier Fencing)
  - Secured Fireworks Preparation Area (Barrier Fencing)
  - Fire Protection Services Needed
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# Showtime - Site Plan (Detail View)

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# ATF Fireworks Storage

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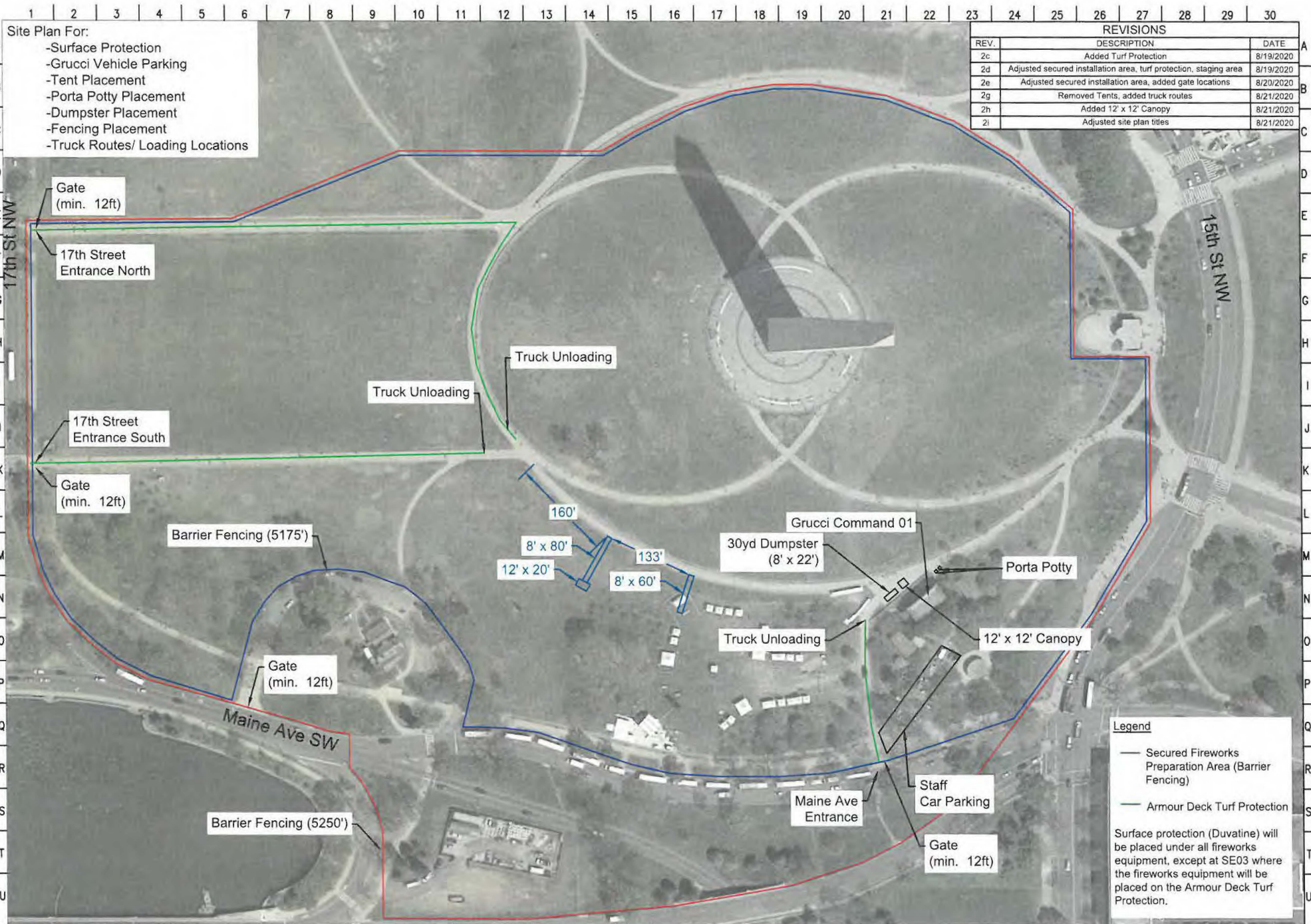
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Site Plan For:

- Surface Protection
- Grucci Vehicle Parking
- Tent Placement
- Porta Potty Placement
- Dumpster Placement
- Fencing Placement
- Truck Routes/ Loading Locations

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**Legend**

- Secured Fireworks Preparation Area (Barrier Fencing)
- Armour Deck Turf Protection

Surface protection (Duvatine) will be placed under all fireworks equipment, except at SE03 where the fireworks equipment will be placed on the Armour Deck Turf Protection.

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 August 27, 2020  
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| Time | Date/Task | Location | Responsibility |
|------|-----------|----------|----------------|
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WASHINGTON MONUMENT DISPLAY - PRODUCTION ITINERARY

|         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                    |                       |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Monday  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | August 24, 2020                                    |                       |
| 08:00   | RNC Vendor to install fencing on Washington Monument Location                                                                                                                                                  | Washington Monument                                | Effort, LLC.          |
| 08:00   | Forklifts to be delivered.                                                                                                                                                                                     | Washington Monument                                | Grucci                |
| 08:00   | National Park Service to remove bollards in 4 locations surrounding the Washington Monument                                                                                                                    | Washington Monument                                | NPS                   |
| 08:00   | Grucci Crew arrives at staging area and begins assembling equipment                                                                                                                                            | Washington Monument                                | Grucci                |
| 08:00   | National Park Police to begin securing Washington Monument location.                                                                                                                                           | Washington Monument                                | NPP                   |
| 08:00   | 1 12' x 12' Production tents installed in front of Sylvan Theater                                                                                                                                              | Washington Monument                                | Grucci                |
| 08:00   | Grucci Trucks with equipment ONLY arrive at Washington Monument Loading Location                                                                                                                               | Washington Monument                                | Grucci                |
| 08:00   | National Park Service to turn off sprinklers at the affected areas of the Washington Monument grounds prior to arrival of Grucci box truck. Sprinklers to remain off until removal of equipment on August 30th | Washington Monument                                | NPS                   |
| 17:00   | Grucci Trucks with Fireworks (1.3G) arrives meeting place for Escort 1                                                                                                                                         | Escort Rendezvous in Virginia - Exact Location TBD | Grucci/DCFD/Metro     |
| 18:00   | Grucci Trucks with Fireworks arrives Washington Monument Loading Location with escort                                                                                                                          | Washington Monument                                | Grucci/DCFD/Metro/NPP |
| TBD     | National Park Service to re-install bollards in 4 locations surrounding the Washington Monument                                                                                                                | Washington Monument                                | NPS                   |
| Tuesday |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | August 25, 2020                                    |                       |
| 06:00   | Grucci Trucks with Fireworks (1.3G) arrives meeting place for Escort 2                                                                                                                                         | Escort Rendezvous in Virginia - Exact Location TBD | Grucci/DCFD/Metro     |
| 06:00   | National Park Service to remove bollards in 4 locations surrounding the Washington Monument                                                                                                                    | Washington Monument                                | NPS                   |
| 07:00   | Grucci crew arrives on site and continues assembling equipment and loading product                                                                                                                             | Washington Monument                                | Grucci                |
| 08:00   | Grucci Trucks with Fireworks arrives Washington Monument Loading Location with escort                                                                                                                          | Washington Monument                                | Grucci/DCFD/Metro/NPP |
| 08:00   | 24hr National Park Police coverage continues to secure Washington Monument location, staging area, and attend fireworks storage                                                                                | West Potomac Park / Washington Monument            | NPP                   |
| 08:00   | Grucci Pyrotechnicians place pyroplates around Washington Monument in grass.                                                                                                                                   | Washington Monument                                | Grucci                |



"Republican National Convention" - Washington DC  
 August 27, 2020  
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 Rev. 02f - 08/22/20



| Time                             | Date/Task                                                                                                                               | Location                                           | Responsibility        |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| TBD                              | National Park Service to re-install bollards in 4 locations surrounding the Washington Monument                                         | Washington Monument                                | NPS                   |
| <b>Wednesday August 26, 2020</b> |                                                                                                                                         |                                                    |                       |
| 06:00                            | Grucci Trucks with Fireworks (1.3G) arrives meeting place for Escort 3                                                                  | Escort Rendezvous in Virginia - Exact Location TBD | Grucci/DCFD/Metro     |
| 06:00                            | National Park Service to remove bollards in 4 locations surrounding the Washington Monument                                             | Washington Monument                                | NPS                   |
| 07:00                            | Grucci crew arrives on site and continues assembling equipment and loading product                                                      | Washington Monument                                | Grucci                |
| 07:00                            | Armored grass protection install starts (72 hour window begins)                                                                         | Washington Monument                                | RNC Vendor: TBD       |
| 08:00                            | Grucci Trucks with Fireworks arrives Washington Monument Loading Location with escort                                                   | Washington Monument                                | Grucci/DCFD/Metro/NPP |
| 08:00                            | 24hr National Park Police coverage continues to secure Washington Monument location, staging area, and attend fireworks storage         | West Potomac Park / Washington Monument            | NPP                   |
| 12:00                            | Armored grass protection install completes                                                                                              | Washington Monument                                | RNC Vendor: TBD       |
| 12:00                            | Grucci Pyrotechnicians install equipment at SE03 and C04a ( see site plan, 72 hour window begins)                                       | Washington Monument                                | Grucci                |
| 13:00                            | RNC Vendor to have Show Control equipment (Tables, tent, power, etc.) set up and ready for rehearsal                                    | White House Show Control                           | RNC Vendor: TBD       |
| 15:00                            | Grucci to perform Showtime Rehearsal (NO FIREWORKS WILL BE FIRED)                                                                       | White House Show Control, Washington Monument      | Grucci                |
| TBD                              | National Park Service to re-install bollards in 4 locations surrounding the Washington Monument                                         | Washington Monument                                | NPS                   |
| <b>Thursday August 27, 2020</b>  |                                                                                                                                         |                                                    |                       |
| 07:00                            | Grucci continues to position and cable fireworks                                                                                        | Washington Monument                                | Grucci                |
| 16:00                            | National Park Police to close and secure Fallout Area                                                                                   | Washington Monument                                | NPP                   |
| TBD                              | Grucci team conducts circuit testing and final prep for show                                                                            | Washington Monument                                | Grucci                |
| TBD                              | Grucci crew disconnects all firing systems from fireworks in field                                                                      | Washington Monument                                | Grucci                |
| 23:00                            | Grucci crew completes final showtime protocol                                                                                           | Washington Monument                                | Grucci                |
| 23:31                            | Showtime (5 minutes maximum)                                                                                                            | Washington Monument                                | Grucci                |
| 23:35                            | Program complete. Mandatory 30 min cooldown begins and safety zone held until released by Fireworks Command Center                      | Washington Monument                                | Grucci                |
| <b>Friday August 28, 2020</b>    |                                                                                                                                         |                                                    |                       |
| 00:05                            | Grucci pyrotechnicians perform security and safety sweep for live fireworks, package and secure live fireworks into truck with security | Washington Monument                                | Grucci/NPP            |

"Republican National Convention" - Washington DC  
 August 27, 2020  
 Preliminary Production Schedule - Fireworks by Grucci Inc.  
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| Time                     | Date/Task                                                                                                                                | Location            | Responsibility     |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 00:15                    | Grucci Pyrotechnicians remove pyro plates on grass around the Washington Monument and place on the plaza for the remainder of the night. | Washington Monument | Grucci             |
| TBD                      | RNC Vendor to clean up non hazardous fireworks debris from Washington Monument grounds                                                   | Washington Monument | RNC Vendor: TBD    |
| 06:00                    | Daylight security and safety sweep for live unexpended product performed                                                                 | Washington Monument | Grucci             |
| 07:00                    | Grucci team begins strike of equipment at posts SE03 and C04 (see site plan)                                                             | Washington Monument | Grucci Vendor: TBD |
| 08:00                    | 24hr National Park Police coverage continues to secure staging area and attend unexpended/surplus fireworks storage                      | Washington Monument | NPP                |
| 08:00                    | Armordeck grass protection dismantal starts                                                                                              | Washington Monument | RNC Vendor: TBD    |
| 12:00                    | Armordeck grass protection dismantal completed                                                                                           | Washington Monument | RNC Vendor: TBD    |
| Saturday August 29, 2020 |                                                                                                                                          |                     |                    |
| 08:00                    | Grucci team continues strike of equipment                                                                                                | Washington Monument | Grucci             |
| 08:00                    | 24hr National Park Police coverage continues to secure staging area and attend unexpended/surplus fireworks storage                      | Washington Monument | NPP                |
| 0800                     | 24hr National Park Police coverage released at loading location                                                                          | West Potomac Park   | NPP                |
| 01:00                    | Escort 4 of any remaining Fireworks out of DC                                                                                            | Washington Monument | Grucci/DCFD/Metro  |
| TBD                      | Grucci team completes strike of equipment at Washington Monument                                                                         | Washington Monument | Grucci             |
| TBD                      | National Park Service to re-install bollards in 4 locations surrounding the Washington Monument pending the removal of Grucci box truck  | Washington Monument | NPS                |
| TBD                      | All Equipment (Forklifts, Dumpster) to be removed from Washington Monument                                                               | Washington Monument | Grucci             |
| TBD                      | RNC Vendor to remove fencing on Washington Monument Location                                                                             | Washington Monument | Effort, LLC.       |



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Fireworks by Grucci

20-1063

6:00 am – 9:00 pm pm

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Backstage Sylvan Theater

August 24-29, 2020

Location \_\_\_\_\_ Date(s) \_\_\_\_\_

This vehicle is authorized to park in the designated area(s) before and after the posted time restrictions. Parking in handicapped, loading and bus zones is prohibited.

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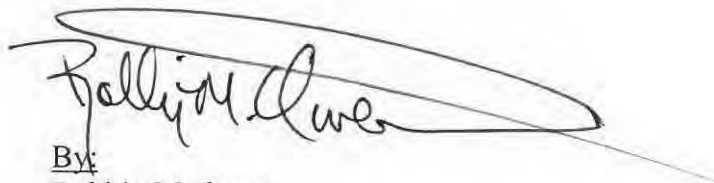
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3. All laws, rules and regulations applicable to the area covered by this permit remain in effect.
4. No fee may be collected, donation solicited, or commercial activity conducted. No items may be sold or offered for sale except for books, newspapers, leaflets, pamphlets, buttons, and bumper stickers which contain a message related to your demonstration or special event. No other merchandise may be sold or offered for sale. A stand or structure used for the sale of permitted items may not exceed one table per site, which may be no larger than 2 ½ feet by 8 feet or 4 feet by 4 feet. The dimensions of the sales site may not exceed 6 feet wide by 15 feet long by 6 feet high.
5. The area should be left in substantially the same condition as it was prior to the activities authorized herein, and all litter shall be placed in the trash containers provided.
6. This permit is applicable only for the use of the area designated above, and during the times designated above, or in any area as may hereafter be designated by the United States Park Police.
7. The use of sound amplification equipment, other than hand-portable sound amplification equipment to be used for crowd control purposes only, is prohibited on the White House Sidewalk (South 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., sidewalk between East Executive Avenue and West Executive Avenue). All sound amplification equipment shall be limited so that it will not unreasonably disturb nonparticipating persons in, or in the vicinity of, the area.
8. The National Park Service reserves the right to immediately revoke this permit at any time should it reasonably appear that the public gathering presents a clear and present danger to the public safety, good order or health, or if any conditions of this permit are violated

Lisa Mendelson  
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# United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

National Capital Region

1100 Ohio Drive, S.W.

Washington, D.C. 20242

## PUBLIC GATHERING PERMIT

Permit: 20-1063

Date: August 24, 2020

In accordance with Park Regulations as contained in C.F.R., Title 36, Chapter 1, Section 7.96, permission is granted to conduct a public gathering to the following:

Person(s) and/or Organization(s): Republican National Committee

Dates(s): Monday, August 24, 2020

To: Saturday, August 29, 2020

Time: Starting: 8:00 am

Ending: 3:00 pm

Location(s):

Washington Monument Grounds-Southern Portion

Purpose: Aerial Fireworks Display

Anticipated Number or Participants: 50

Person(s) in Charge: Michelle Meadows

Address(es): 310 First St. NE, Washington, District of Columbia 20003

Phone Number: (202) 863-8638

On Site Aerial Fireworks Representatives: Phil Grucci (631-312-1411)

This permit is granted subject to the following conditions:

1. Permittee and all participants authorized therein must comply with all of the conditions of this permit and with all reasonable directions of the United States Park Police.
2. All sidewalks, walkways, and roadways must remain unobstructed to allow for the reasonable use of these areas by pedestrians, vehicles and other park visitors.

PERMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR READING AND ADHERING TO ATTACHED  
ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS.

**ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS****PERMIT #20-1063****REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION; WASHINGTON MONUMENT GROUNDS,  
SOUTHERN PORTION****AUGUST 24-AUGUST 29, 2020****Event Overview:** Aerial Fireworks Display**Event Contact Information:** Christopher Grucci, Logistics Manager, 631-286-0088**NPS Site Coordinator:** Robbin Owen, 202-359-1458**Event Timeline:**

See the attached spreadsheets for complete timeline.

- Set up starts on: August 24
- Event: August 27
- Tear down complete: August 29

**Permit Authorization**

A. This permit authorizes the Republican National Convention and their contractor, Fireworks by Grucci (RNC/FBG) use of the Washington Monument Grounds, southern portion for this permitted activity. Permission is granted to RNC/FBG to commence load-in for the placement of any fireworks, porta-johns, trash dumpsters, support structures, and the erection of fencing:

1. RNC/FBG will submit to the NPS stamped engineered drawings for all structures, larger than 900 square feet for NPS review and approval.
2. The permittee(s) agrees to be fully responsible for the management, performance, use and safety within the permit area involved in this authorization until the work is completed, inspected, and accepted.

Stated Total of Participants: 50 staff

**B. Schedule of Events August 24 – August 29**

- Set up: Monday, August 24 – Thursday August 27, 7:00 am – 7:00 pm
- Event Day: Thursday, August 27, 11:30 pm – 11:35 pm
- Overnight security, August 24-26 7:00 pm -7:00 am daily  
8/28, 2:00 am – 7:00 am and 5:00 pm – 7:00 am, August 29

Program: Thursday, August 27, 11:30 pm – 11:35 pm



Load-Out: Friday, August 28, 7:00 am – 5:00 pm  
 Saturday, August 29, 7:00 am – 3:00 pm

**NOTE: See attached timeline. Tear down is not permitted after dark at 8:00 pm on Friday and Saturday, August 28 and August 29**

## **I. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT**

1. All activities pursuant to this permit shall be in compliance with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252; 42 U.S.C. 200d et seq.); Title V, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 394; 29 U.S.C. 794); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (89 Stat. 728; 42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.); and with all other Federal laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination on grounds of race, color, national origin, handicap, religion, or sex in employment and in providing facilities and services to the public. Nothing in advertising for employees shall be done which will prevent those covered by these laws from qualifying for employment.
2. Permittee and all participants authorized therein must comply with all of the conditions of this permit and with all reasonable directions of the United States Park Police and/or other representative of the NPS.
3. The area must be left in substantially the same conditions as it was prior to the activities authorized herein. All trash, debris, and litter resulting from activities of this permit shall not be allowed to accumulate and shall be bagged **in clear plastic bags** and placed in trash dumpsters provide by RNC/FBG.
4. All requests, correspondence and meetings with NPS pertaining to this permit shall be scheduled by RNC/FBG only. All contractors, subcontractors or consultants must channel their request through the recognized representatives of the permittee, who in turn, will contact NPS.
5. All laws, rules, and regulations applicable to the area covered by this permit remain in effect.
6. This permit is applicable only for the use of the area designated above, and during the times designated above, or as may be designated in written amendment to this permit.
7. In use of this area, the permittee shall require all employees and/or contractors to exercise all normal and reasonable safety precautions including observance of all applicable OSHA codes, to protect park property and to provide for public safety. Suitable devices such as barricades, fences, lanterns, etc., necessary for employee, public safety, and resource protection shall be provided by RNC/FBG shall be adequately maintained. Placement of such devices require the concurrence of the NPS.
8. All work performed as a result of the permitted use by the permittee or its agents shall be subject to the conditions of this permit, and the permittee is responsible for ensuring that such work meets the conditions of this permit.



9. All proposed amendments or additions to this permit and all proposed locations of vehicles, equipment, storage, installations of any kind, areas of activity, work and power plans shall be submitted to the NPS for prior written approval. These proposals shall be in map or diagram form suitable for on the ground inspection. Placement of tents, displays, and other detailed and specific site map will be provided to the NPS prior to installation of facilities.
  - a. Arrival schedules, equipment lists and vehicle lists must be provided in advance and all units in use in the park area must have specific approval by the NPS.
  - b. Permittee will provide an on-site coordinator to be accessible to the NPS and the United States Park Police (USPP) personnel at all times during construction or set-up activities and during dismantling of facilities post-event.
10. NPS reserves the right to immediately revoke this permit at any time should it reasonably appear that the activity presents present danger to the public safety, good order or health, or if any conditions of this permit are violated.
11. This permit may be amended upon final approval of the site plan, certified stamped engineered drawings, sign plan and timeline.
12. A copy of this permit shall be at the site during the use of the park area.

## **II. SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT**

### **1. Event Venues:**

- A. Washington Monument Grounds, southern portion

Set-up will include the following: Fireworks, fencing, dumpster, and tents. A complete equipment list must be provided for the permit.

**See attached diagram**

### **2. Resource Protection:**

Throughout the course of this permit, the RNC/FBG, is responsible for taking all necessary precautions to minimize resource damage throughout the permitted area. In addition, permittee must supervise their contractors and employees during set-up and teardown to assure that there is no damage to park resources. RNC/FBG must have a representative on site during set up and tear down of equipment to monitor the vendors.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 7.96(g)(5)(vi)(C), 2.31(a)(2),(3) the destruction, defacement, damaging, alteration, or removal of park resources or facilities is prohibited. No item, including signs or banners, may be attached to park trees, plantings, benches, statues, walls, fences, or other park property.

To protect the resources, stands and other facilities approved for placement on the grass and walkways, outside of any restricted zones, must be supported by pre-approved, hard interlocking plastic material. Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.

No excavation or disturbance of park features or landscape shall be permitted under this permit without written approval of NPS.

When heavy equipment vehicles (forklifts/cranes, etc.) are used to move equipment, permittee must provide spotters in the front and rear of the heavy equipment vehicle to insure safety of pedestrians and workers.

Throughout the course of this permit, RNC/FBG will require its employees/volunteers, and contractors, to exercise special care and attention to protect the resources of parkland and its environs. In addition, RNC/FBG must supervise their contractors and employees during set-up and teardown to assure that there is no damage to park resources.

### **Landscapes:**

Lawn, trees, shrubs, and the irrigation system, curbs, electric conduits, and water mains located within the permitted area, shall be protected from adverse impacts associated with event activities.

Heavy Equipment Near Trees and Shrubs: The use of any heavy equipment (crane, back hoe, etc.) placed under or near trees or shrubs is prohibited.

Turf Protection: For the purpose of protection, any area not paved must follow the O & M Turf Manual. No heavy equipment (cranes, backhoes, etc.), vehicles or stock piling of materials is permitted on turf areas.

The use of vehicles, heavy cranes, backhoes, etc are not allowed on the turf sections of parkland.

The temporary covering of turf for this event must be provided by the permittee for the permitted areas. Use of this ground cover allows for pedestrian walkways, temporary flooring, structure, and support, with special permission from NPS.

Permittee is must secure products such as Terraplas, Terratile and Matrax LD or equal that is ADA-compliant, interlocking mats that are translucent and allow UV light to pass through to the grass below. The products must either be perforated or ribbed, allowing for ventilation and some moisture access to the turf below. Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.

### **Site Furnishings:**

Permittee may not move or otherwise harm existing site furnishings, including but not limited to posts and chains, benches, waste receptacles, and drinking fountains. No attachments may be made to, pass through, or be affixed to existing site furnishings.



Additional temporary site furnishings may be provided by the Permittee; however, these furnishings must meet the guidelines set forth in this document. No permanent installation of site furnishings is permitted.

All necessary precautions as deemed necessary by the NPS shall be taken to prevent damage to underground utilities, and sprinkler systems located throughout the area. Any utilities damage by this work shall be promptly repaired. The sprinkler system plan will be clearly marked on-site by the National Park Service.

### **Hard Surfaces:**

Temporary protection of all hard surfaces affected by the construction or erection of staging elements, sound towers, camera equipment, cranes, lighting structures, miscellaneous equipment, or scaffolding must be provided. All protective pads or cushioning devices shall be non-staining.

**Oil or Hydraulic Fluid Leaks:** Temporary protection of hard surfaces shall be used where motorized vehicles are operating to avoid oil and/or hydraulic fluid leaks. Should a leak of this type occur, the permit holder shall be held liable for clean-up, at no expense to the NPS.

### **Structures:**

To protect the turf areas, it is strongly encouraged that structures be placed on the Washington Monument grounds hardscape areas where it would not impact the turf. The NPS may allow under permit the use of turf areas, however, if the structure and its equipment use the turf protection measures as detailed throughout this permit. All structures must minimize all points that come in contact with the turf.

All structures must be able to withstand a minimum wind gust of 30 mph and follow the High Wind Action Plan below.

1. The High Wind Action Plan shall be in effect for the entirety of this event.
2. RNC/FBG is responsible for a designated representative to be present for the duration of this event to implement the High Wind Action Plan.
3. An Anemometer shall be placed on the roof of the stage structure to monitor wind speeds.
4. Noted wind speeds are 3 second gusts in accordance with ASCE 7.
5. **When wind speeds are expected to exceed 25 MPH, RNC/FBG will place crews on alert.**
6. **When wind speeds are expected to exceed 30 MPH, all sidewall scrim shall be removed.**  
All video walls and large speaker clusters/delay towers shall be lowered to the ground and secured.  
Lowering of scrim or equipment shall be done from the ground by means of remotely activated equipment such as motors or mechanical releases.
7. **When wind speeds are expected to exceed 40 MPH, all event operations shall cease and the immediate area shall be evacuated.**
8. Do not lower stage system, video walls, large speaker/delay towers during high wind events.
9. The High Wind Action Plan shall be posted at a conspicuous area on site. It must be available at all times to venue operators and crew.



All structures must follow the guidelines below and adhere to National Fire Protection Association codes.

Any temporary structure exceeding over 900 square feet require the submission of engineered drawings stamped by a structural engineer licensed in the United States. Drawings should include tent support lines identified by flagging.

Structures on the turf should be on a raiser with as few points as possible touching the turf. Each point that does touch the turf should have Enkamat Flatback<sup>8</sup> or equal product and plywood pads under all points as outlined:

Each screw jack should have a wooden pad and two layers of Enkamat Flatback<sup>1</sup> or equal product, eighteen inches square (18"x18")

Concrete pads should have four (4) layers of Enkamat Flatback or equal product  
Under each concrete tower pad two (2) layers of plywood

All screws and fasteners used in the construction of structures should be policed during the build and retained during removal. Screws and fasteners should be made of a non-aluminum metal, enabling a post-event magnet sweep to ensure all pieces are removed from the site.

**Tents:** To protect the turf, tents should be located on hardscape surfaces including gravel, asphalt, concrete, granite, wood, etc. tents and other similar structures must be secured using cement blocks and/or water-filled ballast tanks. No stakes are permitted on hardscape surfaces.

Non-freezing, no-staining liquid approved by the NPS (water treated with bio-degradable antifreeze) in plastic containers shall be used as weighing elements. No sand bags are permitted for this purpose.

At takedown, all water filled ballast tanks must be pumped to the nearest catch basin (located within the curbs) or to the area drains located throughout the hardscape. Tanks may not be drained into the turf or pumped in gravel areas. This prevents creation of muddy puddles and soft areas in the turf and also limits runoff of gravel into area drains.

Footnote 8 Enkamat Flatback is a unique product designed for turf grass protection. Enkamat's tightly interwoven flat upper layer can withstand the weight of thousands of people and staging equipment. Enkamat is a three-dimensional geomatrix of highly resilient, nylon monofilaments which are fused where they intersect. Ninety percent (90%) of the geomatrix is open space which allows for air and rain to pass freely through to the turf below. Enkamat comes in standard sizes of 39"x150' and 15'X150' and can be cut onsite into any shape or size.

**If approval is granted by NPS,** no tent stakes may penetrate the ground surface by more than 18 inches. Use of stakes longer than this requires coordination through the Turf Management Specialist, National Mall & Memorial Parks, at (202) 245-4685. Permittee must hire an independent contractor to survey the grounds with radar penetrating equipment to map all utilities prior to any staking.

Tents must be constructed of fire retardant material. A certificate of fire retardant material must be provided as confirmation to the NPS

Tents should be placed at least 5 to 10 feet apart.

### **Stages, Lighting, and Audio & AV Towers:**

Stages, lighting trusses, video walls/screens and any scaffold towers used to support them must be constructed to conform to architectural plans stamped by a licensed structural engineer. Permittee is responsible for installing a barricade, bike rack and/or fencing around all lighting, audio and AV towers to secure them from the general public.

If authorized by permit stages may only have skirting on the audience-facing area and only during the event, to allow maximum light and air to reach the turf, thereby limiting damage.

### **Fencing:**

Any fencing or other physical barriers planned for the event must be shown on the site plan and called out by type.

Fencing must be designed in such a way that it does not prevent safe egress from the event. Permittee must provide public access to the area until fireworks are loaded in.

Fencing located on turf areas may not be staked into the ground unless authorized by permit. If authorized, stakes must be no longer than eighteen inches (18") driven into the ground. Stakes must avoid all underground pipes and fixtures. In the event chain linked fencing is used, security barbed wire is prohibited.

Concrete barriers (such as jersey barriers) are permitted only on hardscape areas.

Tree protection fencing may be required as a condition of the permit.

### **Evening Work:**

Evening work may be conducted for both load in and load out periods with prior permission by the Superintendent. For work conducted during evening hours a portable lighting system is required. In addition all motor vehicles including golf cart(s) must have lights. Generally night work is not allowed after 10:00 pm and prior to 6:00 am.

**Structures on Turf Panels:** To protect the turf, neither structures nor parking or operation of equipment is permitted on turf. Event vehicles of any kind (delivery, cranes, forklifts, golf carts, trailers, exhibit trailers, etc.) are not allowed on turf or surrounding curbs. To accommodate use for the event and to protect against compaction and plant damage, turf protection, the use of matting that holds itself and any added loads such as foot traffic, above the crown of the grass blades, and does not sink into the ground is required.



Laying roadway surfaces on the Washington Monument grounds is prohibited without NPS approval in advance.

Turf protection flooring must be light weight, able to be carried and set in place without vehicular assistance.

Products such as Terraplas, or equal, must be ADA-compliant, with interlocking mats that are translucent and allow UV light to pass through to the grass below and perforated or ribbed to allow for ventilation and some moisture access to the turf below. The use of plywood for this purpose is strictly prohibited. Specific material used must be approved in advance by NPS.

No carpet or other obstructions to turf covering holes will be allowed.

Driving stakes and/or grounding rods into the turf is prohibited without the approval of the NPS.

**Structures Under/Around Trees:** To minimize soil compaction and to protect the continued health of the trees, neither structures nor parking or operation of equipment, is permitted within any tree canopy (root zone) area or in any of the Tree areas. This includes but is not limited to stages, booths, audio/visual towers, tents and lighting. As a condition of the permit, the Permittee may be required to install tree-protection fencing.

**Walkways:** To protect the resources, stages, stands and other facilities approved for placement on any walkway, must be supported by 1 inch, professional, outdoor grade plywood or similar material.  
*Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.*

### **Crate Storage and Bone Yards :**

Crate storage, bone yards and staging areas are prohibited on parkland. They must be located off-site

### **Site Access:**

*Extreme* caution must be exercised when driving on the sidewalks. Pedestrian access must be maintained at all times, however, if for safety reasons, an area has to be temporarily closed to the public,

**Except when being driven on established public vehicular roadways: Logistical equipment and vehicles, forklifts including gas and electric carts, must not exceed 5-mph. All trucks with a GVW of over 7500 pounds, and equipment such as bucket trucks, platform lifts, forklifts, and cranes, must be accompanied by a walking spotter when moving or operating in an area accessible to the public.**

Vehicles must have headlights on while in motion. All individuals operating Golf Carts/gators on NPS property must have a Valid Driver's License. All Golf Carts/gators operating after dusk, must have fixed and/or portable illumination.

Parking of Permittee(s) employee's or subcontractors private vehicles for conduct of this permit's activities, in tree panels and/or on turf or walkway areas is prohibited.



RNC/FBG must receive prior, written approval from the NPS/USPP if traffic is to be blocked at any time during preparation for, during the course of, and after a special event or demonstration (at any location in the immediate vicinity of the National Mall). If District of Columbia streets are to be blocked, the appropriate authorities must be notified as well.

All pathways and roadways must remain open and unobstructed. A minimum twenty foot (20') drive aisle must remain open at all times for emergency vehicle egress. No temporary or permanent structures may be located within the egress lane. The egress drive aisle must be called out on the site plan.

Submittal Requirements: A plan of how the site will be approached and how traffic will be controlled is required for logistical vehicles that are delivering and/or removing temporary equipment and supplies. In this submittal, information documenting the path of vehicular traffic in and around the roadways of the National Mall during preparation for, during the course of, and after all activities associated with the event, is required. Rules and regulations for District of Columbia streets also shall be observed. Signs directing vehicular and pedestrian traffic shall be furnished, with text and locations of signs indicated on the plan.

Deliveries and removal of materials shall occur so as not to adversely affect daily operations of NPS Concessioners and monuments and memorials in and around the National Mall. No deliveries shall be made after hours without prior, written approval from the NPS.

**Vehicular access to turf areas will only be permitted per conditions listed below:**

Driving within any Level 1 turf areas is strictly prohibited. Only hardscape areas can be used.

Driving directly on all turf and tree areas is prohibited. The temporary interlocking protective material supports shall be installed over plazas, and walkway areas for the ingress and egress of all vehicles/units or heavy equipment by RNC/FBG. **Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.**

Parking of Permittee(s) employee's or subcontractors private vehicles for conduct of this permit's activities on parkland is prohibited. Permittee must arrange for parking of employee and contractor vehicles off parkland.

**3. Trash/Recycling Maintenance:**

A. RNC/FBG will be responsible for providing card board trash receptacles for collection and disposal of all trash, debris, and litter resulting from the use of the permitted area, including a recycling program. Trash shall not be allowed to accumulate and shall be continually and promptly bagged in **clear plastic bags** and removed from the site. The location and placement of any litter containers must be coordinated with the NPS.

**Recycling:**

The permittee is required to collect and transport to a certified recycling center, commingled cans and bottles (aluminum and bimetal cans and plastic bottles), plastic, and aluminum materials generated from the permitted activity off park land.

The permittee shall furnish all management, supervision, labor, equipment, materials, supplies and any other items necessary to perform the recycling service of their permitted event. Work includes providing labor, proper equipment, collection and transport of generated recycled items, as well as providing records on the recycled material to NPS.

Permittee must submit the trash and recycling plan and have it approved prior to set up.

#### **4. Electricity and Generator Usage:**

No electricity available on site. RNC/FBG may provide their own gasoline and/or solar powered generator(s) to provide power if needed. Generators will be installed in accordance with the site plan, D.C. Fire Department guidelines, and safely installed per manufacturer requirements. The fueling/refueling of gasoline powered generators on parkland is prohibited\*. The storage of additional fuel is prohibited.

At a minimum, for hand carted generators, 1" professional outdoor grade plywood, or similar material must be placed underneath the generator to protect the underlying surfaces from potential weight and vibration damage and fluid leakage. Generators must be encased with a secondary drip containment unit.

Tow plant generator(s) and light tower(s) must have an internal secondary drip containment unit and/or placed in self-adsorbent, fire retardant containment troughs and be fenced in or closed in with bike rack.

All wires must be covered by mats and/or yellow jackets to prevent tripping hazards. The cord must be in good condition, of sufficient gauge to accommodate the electrical load of equipment and must be properly grounded.

**A Fire extinguisher must be within 15 feet of generator(s) and light tower(s)**

**\*Refueling of generators:** Refueling of the gasoline generators will be permitted pursuant to the following conditions:

Refueling will only be allowed on dates and times agreed upon in advance with the NPS- generally, (05:00 a.m.-08:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. (midnight)).

The following materials must be placed on the ground during refueling:

Plastic tarp

Absorbent material on top of tarp

Drip pan under fueling nozzle

Spill containment material or absorbent booms or pads must be stored at each generator location

55-gallon drum labeled hazardous material must be placed alongside of each generator. Should spillage occur the absorbent material must be placed in these barrels.

Contractor will be responsible for removing the barrels off of park property

Contractor will be responsible for any damage to the park's resources as a result of the refueling.



In case of spill please contact DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services at 911 and National Mall & Memorial Parks' Chief of Maintenance at (202) 359-1551.

The storage of fuel on parkland, in trailers, next to generators and at other NPS locations is strictly prohibited.

RNC/FBG will be responsible for any damages to park resources resulting from the re-fueling.

The spillage of deleterious substances such as engine oil, gasoline, etc. is prohibited. In the event of such an occurrence, NPS and USPP must be notified immediately.

All cables, power lines, etc. shall be run in an orderly manner and contained in matted yellow jackets that provide for safety and accessibility. No power lines can be strung between trees. All temporary electrical service wiring must be covered by mats and/or high-visibility Yellow Jacket™, or equivalent item, so as not to create a tripping hazard or navigation barrier to handicapped individuals. The cord must be in good condition, of sufficient gauge to accommodate the electrical load of the equipment and must be properly grounded.

Bike rack must be placed around all generators, as well as light and sound towers.

#### **5. Overnight Security/Camping:**

RNC/FBG is responsible for providing UNARMED overnight security. Coordinate security with Sgt. Eddie Burnett or Sgt. Zakiyyah Mahasin U. S. Park Police at 202-610-7092.

Sleeping overnight in park areas, including in any tents by employees or subcontractors workmen is prohibited. Camping is defined as the use of the park land for living accommodation purposes such as sleeping activities, or making preparations to sleep (including the laying down or bedding for the purpose of sleeping), or storing personal belongings, or making any fire, or using any tents or shelter or other structure or vehicle for sleeping or doing any digging or earth breaking or carrying on cooking activities. The above-listed activities constitute camping when it reasonably appears, in light of all the circumstances that the participants, in conducting these activities, are in fact using the area as a living accommodation regardless of the intent of the participants or the nature of any other activities in which they may also be engaging.

#### **6. Safety:**

RNC/FBG is required to meet OSHA guidelines regarding employee/subcontractor work schedules. No employee/subcontractor is to work no more than 10 hours within a 24 hour period. Any work required beyond the 10 hour limitation will need to be requested to the NPS in advance for review and approval by the Superintendent, National Mall & Memorial Parks.

An authorized RNC/FBG official must be assigned for on-site supervision each day of the event for load-in and load-out. NPS and USPP will also be assigned to monitor and to provide for public safety. All instructions given by authorized NPS or USPP personnel must be obeyed promptly.

Any movement by heavy equipment such as forklifts and cranes must be accompanied by spotters in the front and rear of the piece of equipment at all times. In the event cranes are used, the gravel walk must be secured and pedestrians directed to other available walkways.

Failure to comply with all terms and conditions of this permit may constitute grounds for cancellation of the permit and immediate termination of the event.

**7. Portable Toilets/Comfort facilities:**

- A. Adequate portable restroom facilities shall be installed by RNC/FBG for employee and public use. These units shall be placed in "low profile" locations approved by NPS. The National Park Service recommends one portable restroom facility for every 300 participants with 20% of those facilities wheelchair accessible.

**8. Security:**

RNC/FBG will be responsible for providing unarmed security for any equipment left unattended at any given time and/or overnight on parkland. Individual(s) must be properly identified. Security will begin on the first day of set-up and continue through the final day of tear down.

In addition, during the hours of load-in and load-out, RNC/FBG will be required to provide an adequate number of security personnel to assist with pedestrian and vehicle movement on the walkways.

Meetings with the RNC/FBG, the United States Park Police and the National Park Service, Permits Management Office have been held to coordinate and finalize the security plan for this event.

**9. Credentials**

All staff, volunteers, artists/participants, press, VIPs, and vendors involved this event will be issued credentials. The credentials will identify the person by name and category to include the event logo.

Colored copies of all credentials will be provided to USPP in advance of the event.

**10. Water and Food:**

RNC/FBG will be responsible for providing adequate bottled water to accommodate those attending this event.

Guest Services, Inc. and/or RGI will provide food and water for sale at their permanent food kiosks.

Permittee may provide food to their staff. All public health rules and guidelines must be followed at all times.

**11. Sales of Merchandise/Solicitation of Donations:**

Permittee is responsible for adhering to item #4, last page of permit concerning sales. Permittee states no sales nor soliciting of donations will take place.



## 12. Sound Amplification:

Special attention is drawn to item #7, last page of permit concerning sound amplification.

## 13. Signs, Banners, and Commercial Advertising and Sponsor Recognition:

NPS regulations generally prohibit Federal parkland from being used for business solicitation or for the advertisement or promotion of commercial brands, products, and services. As such, no commercial notices and advertisements shall be placed, posted or distributed at the event. Further, no structures representing commercial products, or models or replications of commercial products or merchandise may be displayed.

Further consistent with long-standing NPS policy now under Public Law 108-108, Title I, § 145, special event permits will expressly prohibit the erection, placement, or use of structures and signs bearing commercial advertising. However, a permit may issued that authorizes the recognition of sponsors of special events, if the National Park Service determines that the size and form of the recognition is consistent with the special nature and sanctity of the National Mall or any other requested park area, and if the lettering or design identifying the sponsor is no larger than one-third the size of the lettering or design identifying the special event. Further, to the maximum extent practicable for such special events, public use of and access to the National Mall and other parkland is not restricted.

The permittee shall submit a sign plan for NPS review and approval. Any request seeking NPS approval for sponsor recognition must be submitted to the NPS at least 30 days prior to the proposed event, and depicted on the sign plan. If approved by the National Park Service, sponsor recognition will be authorized within the terms of the special event permit. Authorized sponsor recognition must be in keeping with the NPS policy, regulations, and law, and be appropriate to the scale and theme of the special event. Further, the overall size, number, and design of any signs or banners shall be appropriate to the park setting and the lettering or design identifying the sponsor must be no larger than one-third the size of the lettering or design identifying the special event. Signs and banners may not be affixed to existing trees or other NPS facilities or structures.

Distribution or give aways of any commercial product is limited to only those that may be consumed on the event site such as juices or popcorn. Soliciting personal information such as names, addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, zip codes, etc. or any other information which may be used for future solicitation, or marketing purposes is strictly prohibited. **A list of all giveaway items will be provided to the NPS for approval.**

Permittee will be responsible for assuring that sponsors adhere to the law regarding commercial advertising, promotion and signage (see conditions above)

No commercial displays, promotions, coupon give-a-ways or advertising permitted on park land.

**14. Protection of the Public and General Welfare:**

Bike rack and chain link fence shall be erected by RNC/DBG to contain the event areas and provide Necessary resource protection, security and buffer zones. The permittee(s) is responsible for encircling generators with fence and/or bike rack.

**15. Media:**

**SAT/Microwave Trucks**

Cameras, equipment, crew, and participants in this filming may not be situated on sidewalks, paths, or roadways that prohibit the passage of pedestrians and/or vehicles. No equipment may be attached and/or affixed to any plant materials (i.e. trees and shrubs) or structures. Running cables thru trees is prohibited.

No exclusive use of the area is permitted and the area must remain open to the general public at all times. This filming may in no way impede or prevent public access to the area.

No reserved parking for "crew vehicles" is permitted. .

No electrical service is available. The use of a portable, hand carted, generator, to be provided by the Permittee, is permitted. Plywood or a similar material must be placed beneath the generator to protect the turf.

Cabling across entrances and handicapped accessible ramps must be ADA approved and cannot impair or prevent access. All cables must be covered to prevent tripping hazards.

16. Glass bottles, balloons and confetti is not allowed on park land.

**17. Aerial Display:**

Permittee must following adhere to established guidelines and safety standards. The following must be provided to the NPS Incident Commander and NPS Fire Marshall:

- Fireworks Display Map
- Fireworks Inventory
- Fireworks Safety Plan
- Fireworks Scope of Work
- Pyrotechnic Certificate of Liability Insurance to include liability to the Federal Government and the District of Columbia
- Pyrotechnic Technician Licenses/certificates
- Pyrotechnic Truck Driver Licenses/certificates
- Pyrotechnic Assistants ID information
- NPS Matrix Deck Plan

PLEASE NOTE: No fireworks on NPS lands without first providing an inventory to NPS Fire Marshall, 24 hours in advance. In addition fence will need to be placed around the tubes and racks before they being building, per NFPA code requirement.



Equipment List:

- Three (3) Forklifts with non-marking tires
- One (1) shooting boom forklift with non-marking tires
- One (1) 12'x12' canopy tent on the hardscape directly in front of the Sylvan Theater
- One (1) 30 yard dumpster on Sylvan Theater hardscape
- Three (3) portable restroom on the east side of the Sylvan Theater hardscape

- A. Fireworks will be delivered on site with US Park Police escort at approved designed times.
- B. NPS-NCA AHJ will conduct daily Aerial Fireworks Display Inspections. Fireworks by Grucci must provide an onsite representative to meet with NPS-NCR AHJ.
- C. Once on site the area must be secured by bike rack and chain link if needed. Security personnel must be provided onsite while building tubes to load.
- D. Permittee is responsible for any damages attributed to the fireworks including but not limited to turf damage, statuary, burn marks, tire marks and roadway damage. Permittee must clean up and remove any debris associated with fireworks display include sweeper cleaning of Constitution and Independence Avenues.
- E. Permittee is responsible for ensuring the proper resource protection measures are followed as outlined by this permit including approved flooring. To protect the exposed aggregate from the steel rack system the permittee must lay down a minimum of:
  - ¾" piece of plywood on top of the pallet additional
  - ½" piece of plywood on top with an additional cross section of 2x6 lumber over it
- F. All fireworks displays or use of pyrotechnics shall be approved by the NPS-NCA AHJ and shall meet NFPA 1123: Code for Fireworks Display, NFPA 1124: Code for the Manufacture, Transportation, and Storage of Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Article, NFPA 1126: Use of Pyrotechnics Before a Proximate Audience, and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration OSHA, standards.
- G. Fireworks drawing plans, fireworks inventory list, along with technician and assistant, certifications, including; name, title and DOB of staff who will performing the fireworks display, shall be provided to the NPS-NCR Authority Having Jurisdiction, AHJ, at least 10 working days for review and approval.
- H. The aerial display shall be delayed, stopped or postponed immediately if 1123:8.1.4.1 and 1123:8.1.4.2:
  1. Wind/Weather-lightning in immediate area, approaching storm front.
  2. Inadequate/Loss of Crowd Control
  3. Loss of trajectory
  4. Unsafe practices

- I. The NCA Fireworks Permit shall be issued pending successful fireworks site inspection by the NPS NCA AHJ or designee and DC Fire EMS .
- J. Contact Sgt. Eddie Burnett, or Sgt. Zakiyyah Mahasin ,United States Park Police, at (202) 610-7092, with questions concerning police procedures or logistics.
- K. No vehicle larger than a flatbed truck and a 26 foot box truck can enter the Washington Monument Grounds. Vehicles cannot travel more than 5 MPH. Spotters must be located in the front and in the back of the vehicle. No parking will be allowed of any box truck or flat bed truck on the Washington Monument grounds. Fireworks by Grucci must contact the U.S. Park Police for vehicle Access passes onto the Washington Monument grounds. Three (3) NPS parking passes will be issued to park behind Sylvan Theater. No overnight parking will be allowed.

#### Vehicles Parking Behind Sylvan Theater

- One (1) pick up truck
- One (1) ten passenger van
- One (1) seven passenger suv

#### Timeline:

8/24-8/26 7:00 am – 7:00 pm  
 8/27 8:00 am – 3:00 am, 8/28  
 8/28 7:00 am – 5:00 pm  
 8/29 7:00 am – 3:00 pm

The Sylvan Theater access road off Independence Avenue cannot be blocked at any time. The roadway is for emergency access only.

Entry/Exit for the Washington Monument will be from off Independence Avenue, westbound on the Sylvan Theater access roadway and off 17<sup>th</sup> Street on the west side, north and south center walkways (see attached diagram). All vehicle movement on 17<sup>th</sup> Street and Independence Avenue must be under the direction of the U. S. Park Police. Contact Sgt. Eddie Burnett or Sgt. Zakiyyah Mahasin, 202-610-7092.

- L. The use of any forklift on the plaza inside the circle of flags is limited to weight of 15,000 pounds or less. Forklifts, a total of four (4; 3 regular and one with a boom) must have non-marking tires. Driving over any lights around the Monument is strictly prohibited as well as near any marble benches. Delivery of any equipment including forklifts cannot take place prior to Monday, August 24. Grucci can deliver to the Sylvan Theater backstage area prior to morning rush hour which starts at 6:00 am. U. S. Park Police must be on site to assist with traffic control both for unloading and loading. In addition of equipment and no deliveries and pick up can take place during posted rush hours 6:00 am – 9:30 am and 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm, Monday through Friday.
- M. No items may be brought on site that has not been authorized. If any unauthorized equipment/items are found on site, permit may be revoked and the event cancelled.



**PENDING DOCUMENTATION as of 8/24/20**

- A. Fireworks inventory list, 24 hours prior to each fireworks truck arrival.
- B. Pyrotechnician and assistants list is pending ATF background check approval
- C. Provide DC Fire and EMS contract document of fire department units and staff providing suppression assistance on August 27, 2020.
- D. Any tent use approval, need to meet NFPA 701 compliance. Permittee must provide NFPA 701 fire retardant certificate or photo copy of the fire retardant label attached to the tent material, in accordance with the "NCA Fire and Life Safety Temporary Events Policy".

Permittee must provide all items prior to load in.

**18. Alcoholic Beverages:**

The possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages is generally prohibited.

**19. Sound Amplification:**

Special attention is drawn to item #7, last page of permit, concerning sound amplification.

**20. Glass Bottles:**

No glass bottles and/or containers are permitted on parkland

**21. First Aid/Medical Services:**

All medical and First Aid provided must comply with the National Capital Area Medical Director protocols.

RNC/FBG is responsible for providing First Aid services on-site. The NPS adheres to the District of Columbia Department of Fire & Emergency Medical Services guidelines established according to the number of people anticipated at an event. The following guidelines, established according to the number of people anticipated at an event, will ensure that appropriate medical coverage is provided throughout the event:

- 1-1,999: The Permittee may rely on 911
- 2,000 – 9,999: The Permittee should have a fixed First Aid site with certified/licensed personnel, who will remain on site throughout the event.
- 10,000 – 20,000: The Permittee should have one fixed First Aid site with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event and a Basic Life Support Ambulance (licensed in the District of Columbia) who will transport patients to an appropriate medical facility.
- 20,000 – 30,000: The Permittee should have one fixed First Aid site with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event, a licensed Basic Life Support Ambulance and a Licensed Advanced Life Support Unit (D. C. Fire & EMS has the only certificate of need to provide on-scene paramedic services in the District of Columbia).

- 30,000 – 50,000: The Permittee should have two fixed First Aid sites with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event, two Basic Life Support Units and one Advanced Life Support Unit (both licensed in the District of Columbia).
- 50,000 – 60,000: The Permittee should have two fixed First Aid sites with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event, two Basic Life Support Units and two Advanced Life Support Units (both licensed in the District of Columbia).
- Events exceeding 60,000 participants: The Permittee is required to have emergency medical services personnel from D. C. Fire & EMS as well as the Department of Health on site for the appropriate provision of first aid and/or emergency medical services.

## 22. Sales/Solicitation:

Special attention is drawn to item #4, last page of this permit concerning fees collected and donations solicited on parkland.

## 23. Accessibility:

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) applies to temporary services, programs, and activities. Temporary facilities and structures must comply with the ADA Standards.

Policies and operations for the event must meet the nondiscrimination requirements of the ADA, including, but not limited to provision of accessible parking, routes through site, food service, toilet, facilities, and assembly seating.

RNC/FBG is responsible for providing auxiliary aids and services as requested. RNC/FBG is responsible for providing promotional material explaining how the public can request a particular auxiliary aid or service and be informed of when specific auxiliary aids and services may be available for all Presidential Inaugural Ceremonies held on parkland.

Service animals, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), are permitted under proper supervision. The ADA defines a service animal as any guide dog, signal dog, or other animal individually trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability. If they meet this definition, animals are considered service animals under the ADA regardless of whether they have been licensed or certified by a state or local government.

RNC/FBG must consider elements of accessibility when designing the layout of the event. Potential items for inclusion are:

- Addition of temporary curb ramps where needed to provide an accessible route
- Location of structures and tents along an accessible route
- Provision of auxiliary aids and services
- Provision of and an accessible route from transit stops to the event location
- Provision of tactile braille signage
- Provision of portable wheelchair lifts to access stages or other elevated areas.



24. **Adverse Weather Policy:**

When there is a threat to public health or safety, the Superintendent and/or his/or her designee, may close the park or an event being held there for such duration as determined necessary to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the public. Such situations have occasionally occurred in the past where park areas have been closed due to severe weather warning of heavy rain and thunderstorms with lightning and high winds. Where an area is ordered closed due to a weather-related public safety threat, pursuant to 36 CFR 2.32(2) people must comply with official directions to leave the closed area and relocate to safer sheltered locations.

Closing or canceling an event is a last resort. However, while most events will be held despite the weather, RNC/DBG is responsible for providing updated information in the event schedules and drop-off points may change. **If a weather emergency is declared, programs may be closed early or canceled.**

25. Prior to load in of fireworks, permittee must provide openings in the fencing for visitor access.

**PERMITTEE MUST READ AND ADHERE TO THE "FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR OUTDOOR EVENTS AND TENT USE" AT ALL TIMES. IN ADDITION, FIREWORKS BY GRICCI, MUST PROVIDE ALL DOCUMENTATION AND SAFETY INFORMATION FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL TO THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA FIRE AND SAFETY OFFICERS/FIRE MARSHAL. FIREWORKS BY GRICCI MUST FOLLOW ALL FIRE AND SAFETY GUIDANCES PROVIDED BY THE FIRE AND SAFETY OFFICERS/FIRE MARSHAL. ANY VIOLATIONS OF THESE GUIDELINES AND FIRE AND SAFETY PROCEDURES IS SUBJECT TO REVOCATION OF THIS PERMIT.**

Please see attached schedule and diagrams.

26. **The following will be made available to the RNC/DBG Incident Command Unit**

- All Site Diagrams
- Equipment List
- Production Schedule/Time line
- Access Locations
- Security Plan
- Communications Plan
- Medical Plan
- Media Plan
- Sanitation Plan
- Safe Haven Plan
- Severe Weather Plan
- Vendor List

**A COMPLETE AND LEGIBLE COPY OF THIS PERMIT MUST BE RETAINED ON-SITE AT ALL TIMES WHILE OPERATING UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED**

Republican National Convention Fireworks Performance - Washington DC  
August 27th, 2020  
Product Description and Count, Fireworks by Grucci, Inc.  
Rev01 - 2020-08-23



WASHINGTON MONUMENT PRODUCT COUNTS

| QNT  | SIZE | Description                   |
|------|------|-------------------------------|
| 608  | 2"   | Comets                        |
| 117  | 3"   | Comets                        |
| 1650 | 3"   | Aerial Shells                 |
| 400  | 4"   | Aerial Shells                 |
| 260  | 5"   | Aerial Shells                 |
| 316  | 6"   | Aerial Shells                 |
| 45   | 45mm | Roman Candles                 |
| 45   | MSB  | Multi-Shot Boxes              |
| 45   | 30mm | Multi Shot Single Row Devices |
| 3597 | 40mm | One Shot Comets/Mines         |
| 737  | 50mm | One Shot Comets/Mines         |



# Overview - Site Plan

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420ft Fallout Area
  - SkyEtching™ Locations
  - Secured Fallout Area for  
Showtime (Barrier Fencing)
  - Secured Fireworks  
Preparation Area (Barrier  
Fencing)
  - Fire Protection Services  
Needed
- \*Fallout Areas meet or exceed  
NFPA 1123

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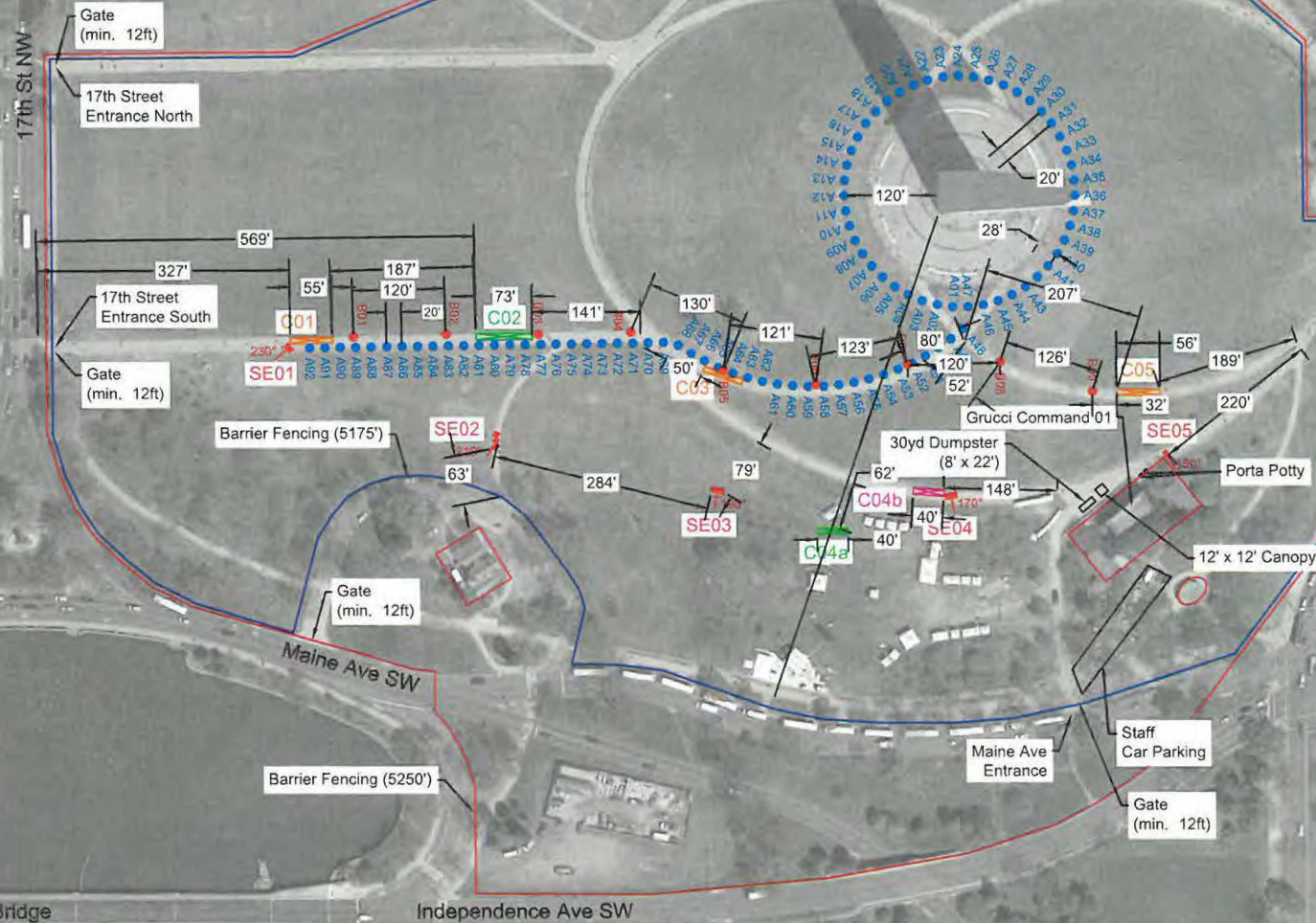
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# Showtime - Site Plan

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  - Secured Fallout Area for Showtime (Barrier Fencing)
  - Secured Fireworks Preparation Area (Barrier Fencing)
  - Fire Protection Services Needed
- \*Fallout Areas meet or exceed NFPA 1123

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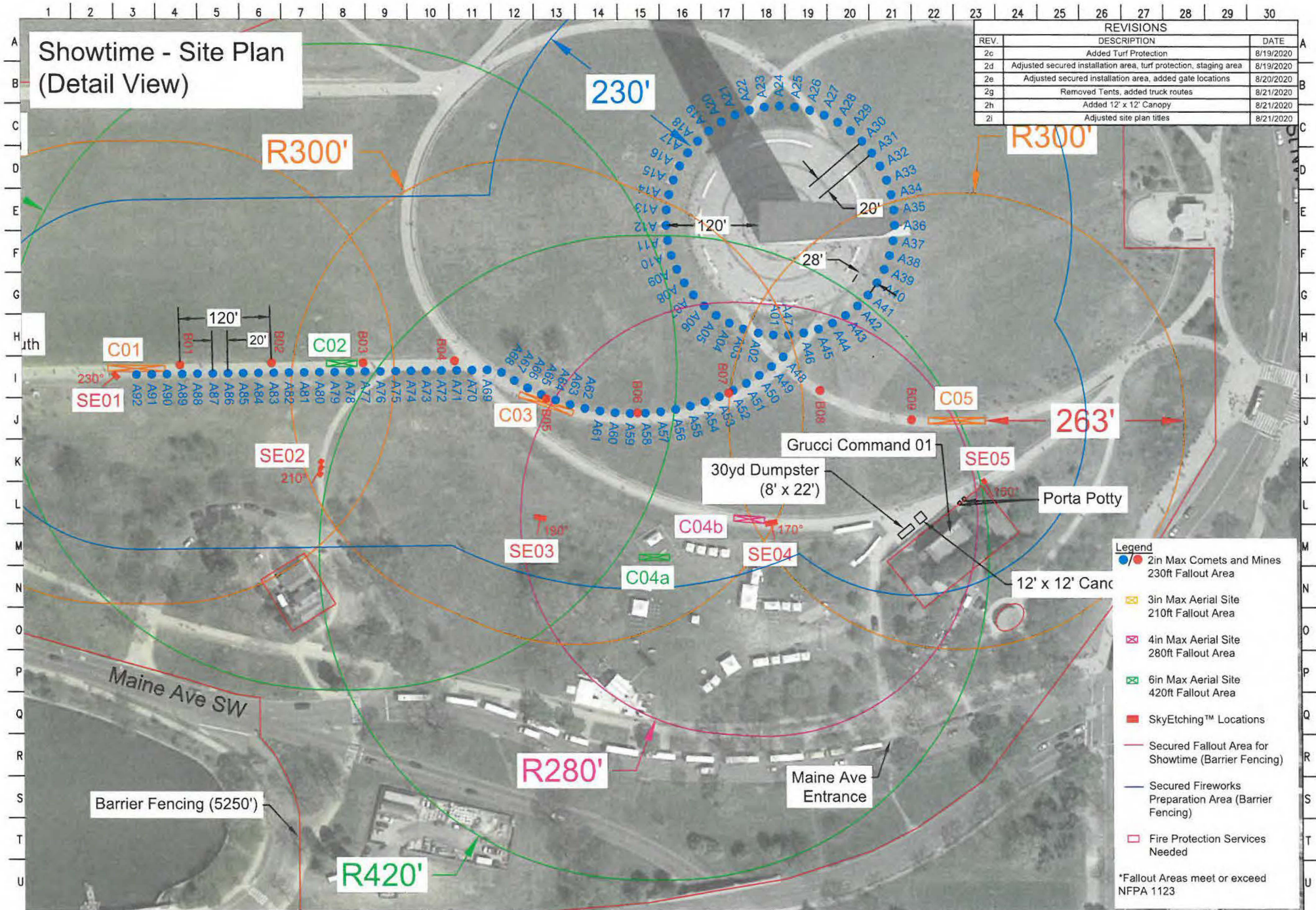
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# ATF Fireworks Storage

| REVISIONS |                                                                   |           |
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| REV.      | DESCRIPTION                                                       | DATE      |
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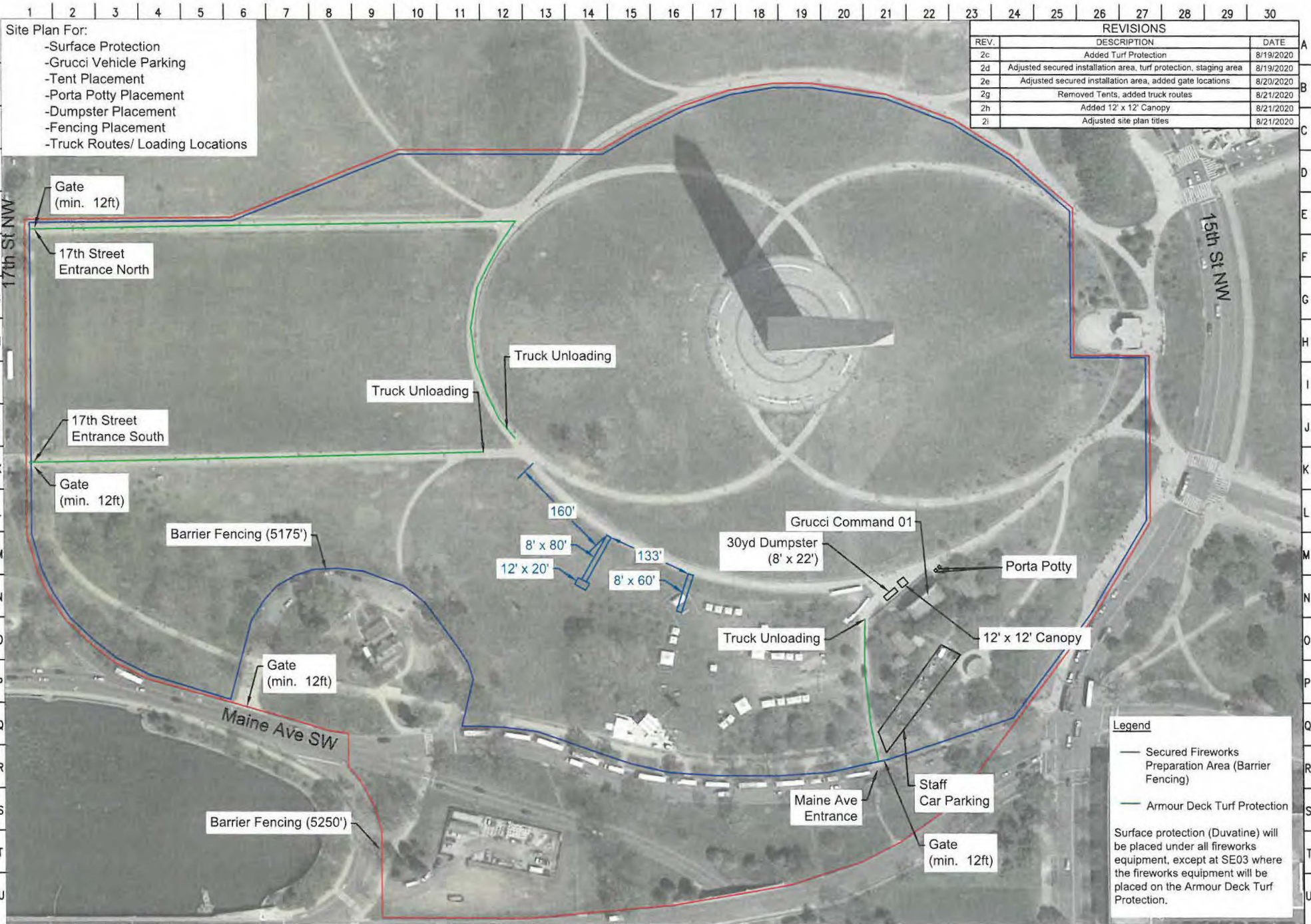
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Site Plan For:

- Surface Protection
- Grucci Vehicle Parking
- Tent Placement
- Porta Potty Placement
- Dumpster Placement
- Fencing Placement
- Truck Routes/ Loading Locations

| REVISIONS |                                                                   |           |
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**Legend**

- Secured Fireworks Preparation Area (Barrier Fencing)
- Armour Deck Turf Protection

Surface protection (Duvatine) will be placed under all fireworks equipment, except at SE03 where the fireworks equipment will be placed on the Armour Deck Turf Protection.

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WASHINGTON MONUMENT DISPLAY - PRODUCTION ITINERARY

|         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                    |                       |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Monday  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | August 24, 2020                                    |                       |
| 08:00   | RNC Vendor to install fencing on Washington Monument Location                                                                                                                                                  | Washington Monument                                | Effort, LLC.          |
| 08:00   | Forklifts to be delivered.                                                                                                                                                                                     | Washington Monument                                | Grucci                |
| 08:00   | National Park Service to remove bollards in 4 locations surrounding the Washington Monument                                                                                                                    | Washington Monument                                | NPS                   |
| 08:00   | Grucci Crew arrives at staging area and begins assembling equipment                                                                                                                                            | Washington Monument                                | Grucci                |
| 08:00   | National Park Police to begin securing Washington Monument location.                                                                                                                                           | Washington Monument                                | NPP                   |
| 08:00   | 1 12' x 12' Production tents installed in front of Sylvan Theater                                                                                                                                              | Washington Monument                                | Grucci                |
| 08:00   | Grucci Trucks with equipment ONLY arrive at Washington Monument Loading Location                                                                                                                               | Washington Monument                                | Grucci                |
| 08:00   | National Park Service to turn off sprinklers at the affected areas of the Washington Monument grounds prior to arrival of Grucci box truck. Sprinklers to remain off until removal of equipment on August 30th | Washington Monument                                | NPS                   |
| 17:00   | Grucci Trucks with Fireworks (1.3G) arrives meeting place for Escort 1                                                                                                                                         | Escort Rendezvous in Virginia - Exact Location TBD | Grucci/DCFD/Metro     |
| 18:00   | Grucci Trucks with Fireworks arrives Washington Monument Loading Location with escort                                                                                                                          | Washington Monument                                | Grucci/DCFD/Metro/NPP |
| TBD     | National Park Service to re-install bollards in 4 locations surrounding the Washington Monument                                                                                                                | Washington Monument                                | NPS                   |
| Tuesday |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | August 25, 2020                                    |                       |
| 06:00   | Grucci Trucks with Fireworks (1.3G) arrives meeting place for Escort 2                                                                                                                                         | Escort Rendezvous in Virginia - Exact Location TBD | Grucci/DCFD/Metro     |
| 06:00   | National Park Service to remove bollards in 4 locations surrounding the Washington Monument                                                                                                                    | Washington Monument                                | NPS                   |
| 07:00   | Grucci crew arrives on site and continues assembling equipment and loading product                                                                                                                             | Washington Monument                                | Grucci                |
| 08:00   | Grucci Trucks with Fireworks arrives Washington Monument Loading Location with escort                                                                                                                          | Washington Monument                                | Grucci/DCFD/Metro/NPP |
| 08:00   | 24hr National Park Police coverage continues to secure Washington Monument location, staging area, and attend fireworks storage                                                                                | West Potomac Park / Washington Monument            | NPP                   |
| 08:00   | Grucci Pyrotechnicians place pyroplates around Washington Monument in grass.                                                                                                                                   | Washington Monument                                | Grucci                |



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| TBD                       | National Park Service to re-install bollards in 4 locations surrounding the Washington Monument                                         | Washington Monument                                | NPS                   |
| Wednesday August 26, 2020 |                                                                                                                                         |                                                    |                       |
| 06:00                     | Grucci Trucks with Fireworks (1.3G) arrives meeting place for Escort 3                                                                  | Escort Rendezvous in Virginia - Exact Location TBD | Grucci/DCFD/Metro     |
| 06:00                     | National Park Service to remove bollards in 4 locations surrounding the Washington Monument                                             | Washington Monument                                | NPS                   |
| 07:00                     | Grucci crew arrives on site and continues assembling equipment and loading product                                                      | Washington Monument                                | Grucci                |
| 07:00                     | Armored grass protection install starts (72 hour window begins)                                                                         | Washington Monument                                | RNC Vendor: TBD       |
| 08:00                     | Grucci Trucks with Fireworks arrives Washington Monument Loading Location with escort                                                   | Washington Monument                                | Grucci/DCFD/Metro/NPP |
| 08:00                     | 24hr National Park Police coverage continues to secure Washington Monument location, staging area, and attend fireworks storage         | West Potomac Park / Washington Monument            | NPP                   |
| 12:00                     | Armored grass protection install completes                                                                                              | Washington Monument                                | RNC Vendor: TBD       |
| 12:00                     | Grucci Pyrotechnicians install equipment at SE03 and C04a ( see site plan, 72 hour window begins)                                       | Washington Monument                                | Grucci                |
| 13:00                     | RNC Vendor to have Show Control equipment (Tables, tent, power, etc.) set up and ready for rehearsal                                    | White House Show Control                           | RNC Vendor: TBD       |
| 15:00                     | Grucci to perform Showtime Rehearsal (NO FIREWORKS WILL BE FIRED)                                                                       | White House Show Control, Washington Monument      | Grucci                |
| TBD                       | National Park Service to re-install bollards in 4 locations surrounding the Washington Monument                                         | Washington Monument                                | NPS                   |
| Thursday August 27, 2020  |                                                                                                                                         |                                                    |                       |
| 07:00                     | Grucci continues to position and cable fireworks                                                                                        | Washington Monument                                | Grucci                |
| 16:00                     | National Park Police to close and secure Fallout Area                                                                                   | Washington Monument                                | NPP                   |
| TBD                       | Grucci team conducts circuit testing and final prep for show                                                                            | Washington Monument                                | Grucci                |
| TBD                       | Grucci crew disconnects all firing systems from fireworks in field                                                                      | Washington Monument                                | Grucci                |
| 23:00                     | Grucci crew completes final showtime protocol                                                                                           | Washington Monument                                | Grucci                |
| 23:31                     | Showtime (5 minutes maximum)                                                                                                            | Washington Monument                                | Grucci                |
| 23:35                     | Program complete. Mandatory 30 min cooldown begins and safety zone held until released by Fireworks Command Center                      | Washington Monument                                | Grucci                |
| Friday August 28, 2020    |                                                                                                                                         |                                                    |                       |
| 00:05                     | Grucci pyrotechnicians perform security and safety sweep for live fireworks, package and secure live fireworks into truck with security | Washington Monument                                | Grucci/NPP            |

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| 00:15                    | Grucci Pyrotechnicians remove pyro plates on grass around the Washington Monument and place on the plaza for the remainder of the night. | Washington Monument | Grucci             |
| TBD                      | RNC Vendor to clean up non hazardous fireworks debris from Washington Monument grounds                                                   | Washington Monument | RNC Vendor: TBD    |
| 06:00                    | Daylight security and safety sweep for live unexpended product performed                                                                 | Washington Monument | Grucci             |
| 07:00                    | Grucci team begins strike of equipment at posts SE03 and C04 (see site plan)                                                             | Washington Monument | Grucci Vendor: TBD |
| 08:00                    | 24hr National Park Police coverage continues to secure staging area and attend unexpended/surplus fireworks storage                      | Washington Monument | NPP                |
| 08:00                    | Armordeck grass protection dismantal starts                                                                                              | Washington Monument | RNC Vendor: TBD    |
| 12:00                    | Armordeck grass protection dismantal completed                                                                                           | Washington Monument | RNC Vendor: TBD    |
| Saturday August 29, 2020 |                                                                                                                                          |                     |                    |
| 08:00                    | Grucci team continues strike of equipment                                                                                                | Washington Monument | Grucci             |
| 08:00                    | 24hr National Park Police coverage continues to secure staging area and attend unexpended/surplus fireworks storage                      | Washington Monument | NPP                |
| 0800                     | 24hr National Park Police coverage released at loading location                                                                          | West Potomac Park   | NPP                |
| 01:00                    | Escort 4 of any remaining Fireworks out of DC                                                                                            | Washington Monument | Grucci/DCFD/Metro  |
| TBD                      | Grucci team completes strike of equipment at Washington Monument                                                                         | Washington Monument | Grucci             |
| TBD                      | National Park Service to re-install bollards in 4 locations surrounding the Washington Monument pending the removal of Grucci box truck  | Washington Monument | NPS                |
| TBD                      | All Equipment (Forklifts, Dumpster) to be removed from Washington Monument                                                               | Washington Monument | Grucci             |
| TBD                      | RNC Vendor to remove fencing on Washington Monument Location                                                                             | Washington Monument | Effort, LLC.       |



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Fireworks by Grucci

20-1063

6:00 am – 9:00 pm pm

Issued to: \_\_\_\_\_ Permit # \_\_\_\_\_ Time(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Backstage Sylvan Theater

August 24-29, 2020

Location \_\_\_\_\_ Date(s) \_\_\_\_\_

This vehicle is authorized to park in the designated area(s) before and after the posted time restrictions. Parking in handicapped, loading and bus zones is prohibited.

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*Robert M. Owen*

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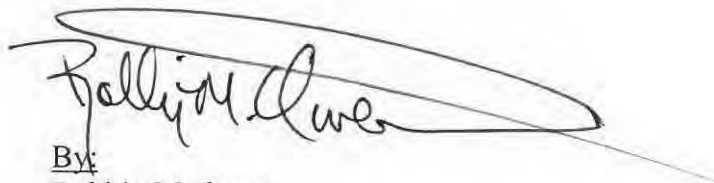
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3. All laws, rules and regulations applicable to the area covered by this permit remain in effect.
4. No fee may be collected, donation solicited, or commercial activity conducted. No items may be sold or offered for sale except for books, newspapers, leaflets, pamphlets, buttons, and bumper stickers which contain a message related to your demonstration or special event. No other merchandise may be sold or offered for sale. A stand or structure used for the sale of permitted items may not exceed one table per site, which may be no larger than 2 ½ feet by 8 feet or 4 feet by 4 feet. The dimensions of the sales site may not exceed 6 feet wide by 15 feet long by 6 feet high.
5. The area should be left in substantially the same condition as it was prior to the activities authorized herein, and all litter shall be placed in the trash containers provided.
6. This permit is applicable only for the use of the area designated above, and during the times designated above, or in any area as may hereafter be designated by the United States Park Police.
7. The use of sound amplification equipment, other than hand-portable sound amplification equipment to be used for crowd control purposes only, is prohibited on the White House Sidewalk (South 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., sidewalk between East Executive Avenue and West Executive Avenue). All sound amplification equipment shall be limited so that it will not unreasonably disturb nonparticipating persons in, or in the vicinity of, the area.
8. The National Park Service reserves the right to immediately revoke this permit at any time should it reasonably appear that the public gathering presents a clear and present danger to the public safety, good order or health, or if any conditions of this permit are violated

Lisa Mendelson  
Acting Area Director  
National Capital Area

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robbin M. Owen", is written over a horizontal line.

By:  
Robbin M. Owen  
Chief, Division of Permits Management  
National Mall & Memorial Parks

Re\_ Fireworks Payment.pdf

**From:** [Owen, Robbin](#)  
**To:** [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Fireworks Payment  
**Date:** Monday, August 24, 2020 8:28:37 AM

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correct. I have the wired information and the permit has been issued. Now I'm dealing with Maryland RP. Who have the first event today on the Ellipse at 1:00 pm. Working on that now.

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**From:** Reinbold, Jeffrey P  
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2020 8:58 AM  
**To:** Owen, Robbin  
**Subject:** Re: Fireworks Payment  
Margaret just called to check that everything was good. I told her no major issues.

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Jeff Reinbold, Superintendent  
National Mall and Memorial Parks  
900 Ohio Drive SW 1 Washington DC 20024  
[jeff\\_reinbold@nps.gov](mailto:jeff_reinbold@nps.gov) l 202.245.4661

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**From:** Owen, Robbin  
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2020 8:22:32 AM  
**To:** Reinbold, Jeffrey P  
**Subject:** Re: Fireworks Payment  
Thanks

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**From:** Reinbold, Jeffrey P  
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2020 8:22 AM  
**To:** Owen, Robbin  
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Yes

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**From:** Owen, Robbin  
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2020 8:18 AM  
**To:** Reinbold, Jeffrey P  
**Subject:** Fireworks Payment  
Hi Just learned from Kersten that once the money is wired, it will take two days to get. Can we issue the permit once RNC tells me they have wired it?

Robbin

Re\_ [EXTERNAL] Permit application for fireworks....pdf

**From:** [Brett Samuels](#)  
**To:** [Litterst, Michael D](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Permit application for fireworks next week?  
**Date:** Monday, August 24, 2020 8:30:48 AM

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Hey Mike, just wanted to circle back to see if you could confirm that the application for fireworks was approved or if any modifications were required. Thanks for your help!

On Mon, Aug 17, 2020 at 12:33 PM Brett Samuels <[bsamuels@thehill.com](mailto:bsamuels@thehill.com)> wrote:  
Thanks, Mike. What's the timeline for when a decision can be expected?

On Mon, Aug 17, 2020 at 12:29 PM Litterst, Michael D <[Mike\\_Litterst@nps.gov](mailto:Mike_Litterst@nps.gov)> wrote:  
Brett:

An application was received on Friday (copy attached). It is still being processed; no decision has been made yet.

Mike

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Mike Litterst
Chief of Communications
National Mall and Memorial Parks

Cell: (202) 306-4166

From: Brett Samuels <bsamuels@thehill.com>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 12:18 PM
To: Litterst, Michael D <Mike_Litterst@nps.gov>; News Media, NPS <newsmedia@nps.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Permit application for fireworks next week?

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Hi Mike,

Wondered if you could confirm or provide any update on the status of the RNC's permit application for fireworks next week at the Washington Monument on the night of Aug. 27. When was this permit submitted, and has it been approved or rejected yet?

Thanks for your help,
Brett

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White House reporter | The Hill
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FOX 5 REQUEST_ NATIONAL MALL FIREWORKS.pdf

From: [Allison Papson](#)
To: [Litterst, Michael D](#); [Shafer, Jonathan M](#)
Cc: [WTTG Assignment Desk](#); [Matt Gaffney](#)
Subject: FOX 5 REQUEST: NATIONAL MALL FIREWORKS
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 8:34:39 AM

Hi,

Is the following information confirmed?

Fireworks will happen Thursday night on the National Mall. The National Park Service has approved the permit submitted by the RNC. They are expected to take place after President Trump's convention speech from the White House South Lawn.

Thank you.

Allison Papson
Senior Assignment Editor

Fox 5

202-895-3000

 **@AllisonPapson**



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Cc: [WTTG Assignment Desk](#); [Matt Gaffney](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FOX 5 REQUEST: NATIONAL MALL FIREWORKS
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 8:34:59 AM

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From: [Mulholland, Kris](#)
To: [Litterst, Michael D](#); [Liming, Katelyn M](#)
Subject: WUSA9 - RNC Fireworks Permit Approved?
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 8:37:27 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Good Morning Mike and Katelyn –

We are seeing a report that the National Park Service has approved the permit submitted by the RNC for fireworks on the National Mall on Thursday night.

Can you confirm? And, can you please send the permit when you get a minute?

Thanks,

Kris Mulholland

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[EXTERNAL] WUSA9 - RNC Fireworks Permit Approved_.pdf

From: Mulholland, Kris
To: Litterst, Michael D; Liming, Katelyn M
Subject: [EXTERNAL] WUSA9 - RNC Fireworks Permit Approved?
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 8:37:58 AM
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Fw_ [EXTERNAL] inquiry_ fireworks on the mall.pdf

From: [Sullivan, Chelsea P](#) on behalf of [News Media, NPS](#)
To: [Litterst, Michael D](#)
Cc: [Roulett, Stephanie A](#)
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] inquiry: fireworks on the mall
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 8:38:10 AM

Mike,

Forwarding a request from Vice.

Thanks!
Chelsea

National Park Service
Office of Public Affairs

From: Elizabeth Ambriz-Mendez
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 10:26 AM
To: News Media, NPS
Subject: [EXTERNAL] inquiry: fireworks on the mall

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Good morning,

I hope your team had a good weekend. I'd like to inquire about plans at the national mall this Thursday. I've read reports that the RNC has requested a permit to launch fireworks at the National Mall. Is this correct?

Please let me know if there's any information you can publicly share.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Mendez
Segment Producer, Politics
VICE NEWS
Washington, D.C. Bureau
c: [408-625-9862](tel:408-625-9862)

Good morning Mike. Can you confirm that the RN....pdf

From: [LeCroy, Lillian](#)
To: Mike_Litterst@nps.gov
Subject: Good morning Mike. Can you confirm that the RNC petition for fireworks was approved?
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 8:39:34 AM

Happy Monday of a busy week! Can you please confirm that the RNC petition for fireworks was approved?

Thanks so much.
Lillian

From our breaking news service:

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 **Dataminr**

📍 Washington, DC, USA

10:29am August 24, 2020 EDT **REPORTER**

US National Park Service approves petition for RNC fireworks on National Mall in Washington, DC on August 27, after President Trump's convention speech from White House South Lawn: Monica Alba, Reporter via Twitter.

ORIGINAL PUBLIC TWEET (10:24am August 24, 2020 EDT)

NEW: @HallieJackson reports fireworks will happen Thursday night on the National Mall. The National Park Service has approved the permit submitted by the RNC. They are expected to take place after President Trump's convention speech from the White House South Lawn.

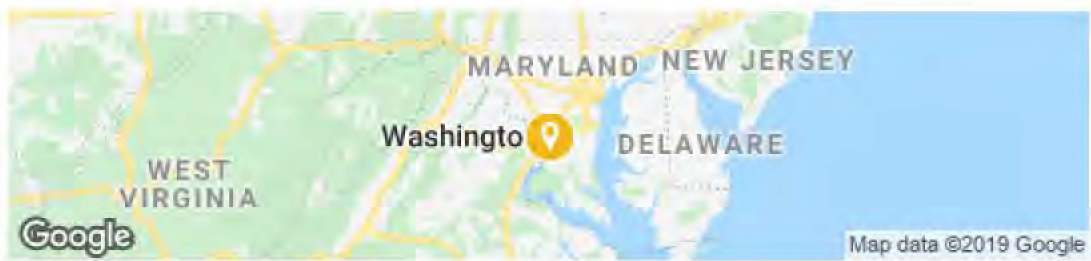


Monica Alba @albamonica

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ESTIMATED EVENT LOCATION:

Washington, DC, USA



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US National Park Service approves petition for RNC fireworks on National Mall in Washington, DC on August 27, after President Trump's convention speech from White House South Lawn: Monica Alba, Reporter via Twitter.

ORIGINAL PUBLIC TWEET (10:24am August 24, 2020 EDT)

NEW: @HallieJackson reports fireworks will happen Thursday night on the National Mall. The National Park Service has approved the permit submitted by the RNC. They are expected to take place after President Trump's convention speech from the White House South Lawn.



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ESTIMATED EVENT LOCATION:

Washington, DC, USA



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From: [Litterst, Michael D](#)
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Subject: Permit issued to Republican National Committee for fireworks display on August 27
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 8:41:50 AM
Attachments: [20-1063 Republican National Committee permit_Redacted.pdf](#)

The National Park Service has approved the Republican National Committee's request to present a fireworks display on the grounds of the Washington Monument on August 27. As with all special events that take place on the National Mall, a permit has been issued (attached) to define the conditions under which the display will take place in order to ensure public safety and the protection of park resources. The applicant is responsible for production of the event and all associated costs. Additionally, per policy, the National Park Service will recover from the RNC all costs incurred as a result of the activity, including NPS administrative costs for permit preparation and management of the event, and monitoring of the activity to ensure compliance with the conditions of the permit.

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IN REPLY REFER TO

# United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

National Capital Region

1100 Ohio Drive, S.W.

Washington, D.C. 20242

## PUBLIC GATHERING PERMIT

Permit: 20-1063

Date: August 24, 2020

In accordance with Park Regulations as contained in C.F.R., Title 36, Chapter 1, Section 7.96, permission is granted to conduct a public gathering to the following:

Person(s) and/or Organization(s): Republican National Committee

Dates(s): Monday, August 24, 2020

To: Saturday, August 29, 2020

Time: Starting: 8:00 am

Ending: 3:00 pm

Location(s):

Washington Monument Grounds-Southern Portion

Purpose: Aerial Fireworks Display

Anticipated Number or Participants: 50

Person(s) in Charge: Michelle Meadows

Address(es): (b) (6)

Phone Number: (202) 863-8638

On Site Aerial Fireworks Representatives: Phil Grucci (b) (6)

This permit is granted subject to the following conditions:

1. Permittee and all participants authorized therein must comply with all of the conditions of this permit and with all reasonable directions of the United States Park Police.
2. All sidewalks, walkways, and roadways must remain unobstructed to allow for the reasonable use of these areas by pedestrians, vehicles and other park visitors.

PERMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR READING AND ADHERING TO ATTACHED  
ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS.



**ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS****PERMIT #20-1063****REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION; WASHINGTON MONUMENT GROUNDS,  
SOUTHERN PORTION****AUGUST 24-AUGUST 29, 2020****Event Overview:** Aerial Fireworks Display**Event Contact Information:** Christopher Grucci, Logistics Manager, (b) (6)**NPS Site Coordinator:** Robbin Owen, 202-359-1458**Event Timeline:**

See the attached spreadsheets for complete timeline.

- Set up starts on: August 24
- Event: August 27
- Tear down complete: August 29

**Permit Authorization**

A. This permit authorizes the Republican National Convention and their contractor, Fireworks by Grucci (RNC/FBG) use of the Washington Monument Grounds, southern portion for this permitted activity. Permission is granted to RNC/FBG to commence load-in for the placement of any fireworks, porta-johns, trash dumpsters, support structures, and the erection of fencing:

1. RNC/FBG will submit to the NPS stamped engineered drawings for all structures, larger than 900 square feet for NPS review and approval.
2. The permittee(s) agrees to be fully responsible for the management, performance, use and safety within the permit area involved in this authorization until the work is completed, inspected, and accepted.

Stated Total of Participants: 50 staff

**B. Schedule of Events August 24 – August 29**

- Set up: Monday, August 24 – Thursday August 27, 7:00 am – 7:00 pm
- Event Day: Thursday, August 27, 11:30 pm – 11:35 pm
- Overnight security, August 24-26 7:00 pm -7:00 am daily  
8/28, 2:00 am – 7:00 am and 5:00 pm – 7:00 am, August 29

Program: Thursday, August 27, 11:30 pm – 11:35 pm

Load-Out: Friday, August 28, 7:00 am – 5:00 pm  
 Saturday, August 29, 7:00 am – 3:00 pm

**NOTE: See attached timeline. Tear down is not permitted after dark at 8:00 pm on Friday and Saturday, August 28 and August 29**

## **I. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT**

1. All activities pursuant to this permit shall be in compliance with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252; 42 U.S.C. 200d et seq.); Title V, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 394; 29 U.S.C. 794); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (89 Stat. 728; 42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.); and with all other Federal laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination on grounds of race, color, national origin, handicap, religion, or sex in employment and in providing facilities and services to the public. Nothing in advertising for employees shall be done which will prevent those covered by these laws from qualifying for employment.
2. Permittee and all participants authorized therein must comply with all of the conditions of this permit and with all reasonable directions of the United States Park Police and/or other representative of the NPS.
3. The area must be left in substantially the same conditions as it was prior to the activities authorized herein. All trash, debris, and litter resulting from activities of this permit shall not be allowed to accumulate and shall be bagged **in clear plastic bags** and placed in trash dumpsters provide by RNC/FBG.
4. All requests, correspondence and meetings with NPS pertaining to this permit shall be scheduled by RNC/FBG only. All contractors, subcontractors or consultants must channel their request through the recognized representatives of the permittee, who in turn, will contact NPS.
5. All laws, rules, and regulations applicable to the area covered by this permit remain in effect.
6. This permit is applicable only for the use of the area designated above, and during the times designated above, or as may be designated in written amendment to this permit.
7. In use of this area, the permittee shall require all employees and/or contractors to exercise all normal and reasonable safety precautions including observance of all applicable OSHA codes, to protect park property and to provide for public safety. Suitable devices such as barricades, fences, lanterns, etc., necessary for employee, public safety, and resource protection shall be provided by RNC/FBG shall be adequately maintained. Placement of such devices require the concurrence of the NPS.
8. All work performed as a result of the permitted use by the permittee or its agents shall be subject to the conditions of this permit, and the permittee is responsible for ensuring that such work meets the conditions of this permit.



9. All proposed amendments or additions to this permit and all proposed locations of vehicles, equipment, storage, installations of any kind, areas of activity, work and power plans shall be submitted to the NPS for prior written approval. These proposals shall be in map or diagram form suitable for on the ground inspection. Placement of tents, displays, and other detailed and specific site map will be provided to the NPS prior to installation of facilities.
  - a. Arrival schedules, equipment lists and vehicle lists must be provided in advance and all units in use in the park area must have specific approval by the NPS.
  - b. Permittee will provide an on-site coordinator to be accessible to the NPS and the United States Park Police (USPP) personnel at all times during construction or set-up activities and during dismantling of facilities post-event.
10. NPS reserves the right to immediately revoke this permit at any time should it reasonably appear that the activity presents present danger to the public safety, good order or health, or if any conditions of this permit are violated.
11. This permit may be amended upon final approval of the site plan, certified stamped engineered drawings, sign plan and timeline.
12. A copy of this permit shall be at the site during the use of the park area.

## **II. SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT**

### **1. Event Venues:**

- A. Washington Monument Grounds, southern portion

Set-up will include the following: Fireworks, fencing, dumpster, and tents. A complete equipment list must be provided for the permit.

**See attached diagram**

### **2. Resource Protection:**

Throughout the course of this permit, the RNC/FBG, is responsible for taking all necessary precautions to minimize resource damage throughout the permitted area. In addition, permittee must supervise their contractors and employees during set-up and teardown to assure that there is no damage to park resources. RNC/FBG must have a representative on site during set up and tear down of equipment to monitor the vendors.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 7.96(g)(5)(vi)(C), 2.31(a)(2),(3) the destruction, defacement, damaging, alteration, or removal of park resources or facilities is prohibited. No item, including signs or banners, may be attached to park trees, plantings, benches, statues, walls, fences, or other park property.



To protect the resources, stands and other facilities approved for placement on the grass and walkways, outside of any restricted zones, must be supported by pre-approved, hard interlocking plastic material. Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.

No excavation or disturbance of park features or landscape shall be permitted under this permit without written approval of NPS.

When heavy equipment vehicles (forklifts/cranes, etc.) are used to move equipment, permittee must provide spotters in the front and rear of the heavy equipment vehicle to insure safety of pedestrians and workers.

Throughout the course of this permit, RNC/FBG will require its employees/volunteers, and contractors, to exercise special care and attention to protect the resources of parkland and its environs. In addition, RNC/FBG must supervise their contractors and employees during set-up and teardown to assure that there is no damage to park resources.

### **Landscapes:**

Lawn, trees, shrubs, and the irrigation system, curbs, electric conduits, and water mains located within the permitted area, shall be protected from adverse impacts associated with event activities.

Heavy Equipment Near Trees and Shrubs: The use of any heavy equipment (crane, back hoe, etc.) placed under or near trees or shrubs is prohibited.

Turf Protection: For the purpose of protection, any area not paved must follow the O & M Turf Manual. No heavy equipment (cranes, backhoes, etc.), vehicles or stock piling of materials is permitted on turf areas.

The use of vehicles, heavy cranes, backhoes, etc are not allowed on the turf sections of parkland.

The temporary covering of turf for this event must be provided by the permittee for the permitted areas. Use of this ground cover allows for pedestrian walkways, temporary flooring, structure, and support, with special permission from NPS.

Permittee is must secure products such as Terraplas, Terratile and Matrax LD or equal that is ADA-compliant, interlocking mats that are translucent and allow UV light to pass through to the grass below. The products must either be perforated or ribbed, allowing for ventilation and some moisture access to the turf below. Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.

### **Site Furnishings:**

Permittee may not move or otherwise harm existing site furnishings, including but not limited to posts and chains, benches, waste receptacles, and drinking fountains. No attachments may be made to, pass through, or be affixed to existing site furnishings.

Additional temporary site furnishings may be provided by the Permittee; however, these furnishings must meet the guidelines set forth in this document. No permanent installation of site furnishings is permitted.

All necessary precautions as deemed necessary by the NPS shall be taken to prevent damage to underground utilities, and sprinkler systems located throughout the area. Any utilities damage by this work shall be promptly repaired. The sprinkler system plan will be clearly marked on-site by the National Park Service.

### **Hard Surfaces:**

Temporary protection of all hard surfaces affected by the construction or erection of staging elements, sound towers, camera equipment, cranes, lighting structures, miscellaneous equipment, or scaffolding must be provided. All protective pads or cushioning devices shall be non-staining.

**Oil or Hydraulic Fluid Leaks:** Temporary protection of hard surfaces shall be used where motorized vehicles are operating to avoid oil and/or hydraulic fluid leaks. Should a leak of this type occur, the permit holder shall be held liable for clean-up, at no expense to the NPS.

### **Structures:**

To protect the turf areas, it is strongly encouraged that structures be placed on the Washington Monument grounds hardscape areas where it would not impact the turf. The NPS may allow under permit the use of turf areas, however, if the structure and its equipment use the turf protection measures as detailed throughout this permit. All structures must minimize all points that come in contact with the turf.

All structures must be able to withstand a minimum wind gust of 30 mph and follow the High Wind Action Plan below.

1. The High Wind Action Plan shall be in effect for the entirety of this event.
2. RNC/FBG is responsible for a designated representative to be present for the duration of this event to implement the High Wind Action Plan.
3. An Anemometer shall be placed on the roof of the stage structure to monitor wind speeds.
4. Noted wind speeds are 3 second gusts in accordance with ASCE 7.
5. **When wind speeds are expected to exceed 25 MPH, RNC/FBG will place crews on alert.**
6. **When wind speeds are expected to exceed 30 MPH, all sidewall scrim shall be removed.**  
All video walls and large speaker clusters/delay towers shall be lowered to the ground and secured.  
Lowering of scrim or equipment shall be done from the ground by means of remotely activated equipment such as motors or mechanical releases.
7. **When wind speeds are expected to exceed 40 MPH, all event operations shall cease and the immediate area shall be evacuated.**
8. Do not lower stage system, video walls, large speaker/delay towers during high wind events.
9. The High Wind Action Plan shall be posted at a conspicuous area on site. It must be available at all times to venue operators and crew.



All structures must follow the guidelines below and adhere to National Fire Protection Association codes.

Any temporary structure exceeding over 900 square feet require the submission of engineered drawings stamped by a structural engineer licensed in the United States. Drawings should include tent support lines identified by flagging.

Structures on the turf should be on a raiser with as few points as possible touching the turf. Each point that does touch the turf should have Enkamat Flatback<sup>8</sup> or equal product and plywood pads under all points as outlined:

Each screw jack should have a wooden pad and two layers of Enkamat Flatback<sup>1</sup> or equal product, eighteen inches square (18"x18")

Concrete pads should have four (4) layers of Enkamat Flatback or equal product  
Under each concrete tower pad two (2) layers of plywood

All screws and fasteners used in the construction of structures should be policed during the build and retained during removal. Screws and fasteners should be made of a non-aluminum metal, enabling a post-event magnet sweep to ensure all pieces are removed from the site.

**Tents:** To protect the turf, tents should be located on hardscape surfaces including gravel, asphalt, concrete, granite, wood, etc. tents and other similar structures must be secured using cement blocks and/or water-filled ballast tanks. No stakes are permitted on hardscape surfaces.

Non-freezing, no-staining liquid approved by the NPS (water treated with bio-degradable antifreeze) in plastic containers shall be used as weighing elements. No sand bags are permitted for this purpose.

At takedown, all water filled ballast tanks must be pumped to the nearest catch basin (located within the curbs) or to the area drains located throughout the hardscape. Tanks may not be drained into the turf or pumped in gravel areas. This prevents creation of muddy puddles and soft areas in the turf and also limits runoff of gravel into area drains.

Footnote 8 Enkamat Flatback is a unique product designed for turf grass protection. Enkamat's tightly interwoven flat upper layer can withstand the weight of thousands of people and staging equipment. Enkamat is a three-dimensional geomatrix of highly resilient, nylon monofilaments which are fused where they intersect. Ninety percent (90%) of the geomatrix is open space which allows for air and rain to pass freely through to the turf below. Enkamat comes in standard sizes of 39"x150' and 15'X150' and can be cut onsite into any shape or size.

**If approval is granted by NPS,** no tent stakes may penetrate the ground surface by more than 18 inches. Use of stakes longer than this requires coordination through the Turf Management Specialist, National Mall & Memorial Parks, at (202) 245-4685. Permittee must hire an independent contractor to survey the grounds with radar penetrating equipment to map all utilities prior to any staking.

Tents must be constructed of fire retardant material. A certificate of fire retardant material must be provided as confirmation to the NPS

Tents should be placed at least 5 to 10 feet apart.

### **Stages, Lighting, and Audio & AV Towers:**

Stages, lighting trusses, video walls/screens and any scaffold towers used to support them must be constructed to conform to architectural plans stamped by a licensed structural engineer. Permittee is responsible for installing a barricade, bike rack and/or fencing around all lighting, audio and AV towers to secure them from the general public.

If authorized by permit stages may only have skirting on the audience-facing area and only during the event, to allow maximum light and air to reach the turf, thereby limiting damage.

### **Fencing:**

Any fencing or other physical barriers planned for the event must be shown on the site plan and called out by type.

Fencing must be designed in such a way that it does not prevent safe egress from the event. Permittee must provide public access to the area until fireworks are loaded in.

Fencing located on turf areas may not be staked into the ground unless authorized by permit. If authorized, stakes must be no longer than eighteen inches (18") driven into the ground. Stakes must avoid all underground pipes and fixtures. In the event chain linked fencing is used, security barbed wire is prohibited.

Concrete barriers (such as jersey barriers) are permitted only on hardscape areas.

Tree protection fencing may be required as a condition of the permit.

### **Evening Work:**

Evening work may be conducted for both load in and load out periods with prior permission by the Superintendent. For work conducted during evening hours a portable lighting system is required. In addition all motor vehicles including golf cart(s) must have lights. Generally night work is not allowed after 10:00 pm and prior to 6:00 am.

**Structures on Turf Panels:** To protect the turf, neither structures nor parking or operation of equipment is permitted on turf. Event vehicles of any kind (delivery, cranes, forklifts, golf carts, trailers, exhibit trailers, etc.) are not allowed on turf or surrounding curbs. To accommodate use for the event and to protect against compaction and plant damage, turf protection, the use of matting that holds itself and any added loads such as foot traffic, above the crown of the grass blades, and does not sink into the ground is required.



Laying roadway surfaces on the Washington Monument grounds is prohibited without NPS approval in advance.

Turf protection flooring must be light weight, able to be carried and set in place without vehicular assistance.

Products such as Terraplas, or equal, must be ADA-compliant, with interlocking mats that are translucent and allow UV light to pass through to the grass below and perforated or ribbed to allow for ventilation and some moisture access to the turf below. The use of plywood for this purpose is strictly prohibited. Specific material used must be approved in advance by NPS.

No carpet or other obstructions to turf covering holes will be allowed.

Driving stakes and/or grounding rods into the turf is prohibited without the approval of the NPS.

**Structures Under/Around Trees:** To minimize soil compaction and to protect the continued health of the trees, neither structures nor parking or operation of equipment, is permitted within any tree canopy (root zone) area or in any of the Tree areas. This includes but is not limited to stages, booths, audio/visual towers, tents and lighting. As a condition of the permit, the Permittee may be required to install tree-protection fencing.

**Walkways:** To protect the resources, stages, stands and other facilities approved for placement on any walkway, must be supported by 1 inch, professional, outdoor grade plywood or similar material.  
*Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.*

### **Crate Storage and Bone Yards :**

Crate storage, bone yards and staging areas are prohibited on parkland. They must be located off-site

### **Site Access:**

*Extreme* caution must be exercised when driving on the sidewalks. Pedestrian access must be maintained at all times, however, if for safety reasons, an area has to be temporarily closed to the public,

**Except when being driven on established public vehicular roadways: Logistical equipment and vehicles, forklifts including gas and electric carts, must not exceed 5-mph. All trucks with a GVW of over 7500 pounds, and equipment such as bucket trucks, platform lifts, forklifts, and cranes, must be accompanied by a walking spotter when moving or operating in an area accessible to the public.**

Vehicles must have headlights on while in motion. All individuals operating Golf Carts/gators on NPS property must have a Valid Driver's License. All Golf Carts/gators operating after dusk, must have fixed and/or portable illumination.

Parking of Permittee(s) employee's or subcontractors private vehicles for conduct of this permit's activities, in tree panels and/or on turf or walkway areas is prohibited.



RNC/DBG must receive prior, written approval from the NPS/USPP if traffic is to be blocked at any time during preparation for, during the course of, and after a special event or demonstration (at any location in the immediate vicinity of the National Mall). If District of Columbia streets are to be blocked, the appropriate authorities must be notified as well.

All pathways and roadways must remain open and unobstructed. A minimum twenty foot (20') drive aisle must remain open at all times for emergency vehicle egress. No temporary or permanent structures may be located within the egress lane. The egress drive aisle must be called out on the site plan.

Submittal Requirements: A plan of how the site will be approached and how traffic will be controlled is required for logistical vehicles that are delivering and/or removing temporary equipment and supplies. In this submittal, information documenting the path of vehicular traffic in and around the roadways of the National Mall during preparation for, during the course of, and after all activities associated with the event, is required. Rules and regulations for District of Columbia streets also shall be observed. Signs directing vehicular and pedestrian traffic shall be furnished, with text and locations of signs indicated on the plan.

Deliveries and removal of materials shall occur so as not to adversely affect daily operations of NPS Concessioners and monuments and memorials in and around the National Mall. No deliveries shall be made after hours without prior, written approval from the NPS.

**Vehicular access to turf areas will only be permitted per conditions listed below:**

Driving within any Level 1 turf areas is strictly prohibited. Only hardscape areas can be used.

Driving directly on all turf and tree areas is prohibited. The temporary interlocking protective material supports shall be installed over plazas, and walkway areas for the ingress and egress of all vehicles/units or heavy equipment by RNC/DBG. **Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.**

Parking of Permittee(s) employee's or subcontractors private vehicles for conduct of this permit's activities on parkland is prohibited. Permittee must arrange for parking of employee and contractor vehicles off parkland.

**3. Trash/Recycling Maintenance:**

A. RNC/DBG will be responsible for providing card board trash receptacles for collection and disposal of all trash, debris, and litter resulting from the use of the permitted area, including a recycling program. Trash shall not be allowed to accumulate and shall be continually and promptly bagged in **clear plastic bags** and removed from the site. The location and placement of any litter containers must be coordinated with the NPS.

**Recycling:**

The permittee is required to collect and transport to a certified recycling center, commingled cans and bottles (aluminum and bimetal cans and plastic bottles), plastic, and aluminum materials generated from the permitted activity off park land.

The permittee shall furnish all management, supervision, labor, equipment, materials, supplies and any other items necessary to perform the recycling service of their permitted event. Work includes providing labor, proper equipment, collection and transport of generated recycled items, as well as providing records on the recycled material to NPS.

Permittee must submit the trash and recycling plan and have it approved prior to set up.

#### **4. Electricity and Generator Usage:**

No electricity available on site. RNC/FBG may provide their own gasoline and/or solar powered generator(s) to provide power if needed. Generators will be installed in accordance with the site plan, D.C. Fire Department guidelines, and safely installed per manufacturer requirements. The fueling/refueling of gasoline powered generators on parkland is prohibited\*. The storage of additional fuel is prohibited.

At a minimum, for hand carted generators, 1" professional outdoor grade plywood, or similar material must be placed underneath the generator to protect the underlying surfaces from potential weight and vibration damage and fluid leakage. Generators must be encased with a secondary drip containment unit.

Tow plant generator(s) and light tower(s) must have an internal secondary drip containment unit and/or placed in self-adsorbent, fire retardant containment troughs and be fenced in or closed in with bike rack.

All wires must be covered by mats and/or yellow jackets to prevent tripping hazards. The cord must be in good condition, of sufficient gauge to accommodate the electrical load of equipment and must be properly grounded.

**A Fire extinguisher must be within 15 feet of generator(s) and light tower(s)**

**\*Refueling of generators:** Refueling of the gasoline generators will be permitted pursuant to the following conditions:

Refueling will only be allowed on dates and times agreed upon in advance with the NPS- generally, (05:00 a.m.-08:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. (midnight)).

The following materials must be placed on the ground during refueling:

Plastic tarp

Absorbent material on top of tarp

Drip pan under fueling nozzle

Spill containment material or absorbent booms or pads must be stored at each generator location

55-gallon drum labeled hazardous material must be placed alongside of each generator. Should spillage occur the absorbent material must be placed in these barrels.

Contractor will be responsible for removing the barrels off of park property

Contractor will be responsible for any damage to the park's resources as a result of the refueling.



In case of spill please contact DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services at 911 and National Mall & Memorial Parks' Chief of Maintenance at (202) 359-1551.

The storage of fuel on parkland, in trailers, next to generators and at other NPS locations is strictly prohibited.

RNC/FBG will be responsible for any damages to park resources resulting from the re-fueling.

The spillage of deleterious substances such as engine oil, gasoline, etc. is prohibited. In the event of such an occurrence, NPS and USPP must be notified immediately.

All cables, power lines, etc. shall be run in an orderly manner and contained in matted yellow jackets that provide for safety and accessibility. No power lines can be strung between trees. All temporary electrical service wiring must be covered by mats and/or high-visibility Yellow Jacket™, or equivalent item, so as not to create a tripping hazard or navigation barrier to handicapped individuals. The cord must be in good condition, of sufficient gauge to accommodate the electrical load of the equipment and must be properly grounded.

Bike rack must be placed around all generators, as well as light and sound towers.

#### **5. Overnight Security/Camping:**

RNC/FBG is responsible for providing UNARMED overnight security. Coordinate security with Sgt. Eddie Burnett or Sgt. Zakiyyah Mahasin U. S. Park Police at 202-610-7092.

Sleeping overnight in park areas, including in any tents by employees or subcontractors workmen is prohibited. Camping is defined as the use of the park land for living accommodation purposes such as sleeping activities, or making preparations to sleep (including the laying down or bedding for the purpose of sleeping), or storing personal belongings, or making any fire, or using any tents or shelter or other structure or vehicle for sleeping or doing any digging or earth breaking or carrying on cooking activities. The above-listed activities constitute camping when it reasonably appears, in light of all the circumstances that the participants, in conducting these activities, are in fact using the area as a living accommodation regardless of the intent of the participants or the nature of any other activities in which they may also be engaging.

#### **6. Safety:**

RNC/FBG is required to meet OSHA guidelines regarding employee/subcontractor work schedules. No employee/subcontractor is to work no more than 10 hours within a 24 hour period. Any work required beyond the 10 hour limitation will need to be requested to the NPS in advance for review and approval by the Superintendent, National Mall & Memorial Parks.

An authorized RNC/FBG official must be assigned for on-site supervision each day of the event for load-in and load-out. NPS and USPP will also be assigned to monitor and to provide for public safety. All instructions given by authorized NPS or USPP personnel must be obeyed promptly.



Any movement by heavy equipment such as forklifts and cranes must be accompanied by spotters in the front and rear of the piece of equipment at all times. In the event cranes are used, the gravel walk must be secured and pedestrians directed to other available walkways.

Failure to comply with all terms and conditions of this permit may constitute grounds for cancellation of the permit and immediate termination of the event.

**7. Portable Toilets/Comfort facilities:**

- A. Adequate portable restroom facilities shall be installed by RNC/FBG for employee and public use. These units shall be placed in "low profile" locations approved by NPS. The National Park Service recommends one portable restroom facility for every 300 participants with 20% of those facilities wheelchair accessible.

**8. Security:**

RNC/FBG will be responsible for providing unarmed security for any equipment left unattended at any given time and/or overnight on parkland. Individual(s) must be properly identified. Security will begin on the first day of set-up and continue through the final day of tear down.

In addition, during the hours of load-in and load-out, RNC/FBG will be required to provide an adequate number of security personnel to assist with pedestrian and vehicle movement on the walkways.

Meetings with the RNC/FBG, the United States Park Police and the National Park Service, Permits Management Office have been held to coordinate and finalize the security plan for this event.

**9. Credentials**

All staff, volunteers, artists/participants, press, VIPs, and vendors involved this event will be issued credentials. The credentials will identify the person by name and category to include the event logo.

Colored copies of all credentials will be provided to USPP in advance of the event.

**10. Water and Food:**

RNC/FBG will be responsible for providing adequate bottled water to accommodate those attending this event.

Guest Services, Inc. and/or RGI will provide food and water for sale at their permanent food kiosks.

Permittee may provide food to their staff. All public health rules and guidelines must be followed at all times.

**11. Sales of Merchandise/Solicitation of Donations:**

Permittee is responsible for adhering to item #4, last page of permit concerning sales. Permittee states no sales nor soliciting of donations will take place.

## 12. Sound Amplification:

Special attention is drawn to item #7, last page of permit concerning sound amplification.

## 13. Signs, Banners, and Commercial Advertising and Sponsor Recognition:

NPS regulations generally prohibit Federal parkland from being used for business solicitation or for the advertisement or promotion of commercial brands, products, and services. As such, no commercial notices and advertisements shall be placed, posted or distributed at the event. Further, no structures representing commercial products, or models or replications of commercial products or merchandise may be displayed.

Further consistent with long-standing NPS policy now under Public Law 108-108, Title I, § 145, special event permits will expressly prohibit the erection, placement, or use of structures and signs bearing commercial advertising. However, a permit may issued that authorizes the recognition of sponsors of special events, if the National Park Service determines that the size and form of the recognition is consistent with the special nature and sanctity of the National Mall or any other requested park area, and if the lettering or design identifying the sponsor is no larger than one-third the size of the lettering or design identifying the special event. Further, to the maximum extent practicable for such special events, public use of and access to the National Mall and other parkland is not restricted.

The permittee shall submit a sign plan for NPS review and approval. Any request seeking NPS approval for sponsor recognition must be submitted to the NPS at least 30 days prior to the proposed event, and depicted on the sign plan. If approved by the National Park Service, sponsor recognition will be authorized within the terms of the special event permit. Authorized sponsor recognition must be in keeping with the NPS policy, regulations, and law, and be appropriate to the scale and theme of the special event. Further, the overall size, number, and design of any signs or banners shall be appropriate to the park setting and the lettering or design identifying the sponsor must be no larger than one-third the size of the lettering or design identifying the special event. Signs and banners may not be affixed to existing trees or other NPS facilities or structures.

Distribution or give aways of any commercial product is limited to only those that may be consumed on the event site such as juices or popcorn. Soliciting personal information such as names, addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, zip codes, etc. or any other information which may be used for future solicitation, or marketing purposes is strictly prohibited. **A list of all giveaway items will be provided to the NPS for approval.**

Permittee will be responsible for assuring that sponsors adhere to the law regarding commercial advertising, promotion and signage (see conditions above)

No commercial displays, promotions, coupon give-a-ways or advertising permitted on park land.



**14. Protection of the Public and General Welfare:**

Bike rack and chain link fence shall be erected by RNC/DBG to contain the event areas and provide Necessary resource protection, security and buffer zones. The permittee(s) is responsible for encircling generators with fence and/or bike rack.

**15. Media:**

**SAT/Microwave Trucks**

Cameras, equipment, crew, and participants in this filming may not be situated on sidewalks, paths, or roadways that prohibit the passage of pedestrians and/or vehicles. No equipment may be attached and/or affixed to any plant materials (i.e. trees and shrubs) or structures. Running cables thru trees is prohibited.

No exclusive use of the area is permitted and the area must remain open to the general public at all times. This filming may in no way impede or prevent public access to the area.

No reserved parking for "crew vehicles" is permitted.

No electrical service is available. The use of a portable, hand carted, generator, to be provided by the Permittee, is permitted. Plywood or a similar material must be placed beneath the generator to protect the turf.

Cabling across entrances and handicapped accessible ramps must be ADA approved and cannot impair or prevent access. All cables must be covered to prevent tripping hazards.

16. Glass bottles, balloons and confetti is not allowed on park land.

**17. Aerial Display:**

Permittee must following adhere to established guidelines and safety standards. The following must be provided to the NPS Incident Commander and NPS Fire Marshall:

- Fireworks Display Map
- Fireworks Inventory
- Fireworks Safety Plan
- Fireworks Scope of Work
- Pyrotechnic Certificate of Liability Insurance to include liability to the Federal Government and the District of Columbia
- Pyrotechnic Technician Licenses/certificates
- Pyrotechnic Truck Driver Licenses/certificates
- Pyrotechnic Assistants ID information
- NPS Matrix Deck Plan

PLEASE NOTE: No fireworks on NPS lands without first providing an inventory to NPS Fire Marshall, 24 hours in advance. In addition fence will need to be placed around the tubes and racks before they being building, per NFPA code requirement.

Equipment List:

- Three (3) Forklifts with non-marking tires
- One (1) shooting boom forklift with non-marking tires
- One (1) 12'x12' canopy tent on the hardscape directly in front of the Sylvan Theater
- One (1) 30 yard dumpster on Sylvan Theater hardscape
- Three (3) portable restroom on the east side of the Sylvan Theater hardscape

- A. Fireworks will be delivered on site with US Park Police escort at approved designed times.
- B. NPS-NCA AHJ will conduct daily Aerial Fireworks Display Inspections. Fireworks by Grucci must provide an onsite representative to meet with NPS-NCR AHJ.
- C. Once on site the area must be secured by bike rack and chain link if needed. Security personnel must be provided onsite while building tubes to load.
- D. Permittee is responsible for any damages attributed to the fireworks including but not limited to turf damage, statuary, burn marks, tire marks and roadway damage. Permittee must clean up and remove any debris associated with fireworks display include sweeper cleaning of Constitution and Independence Avenues.
- E. Permittee is responsible for ensuring the proper resource protection measures are followed as outlined by this permit including approved flooring. To protect the exposed aggregate from the steel rack system the permittee must lay down a minimum of:
  - ¾" piece of plywood on top of the pallet additional
  - ½" piece of plywood on top with an additional cross section of 2x6 lumber over it
- F. All fireworks displays or use of pyrotechnics shall be approved by the NPS-NCA AHJ and shall meet NFPA 1123: Code for Fireworks Display, NFPA 1124: Code for the Manufacture, Transportation, and Storage of Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Article, NFPA 1126: Use of Pyrotechnics Before a Proximate Audience, and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration OSHA, standards.
- G. Fireworks drawing plans, fireworks inventory list, along with technician and assistant, certifications, including; name, title and DOB of staff who will performing the fireworks display, shall be provided to the NPS-NCR Authority Having Jurisdiction, AHJ, at least 10 working days for review and approval.
- H. The aerial display shall be delayed, stopped or postponed immediately if 1123:8.1.4.1 and 1123:8.1.4.2:
  1. Wind/Weather-lightning in immediate area, approaching storm front.
  2. Inadequate/Loss of Crowd Control
  3. Loss of trajectory
  4. Unsafe practices



- I. The NCA Fireworks Permit shall be issued pending successful fireworks site inspection by the NPS NCA AHJ or designee and DC Fire EMS .
- J. Contact Sgt. Eddie Burnett, or Sgt. Zakiyyah Mahasin ,United States Park Police, at (202) 610-7092, with questions concerning police procedures or logistics.
- K. No vehicle larger than a flatbed truck and a 26 foot box truck can enter the Washington Monument Grounds. Vehicles cannot travel more than 5 MPH. Spotters must be located in the front and in the back of the vehicle. No parking will be allowed of any box truck or flat bed truck on the Washington Monument grounds. Fireworks by Grucci must contact the U.S. Park Police for vehicle Access passes onto the Washington Monument grounds. Three (3) NPS parking passes will be issued to park behind Sylvan Theater. No overnight parking will be allowed.

#### Vehicles Parking Behind Sylvan Theater

- One (1) pick up truck
- One (1) ten passenger van
- One (1) seven passenger suv

#### Timeline:

8/24-8/26 7:00 am – 7:00 pm  
 8/27 8:00 am – 3:00 am, 8/28  
 8/28 7:00 am – 5:00 pm  
 8/29 7:00 am – 3:00 pm

The Sylvan Theater access road off Independence Avenue cannot be blocked at any time. The roadway is for emergency access only.

Entry/Exit for the Washington Monument will be from off Independence Avenue, westbound on the Sylvan Theater access roadway and off 17<sup>th</sup> Street on the west side, north and south center walkways (see attached diagram). All vehicle movement on 17<sup>th</sup> Street and Independence Avenue must be under the direction of the U. S. Park Police. Contact Sgt. Eddie Burnett or Sgt. Zakiyyah Mahasin, 202-610-7092.

- L. The use of any forklift on the plaza inside the circle of flags is limited to weight of 15,000 pounds or less. Forklifts, a total of four (4; 3 regular and one with a boom) must have non-marking tires. Driving over any lights around the Monument is strictly prohibited as well as near any marble benches. Delivery of any equipment including forklifts cannot take place prior to Monday, August 24. Grucci can deliver to the Sylvan Theater backstage area prior to morning rush hour which starts at 6:00 am. U. S. Park Police must be on site to assist with traffic control both for unloading and loading. In addition of equipment and no deliveries and pick up can take place during posted rush hours 6:00 am – 9:30 am and 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm, Monday through Friday.
- M. No items may be brought on site that has not been authorized. If any unauthorized equipment/items are found on site, permit may be revoked and the event cancelled.

### **PENDING DOCUMENTATION as of 8/24/20**

- A. Fireworks inventory list, 24 hours prior to each fireworks truck arrival.
- B. Pyrotechnician and assistants list is pending ATF background check approval
- C. Provide DC Fire and EMS contract document of fire department units and staff providing suppression assistance on August 27, 2020.
- D. Any tent use approval, need to meet NFPA 701 compliance. Permittee must provide NFPA 701 fire retardant certificate or photo copy of the fire retardant label attached to the tent material, in accordance with the "NCA Fire and Life Safety Temporary Events Policy".

Permittee must provide all items prior to load in.

### **18. Alcoholic Beverages:**

The possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages is generally prohibited.

### **19. Sound Amplification:**

Special attention is drawn to item #7, last page of permit, concerning sound amplification.

### **20. Glass Bottles:**

No glass bottles and/or containers are permitted on parkland

### **21. First Aid/Medical Services:**

All medical and First Aid provided must comply with the National Capital Area Medical Director protocols.

RNC/FBG is responsible for providing First Aid services on-site. The NPS adheres to the District of Columbia Department of Fire & Emergency Medical Services guidelines established according to the number of people anticipated at an event. The following guidelines, established according to the number of people anticipated at an event, will ensure that appropriate medical coverage is provided throughout the event:

- 1-1,999: The Permittee may rely on 911
- 2,000 – 9,999: The Permittee should have a fixed First Aid site with certified/licensed personnel, who will remain on site throughout the event.
- 10,000 – 20,000: The Permittee should have one fixed First Aid site with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event and a Basic Life Support Ambulance (licensed in the District of Columbia) who will transport patients to an appropriate medical facility.
- 20,000 – 30,000: The Permittee should have one fixed First Aid site with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event, a licensed Basic Life Support Ambulance and a Licensed Advanced Life Support Unit (D. C. Fire & EMS has the only certificate of need to provide on-scene paramedic services in the District of Columbia).



- 30,000 – 50,000: The Permittee should have two fixed First Aid sites with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event, two Basic Life Support Units and one Advanced Life Support Unit (both licensed in the District of Columbia).
- 50,000 – 60,000: The Permittee should have two fixed First Aid sites with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event, two Basic Life Support Units and two Advanced Life Support Units (both licensed in the District of Columbia).
- Events exceeding 60,000 participants: The Permittee is required to have emergency medical services personnel from D. C. Fire & EMS as well as the Department of Health on site for the appropriate provision of first aid and/or emergency medical services.

## 22. **Sales/Solicitation:**

Special attention is drawn to item #4, last page of this permit concerning fees collected and donations solicited on parkland.

## 23. **Accessibility:**

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) applies to temporary services, programs, and activities. Temporary facilities and structures must comply with the ADA Standards.

Policies and operations for the event must meet the nondiscrimination requirements of the ADA, including, but not limited to provision of accessible parking, routes through site, food service, toilet, facilities, and assembly seating.

RNC/FBG is responsible for providing auxiliary aids and services as requested. RNC/FBG is responsible for providing promotional material explaining how the public can request a particular auxiliary aid or service and be informed of when specific auxiliary aids and services may be available for all Presidential Inaugural Ceremonies held on parkland.

Service animals, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), are permitted under proper supervision. The ADA defines a service animal as any guide dog, signal dog, or other animal individually trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability. If they meet this definition, animals are considered service animals under the ADA regardless of whether they have been licensed or certified by a state or local government.

RNC/FBG must consider elements of accessibility when designing the layout of the event. Potential items for inclusion are:

- Addition of temporary curb ramps where needed to provide an accessible route
- Location of structures and tents along an accessible route
- Provision of auxiliary aids and services
- Provision of and an accessible route from transit stops to the event location
- Provision of tactile braille signage
- Provision of portable wheelchair lifts to access stages or other elevated areas.

24. **Adverse Weather Policy:**

When there is a threat to public health or safety, the Superintendent and/or his/or her designee, may close the park or an event being held there for such duration as determined necessary to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the public. Such situations have occasionally occurred in the past where park areas have been closed due to severe weather warning of heavy rain and thunderstorms with lightning and high winds. Where an area is ordered closed due to a weather-related public safety threat, pursuant to 36 CFR 2.32(2) people must comply with official directions to leave the closed area and relocate to safer sheltered locations.

Closing or canceling an event is a last resort. However, while most events will be held despite the weather, RNC/FBG is responsible for providing updated information in the event schedules and drop-off points may change. **If a weather emergency is declared, programs may be closed early or canceled.**

25. Prior to load in of fireworks, permittee must provide openings in the fencing for visitor access.

**PERMITTEE MUST READ AND ADHERE TO THE "FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR OUTDOOR EVENTS AND TENT USE" AT ALL TIMES. IN ADDITION, FIREWORKS BY GRICCI, MUST PROVIDE ALL DOCUMENTATION AND SAFETY INFORMATION FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL TO THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA FIRE AND SAFETY OFFICERS/FIRE MARSHAL. FIREWORKS BY GRICCI MUST FOLLOW ALL FIRE AND SAFETY GUIDANCES PROVIDED BY THE FIRE AND SAFETY OFFICERS/FIRE MARSHAL. ANY VIOLATIONS OF THESE GUIDELINES AND FIRE AND SAFETY PROCEDURES IS SUBJECT TO REVOCATION OF THIS PERMIT.**

Please see attached schedule and diagrams.

26. **The following will be made available to the RNC/FBG Incident Command Unit**

- All Site Diagrams
- Equipment List
- Production Schedule/Time line
- Access Locations
- Security Plan
- Communications Plan
- Medical Plan
- Media Plan
- Sanitation Plan
- Safe Haven Plan
- Severe Weather Plan
- Vendor List

**A COMPLETE AND LEGIBLE COPY OF THIS PERMIT MUST BE RETAINED ON-SITE AT ALL TIMES WHILE OPERATING UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED**



Republican National Convention Fireworks Performance - Washington DC  
August 27th, 2020  
Product Description and Count, Fireworks by Grucci, Inc.  
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#### WASHINGTON MONUMENT PRODUCT COUNTS

| QNT  | SIZE | Description                   |
|------|------|-------------------------------|
| 608  | 2"   | Comets                        |
| 117  | 3"   | Comets                        |
| 1650 | 3"   | Aerial Shells                 |
| 400  | 4"   | Aerial Shells                 |
| 260  | 5"   | Aerial Shells                 |
| 316  | 6"   | Aerial Shells                 |
| 45   | 45mm | Roman Candles                 |
| 45   | MSB  | Multi-Shot Boxes              |
| 45   | 30mm | Multi Shot Single Row Devices |
| 3597 | 40mm | One Shot Comets/Mines         |
| 737  | 50mm | One Shot Comets/Mines         |

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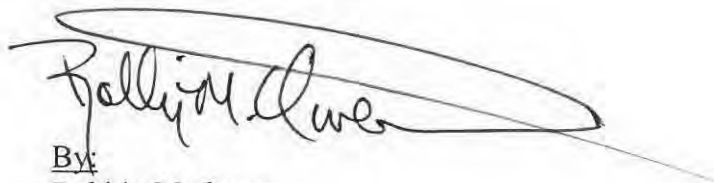


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3. All laws, rules and regulations applicable to the area covered by this permit remain in effect.
4. No fee may be collected, donation solicited, or commercial activity conducted. No items may be sold or offered for sale except for books, newspapers, leaflets, pamphlets, buttons, and bumper stickers which contain a message related to your demonstration or special event. No other merchandise may be sold or offered for sale. A stand or structure used for the sale of permitted items may not exceed one table per site, which may be no larger than 2 ½ feet by 8 feet or 4 feet by 4 feet. The dimensions of the sales site may not exceed 6 feet wide by 15 feet long by 6 feet high.
5. The area should be left in substantially the same condition as it was prior to the activities authorized herein, and all litter shall be placed in the trash containers provided.
6. This permit is applicable only for the use of the area designated above, and during the times designated above, or in any area as may hereafter be designated by the United States Park Police.
7. The use of sound amplification equipment, other than hand-portable sound amplification equipment to be used for crowd control purposes only, is prohibited on the White House Sidewalk (South 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., sidewalk between East Executive Avenue and West Executive Avenue). All sound amplification equipment shall be limited so that it will not unreasonably disturb nonparticipating persons in, or in the vicinity of, the area.
8. The National Park Service reserves the right to immediately revoke this permit at any time should it reasonably appear that the public gathering presents a clear and present danger to the public safety, good order or health, or if any conditions of this permit are violated

Lisa Mendelson  
Acting Area Director  
National Capital Area

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By:  
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Chief, Division of Permits Management  
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Mike Litterst
Chief of Communications
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Cell: (202) 306-4166

From: Litterst, Michael D
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 10:41 AM
To: Litterst, Michael D
Subject: Permit issued to Republican National Committee for fireworks display on August 27
The National Park Service has approved the Republican National Committee's request to present a fireworks display on the grounds of the Washington Monument on August 27. As with all special events that take place on the National Mall, a permit has been issued (attached) to define the conditions under which the display will take place in order to ensure public safety and the protection of park resources. The applicant is responsible for production of the event and all associated costs. Additionally, per policy, the National Park Service will recover from the RNC all costs incurred as a result of the activity, including NPS administrative costs for permit preparation and management of the event, and monitoring of the activity to ensure compliance with the conditions of the permit.

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# United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

National Capital Region

1100 Ohio Drive, S.W.

Washington, D.C. 20242

## PUBLIC GATHERING PERMIT

Permit: 20-1063

Date: August 24, 2020

In accordance with Park Regulations as contained in C.F.R., Title 36, Chapter 1, Section 7.96, permission is granted to conduct a public gathering to the following:

Person(s) and/or Organization(s): Republican National Committee

Dates(s): Monday, August 24, 2020

To: Saturday, August 29, 2020

Time: Starting: 8:00 am

Ending: 3:00 pm

Location(s):

Washington Monument Grounds-Southern Portion

Purpose: Aerial Fireworks Display

Anticipated Number or Participants: 50

Person(s) in Charge: Michelle Meadows

Address(es): (b) (6)

Phone Number: (202) 863-8638

On Site Aerial Fireworks Representatives: Phil Grucci (b) (6)

This permit is granted subject to the following conditions:

1. Permittee and all participants authorized therein must comply with all of the conditions of this permit and with all reasonable directions of the United States Park Police.
2. All sidewalks, walkways, and roadways must remain unobstructed to allow for the reasonable use of these areas by pedestrians, vehicles and other park visitors.

PERMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR READING AND ADHERING TO ATTACHED  
ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS.



**ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS****PERMIT #20-1063****REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION; WASHINGTON MONUMENT GROUNDS,  
SOUTHERN PORTION****AUGUST 24-AUGUST 29, 2020****Event Overview:** Aerial Fireworks Display**Event Contact Information:** Christopher Grucci, Logistics Manager, (b) (6)**NPS Site Coordinator:** Robbin Owen, 202-359-1458**Event Timeline:**

See the attached spreadsheets for complete timeline.

- Set up starts on: August 24
- Event: August 27
- Tear down complete: August 29

**Permit Authorization**

A. This permit authorizes the Republican National Convention and their contractor, Fireworks by Grucci (RNC/FBG) use of the Washington Monument Grounds, southern portion for this permitted activity. Permission is granted to RNC/FBG to commence load-in for the placement of any fireworks, porta-johns, trash dumpsters, support structures, and the erection of fencing:

1. RNC/FBG will submit to the NPS stamped engineered drawings for all structures, larger than 900 square feet for NPS review and approval.
2. The permittee(s) agrees to be fully responsible for the management, performance, use and safety within the permit area involved in this authorization until the work is completed, inspected, and accepted.

Stated Total of Participants: 50 staff

**B. Schedule of Events August 24 – August 29**

- Set up: Monday, August 24 – Thursday August 27, 7:00 am – 7:00 pm
- Event Day: Thursday, August 27, 11:30 pm – 11:35 pm
- Overnight security, August 24-26 7:00 pm -7:00 am daily  
8/28, 2:00 am – 7:00 am and 5:00 pm – 7:00 am, August 29

Program: Thursday, August 27, 11:30 pm – 11:35 pm

Load-Out: Friday, August 28, 7:00 am – 5:00 pm  
 Saturday, August 29, 7:00 am – 3:00 pm

**NOTE: See attached timeline. Tear down is not permitted after dark at 8:00 pm on Friday and Saturday, August 28 and August 29**

## **I. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT**

1. All activities pursuant to this permit shall be in compliance with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252; 42 U.S.C. 200d et seq.); Title V, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 394; 29 U.S.C. 794); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (89 Stat. 728; 42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.); and with all other Federal laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination on grounds of race, color, national origin, handicap, religion, or sex in employment and in providing facilities and services to the public. Nothing in advertising for employees shall be done which will prevent those covered by these laws from qualifying for employment.
2. Permittee and all participants authorized therein must comply with all of the conditions of this permit and with all reasonable directions of the United States Park Police and/or other representative of the NPS.
3. The area must be left in substantially the same conditions as it was prior to the activities authorized herein. All trash, debris, and litter resulting from activities of this permit shall not be allowed to accumulate and shall be bagged **in clear plastic bags** and placed in trash dumpsters provide by RNC/FBG.
4. All requests, correspondence and meetings with NPS pertaining to this permit shall be scheduled by RNC/FBG only. All contractors, subcontractors or consultants must channel their request through the recognized representatives of the permittee, who in turn, will contact NPS.
5. All laws, rules, and regulations applicable to the area covered by this permit remain in effect.
6. This permit is applicable only for the use of the area designated above, and during the times designated above, or as may be designated in written amendment to this permit.
7. In use of this area, the permittee shall require all employees and/or contractors to exercise all normal and reasonable safety precautions including observance of all applicable OSHA codes, to protect park property and to provide for public safety. Suitable devices such as barricades, fences, lanterns, etc., necessary for employee, public safety, and resource protection shall be provided by RNC/FBG shall be adequately maintained. Placement of such devices require the concurrence of the NPS.
8. All work performed as a result of the permitted use by the permittee or its agents shall be subject to the conditions of this permit, and the permittee is responsible for ensuring that such work meets the conditions of this permit.



9. All proposed amendments or additions to this permit and all proposed locations of vehicles, equipment, storage, installations of any kind, areas of activity, work and power plans shall be submitted to the NPS for prior written approval. These proposals shall be in map or diagram form suitable for on the ground inspection. Placement of tents, displays, and other detailed and specific site map will be provided to the NPS prior to installation of facilities.
  - a. Arrival schedules, equipment lists and vehicle lists must be provided in advance and all units in use in the park area must have specific approval by the NPS.
  - b. Permittee will provide an on-site coordinator to be accessible to the NPS and the United States Park Police (USPP) personnel at all times during construction or set-up activities and during dismantling of facilities post-event.
10. NPS reserves the right to immediately revoke this permit at any time should it reasonably appear that the activity presents present danger to the public safety, good order or health, or if any conditions of this permit are violated.
11. This permit may be amended upon final approval of the site plan, certified stamped engineered drawings, sign plan and timeline.
12. A copy of this permit shall be at the site during the use of the park area.

## **II. SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT**

### **1. Event Venues:**

- A. Washington Monument Grounds, southern portion

Set-up will include the following: Fireworks, fencing, dumpster, and tents. A complete equipment list must be provided for the permit.

**See attached diagram**

### **2. Resource Protection:**

Throughout the course of this permit, the RNC/FBG, is responsible for taking all necessary precautions to minimize resource damage throughout the permitted area. In addition, permittee must supervise their contractors and employees during set-up and teardown to assure that there is no damage to park resources. RNC/FBG must have a representative on site during set up and tear down of equipment to monitor the vendors.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 7.96(g)(5)(vi)(C), 2.31(a)(2),(3) the destruction, defacement, damaging, alteration, or removal of park resources or facilities is prohibited. No item, including signs or banners, may be attached to park trees, plantings, benches, statues, walls, fences, or other park property.

To protect the resources, stands and other facilities approved for placement on the grass and walkways, outside of any restricted zones, must be supported by pre-approved, hard interlocking plastic material. Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.

No excavation or disturbance of park features or landscape shall be permitted under this permit without written approval of NPS.

When heavy equipment vehicles (forklifts/cranes, etc.) are used to move equipment, permittee must provide spotters in the front and rear of the heavy equipment vehicle to insure safety of pedestrians and workers.

Throughout the course of this permit, RNC/FBG will require its employees/volunteers, and contractors, to exercise special care and attention to protect the resources of parkland and its environs. In addition, RNC/FBG must supervise their contractors and employees during set-up and teardown to assure that there is no damage to park resources.

### **Landscapes:**

Lawn, trees, shrubs, and the irrigation system, curbs, electric conduits, and water mains located within the permitted area, shall be protected from adverse impacts associated with event activities.

Heavy Equipment Near Trees and Shrubs: The use of any heavy equipment (crane, back hoe, etc.) placed under or near trees or shrubs is prohibited.

Turf Protection: For the purpose of protection, any area not paved must follow the O & M Turf Manual. No heavy equipment (cranes, backhoes, etc.), vehicles or stock piling of materials is permitted on turf areas.

The use of vehicles, heavy cranes, backhoes, etc are not allowed on the turf sections of parkland.

The temporary covering of turf for this event must be provided by the permittee for the permitted areas. Use of this ground cover allows for pedestrian walkways, temporary flooring, structure, and support, with special permission from NPS.

Permittee is must secure products such as Terraplas, Terratile and Matrax LD or equal that is ADA-compliant, interlocking mats that are translucent and allow UV light to pass through to the grass below. The products must either be perforated or ribbed, allowing for ventilation and some moisture access to the turf below. Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.

### **Site Furnishings:**

Permittee may not move or otherwise harm existing site furnishings, including but not limited to posts and chains, benches, waste receptacles, and drinking fountains. No attachments may be made to, pass through, or be affixed to existing site furnishings.



Additional temporary site furnishings may be provided by the Permittee; however, these furnishings must meet the guidelines set forth in this document. No permanent installation of site furnishings is permitted.

All necessary precautions as deemed necessary by the NPS shall be taken to prevent damage to underground utilities, and sprinkler systems located throughout the area. Any utilities damage by this work shall be promptly repaired. The sprinkler system plan will be clearly marked on-site by the National Park Service.

### **Hard Surfaces:**

Temporary protection of all hard surfaces affected by the construction or erection of staging elements, sound towers, camera equipment, cranes, lighting structures, miscellaneous equipment, or scaffolding must be provided. All protective pads or cushioning devices shall be non-staining.

**Oil or Hydraulic Fluid Leaks:** Temporary protection of hard surfaces shall be used where motorized vehicles are operating to avoid oil and/or hydraulic fluid leaks. Should a leak of this type occur, the permit holder shall be held liable for clean-up, at no expense to the NPS.

### **Structures:**

To protect the turf areas, it is strongly encouraged that structures be placed on the Washington Monument grounds hardscape areas where it would not impact the turf. The NPS may allow under permit the use of turf areas, however, if the structure and its equipment use the turf protection measures as detailed throughout this permit. All structures must minimize all points that come in contact with the turf.

All structures must be able to withstand a minimum wind gust of 30 mph and follow the High Wind Action Plan below.

1. The High Wind Action Plan shall be in effect for the entirety of this event.
2. RNC/FBG is responsible for a designated representative to be present for the duration of this event to implement the High Wind Action Plan.
3. An Anemometer shall be placed on the roof of the stage structure to monitor wind speeds.
4. Noted wind speeds are 3 second gusts in accordance with ASCE 7.
5. **When wind speeds are expected to exceed 25 MPH, RNC/FBG will place crews on alert.**
6. **When wind speeds are expected to exceed 30 MPH, all sidewall scrim shall be removed.**  
All video walls and large speaker clusters/delay towers shall be lowered to the ground and secured.  
Lowering of scrim or equipment shall be done from the ground by means of remotely activated equipment such as motors or mechanical releases.
7. **When wind speeds are expected to exceed 40 MPH, all event operations shall cease and the immediate area shall be evacuated.**
8. Do not lower stage system, video walls, large speaker/delay towers during high wind events.
9. The High Wind Action Plan shall be posted at a conspicuous area on site. It must be available at all times to venue operators and crew.



All structures must follow the guidelines below and adhere to National Fire Protection Association codes.

Any temporary structure exceeding over 900 square feet require the submission of engineered drawings stamped by a structural engineer licensed in the United States. Drawings should include tent support lines identified by flagging.

Structures on the turf should be on a raiser with as few points as possible touching the turf. Each point that does touch the turf should have Enkamat Flatback<sup>8</sup> or equal product and plywood pads under all points as outlined:

Each screw jack should have a wooden pad and two layers of Enkamat Flatback<sup>1</sup> or equal product, eighteen inches square (18"x18")

Concrete pads should have four (4) layers of Enkamat Flatback or equal product  
Under each concrete tower pad two (2) layers of plywood

All screws and fasteners used in the construction of structures should be policed during the build and retained during removal. Screws and fasteners should be made of a non-aluminum metal, enabling a post-event magnet sweep to ensure all pieces are removed from the site.

**Tents:** To protect the turf, tents should be located on hardscape surfaces including gravel, asphalt, concrete, granite, wood, etc. tents and other similar structures must be secured using cement blocks and/or water-filled ballast tanks. No stakes are permitted on hardscape surfaces.

Non-freezing, no-staining liquid approved by the NPS (water treated with bio-degradable antifreeze) in plastic containers shall be used as weighing elements. No sand bags are permitted for this purpose.

At takedown, all water filled ballast tanks must be pumped to the nearest catch basin (located within the curbs) or to the area drains located throughout the hardscape. Tanks may not be drained into the turf or pumped in gravel areas. This prevents creation of muddy puddles and soft areas in the turf and also limits runoff of gravel into area drains.

Footnote 8 Enkamat Flatback is a unique product designed for turf grass protection. Enkamat's tightly interwoven flat upper layer can withstand the weight of thousands of people and staging equipment. Enkamat is a three-dimensional geomatrix of highly resilient, nylon monofilaments which are fused where they intersect. Ninety percent (90%) of the geomatrix is open space which allows for air and rain to pass freely through to the turf below. Enkamat comes in standard sizes of 39"x150' and 15'X150' and can be cut onsite into any shape or size.

**If approval is granted by NPS,** no tent stakes may penetrate the ground surface by more than 18 inches. Use of stakes longer than this requires coordination through the Turf Management Specialist, National Mall & Memorial Parks, at (202) 245-4685. Permittee must hire an independent contractor to survey the grounds with radar penetrating equipment to map all utilities prior to any staking.

Tents must be constructed of fire retardant material. A certificate of fire retardant material must be provided as confirmation to the NPS

Tents should be placed at least 5 to 10 feet apart.

### **Stages, Lighting, and Audio & AV Towers:**

Stages, lighting trusses, video walls/screens and any scaffold towers used to support them must be constructed to conform to architectural plans stamped by a licensed structural engineer. Permittee is responsible for installing a barricade, bike rack and/or fencing around all lighting, audio and AV towers to secure them from the general public.

If authorized by permit stages may only have skirting on the audience-facing area and only during the event, to allow maximum light and air to reach the turf, thereby limiting damage.

### **Fencing:**

Any fencing or other physical barriers planned for the event must be shown on the site plan and called out by type.

Fencing must be designed in such a way that it does not prevent safe egress from the event. Permittee must provide public access to the area until fireworks are loaded in.

Fencing located on turf areas may not be staked into the ground unless authorized by permit. If authorized, stakes must be no longer than eighteen inches (18") driven into the ground. Stakes must avoid all underground pipes and fixtures. In the event chain linked fencing is used, security barbed wire is prohibited.

Concrete barriers (such as jersey barriers) are permitted only on hardscape areas.

Tree protection fencing may be required as a condition of the permit.

### **Evening Work:**

Evening work may be conducted for both load in and load out periods with prior permission by the Superintendent. For work conducted during evening hours a portable lighting system is required. In addition all motor vehicles including golf cart(s) must have lights. Generally night work is not allowed after 10:00 pm and prior to 6:00 am.

**Structures on Turf Panels:** To protect the turf, neither structures nor parking or operation of equipment is permitted on turf. Event vehicles of any kind (delivery, cranes, forklifts, golf carts, trailers, exhibit trailers, etc.) are not allowed on turf or surrounding curbs. To accommodate use for the event and to protect against compaction and plant damage, turf protection, the use of matting that holds itself and any added loads such as foot traffic, above the crown of the grass blades, and does not sink into the ground is required.



Laying roadway surfaces on the Washington Monument grounds is prohibited without NPS approval in advance.

Turf protection flooring must be light weight, able to be carried and set in place without vehicular assistance.

Products such as Terraplas, or equal, must be ADA-compliant, with interlocking mats that are translucent and allow UV light to pass through to the grass below and perforated or ribbed to allow for ventilation and some moisture access to the turf below. The use of plywood for this purpose is strictly prohibited. Specific material used must be approved in advance by NPS.

No carpet or other obstructions to turf covering holes will be allowed.

Driving stakes and/or grounding rods into the turf is prohibited without the approval of the NPS.

**Structures Under/Around Trees:** To minimize soil compaction and to protect the continued health of the trees, neither structures nor parking or operation of equipment, is permitted within any tree canopy (root zone) area or in any of the Tree areas. This includes but is not limited to stages, booths, audio/visual towers, tents and lighting. As a condition of the permit, the Permittee may be required to install tree-protection fencing.

**Walkways:** To protect the resources, stages, stands and other facilities approved for placement on any walkway, must be supported by 1 inch, professional, outdoor grade plywood or similar material.  
*Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.*

### **Crate Storage and Bone Yards :**

Crate storage, bone yards and staging areas are prohibited on parkland. They must be located off-site

### **Site Access:**

*Extreme* caution must be exercised when driving on the sidewalks. Pedestrian access must be maintained at all times, however, if for safety reasons, an area has to be temporarily closed to the public,

**Except when being driven on established public vehicular roadways: Logistical equipment and vehicles, forklifts including gas and electric carts, must not exceed 5-mph. All trucks with a GVW of over 7500 pounds, and equipment such as bucket trucks, platform lifts, forklifts, and cranes, must be accompanied by a walking spotter when moving or operating in an area accessible to the public.**

Vehicles must have headlights on while in motion. All individuals operating Golf Carts/gators on NPS property must have a Valid Driver's License. All Golf Carts/gators operating after dusk, must have fixed and/or portable illumination.

Parking of Permittee(s) employee's or subcontractors private vehicles for conduct of this permit's activities, in tree panels and/or on turf or walkway areas is prohibited.



RNC/DBG must receive prior, written approval from the NPS/USPP if traffic is to be blocked at any time during preparation for, during the course of, and after a special event or demonstration (at any location in the immediate vicinity of the National Mall). If District of Columbia streets are to be blocked, the appropriate authorities must be notified as well.

All pathways and roadways must remain open and unobstructed. A minimum twenty foot (20') drive aisle must remain open at all times for emergency vehicle egress. No temporary or permanent structures may be located within the egress lane. The egress drive aisle must be called out on the site plan.

Submittal Requirements: A plan of how the site will be approached and how traffic will be controlled is required for logistical vehicles that are delivering and/or removing temporary equipment and supplies. In this submittal, information documenting the path of vehicular traffic in and around the roadways of the National Mall during preparation for, during the course of, and after all activities associated with the event, is required. Rules and regulations for District of Columbia streets also shall be observed. Signs directing vehicular and pedestrian traffic shall be furnished, with text and locations of signs indicated on the plan.

Deliveries and removal of materials shall occur so as not to adversely affect daily operations of NPS Concessioners and monuments and memorials in and around the National Mall. No deliveries shall be made after hours without prior, written approval from the NPS.

**Vehicular access to turf areas will only be permitted per conditions listed below:**

Driving within any Level 1 turf areas is strictly prohibited. Only hardscape areas can be used.

Driving directly on all turf and tree areas is prohibited. The temporary interlocking protective material supports shall be installed over plazas, and walkway areas for the ingress and egress of all vehicles/units or heavy equipment by RNC/DBG. **Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.**

Parking of Permittee(s) employee's or subcontractors private vehicles for conduct of this permit's activities on parkland is prohibited. Permittee must arrange for parking of employee and contractor vehicles off parkland.

**3. Trash/Recycling Maintenance:**

A. RNC/DBG will be responsible for providing card board trash receptacles for collection and disposal of all trash, debris, and litter resulting from the use of the permitted area, including a recycling program. Trash shall not be allowed to accumulate and shall be continually and promptly bagged in **clear plastic bags** and removed from the site. The location and placement of any litter containers must be coordinated with the NPS.

**Recycling:**

The permittee is required to collect and transport to a certified recycling center, commingled cans and bottles (aluminum and bimetal cans and plastic bottles), plastic, and aluminum materials generated from the permitted activity off park land.

The permittee shall furnish all management, supervision, labor, equipment, materials, supplies and any other items necessary to perform the recycling service of their permitted event. Work includes providing labor, proper equipment, collection and transport of generated recycled items, as well as providing records on the recycled material to NPS.

Permittee must submit the trash and recycling plan and have it approved prior to set up.

#### **4. Electricity and Generator Usage:**

No electricity available on site. RNC/FBG may provide their own gasoline and/or solar powered generator(s) to provide power if needed. Generators will be installed in accordance with the site plan, D.C. Fire Department guidelines, and safely installed per manufacturer requirements. The fueling/refueling of gasoline powered generators on parkland is prohibited\*. The storage of additional fuel is prohibited.

At a minimum, for hand carted generators, 1" professional outdoor grade plywood, or similar material must be placed underneath the generator to protect the underlying surfaces from potential weight and vibration damage and fluid leakage. Generators must be encased with a secondary drip containment unit.

Tow plant generator(s) and light tower(s) must have an internal secondary drip containment unit and/or placed in self-adsorbent, fire retardant containment troughs and be fenced in or closed in with bike rack.

All wires must be covered by mats and/or yellow jackets to prevent tripping hazards. The cord must be in good condition, of sufficient gauge to accommodate the electrical load of equipment and must be properly grounded.

**A Fire extinguisher must be within 15 feet of generator(s) and light tower(s)**

**\*Refueling of generators:** Refueling of the gasoline generators will be permitted pursuant to the following conditions:

Refueling will only be allowed on dates and times agreed upon in advance with the NPS- generally, (05:00 a.m.-08:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. (midnight)).

The following materials must be placed on the ground during refueling:

Plastic tarp

Absorbent material on top of tarp

Drip pan under fueling nozzle

Spill containment material or absorbent booms or pads must be stored at each generator location

55-gallon drum labeled hazardous material must be placed alongside of each generator. Should spillage occur the absorbent material must be placed in these barrels.

Contractor will be responsible for removing the barrels off of park property

Contractor will be responsible for any damage to the park's resources as a result of the refueling.



In case of spill please contact DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services at 911 and National Mall & Memorial Parks' Chief of Maintenance at (202) 359-1551.

The storage of fuel on parkland, in trailers, next to generators and at other NPS locations is strictly prohibited.

RNC/FBG will be responsible for any damages to park resources resulting from the re-fueling.

The spillage of deleterious substances such as engine oil, gasoline, etc. is prohibited. In the event of such an occurrence, NPS and USPP must be notified immediately.

All cables, power lines, etc. shall be run in an orderly manner and contained in matted yellow jackets that provide for safety and accessibility. No power lines can be strung between trees. All temporary electrical service wiring must be covered by mats and/or high-visibility Yellow Jacket™, or equivalent item, so as not to create a tripping hazard or navigation barrier to handicapped individuals. The cord must be in good condition, of sufficient gauge to accommodate the electrical load of the equipment and must be properly grounded.

Bike rack must be placed around all generators, as well as light and sound towers.

#### **5. Overnight Security/Camping:**

RNC/FBG is responsible for providing UNARMED overnight security. Coordinate security with Sgt. Eddie Burnett or Sgt. Zakiyyah Mahasin U. S. Park Police at 202-610-7092.

Sleeping overnight in park areas, including in any tents by employees or subcontractors workmen is prohibited. Camping is defined as the use of the park land for living accommodation purposes such as sleeping activities, or making preparations to sleep (including the laying down or bedding for the purpose of sleeping), or storing personal belongings, or making any fire, or using any tents or shelter or other structure or vehicle for sleeping or doing any digging or earth breaking or carrying on cooking activities. The above-listed activities constitute camping when it reasonably appears, in light of all the circumstances that the participants, in conducting these activities, are in fact using the area as a living accommodation regardless of the intent of the participants or the nature of any other activities in which they may also be engaging.

#### **6. Safety:**

RNC/FBG is required to meet OSHA guidelines regarding employee/subcontractor work schedules. No employee/subcontractor is to work no more than 10 hours within a 24 hour period. Any work required beyond the 10 hour limitation will need to be requested to the NPS in advance for review and approval by the Superintendent, National Mall & Memorial Parks.

An authorized RNC/FBG official must be assigned for on-site supervision each day of the event for load-in and load-out. NPS and USPP will also be assigned to monitor and to provide for public safety. All instructions given by authorized NPS or USPP personnel must be obeyed promptly.

Any movement by heavy equipment such as forklifts and cranes must be accompanied by spotters in the front and rear of the piece of equipment at all times. In the event cranes are used, the gravel walk must be secured and pedestrians directed to other available walkways.

Failure to comply with all terms and conditions of this permit may constitute grounds for cancellation of the permit and immediate termination of the event.

**7. Portable Toilets/Comfort facilities:**

- A. Adequate portable restroom facilities shall be installed by RNC/FBG for employee and public use. These units shall be placed in "low profile" locations approved by NPS. The National Park Service recommends one portable restroom facility for every 300 participants with 20% of those facilities wheelchair accessible.

**8. Security:**

RNC/FBG will be responsible for providing unarmed security for any equipment left unattended at any given time and/or overnight on parkland. Individual(s) must be properly identified. Security will begin on the first day of set-up and continue through the final day of tear down.

In addition, during the hours of load-in and load-out, RNC/FBG will be required to provide an adequate number of security personnel to assist with pedestrian and vehicle movement on the walkways.

Meetings with the RNC/FBG, the United States Park Police and the National Park Service, Permits Management Office have been held to coordinate and finalize the security plan for this event.

**9. Credentials**

All staff, volunteers, artists/participants, press, VIPs, and vendors involved this event will be issued credentials. The credentials will identify the person by name and category to include the event logo.

Colored copies of all credentials will be provided to USPP in advance of the event.

**10. Water and Food:**

RNC/FBG will be responsible for providing adequate bottled water to accommodate those attending this event.

Guest Services, Inc. and/or RGI will provide food and water for sale at their permanent food kiosks.

Permittee may provide food to their staff. All public health rules and guidelines must be followed at all times.

**11. Sales of Merchandise/Solicitation of Donations:**

Permittee is responsible for adhering to item #4, last page of permit concerning sales. Permittee states no sales nor soliciting of donations will take place.



## 12. Sound Amplification:

Special attention is drawn to item #7, last page of permit concerning sound amplification.

## 13. Signs, Banners, and Commercial Advertising and Sponsor Recognition:

NPS regulations generally prohibit Federal parkland from being used for business solicitation or for the advertisement or promotion of commercial brands, products, and services. As such, no commercial notices and advertisements shall be placed, posted or distributed at the event. Further, no structures representing commercial products, or models or replications of commercial products or merchandise may be displayed.

Further consistent with long-standing NPS policy now under Public Law 108-108, Title I, § 145, special event permits will expressly prohibit the erection, placement, or use of structures and signs bearing commercial advertising. However, a permit may issued that authorizes the recognition of sponsors of special events, if the National Park Service determines that the size and form of the recognition is consistent with the special nature and sanctity of the National Mall or any other requested park area, and if the lettering or design identifying the sponsor is no larger than one-third the size of the lettering or design identifying the special event. Further, to the maximum extent practicable for such special events, public use of and access to the National Mall and other parkland is not restricted.

The permittee shall submit a sign plan for NPS review and approval. Any request seeking NPS approval for sponsor recognition must be submitted to the NPS at least 30 days prior to the proposed event, and depicted on the sign plan. If approved by the National Park Service, sponsor recognition will be authorized within the terms of the special event permit. Authorized sponsor recognition must be in keeping with the NPS policy, regulations, and law, and be appropriate to the scale and theme of the special event. Further, the overall size, number, and design of any signs or banners shall be appropriate to the park setting and the lettering or design identifying the sponsor must be no larger than one-third the size of the lettering or design identifying the special event. Signs and banners may not be affixed to existing trees or other NPS facilities or structures.

Distribution or give aways of any commercial product is limited to only those that may be consumed on the event site such as juices or popcorn. Soliciting personal information such as names, addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, zip codes, etc. or any other information which may be used for future solicitation, or marketing purposes is strictly prohibited. **A list of all giveaway items will be provided to the NPS for approval.**

Permittee will be responsible for assuring that sponsors adhere to the law regarding commercial advertising, promotion and signage (see conditions above)

No commercial displays, promotions, coupon give-a-ways or advertising permitted on park land.

**14. Protection of the Public and General Welfare:**

Bike rack and chain link fence shall be erected by RNC/DBG to contain the event areas and provide Necessary resource protection, security and buffer zones. The permittee(s) is responsible for encircling generators with fence and/or bike rack.

**15. Media:**

**SAT/Microwave Trucks**

Cameras, equipment, crew, and participants in this filming may not be situated on sidewalks, paths, or roadways that prohibit the passage of pedestrians and/or vehicles. No equipment may be attached and/or affixed to any plant materials (i.e. trees and shrubs) or structures. Running cables thru trees is prohibited.

No exclusive use of the area is permitted and the area must remain open to the general public at all times. This filming may in no way impede or prevent public access to the area.

No reserved parking for "crew vehicles" is permitted. .

No electrical service is available. The use of a portable, hand carted, generator, to be provided by the Permittee, is permitted. Plywood or a similar material must be placed beneath the generator to protect the turf.

Cabling across entrances and handicapped accessible ramps must be ADA approved and cannot impair or prevent access. All cables must be covered to prevent tripping hazards.

16. Glass bottles, balloons and confetti is not allowed on park land.

**17. Aerial Display:**

Permittee must following adhere to established guidelines and safety standards. The following must be provided to the NPS Incident Commander and NPS Fire Marshall:

- Fireworks Display Map
- Fireworks Inventory
- Fireworks Safety Plan
- Fireworks Scope of Work
- Pyrotechnic Certificate of Liability Insurance to include liability to the Federal Government and the District of Columbia
- Pyrotechnic Technician Licenses/certificates
- Pyrotechnic Truck Driver Licenses/certificates
- Pyrotechnic Assistants ID information
- NPS Matrix Deck Plan

PLEASE NOTE: No fireworks on NPS lands without first providing an inventory to NPS Fire Marshall, 24 hours in advance. In addition fence will need to be placed around the tubes and racks before they being building, per NFPA code requirement.



Equipment List:

- Three (3) Forklifts with non-marking tires
- One (1) shooting boom forklift with non-marking tires
- One (1) 12'x12' canopy tent on the hardscape directly in front of the Sylvan Theater
- One (1) 30 yard dumpster on Sylvan Theater hardscape
- Three (3) portable restroom on the east side of the Sylvan Theater hardscape

- A. Fireworks will be delivered on site with US Park Police escort at approved designed times.
- B. NPS-NCA AHJ will conduct daily Aerial Fireworks Display Inspections. Fireworks by Grucci must provide an onsite representative to meet with NPS-NCR AHJ.
- C. Once on site the area must be secured by bike rack and chain link if needed. Security personnel must be provided onsite while building tubes to load.
- D. Permittee is responsible for any damages attributed to the fireworks including but not limited to turf damage, statuary, burn marks, tire marks and roadway damage. Permittee must clean up and remove any debris associated with fireworks display include sweeper cleaning of Constitution and Independence Avenues.
- E. Permittee is responsible for ensuring the proper resource protection measures are followed as outlined by this permit including approved flooring. To protect the exposed aggregate from the steel rack system the permittee must lay down a minimum of:
  - ¾" piece of plywood on top of the pallet additional
  - ½" piece of plywood on top with an additional cross section of 2x6 lumber over it
- F. All fireworks displays or use of pyrotechnics shall be approved by the NPS-NCA AHJ and shall meet NFPA 1123: Code for Fireworks Display, NFPA 1124: Code for the Manufacture, Transportation, and Storage of Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Article, NFPA 1126: Use of Pyrotechnics Before a Proximate Audience, and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration OSHA, standards.
- G. Fireworks drawing plans, fireworks inventory list, along with technician and assistant, certifications, including; name, title and DOB of staff who will performing the fireworks display, shall be provided to the NPS-NCR Authority Having Jurisdiction, AHJ, at least 10 working days for review and approval.
- H. The aerial display shall be delayed, stopped or postponed immediately if 1123:8.1.4.1 and 1123:8.1.4.2:
  1. Wind/Weather-lightning in immediate area, approaching storm front.
  2. Inadequate/Loss of Crowd Control
  3. Loss of trajectory
  4. Unsafe practices

- I. The NCA Fireworks Permit shall be issued pending successful fireworks site inspection by the NPS NCA AHJ or designee and DC Fire EMS .
- J. Contact Sgt. Eddie Burnett, or Sgt. Zakiyyah Mahasin ,United States Park Police, at (202) 610-7092, with questions concerning police procedures or logistics.
- K. No vehicle larger than a flatbed truck and a 26 foot box truck can enter the Washington Monument Grounds. Vehicles cannot travel more than 5 MPH. Spotters must be located in the front and in the back of the vehicle. No parking will be allowed of any box truck or flat bed truck on the Washington Monument grounds. Fireworks by Grucci must contact the U.S. Park Police for vehicle Access passes onto the Washington Monument grounds. Three (3) NPS parking passes will be issued to park behind Sylvan Theater. No overnight parking will be allowed.

#### Vehicles Parking Behind Sylvan Theater

- One (1) pick up truck
- One (1) ten passenger van
- One (1) seven passenger suv

#### Timeline:

8/24-8/26 7:00 am – 7:00 pm  
 8/27 8:00 am – 3:00 am, 8/28  
 8/28 7:00 am – 5:00 pm  
 8/29 7:00 am – 3:00 pm

The Sylvan Theater access road off Independence Avenue cannot be blocked at any time. The roadway is for emergency access only.

Entry/Exit for the Washington Monument will be from off Independence Avenue, westbound on the Sylvan Theater access roadway and off 17<sup>th</sup> Street on the west side, north and south center walkways (see attached diagram). All vehicle movement on 17<sup>th</sup> Street and Independence Avenue must be under the direction of the U. S. Park Police. Contact Sgt. Eddie Burnett or Sgt. Zakiyyah Mahasin, 202-610-7092.

- L. The use of any forklift on the plaza inside the circle of flags is limited to weight of 15,000 pounds or less. Forklifts, a total of four (4; 3 regular and one with a boom) must have non-marking tires. Driving over any lights around the Monument is strictly prohibited as well as near any marble benches. Delivery of any equipment including forklifts cannot take place prior to Monday, August 24. Grucci can deliver to the Sylvan Theater backstage area prior to morning rush hour which starts at 6:00 am. U. S. Park Police must be on site to assist with traffic control both for unloading and loading. In addition of equipment and no deliveries and pick up can take place during posted rush hours 6:00 am – 9:30 am and 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm, Monday through Friday.
- M. No items may be brought on site that has not been authorized. If any unauthorized equipment/items are found on site, permit may be revoked and the event cancelled.



### **PENDING DOCUMENTATION as of 8/24/20**

- A. Fireworks inventory list, 24 hours prior to each fireworks truck arrival.
- B. Pyrotechnician and assistants list is pending ATF background check approval
- C. Provide DC Fire and EMS contract document of fire department units and staff providing suppression assistance on August 27, 2020.
- D. Any tent use approval, need to meet NFPA 701 compliance. Permittee must provide NFPA 701 fire retardant certificate or photo copy of the fire retardant label attached to the tent material, in accordance with the "NCA Fire and Life Safety Temporary Events Policy".

Permittee must provide all items prior to load in.

#### **18. Alcoholic Beverages:**

The possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages is generally prohibited.

#### **19. Sound Amplification:**

Special attention is drawn to item #7, last page of permit, concerning sound amplification.

#### **20. Glass Bottles:**

No glass bottles and/or containers are permitted on parkland

#### **21. First Aid/Medical Services:**

All medical and First Aid provided must comply with the National Capital Area Medical Director protocols.

RNC/DBG is responsible for providing First Aid services on-site. The NPS adheres to the District of Columbia Department of Fire & Emergency Medical Services guidelines established according to the number of people anticipated at an event. The following guidelines, established according to the number of people anticipated at an event, will ensure that appropriate medical coverage is provided throughout the event:

- 1-1,999: The Permittee may rely on 911
- 2,000 – 9,999: The Permittee should have a fixed First Aid site with certified/licensed personnel, who will remain on site throughout the event.
- 10,000 – 20,000: The Permittee should have one fixed First Aid site with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event and a Basic Life Support Ambulance (licensed in the District of Columbia) who will transport patients to an appropriate medical facility.
- 20,000 – 30,000: The Permittee should have one fixed First Aid site with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event, a licensed Basic Life Support Ambulance and a Licensed Advanced Life Support Unit (D. C. Fire & EMS has the only certificate of need to provide on-scene paramedic services in the District of Columbia).

- 30,000 – 50,000: The Permittee should have two fixed First Aid sites with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event, two Basic Life Support Units and one Advanced Life Support Unit (both licensed in the District of Columbia).
- 50,000 – 60,000: The Permittee should have two fixed First Aid sites with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event, two Basic Life Support Units and two Advanced Life Support Units (both licensed in the District of Columbia).
- Events exceeding 60,000 participants: The Permittee is required to have emergency medical services personnel from D. C. Fire & EMS as well as the Department of Health on site for the appropriate provision of first aid and/or emergency medical services.

## 22. Sales/Solicitation:

Special attention is drawn to item #4, last page of this permit concerning fees collected and donations solicited on parkland.

## 23. Accessibility:

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) applies to temporary services, programs, and activities. Temporary facilities and structures must comply with the ADA Standards.

Policies and operations for the event must meet the nondiscrimination requirements of the ADA, including, but not limited to provision of accessible parking, routes through site, food service, toilet, facilities, and assembly seating.

RNC/FBG is responsible for providing auxiliary aids and services as requested. RNC/FBG is responsible for providing promotional material explaining how the public can request a particular auxiliary aid or service and be informed of when specific auxiliary aids and services may be available for all Presidential Inaugural Ceremonies held on parkland.

Service animals, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), are permitted under proper supervision. The ADA defines a service animal as any guide dog, signal dog, or other animal individually trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability. If they meet this definition, animals are considered service animals under the ADA regardless of whether they have been licensed or certified by a state or local government.

RNC/FBG must consider elements of accessibility when designing the layout of the event. Potential items for inclusion are:

- Addition of temporary curb ramps where needed to provide an accessible route
- Location of structures and tents along an accessible route
- Provision of auxiliary aids and services
- Provision of and an accessible route from transit stops to the event location
- Provision of tactile braille signage
- Provision of portable wheelchair lifts to access stages or other elevated areas.



24. **Adverse Weather Policy:**

When there is a threat to public health or safety, the Superintendent and/or his/or her designee, may close the park or an event being held there for such duration as determined necessary to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the public. Such situations have occasionally occurred in the past where park areas have been closed due to severe weather warning of heavy rain and thunderstorms with lightning and high winds. Where an area is ordered closed due to a weather-related public safety threat, pursuant to 36 CFR 2.32(2) people must comply with official directions to leave the closed area and relocate to safer sheltered locations.

Closing or canceling an event is a last resort. However, while most events will be held despite the weather, RNC/FBG is responsible for providing updated information in the event schedules and drop-off points may change. **If a weather emergency is declared, programs may be closed early or canceled.**

25. Prior to load in of fireworks, permittee must provide openings in the fencing for visitor access.

**PERMITTEE MUST READ AND ADHERE TO THE "FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR OUTDOOR EVENTS AND TENT USE" AT ALL TIMES. IN ADDITION, FIREWORKS BY GRICCI, MUST PROVIDE ALL DOCUMENTATION AND SAFETY INFORMATION FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL TO THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA FIRE AND SAFETY OFFICERS/FIRE MARSHAL. FIREWORKS BY GRICCI MUST FOLLOW ALL FIRE AND SAFETY GUIDANCES PROVIDED BY THE FIRE AND SAFETY OFFICERS/FIRE MARSHAL. ANY VIOLATIONS OF THESE GUIDELINES AND FIRE AND SAFETY PROCEDURES IS SUBJECT TO REVOCATION OF THIS PERMIT.**

Please see attached schedule and diagrams.

26. **The following will be made available to the RNC/FBG Incident Command Unit**

- All Site Diagrams
- Equipment List
- Production Schedule/Time line
- Access Locations
- Security Plan
- Communications Plan
- Medical Plan
- Media Plan
- Sanitation Plan
- Safe Haven Plan
- Severe Weather Plan
- Vendor List

**A COMPLETE AND LEGIBLE COPY OF THIS PERMIT MUST BE RETAINED ON-SITE AT ALL TIMES WHILE OPERATING UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED**

Republican National Convention Fireworks Performance - Washington DC  
August 27th, 2020  
Product Description and Count, Fireworks by Grucci, Inc.  
Rev01 - 2020-08-23



WASHINGTON MONUMENT PRODUCT COUNTS

| QNT  | SIZE | Description                   |
|------|------|-------------------------------|
| 608  | 2"   | Comets                        |
| 117  | 3"   | Comets                        |
| 1650 | 3"   | Aerial Shells                 |
| 400  | 4"   | Aerial Shells                 |
| 260  | 5"   | Aerial Shells                 |
| 316  | 6"   | Aerial Shells                 |
| 45   | 45mm | Roman Candles                 |
| 45   | MSB  | Multi-Shot Boxes              |
| 45   | 30mm | Multi Shot Single Row Devices |
| 3597 | 40mm | One Shot Comets/Mines         |
| 737  | 50mm | One Shot Comets/Mines         |

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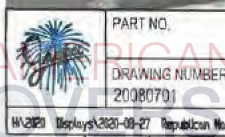
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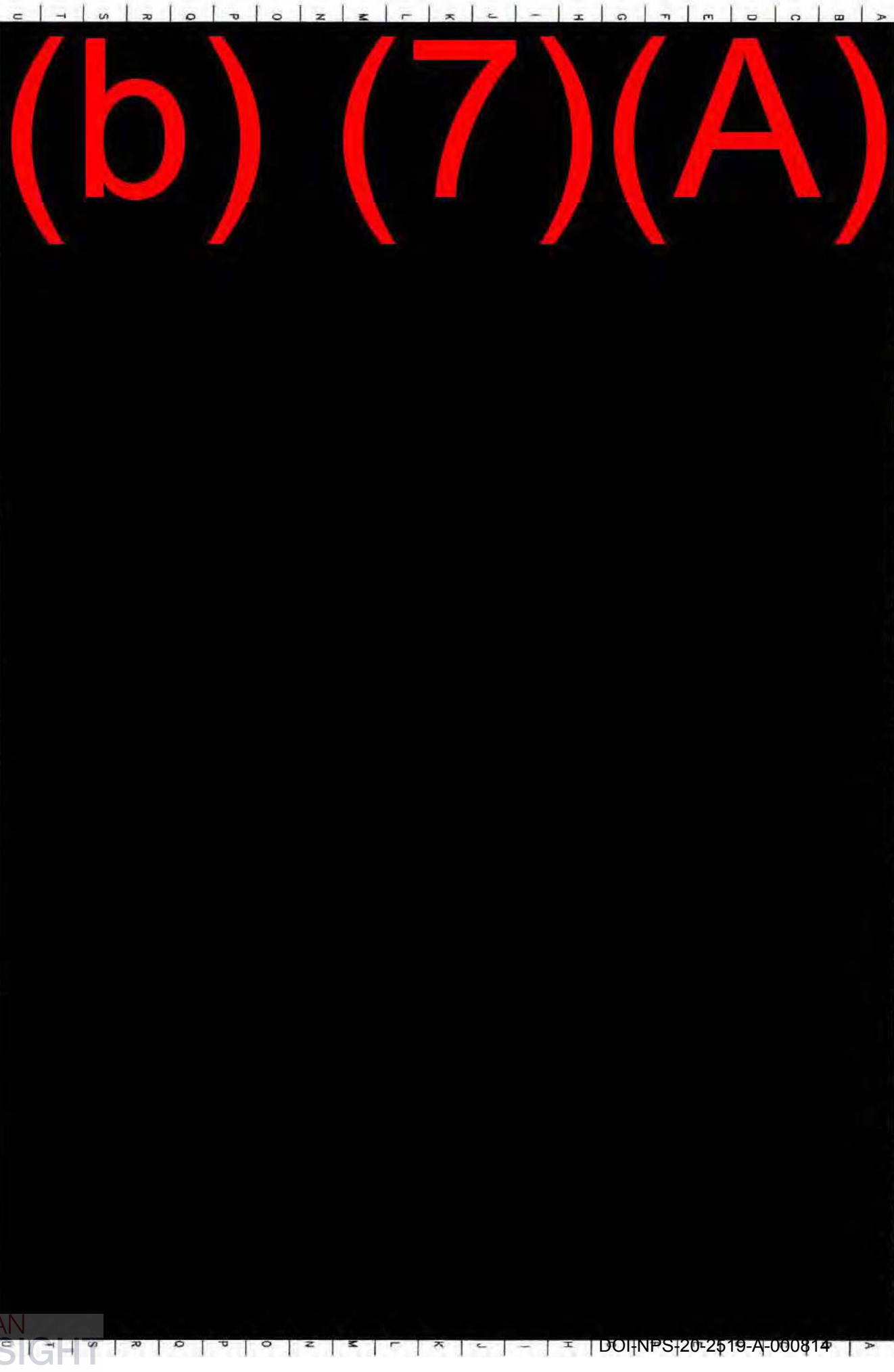
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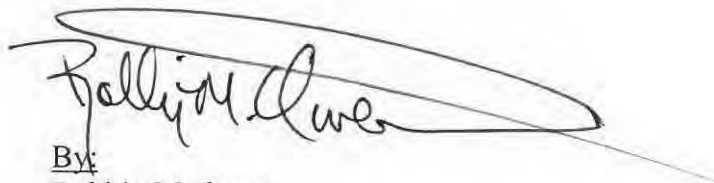
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3. All laws, rules and regulations applicable to the area covered by this permit remain in effect.
4. No fee may be collected, donation solicited, or commercial activity conducted. No items may be sold or offered for sale except for books, newspapers, leaflets, pamphlets, buttons, and bumper stickers which contain a message related to your demonstration or special event. No other merchandise may be sold or offered for sale. A stand or structure used for the sale of permitted items may not exceed one table per site, which may be no larger than 2 ½ feet by 8 feet or 4 feet by 4 feet. The dimensions of the sales site may not exceed 6 feet wide by 15 feet long by 6 feet high.
5. The area should be left in substantially the same condition as it was prior to the activities authorized herein, and all litter shall be placed in the trash containers provided.
6. This permit is applicable only for the use of the area designated above, and during the times designated above, or in any area as may hereafter be designated by the United States Park Police.
7. The use of sound amplification equipment, other than hand-portable sound amplification equipment to be used for crowd control purposes only, is prohibited on the White House Sidewalk (South 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., sidewalk between East Executive Avenue and West Executive Avenue). All sound amplification equipment shall be limited so that it will not unreasonably disturb nonparticipating persons in, or in the vicinity of, the area.
8. The National Park Service reserves the right to immediately revoke this permit at any time should it reasonably appear that the public gathering presents a clear and present danger to the public safety, good order or health, or if any conditions of this permit are violated

Lisa Mendelson  
Acting Area Director  
National Capital Area

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By:  
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Chief, Division of Permits Management  
National Mall & Memorial Parks

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**Date:** Monday, August 24, 2020 8:47:14 AM  
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The National Park Service has approved the Republican National Committee's request to present a fireworks display on the grounds of the Washington Monument on August 27. As with all special events that take place on the National Mall, a permit has been issued (attached) to define the conditions under which the display will take place in order to ensure public safety and the protection of park resources. The applicant is responsible for production of the event and all associated costs. Additionally, per policy, the National Park Service will recover from the RNC all costs incurred as a result of the activity, including NPS administrative costs for permit preparation and management of the event, and monitoring of the activity to ensure compliance with the conditions of the permit.

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Mike Litterst
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National Mall and Memorial Parks

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IN REPLY REFER TO

United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

National Capital Region

1100 Ohio Drive, S.W.

Washington, D.C. 20242

PUBLIC GATHERING PERMIT

Permit: 20-1063

Date: August 24, 2020

In accordance with Park Regulations as contained in C.F.R., Title 36, Chapter 1, Section 7.96, permission is granted to conduct a public gathering to the following:

Person(s) and/or Organization(s): Republican National Committee

Dates(s): Monday, August 24, 2020

To: Saturday, August 29, 2020

Time: Starting: 8:00 am

Ending: 3:00 pm

Location(s):

Washington Monument Grounds-Southern Portion

Purpose: Aerial Fireworks Display

Anticipated Number or Participants: 50

Person(s) in Charge: Michelle Meadows

Address(es): (b) (6)

Phone Number: (202) 863-8638

On Site Aerial Fireworks Representatives: Phil Grucci (b) (6)

This permit is granted subject to the following conditions:

1. Permittee and all participants authorized therein must comply with all of the conditions of this permit and with all reasonable directions of the United States Park Police.
2. All sidewalks, walkways, and roadways must remain unobstructed to allow for the reasonable use of these areas by pedestrians, vehicles and other park visitors.

PERMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR READING AND ADHERING TO ATTACHED
ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS.

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS**PERMIT #20-1063****REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION; WASHINGTON MONUMENT GROUNDS,
SOUTHERN PORTION****AUGUST 24-AUGUST 29, 2020****Event Overview:** Aerial Fireworks Display**Event Contact Information:** Christopher Grucci, Logistics Manager, (b) (6)**NPS Site Coordinator:** Robbin Owen, 202-359-1458**Event Timeline:**

See the attached spreadsheets for complete timeline.

- Set up starts on: August 24
- Event: August 27
- Tear down complete: August 29

Permit Authorization

A. This permit authorizes the Republican National Convention and their contractor, Fireworks by Grucci (RNC/FBG) use of the Washington Monument Grounds, southern portion for this permitted activity. Permission is granted to RNC/FBG to commence load-in for the placement of any fireworks, porta-johns, trash dumpsters, support structures, and the erection of fencing:

1. RNC/FBG will submit to the NPS stamped engineered drawings for all structures, larger than 900 square feet for NPS review and approval.
2. The permittee(s) agrees to be fully responsible for the management, performance, use and safety within the permit area involved in this authorization until the work is completed, inspected, and accepted.

Stated Total of Participants: 50 staff

B. Schedule of Events August 24 – August 29

- Set up: Monday, August 24 – Thursday August 27, 7:00 am – 7:00 pm
- Event Day: Thursday, August 27, 11:30 pm – 11:35 pm
- Overnight security, August 24-26 7:00 pm -7:00 am daily
8/28, 2:00 am – 7:00 am and 5:00 pm – 7:00 am, August 29

Program: Thursday, August 27, 11:30 pm – 11:35 pm

Load-Out: Friday, August 28, 7:00 am – 5:00 pm
 Saturday, August 29, 7:00 am – 3:00 pm

NOTE: See attached timeline. Tear down is not permitted after dark at 8:00 pm on Friday and Saturday, August 28 and August 29

I. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT

1. All activities pursuant to this permit shall be in compliance with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252; 42 U.S.C. 200d et seq.); Title V, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 394; 29 U.S.C. 794); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (89 Stat. 728; 42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.); and with all other Federal laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination on grounds of race, color, national origin, handicap, religion, or sex in employment and in providing facilities and services to the public. Nothing in advertising for employees shall be done which will prevent those covered by these laws from qualifying for employment.
2. Permittee and all participants authorized therein must comply with all of the conditions of this permit and with all reasonable directions of the United States Park Police and/or other representative of the NPS.
3. The area must be left in substantially the same conditions as it was prior to the activities authorized herein. All trash, debris, and litter resulting from activities of this permit shall not be allowed to accumulate and shall be bagged **in clear plastic bags** and placed in trash dumpsters provide by RNC/FBG.
4. All requests, correspondence and meetings with NPS pertaining to this permit shall be scheduled by RNC/FBG only. All contractors, subcontractors or consultants must channel their request through the recognized representatives of the permittee, who in turn, will contact NPS.
5. All laws, rules, and regulations applicable to the area covered by this permit remain in effect.
6. This permit is applicable only for the use of the area designated above, and during the times designated above, or as may be designated in written amendment to this permit.
7. In use of this area, the permittee shall require all employees and/or contractors to exercise all normal and reasonable safety precautions including observance of all applicable OSHA codes, to protect park property and to provide for public safety. Suitable devices such as barricades, fences, lanterns, etc., necessary for employee, public safety, and resource protection shall be provided by RNC/FBG shall be adequately maintained. Placement of such devices require the concurrence of the NPS.
8. All work performed as a result of the permitted use by the permittee or its agents shall be subject to the conditions of this permit, and the permittee is responsible for ensuring that such work meets the conditions of this permit.

9. All proposed amendments or additions to this permit and all proposed locations of vehicles, equipment, storage, installations of any kind, areas of activity, work and power plans shall be submitted to the NPS for prior written approval. These proposals shall be in map or diagram form suitable for on the ground inspection. Placement of tents, displays, and other detailed and specific site map will be provided to the NPS prior to installation of facilities.
 - a. Arrival schedules, equipment lists and vehicle lists must be provided in advance and all units in use in the park area must have specific approval by the NPS.
 - b. Permittee will provide an on-site coordinator to be accessible to the NPS and the United States Park Police (USPP) personnel at all times during construction or set-up activities and during dismantling of facilities post-event.
10. NPS reserves the right to immediately revoke this permit at any time should it reasonably appear that the activity presents present danger to the public safety, good order or health, or if any conditions of this permit are violated.
11. This permit may be amended upon final approval of the site plan, certified stamped engineered drawings, sign plan and timeline.
12. A copy of this permit shall be at the site during the use of the park area.

II. SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT

1. Event Venues:

- A. Washington Monument Grounds, southern portion

Set-up will include the following: Fireworks, fencing, dumpster, and tents. A complete equipment list must be provided for the permit.

See attached diagram

2. Resource Protection:

Throughout the course of this permit, the RNC/FBG, is responsible for taking all necessary precautions to minimize resource damage throughout the permitted area. In addition, permittee must supervise their contractors and employees during set-up and teardown to assure that there is no damage to park resources. RNC/FBG must have a representative on site during set up and tear down of equipment to monitor the vendors.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 7.96(g)(5)(vi)(C), 2.31(a)(2),(3) the destruction, defacement, damaging, alteration, or removal of park resources or facilities is prohibited. No item, including signs or banners, may be attached to park trees, plantings, benches, statues, walls, fences, or other park property.

To protect the resources, stands and other facilities approved for placement on the grass and walkways, outside of any restricted zones, must be supported by pre-approved, hard interlocking plastic material. Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.

No excavation or disturbance of park features or landscape shall be permitted under this permit without written approval of NPS.

When heavy equipment vehicles (forklifts/cranes, etc.) are used to move equipment, permittee must provide spotters in the front and rear of the heavy equipment vehicle to insure safety of pedestrians and workers.

Throughout the course of this permit, RNC/FBG will require its employees/volunteers, and contractors, to exercise special care and attention to protect the resources of parkland and its environs. In addition, RNC/FBG must supervise their contractors and employees during set-up and teardown to assure that there is no damage to park resources.

Landscapes:

Lawn, trees, shrubs, and the irrigation system, curbs, electric conduits, and water mains located within the permitted area, shall be protected from adverse impacts associated with event activities.

Heavy Equipment Near Trees and Shrubs: The use of any heavy equipment (crane, back hoe, etc.) placed under or near trees or shrubs is prohibited.

Turf Protection: For the purpose of protection, any area not paved must follow the O & M Turf Manual. No heavy equipment (cranes, backhoes, etc.), vehicles or stock piling of materials is permitted on turf areas.

The use of vehicles, heavy cranes, backhoes, etc are not allowed on the turf sections of parkland.

The temporary covering of turf for this event must be provided by the permittee for the permitted areas. Use of this ground cover allows for pedestrian walkways, temporary flooring, structure, and support, with special permission from NPS.

Permittee is must secure products such as Terraplas, Terratile and Matrax LD or equal that is ADA-compliant, interlocking mats that are translucent and allow UV light to pass through to the grass below. The products must either be perforated or ribbed, allowing for ventilation and some moisture access to the turf below. Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.

Site Furnishings:

Permittee may not move or otherwise harm existing site furnishings, including but not limited to posts and chains, benches, waste receptacles, and drinking fountains. No attachments may be made to, pass through, or be affixed to existing site furnishings.

Additional temporary site furnishings may be provided by the Permittee; however, these furnishings must meet the guidelines set forth in this document. No permanent installation of site furnishings is permitted.

All necessary precautions as deemed necessary by the NPS shall be taken to prevent damage to underground utilities, and sprinkler systems located throughout the area. Any utilities damage by this work shall be promptly repaired. The sprinkler system plan will be clearly marked on-site by the National Park Service.

Hard Surfaces:

Temporary protection of all hard surfaces affected by the construction or erection of staging elements, sound towers, camera equipment, cranes, lighting structures, miscellaneous equipment, or scaffolding must be provided. All protective pads or cushioning devices shall be non-staining.

Oil or Hydraulic Fluid Leaks: Temporary protection of hard surfaces shall be used where motorized vehicles are operating to avoid oil and/or hydraulic fluid leaks. Should a leak of this type occur, the permit holder shall be held liable for clean-up, at no expense to the NPS.

Structures:

To protect the turf areas, it is strongly encouraged that structures be placed on the Washington Monument grounds hardscape areas where it would not impact the turf. The NPS may allow under permit the use of turf areas, however, if the structure and its equipment use the turf protection measures as detailed throughout this permit. All structures must minimize all points that come in contact with the turf.

All structures must be able to withstand a minimum wind gust of 30 mph and follow the High Wind Action Plan below.

1. The High Wind Action Plan shall be in effect for the entirety of this event.
2. RNC/FBG is responsible for a designated representative to be present for the duration of this event to implement the High Wind Action Plan.
3. An Anemometer shall be placed on the roof of the stage structure to monitor wind speeds.
4. Noted wind speeds are 3 second gusts in accordance with ASCE 7.
5. **When wind speeds are expected to exceed 25 MPH, RNC/FBG will place crews on alert.**
6. **When wind speeds are expected to exceed 30 MPH, all sidewall scrim shall be removed.**
All video walls and large speaker clusters/delay towers shall be lowered to the ground and secured.
Lowering of scrim or equipment shall be done from the ground by means of remotely activated equipment such as motors or mechanical releases.
7. **When wind speeds are expected to exceed 40 MPH, all event operations shall cease and the immediate area shall be evacuated.**
8. Do not lower stage system, video walls, large speaker/delay towers during high wind events.
9. The High Wind Action Plan shall be posted at a conspicuous area on site. It must be available at all times to venue operators and crew.

All structures must follow the guidelines below and adhere to National Fire Protection Association codes.

Any temporary structure exceeding over 900 square feet require the submission of engineered drawings stamped by a structural engineer licensed in the United States. Drawings should include tent support lines identified by flagging.

Structures on the turf should be on a raiser with as few points as possible touching the turf. Each point that does touch the turf should have Enkamat Flatback⁸ or equal product and plywood pads under all points as outlined:

Each screw jack should have a wooden pad and two layers of Enkamat Flatback¹ or equal product, eighteen inches square (18"x18")

Concrete pads should have four (4) layers of Enkamat Flatback or equal product
Under each concrete tower pad two (2) layers of plywood

All screws and fasteners used in the construction of structures should be policed during the build and retained during removal. Screws and fasteners should be made of a non-aluminum metal, enabling a post-event magnet sweep to ensure all pieces are removed from the site.

Tents: To protect the turf, tents should be located on hardscape surfaces including gravel, asphalt, concrete, granite, wood, etc. tents and other similar structures must be secured using cement blocks and/or water-filled ballast tanks. No stakes are permitted on hardscape surfaces.

Non-freezing, no-staining liquid approved by the NPS (water treated with bio-degradable antifreeze) in plastic containers shall be used as weighing elements. No sand bags are permitted for this purpose.

At takedown, all water filled ballast tanks must be pumped to the nearest catch basin (located within the curbs) or to the area drains located throughout the hardscape. Tanks may not be drained into the turf or pumped in gravel areas. This prevents creation of muddy puddles and soft areas in the turf and also limits runoff of gravel into area drains.

Footnote 8 Enkamat Flatback is a unique product designed for turf grass protection. Enkamat's tightly interwoven flat upper layer can withstand the weight of thousands of people and staging equipment. Enkamat is a three-dimensional geomatrix of highly resilient, nylon monofilaments which are fused where they intersect. Ninety percent (90%) of the geomatrix is open space which allows for air and rain to pass freely through to the turf below. Enkamat comes in standard sizes of 39"x150' and 15'X150' and can be cut onsite into any shape or size.

If approval is granted by NPS, no tent stakes may penetrate the ground surface by more than 18 inches. Use of stakes longer than this requires coordination through the Turf Management Specialist, National Mall & Memorial Parks, at (202) 245-4685. Permittee must hire an independent contractor to survey the grounds with radar penetrating equipment to map all utilities prior to any staking.

Tents must be constructed of fire retardant material. A certificate of fire retardant material must be provided as confirmation to the NPS

Tents should be placed at least 5 to 10 feet apart.

Stages, Lighting, and Audio & AV Towers:

Stages, lighting trusses, video walls/screens and any scaffold towers used to support them must be constructed to conform to architectural plans stamped by a licensed structural engineer. Permittee is responsible for installing a barricade, bike rack and/or fencing around all lighting, audio and AV towers to secure them from the general public.

If authorized by permit stages may only have skirting on the audience-facing area and only during the event, to allow maximum light and air to reach the turf, thereby limiting damage.

Fencing:

Any fencing or other physical barriers planned for the event must be shown on the site plan and called out by type.

Fencing must be designed in such a way that it does not prevent safe egress from the event. Permittee must provide public access to the area until fireworks are loaded in.

Fencing located on turf areas may not be staked into the ground unless authorized by permit. If authorized, stakes must be no longer than eighteen inches (18") driven into the ground. Stakes must avoid all underground pipes and fixtures. In the event chain linked fencing is used, security barbed wire is prohibited.

Concrete barriers (such as jersey barriers) are permitted only on hardscape areas.

Tree protection fencing may be required as a condition of the permit.

Evening Work:

Evening work may be conducted for both load in and load out periods with prior permission by the Superintendent. For work conducted during evening hours a portable lighting system is required. In addition all motor vehicles including golf cart(s) must have lights. Generally night work is not allowed after 10:00 pm and prior to 6:00 am.

Structures on Turf Panels: To protect the turf, neither structures nor parking or operation of equipment is permitted on turf. Event vehicles of any kind (delivery, cranes, forklifts, golf carts, trailers, exhibit trailers, etc.) are not allowed on turf or surrounding curbs. To accommodate use for the event and to protect against compaction and plant damage, turf protection, the use of matting that holds itself and any added loads such as foot traffic, above the crown of the grass blades, and does not sink into the ground is required.

Laying roadway surfaces on the Washington Monument grounds is prohibited without NPS approval in advance.

Turf protection flooring must be light weight, able to be carried and set in place without vehicular assistance.

Products such as Terraplas, or equal, must be ADA-compliant, with interlocking mats that are translucent and allow UV light to pass through to the grass below and perforated or ribbed to allow for ventilation and some moisture access to the turf below. The use of plywood for this purpose is strictly prohibited. Specific material used must be approved in advance by NPS.

No carpet or other obstructions to turf covering holes will be allowed.

Driving stakes and/or grounding rods into the turf is prohibited without the approval of the NPS.

Structures Under/Around Trees: To minimize soil compaction and to protect the continued health of the trees, neither structures nor parking or operation of equipment, is permitted within any tree canopy (root zone) area or in any of the Tree areas. This includes but is not limited to stages, booths, audio/visual towers, tents and lighting. As a condition of the permit, the Permittee may be required to install tree-protection fencing.

Walkways: To protect the resources, stages, stands and other facilities approved for placement on any walkway, must be supported by 1 inch, professional, outdoor grade plywood or similar material.
Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.

Crate Storage and Bone Yards :

Crate storage, bone yards and staging areas are prohibited on parkland. They must be located off-site

Site Access:

Extreme caution must be exercised when driving on the sidewalks. Pedestrian access must be maintained at all times, however, if for safety reasons, an area has to be temporarily closed to the public,

Except when being driven on established public vehicular roadways: Logistical equipment and vehicles, forklifts including gas and electric carts, must not exceed 5-mph. All trucks with a GVW of over 7500 pounds, and equipment such as bucket trucks, platform lifts, forklifts, and cranes, must be accompanied by a walking spotter when moving or operating in an area accessible to the public.

Vehicles must have headlights on while in motion. All individuals operating Golf Carts/gators on NPS property must have a Valid Driver's License. All Golf Carts/gators operating after dusk, must have fixed and/or portable illumination.

Parking of Permittee(s) employee's or subcontractors private vehicles for conduct of this permit's activities, in tree panels and/or on turf or walkway areas is prohibited.

RNC/FBG must receive prior, written approval from the NPS/USPP if traffic is to be blocked at any time during preparation for, during the course of, and after a special event or demonstration (at any location in the immediate vicinity of the National Mall). If District of Columbia streets are to be blocked, the appropriate authorities must be notified as well.

All pathways and roadways must remain open and unobstructed. A minimum twenty foot (20') drive aisle must remain open at all times for emergency vehicle egress. No temporary or permanent structures may be located within the egress lane. The egress drive aisle must be called out on the site plan.

Submittal Requirements: A plan of how the site will be approached and how traffic will be controlled is required for logistical vehicles that are delivering and/or removing temporary equipment and supplies. In this submittal, information documenting the path of vehicular traffic in and around the roadways of the National Mall during preparation for, during the course of, and after all activities associated with the event, is required. Rules and regulations for District of Columbia streets also shall be observed. Signs directing vehicular and pedestrian traffic shall be furnished, with text and locations of signs indicated on the plan.

Deliveries and removal of materials shall occur so as not to adversely affect daily operations of NPS Concessioners and monuments and memorials in and around the National Mall. No deliveries shall be made after hours without prior, written approval from the NPS.

Vehicular access to turf areas will only be permitted per conditions listed below:

Driving within any Level 1 turf areas is strictly prohibited. Only hardscape areas can be used.

Driving directly on all turf and tree areas is prohibited. The temporary interlocking protective material supports shall be installed over plazas, and walkway areas for the ingress and egress of all vehicles/units or heavy equipment by RNC/FBG. **Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.**

Parking of Permittee(s) employee's or subcontractors private vehicles for conduct of this permit's activities on parkland is prohibited. Permittee must arrange for parking of employee and contractor vehicles off parkland.

3. Trash/Recycling Maintenance:

A. RNC/FBG will be responsible for providing card board trash receptacles for collection and disposal of all trash, debris, and litter resulting from the use of the permitted area, including a recycling program. Trash shall not be allowed to accumulate and shall be continually and promptly bagged in **clear plastic bags** and removed from the site. The location and placement of any litter containers must be coordinated with the NPS.

Recycling:

The permittee is required to collect and transport to a certified recycling center, commingled cans and bottles (aluminum and bimetal cans and plastic bottles), plastic, and aluminum materials generated from the permitted activity off park land.

The permittee shall furnish all management, supervision, labor, equipment, materials, supplies and any other items necessary to perform the recycling service of their permitted event. Work includes providing labor, proper equipment, collection and transport of generated recycled items, as well as providing records on the recycled material to NPS.

Permittee must submit the trash and recycling plan and have it approved prior to set up.

4. Electricity and Generator Usage:

No electricity available on site. RNC/FBG may provide their own gasoline and/or solar powered generator(s) to provide power if needed. Generators will be installed in accordance with the site plan, D.C. Fire Department guidelines, and safely installed per manufacturer requirements. The fueling/refueling of gasoline powered generators on parkland is prohibited*. The storage of additional fuel is prohibited.

At a minimum, for hand carted generators, 1" professional outdoor grade plywood, or similar material must be placed underneath the generator to protect the underlying surfaces from potential weight and vibration damage and fluid leakage. Generators must be encased with a secondary drip containment unit.

Tow plant generator(s) and light tower(s) must have an internal secondary drip containment unit and/or placed in self-adsorbent, fire retardant containment troughs and be fenced in or closed in with bike rack.

All wires must be covered by mats and/or yellow jackets to prevent tripping hazards. The cord must be in good condition, of sufficient gauge to accommodate the electrical load of equipment and must be properly grounded.

A Fire extinguisher must be within 15 feet of generator(s) and light tower(s)

***Refueling of generators:** Refueling of the gasoline generators will be permitted pursuant to the following conditions:

Refueling will only be allowed on dates and times agreed upon in advance with the NPS- generally, (05:00 a.m.-08:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. (midnight)).

The following materials must be placed on the ground during refueling:

Plastic tarp

Absorbent material on top of tarp

Drip pan under fueling nozzle

Spill containment material or absorbent booms or pads must be stored at each generator location

55-gallon drum labeled hazardous material must be placed alongside of each generator. Should spillage occur the absorbent material must be placed in these barrels.

Contractor will be responsible for removing the barrels off of park property

Contractor will be responsible for any damage to the park's resources as a result of the refueling.

In case of spill please contact DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services at 911 and National Mall & Memorial Parks' Chief of Maintenance at (202) 359-1551.

The storage of fuel on parkland, in trailers, next to generators and at other NPS locations is strictly prohibited.

RNC/FBG will be responsible for any damages to park resources resulting from the re-fueling.

The spillage of deleterious substances such as engine oil, gasoline, etc. is prohibited. In the event of such an occurrence, NPS and USPP must be notified immediately.

All cables, power lines, etc. shall be run in an orderly manner and contained in matted yellow jackets that provide for safety and accessibility. No power lines can be strung between trees. All temporary electrical service wiring must be covered by mats and/or high-visibility Yellow Jacket™, or equivalent item, so as not to create a tripping hazard or navigation barrier to handicapped individuals. The cord must be in good condition, of sufficient gauge to accommodate the electrical load of the equipment and must be properly grounded.

Bike rack must be placed around all generators, as well as light and sound towers.

5. Overnight Security/Camping:

RNC/FBG is responsible for providing UNARMED overnight security. Coordinate security with Sgt. Eddie Burnett or Sgt. Zakiyyah Mahasin U. S. Park Police at 202-610-7092.

Sleeping overnight in park areas, including in any tents by employees or subcontractors workmen is prohibited. Camping is defined as the use of the park land for living accommodation purposes such as sleeping activities, or making preparations to sleep (including the laying down or bedding for the purpose of sleeping), or storing personal belongings, or making any fire, or using any tents or shelter or other structure or vehicle for sleeping or doing any digging or earth breaking or carrying on cooking activities. The above-listed activities constitute camping when it reasonably appears, in light of all the circumstances that the participants, in conducting these activities, are in fact using the area as a living accommodation regardless of the intent of the participants or the nature of any other activities in which they may also be engaging.

6. Safety:

RNC/FBG is required to meet OSHA guidelines regarding employee/subcontractor work schedules. No employee/subcontractor is to work no more than 10 hours within a 24 hour period. Any work required beyond the 10 hour limitation will need to be requested to the NPS in advance for review and approval by the Superintendent, National Mall & Memorial Parks.

An authorized RNC/FBG official must be assigned for on-site supervision each day of the event for load-in and load-out. NPS and USPP will also be assigned to monitor and to provide for public safety. All instructions given by authorized NPS or USPP personnel must be obeyed promptly.

Any movement by heavy equipment such as forklifts and cranes must be accompanied by spotters in the front and rear of the piece of equipment at all times. In the event cranes are used, the gravel walk must be secured and pedestrians directed to other available walkways.

Failure to comply with all terms and conditions of this permit may constitute grounds for cancellation of the permit and immediate termination of the event.

7. Portable Toilets/Comfort facilities:

- A. Adequate portable restroom facilities shall be installed by RNC/FBG for employee and public use. These units shall be placed in "low profile" locations approved by NPS. The National Park Service recommends one portable restroom facility for every 300 participants with 20% of those facilities wheelchair accessible.

8. Security:

RNC/FBG will be responsible for providing unarmed security for any equipment left unattended at any given time and/or overnight on parkland. Individual(s) must be properly identified. Security will begin on the first day of set-up and continue through the final day of tear down.

In addition, during the hours of load-in and load-out, RNC/FBG will be required to provide an adequate number of security personnel to assist with pedestrian and vehicle movement on the walkways.

Meetings with the RNC/FBG, the United States Park Police and the National Park Service, Permits Management Office have been held to coordinate and finalize the security plan for this event.

9. Credentials

All staff, volunteers, artists/participants, press, VIPs, and vendors involved this event will be issued credentials. The credentials will identify the person by name and category to include the event logo.

Colored copies of all credentials will be provided to USPP in advance of the event.

10. Water and Food:

RNC/FBG will be responsible for providing adequate bottled water to accommodate those attending this event.

Guest Services, Inc. and/or RGI will provide food and water for sale at their permanent food kiosks.

Permittee may provide food to their staff. All public health rules and guidelines must be followed at all times.

11. Sales of Merchandise/Solicitation of Donations:

Permittee is responsible for adhering to item #4, last page of permit concerning sales. Permittee states no sales nor soliciting of donations will take place.

12. Sound Amplification:

Special attention is drawn to item #7, last page of permit concerning sound amplification.

13. Signs, Banners, and Commercial Advertising and Sponsor Recognition:

NPS regulations generally prohibit Federal parkland from being used for business solicitation or for the advertisement or promotion of commercial brands, products, and services. As such, no commercial notices and advertisements shall be placed, posted or distributed at the event. Further, no structures representing commercial products, or models or replications of commercial products or merchandise may be displayed.

Further consistent with long-standing NPS policy now under Public Law 108-108, Title I, § 145, special event permits will expressly prohibit the erection, placement, or use of structures and signs bearing commercial advertising. However, a permit may issued that authorizes the recognition of sponsors of special events, if the National Park Service determines that the size and form of the recognition is consistent with the special nature and sanctity of the National Mall or any other requested park area, and if the lettering or design identifying the sponsor is no larger than one-third the size of the lettering or design identifying the special event. Further, to the maximum extent practicable for such special events, public use of and access to the National Mall and other parkland is not restricted.

The permittee shall submit a sign plan for NPS review and approval. Any request seeking NPS approval for sponsor recognition must be submitted to the NPS at least 30 days prior to the proposed event, and depicted on the sign plan. If approved by the National Park Service, sponsor recognition will be authorized within the terms of the special event permit. Authorized sponsor recognition must be in keeping with the NPS policy, regulations, and law, and be appropriate to the scale and theme of the special event. Further, the overall size, number, and design of any signs or banners shall be appropriate to the park setting and the lettering or design identifying the sponsor must be no larger than one-third the size of the lettering or design identifying the special event. Signs and banners may not be affixed to existing trees or other NPS facilities or structures.

Distribution or give aways of any commercial product is limited to only those that may be consumed on the event site such as juices or popcorn. Soliciting personal information such as names, addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, zip codes, etc. or any other information which may be used for future solicitation, or marketing purposes is strictly prohibited. **A list of all giveaway items will be provided to the NPS for approval.**

Permittee will be responsible for assuring that sponsors adhere to the law regarding commercial advertising, promotion and signage (see conditions above)

No commercial displays, promotions, coupon give-a-ways or advertising permitted on park land.

14. Protection of the Public and General Welfare:

Bike rack and chain link fence shall be erected by RNC/DBG to contain the event areas and provide Necessary resource protection, security and buffer zones. The permittee(s) is responsible for encircling generators with fence and/or bike rack.

15. Media:

SAT/Microwave Trucks

Cameras, equipment, crew, and participants in this filming may not be situated on sidewalks, paths, or roadways that prohibit the passage of pedestrians and/or vehicles. No equipment may be attached and/or affixed to any plant materials (i.e. trees and shrubs) or structures. Running cables thru trees is prohibited.

No exclusive use of the area is permitted and the area must remain open to the general public at all times. This filming may in no way impede or prevent public access to the area.

No reserved parking for "crew vehicles" is permitted. .

No electrical service is available. The use of a portable, hand carted, generator, to be provided by the Permittee, is permitted. Plywood or a similar material must be placed beneath the generator to protect the turf.

Cabling across entrances and handicapped accessible ramps must be ADA approved and cannot impair or prevent access. All cables must be covered to prevent tripping hazards.

16. Glass bottles, balloons and confetti is not allowed on park land.

17. Aerial Display:

Permittee must following adhere to established guidelines and safety standards. The following must be provided to the NPS Incident Commander and NPS Fire Marshall:

- Fireworks Display Map
- Fireworks Inventory
- Fireworks Safety Plan
- Fireworks Scope of Work
- Pyrotechnic Certificate of Liability Insurance to include liability to the Federal Government and the District of Columbia
- Pyrotechnic Technician Licenses/certificates
- Pyrotechnic Truck Driver Licenses/certificates
- Pyrotechnic Assistants ID information
- NPS Matrix Deck Plan

PLEASE NOTE: No fireworks on NPS lands without first providing an inventory to NPS Fire Marshall, 24 hours in advance. In addition fence will need to be placed around the tubes and racks before they being building, per NFPA code requirement.

Equipment List:

- Three (3) Forklifts with non-marking tires
- One (1) shooting boom forklift with non-marking tires
- One (1) 12'x12' canopy tent on the hardscape directly in front of the Sylvan Theater
- One (1) 30 yard dumpster on Sylvan Theater hardscape
- Three (3) portable restroom on the east side of the Sylvan Theater hardscape

- A. Fireworks will be delivered on site with US Park Police escort at approved designed times.
- B. NPS-NCA AHJ will conduct daily Aerial Fireworks Display Inspections. Fireworks by Grucci must provide an onsite representative to meet with NPS-NCR AHJ.
- C. Once on site the area must be secured by bike rack and chain link if needed. Security personnel must be provided onsite while building tubes to load.
- D. Permittee is responsible for any damages attributed to the fireworks including but not limited to turf damage, statuary, burn marks, tire marks and roadway damage. Permittee must clean up and remove any debris associated with fireworks display include sweeper cleaning of Constitution and Independence Avenues.
- E. Permittee is responsible for ensuring the proper resource protection measures are followed as outlined by this permit including approved flooring. To protect the exposed aggregate from the steel rack system the permittee must lay down a minimum of:
 - ¾" piece of plywood on top of the pallet additional
 - ½" piece of plywood on top with an additional cross section of 2x6 lumber over it
- F. All fireworks displays or use of pyrotechnics shall be approved by the NPS-NCA AHJ and shall meet NFPA 1123: Code for Fireworks Display, NFPA 1124: Code for the Manufacture, Transportation, and Storage of Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Article, NFPA 1126: Use of Pyrotechnics Before a Proximate Audience, and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration OSHA, standards.
- G. Fireworks drawing plans, fireworks inventory list, along with technician and assistant, certifications, including; name, title and DOB of staff who will performing the fireworks display, shall be provided to the NPS-NCR Authority Having Jurisdiction, AHJ, at least 10 working days for review and approval.
- H. The aerial display shall be delayed, stopped or postponed immediately if 1123:8.1.4.1 and 1123:8.1.4.2:
 1. Wind/Weather-lightning in immediate area, approaching storm front.
 2. Inadequate/Loss of Crowd Control
 3. Loss of trajectory
 4. Unsafe practices

- I. The NCA Fireworks Permit shall be issued pending successful fireworks site inspection by the NPS NCA AHJ or designee and DC Fire EMS .
- J. Contact Sgt. Eddie Burnett, or Sgt. Zakiyyah Mahasin ,United States Park Police, at (202) 610-7092, with questions concerning police procedures or logistics.
- K. No vehicle larger than a flatbed truck and a 26 foot box truck can enter the Washington Monument Grounds. Vehicles cannot travel more than 5 MPH. Spotters must be located in the front and in the back of the vehicle. No parking will be allowed of any box truck or flat bed truck on the Washington Monument grounds. Fireworks by Grucci must contact the U.S. Park Police for vehicle Access passes onto the Washington Monument grounds. Three (3) NPS parking passes will be issued to park behind Sylvan Theater. No overnight parking will be allowed.

Vehicles Parking Behind Sylvan Theater

- One (1) pick up truck
- One (1) ten passenger van
- One (1) seven passenger suv

Timeline:

8/24-8/26 7:00 am – 7:00 pm
 8/27 8:00 am – 3:00 am, 8/28
 8/28 7:00 am – 5:00 pm
 8/29 7:00 am – 3:00 pm

The Sylvan Theater access road off Independence Avenue cannot be blocked at any time. The roadway is for emergency access only.

Entry/Exit for the Washington Monument will be from off Independence Avenue, westbound on the Sylvan Theater access roadway and off 17th Street on the west side, north and south center walkways (see attached diagram). All vehicle movement on 17th Street and Independence Avenue must be under the direction of the U. S. Park Police. Contact Sgt. Eddie Burnett or Sgt. Zakiyyah Mahasin, 202-610-7092.

- L. The use of any forklift on the plaza inside the circle of flags is limited to weight of 15,000 pounds or less. Forklifts, a total of four (4; 3 regular and one with a boom) must have non-marking tires. Driving over any lights around the Monument is strictly prohibited as well as near any marble benches. Delivery of any equipment including forklifts cannot take place prior to Monday, August 24. Grucci can deliver to the Sylvan Theater backstage area prior to morning rush hour which starts at 6:00 am. U. S. Park Police must be on site to assist with traffic control both for unloading and loading. In addition of equipment and no deliveries and pick up can take place during posted rush hours 6:00 am – 9:30 am and 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm, Monday through Friday.
- M. No items may be brought on site that has not been authorized. If any unauthorized equipment/items are found on site, permit may be revoked and the event cancelled.

PENDING DOCUMENTATION as of 8/24/20

- A. Fireworks inventory list, 24 hours prior to each fireworks truck arrival.
- B. Pyrotechnician and assistants list is pending ATF background check approval
- C. Provide DC Fire and EMS contract document of fire department units and staff providing suppression assistance on August 27, 2020.
- D. Any tent use approval, need to meet NFPA 701 compliance. Permittee must provide NFPA 701 fire retardant certificate or photo copy of the fire retardant label attached to the tent material, in accordance with the "NCA Fire and Life Safety Temporary Events Policy".

Permittee must provide all items prior to load in.

18. Alcoholic Beverages:

The possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages is generally prohibited.

19. Sound Amplification:

Special attention is drawn to item #7, last page of permit, concerning sound amplification.

20. Glass Bottles:

No glass bottles and/or containers are permitted on parkland

21. First Aid/Medical Services:

All medical and First Aid provided must comply with the National Capital Area Medical Director protocols.

RNC/DBG is responsible for providing First Aid services on-site. The NPS adheres to the District of Columbia Department of Fire & Emergency Medical Services guidelines established according to the number of people anticipated at an event. The following guidelines, established according to the number of people anticipated at an event, will ensure that appropriate medical coverage is provided throughout the event:

- 1-1,999: The Permittee may rely on 911
- 2,000 – 9,999: The Permittee should have a fixed First Aid site with certified/licensed personnel, who will remain on site throughout the event.
- 10,000 – 20,000: The Permittee should have one fixed First Aid site with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event and a Basic Life Support Ambulance (licensed in the District of Columbia) who will transport patients to an appropriate medical facility.
- 20,000 – 30,000: The Permittee should have one fixed First Aid site with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event, a licensed Basic Life Support Ambulance and a Licensed Advanced Life Support Unit (D. C. Fire & EMS has the only certificate of need to provide on-scene paramedic services in the District of Columbia).

- 30,000 – 50,000: The Permittee should have two fixed First Aid sites with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event, two Basic Life Support Units and one Advanced Life Support Unit (both licensed in the District of Columbia).
- 50,000 – 60,000: The Permittee should have two fixed First Aid sites with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event, two Basic Life Support Units and two Advanced Life Support Units (both licensed in the District of Columbia).
- Events exceeding 60,000 participants: The Permittee is required to have emergency medical services personnel from D. C. Fire & EMS as well as the Department of Health on site for the appropriate provision of first aid and/or emergency medical services.

22. Sales/Solicitation:

Special attention is drawn to item #4, last page of this permit concerning fees collected and donations solicited on parkland.

23. Accessibility:

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) applies to temporary services, programs, and activities. Temporary facilities and structures must comply with the ADA Standards.

Policies and operations for the event must meet the nondiscrimination requirements of the ADA, including, but not limited to provision of accessible parking, routes through site, food service, toilet, facilities, and assembly seating.

RNC/FBG is responsible for providing auxiliary aids and services as requested. RNC/FBG is responsible for providing promotional material explaining how the public can request a particular auxiliary aid or service and be informed of when specific auxiliary aids and services may be available for all Presidential Inaugural Ceremonies held on parkland.

Service animals, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), are permitted under proper supervision. The ADA defines a service animal as any guide dog, signal dog, or other animal individually trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability. If they meet this definition, animals are considered service animals under the ADA regardless of whether they have been licensed or certified by a state or local government.

RNC/FBG must consider elements of accessibility when designing the layout of the event. Potential items for inclusion are:

- Addition of temporary curb ramps where needed to provide an accessible route
- Location of structures and tents along an accessible route
- Provision of auxiliary aids and services
- Provision of and an accessible route from transit stops to the event location
- Provision of tactile braille signage
- Provision of portable wheelchair lifts to access stages or other elevated areas.

24. **Adverse Weather Policy:**

When there is a threat to public health or safety, the Superintendent and/or his/or her designee, may close the park or an event being held there for such duration as determined necessary to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the public. Such situations have occasionally occurred in the past where park areas have been closed due to severe weather warning of heavy rain and thunderstorms with lightning and high winds. Where an area is ordered closed due to a weather-related public safety threat, pursuant to 36 CFR 2.32(2) people must comply with official directions to leave the closed area and relocate to safer sheltered locations.

Closing or canceling an event is a last resort. However, while most events will be held despite the weather, RNC/FBG is responsible for providing updated information in the event schedules and drop-off points may change. **If a weather emergency is declared, programs may be closed early or canceled.**

25. Prior to load in of fireworks, permittee must provide openings in the fencing for visitor access.

PERMITTEE MUST READ AND ADHERE TO THE "FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR OUTDOOR EVENTS AND TENT USE" AT ALL TIMES. IN ADDITION, FIREWORKS BY GRICCI, MUST PROVIDE ALL DOCUMENTATION AND SAFETY INFORMATION FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL TO THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA FIRE AND SAFETY OFFICERS/FIRE MARSHAL. FIREWORKS BY GRICCI MUST FOLLOW ALL FIRE AND SAFETY GUIDANCES PROVIDED BY THE FIRE AND SAFETY OFFICERS/FIRE MARSHAL. ANY VIOLATIONS OF THESE GUIDELINES AND FIRE AND SAFETY PROCEDURES IS SUBJECT TO REVOCATION OF THIS PERMIT.

Please see attached schedule and diagrams.

26. **The following will be made available to the RNC/FBG Incident Command Unit**

- All Site Diagrams
- Equipment List
- Production Schedule/Time line
- Access Locations
- Security Plan
- Communications Plan
- Medical Plan
- Media Plan
- Sanitation Plan
- Safe Haven Plan
- Severe Weather Plan
- Vendor List

A COMPLETE AND LEGIBLE COPY OF THIS PERMIT MUST BE RETAINED ON-SITE AT ALL TIMES WHILE OPERATING UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED

Republican National Convention Fireworks Performance - Washington DC
August 27th, 2020
Product Description and Count, Fireworks by Grucci, Inc.
Rev01 - 2020-08-23



WASHINGTON MONUMENT PRODUCT COUNTS

QNT	SIZE	Description
608	2"	Comets
117	3"	Comets
1650	3"	Aerial Shells
400	4"	Aerial Shells
260	5"	Aerial Shells
316	6"	Aerial Shells
45	45mm	Roman Candles
45	MSB	Multi-Shot Boxes
45	30mm	Multi Shot Single Row Devices
3597	40mm	One Shot Comets/Mines
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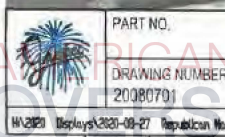
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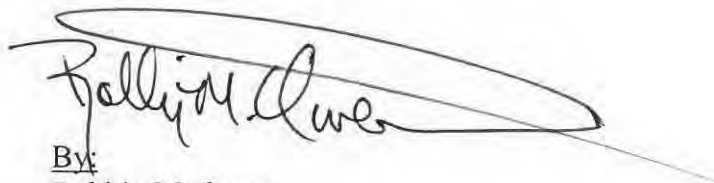


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3. All laws, rules and regulations applicable to the area covered by this permit remain in effect.
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5. The area should be left in substantially the same condition as it was prior to the activities authorized herein, and all litter shall be placed in the trash containers provided.
6. This permit is applicable only for the use of the area designated above, and during the times designated above, or in any area as may hereafter be designated by the United States Park Police.
7. The use of sound amplification equipment, other than hand-portable sound amplification equipment to be used for crowd control purposes only, is prohibited on the White House Sidewalk (South 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., sidewalk between East Executive Avenue and West Executive Avenue). All sound amplification equipment shall be limited so that it will not unreasonably disturb nonparticipating persons in, or in the vicinity of, the area.
8. The National Park Service reserves the right to immediately revoke this permit at any time should it reasonably appear that the public gathering presents a clear and present danger to the public safety, good order or health, or if any conditions of this permit are violated

Lisa Mendelson
Acting Area Director
National Capital Area

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By:
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Chief, Division of Permits Management
National Mall & Memorial Parks

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From: [Mulholland, Kris](#)
To: [Litterst, Michael D](#)
Subject: RE: Permit issued to Republican National Committee for fireworks display on August 27
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 8:47:35 AM

Thanks Mike!

Kris

From: Litterst, Michael D
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**To:** [Litterst, Michael D](#)  
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Thanks, Mike.

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Thanks much!!

From: "Litterst, Michael D"

Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 at 10:43 AM

To: "Litterst, Michael D"

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Thank you as always!!

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# United States Department of the Interior

## NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

National Capital Region

1100 Ohio Drive, S.W.

Washington, D.C. 20242

### PUBLIC GATHERING PERMIT

Permit: 20-1063

Date: August 24, 2020

In accordance with Park Regulations as contained in C.F.R., Title 36, Chapter 1, Section 7.96, permission is granted to conduct a public gathering to the following:

Person(s) and/or Organization(s): Republican National Committee

Dates(s): Monday, August 24, 2020

To: Saturday, August 29, 2020

Time: Starting: 8:00 am

Ending: 3:00 pm

Location(s):

Washington Monument Grounds-Southern Portion

Purpose: Aerial Fireworks Display

Anticipated Number or Participants: 50

Person(s) in Charge: Michelle Meadows

Address(es): (b) (6)

Phone Number: (202) 863-8638

On Site Aerial Fireworks Representatives: Phil Grucci (b) (6)

This permit is granted subject to the following conditions:

1. Permittee and all participants authorized therein must comply with all of the conditions of this permit and with all reasonable directions of the United States Park Police.
2. All sidewalks, walkways, and roadways must remain unobstructed to allow for the reasonable use of these areas by pedestrians, vehicles and other park visitors.

PERMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR READING AND ADHERING TO ATTACHED  
ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS.

**ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS****PERMIT #20-1063****REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION; WASHINGTON MONUMENT GROUNDS,  
SOUTHERN PORTION****AUGUST 24-AUGUST 29, 2020****Event Overview:** Aerial Fireworks Display**Event Contact Information:** Christopher Grucci, Logistics Manager, (b) (6)**NPS Site Coordinator:** Robbin Owen, 202-359-1458**Event Timeline:**

See the attached spreadsheets for complete timeline.

- Set up starts on: August 24
- Event: August 27
- Tear down complete: August 29

**Permit Authorization**

A. This permit authorizes the Republican National Convention and their contractor, Fireworks by Grucci (RNC/FBG) use of the Washington Monument Grounds, southern portion for this permitted activity. Permission is granted to RNC/FBG to commence load-in for the placement of any fireworks, porta-johns, trash dumpsters, support structures, and the erection of fencing:

1. RNC/FBG will submit to the NPS stamped engineered drawings for all structures, larger than 900 square feet for NPS review and approval.
2. The permittee(s) agrees to be fully responsible for the management, performance, use and safety within the permit area involved in this authorization until the work is completed, inspected, and accepted.

Stated Total of Participants: 50 staff

**B. Schedule of Events August 24 – August 29**

- Set up: Monday, August 24 – Thursday August 27, 7:00 am – 7:00 pm
- Event Day: Thursday, August 27, 11:30 pm – 11:35 pm
- Overnight security, August 24-26 7:00 pm -7:00 am daily  
8/28, 2:00 am – 7:00 am and 5:00 pm – 7:00 am, August 29

Program: Thursday, August 27, 11:30 pm – 11:35 pm



Load-Out: Friday, August 28, 7:00 am – 5:00 pm  
 Saturday, August 29, 7:00 am – 3:00 pm

**NOTE: See attached timeline. Tear down is not permitted after dark at 8:00 pm on Friday and Saturday, August 28 and August 29**

## **I. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT**

1. All activities pursuant to this permit shall be in compliance with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252; 42 U.S.C. 200d et seq.); Title V, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 394; 29 U.S.C. 794); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (89 Stat. 728; 42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.); and with all other Federal laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination on grounds of race, color, national origin, handicap, religion, or sex in employment and in providing facilities and services to the public. Nothing in advertising for employees shall be done which will prevent those covered by these laws from qualifying for employment.
2. Permittee and all participants authorized therein must comply with all of the conditions of this permit and with all reasonable directions of the United States Park Police and/or other representative of the NPS.
3. The area must be left in substantially the same conditions as it was prior to the activities authorized herein. All trash, debris, and litter resulting from activities of this permit shall not be allowed to accumulate and shall be bagged **in clear plastic bags** and placed in trash dumpsters provide by RNC/FBG.
4. All requests, correspondence and meetings with NPS pertaining to this permit shall be scheduled by RNC/FBG only. All contractors, subcontractors or consultants must channel their request through the recognized representatives of the permittee, who in turn, will contact NPS.
5. All laws, rules, and regulations applicable to the area covered by this permit remain in effect.
6. This permit is applicable only for the use of the area designated above, and during the times designated above, or as may be designated in written amendment to this permit.
7. In use of this area, the permittee shall require all employees and/or contractors to exercise all normal and reasonable safety precautions including observance of all applicable OSHA codes, to protect park property and to provide for public safety. Suitable devices such as barricades, fences, lanterns, etc., necessary for employee, public safety, and resource protection shall be provided by RNC/FBG shall be adequately maintained. Placement of such devices require the concurrence of the NPS.
8. All work performed as a result of the permitted use by the permittee or its agents shall be subject to the conditions of this permit, and the permittee is responsible for ensuring that such work meets the conditions of this permit.

9. All proposed amendments or additions to this permit and all proposed locations of vehicles, equipment, storage, installations of any kind, areas of activity, work and power plans shall be submitted to the NPS for prior written approval. These proposals shall be in map or diagram form suitable for on the ground inspection. Placement of tents, displays, and other detailed and specific site map will be provided to the NPS prior to installation of facilities.
  - a. Arrival schedules, equipment lists and vehicle lists must be provided in advance and all units in use in the park area must have specific approval by the NPS.
  - b. Permittee will provide an on-site coordinator to be accessible to the NPS and the United States Park Police (USPP) personnel at all times during construction or set-up activities and during dismantling of facilities post-event.
10. NPS reserves the right to immediately revoke this permit at any time should it reasonably appear that the activity presents present danger to the public safety, good order or health, or if any conditions of this permit are violated.
11. This permit may be amended upon final approval of the site plan, certified stamped engineered drawings, sign plan and timeline.
12. A copy of this permit shall be at the site during the use of the park area.

## **II. SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT**

### **1. Event Venues:**

- A. Washington Monument Grounds, southern portion

Set-up will include the following: Fireworks, fencing, dumpster, and tents. A complete equipment list must be provided for the permit.

**See attached diagram**

### **2. Resource Protection:**

Throughout the course of this permit, the RNC/DBG, is responsible for taking all necessary precautions to minimize resource damage throughout the permitted area. In addition, permittee must supervise their contractors and employees during set-up and teardown to assure that there is no damage to park resources. RNC/DBG must have a representative on site during set up and tear down of equipment to monitor the vendors.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 7.96(g)(5)(vi)(C), 2.31(a)(2),(3) the destruction, defacement, damaging, alteration, or removal of park resources or facilities is prohibited. No item, including signs or banners, may be attached to park trees, plantings, benches, statues, walls, fences, or other park property.



To protect the resources, stands and other facilities approved for placement on the grass and walkways, outside of any restricted zones, must be supported by pre-approved, hard interlocking plastic material. Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.

No excavation or disturbance of park features or landscape shall be permitted under this permit without written approval of NPS.

When heavy equipment vehicles (forklifts/cranes, etc.) are used to move equipment, permittee must provide spotters in the front and rear of the heavy equipment vehicle to insure safety of pedestrians and workers.

Throughout the course of this permit, RNC/FBG will require its employees/volunteers, and contractors, to exercise special care and attention to protect the resources of parkland and its environs. In addition, RNC/FBG must supervise their contractors and employees during set-up and teardown to assure that there is no damage to park resources.

### **Landscapes:**

Lawn, trees, shrubs, and the irrigation system, curbs, electric conduits, and water mains located within the permitted area, shall be protected from adverse impacts associated with event activities.

Heavy Equipment Near Trees and Shrubs: The use of any heavy equipment (crane, back hoe, etc.) placed under or near trees or shrubs is prohibited.

Turf Protection: For the purpose of protection, any area not paved must follow the O & M Turf Manual. No heavy equipment (cranes, backhoes, etc.), vehicles or stock piling of materials is permitted on turf areas.

The use of vehicles, heavy cranes, backhoes, etc are not allowed on the turf sections of parkland.

The temporary covering of turf for this event must be provided by the permittee for the permitted areas. Use of this ground cover allows for pedestrian walkways, temporary flooring, structure, and support, with special permission from NPS.

Permittee is must secure products such as Terraplas, Terratile and Matrax LD or equal that is ADA-compliant, interlocking mats that are translucent and allow UV light to pass through to the grass below. The products must either be perforated or ribbed, allowing for ventilation and some moisture access to the turf below. Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.

### **Site Furnishings:**

Permittee may not move or otherwise harm existing site furnishings, including but not limited to posts and chains, benches, waste receptacles, and drinking fountains. No attachments may be made to, pass through, or be affixed to existing site furnishings.

Additional temporary site furnishings may be provided by the Permittee; however, these furnishings must meet the guidelines set forth in this document. No permanent installation of site furnishings is permitted.

All necessary precautions as deemed necessary by the NPS shall be taken to prevent damage to underground utilities, and sprinkler systems located throughout the area. Any utilities damage by this work shall be promptly repaired. The sprinkler system plan will be clearly marked on-site by the National Park Service.

### **Hard Surfaces:**

Temporary protection of all hard surfaces affected by the construction or erection of staging elements, sound towers, camera equipment, cranes, lighting structures, miscellaneous equipment, or scaffolding must be provided. All protective pads or cushioning devices shall be non-staining.

**Oil or Hydraulic Fluid Leaks:** Temporary protection of hard surfaces shall be used where motorized vehicles are operating to avoid oil and/or hydraulic fluid leaks. Should a leak of this type occur, the permit holder shall be held liable for clean-up, at no expense to the NPS.

### **Structures:**

To protect the turf areas, it is strongly encouraged that structures be placed on the Washington Monument grounds hardscape areas where it would not impact the turf. The NPS may allow under permit the use of turf areas, however, if the structure and its equipment use the turf protection measures as detailed throughout this permit. All structures must minimize all points that come in contact with the turf.

All structures must be able to withstand a minimum wind gust of 30 mph and follow the High Wind Action Plan below.

1. The High Wind Action Plan shall be in effect for the entirety of this event.
2. RNC/FBG is responsible for a designated representative to be present for the duration of this event to implement the High Wind Action Plan.
3. An Anemometer shall be placed on the roof of the stage structure to monitor wind speeds.
4. Noted wind speeds are 3 second gusts in accordance with ASCE 7.
5. **When wind speeds are expected to exceed 25 MPH, RNC/FBG will place crews on alert.**
6. **When wind speeds are expected to exceed 30 MPH, all sidewall scrim shall be removed.**  
All video walls and large speaker clusters/delay towers shall be lowered to the ground and secured.  
Lowering of scrim or equipment shall be done from the ground by means of remotely activated equipment such as motors or mechanical releases.
7. **When wind speeds are expected to exceed 40 MPH, all event operations shall cease and the immediate area shall be evacuated.**
8. Do not lower stage system, video walls, large speaker/delay towers during high wind events.
9. The High Wind Action Plan shall be posted at a conspicuous area on site. It must be available at all times to venue operators and crew.



All structures must follow the guidelines below and adhere to National Fire Protection Association codes.

Any temporary structure exceeding over 900 square feet require the submission of engineered drawings stamped by a structural engineer licensed in the United States. Drawings should include tent support lines identified by flagging.

Structures on the turf should be on a raiser with as few points as possible touching the turf. Each point that does touch the turf should have Enkamat Flatback<sup>8</sup> or equal product and plywood pads under all points as outlined:

Each screw jack should have a wooden pad and two layers of Enkamat Flatback<sup>1</sup> or equal product, eighteen inches square (18"x18")

Concrete pads should have four (4) layers of Enkamat Flatback or equal product  
Under each concrete tower pad two (2) layers of plywood

All screws and fasteners used in the construction of structures should be policed during the build and retained during removal. Screws and fasteners should be made of a non-aluminum metal, enabling a post-event magnet sweep to ensure all pieces are removed from the site.

**Tents:** To protect the turf, tents should be located on hardscape surfaces including gravel, asphalt, concrete, granite, wood, etc. tents and other similar structures must be secured using cement blocks and/or water-filled ballast tanks. No stakes are permitted on hardscape surfaces.

Non-freezing, no-staining liquid approved by the NPS (water treated with bio-degradable antifreeze) in plastic containers shall be used as weighing elements. No sand bags are permitted for this purpose.

At takedown, all water filled ballast tanks must be pumped to the nearest catch basin (located within the curbs) or to the area drains located throughout the hardscape. Tanks may not be drained into the turf or pumped in gravel areas. This prevents creation of muddy puddles and soft areas in the turf and also limits runoff of gravel into area drains.

Footnote 8 Enkamat Flatback is a unique product designed for turf grass protection. Enkamat's tightly interwoven flat upper layer can withstand the weight of thousands of people and staging equipment. Enkamat is a three-dimensional geomatrix of highly resilient, nylon monofilaments which are fused where they intersect. Ninety percent (90%) of the geomatrix is open space which allows for air and rain to pass freely through to the turf below. Enkamat comes in standard sizes of 39"x150' and 15'X150' and can be cut onsite into any shape or size.

**If approval is granted by NPS,** no tent stakes may penetrate the ground surface by more than 18 inches. Use of stakes longer than this requires coordination through the Turf Management Specialist, National Mall & Memorial Parks, at (202) 245-4685. Permittee must hire an independent contractor to survey the grounds with radar penetrating equipment to map all utilities prior to any staking.

Tents must be constructed of fire retardant material. A certificate of fire retardant material must be provided as confirmation to the NPS

Tents should be placed at least 5 to 10 feet apart.

### **Stages, Lighting, and Audio & AV Towers:**

Stages, lighting trusses, video walls/screens and any scaffold towers used to support them must be constructed to conform to architectural plans stamped by a licensed structural engineer. Permittee is responsible for installing a barricade, bike rack and/or fencing around all lighting, audio and AV towers to secure them from the general public.

If authorized by permit stages may only have skirting on the audience-facing area and only during the event, to allow maximum light and air to reach the turf, thereby limiting damage.

### **Fencing:**

Any fencing or other physical barriers planned for the event must be shown on the site plan and called out by type.

Fencing must be designed in such a way that it does not prevent safe egress from the event. Permittee must provide public access to the area until fireworks are loaded in.

Fencing located on turf areas may not be staked into the ground unless authorized by permit. If authorized, stakes must be no longer than eighteen inches (18") driven into the ground. Stakes must avoid all underground pipes and fixtures. In the event chain linked fencing is used, security barbed wire is prohibited.

Concrete barriers (such as jersey barriers) are permitted only on hardscape areas.

Tree protection fencing may be required as a condition of the permit.

### **Evening Work:**

Evening work may be conducted for both load in and load out periods with prior permission by the Superintendent. For work conducted during evening hours a portable lighting system is required. In addition all motor vehicles including golf cart(s) must have lights. Generally night work is not allowed after 10:00 pm and prior to 6:00 am.

**Structures on Turf Panels:** To protect the turf, neither structures nor parking or operation of equipment is permitted on turf. Event vehicles of any kind (delivery, cranes, forklifts, golf carts, trailers, exhibit trailers, etc.) are not allowed on turf or surrounding curbs. To accommodate use for the event and to protect against compaction and plant damage, turf protection, the use of matting that holds itself and any added loads such as foot traffic, above the crown of the grass blades, and does not sink into the ground is required.



Laying roadway surfaces on the Washington Monument grounds is prohibited without NPS approval in advance.

Turf protection flooring must be light weight, able to be carried and set in place without vehicular assistance.

Products such as Terraplas, or equal, must be ADA-compliant, with interlocking mats that are translucent and allow UV light to pass through to the grass below and perforated or ribbed to allow for ventilation and some moisture access to the turf below. The use of plywood for this purpose is strictly prohibited. Specific material used must be approved in advance by NPS.

No carpet or other obstructions to turf covering holes will be allowed.

Driving stakes and/or grounding rods into the turf is prohibited without the approval of the NPS.

**Structures Under/Around Trees:** To minimize soil compaction and to protect the continued health of the trees, neither structures nor parking or operation of equipment, is permitted within any tree canopy (root zone) area or in any of the Tree areas. This includes but is not limited to stages, booths, audio/visual towers, tents and lighting. As a condition of the permit, the Permittee may be required to install tree-protection fencing.

**Walkways:** To protect the resources, stages, stands and other facilities approved for placement on any walkway, must be supported by 1 inch, professional, outdoor grade plywood or similar material.  
*Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.*

### **Crate Storage and Bone Yards :**

Crate storage, bone yards and staging areas are prohibited on parkland. They must be located off-site

### **Site Access:**

*Extreme* caution must be exercised when driving on the sidewalks. Pedestrian access must be maintained at all times, however, if for safety reasons, an area has to be temporarily closed to the public,

**Except when being driven on established public vehicular roadways: Logistical equipment and vehicles, forklifts including gas and electric carts, must not exceed 5-mph. All trucks with a GVW of over 7500 pounds, and equipment such as bucket trucks, platform lifts, forklifts, and cranes, must be accompanied by a walking spotter when moving or operating in an area accessible to the public.**

Vehicles must have headlights on while in motion. All individuals operating Golf Carts/gators on NPS property must have a Valid Driver's License. All Golf Carts/gators operating after dusk, must have fixed and/or portable illumination.

Parking of Permittee(s) employee's or subcontractors private vehicles for conduct of this permit's activities, in tree panels and/or on turf or walkway areas is prohibited.



RNC/FBG must receive prior, written approval from the NPS/USPP if traffic is to be blocked at any time during preparation for, during the course of, and after a special event or demonstration (at any location in the immediate vicinity of the National Mall). If District of Columbia streets are to be blocked, the appropriate authorities must be notified as well.

All pathways and roadways must remain open and unobstructed. A minimum twenty foot (20') drive aisle must remain open at all times for emergency vehicle egress. No temporary or permanent structures may be located within the egress lane. The egress drive aisle must be called out on the site plan.

Submittal Requirements: A plan of how the site will be approached and how traffic will be controlled is required for logistical vehicles that are delivering and/or removing temporary equipment and supplies. In this submittal, information documenting the path of vehicular traffic in and around the roadways of the National Mall during preparation for, during the course of, and after all activities associated with the event, is required. Rules and regulations for District of Columbia streets also shall be observed. Signs directing vehicular and pedestrian traffic shall be furnished, with text and locations of signs indicated on the plan.

Deliveries and removal of materials shall occur so as not to adversely affect daily operations of NPS Concessioners and monuments and memorials in and around the National Mall. No deliveries shall be made after hours without prior, written approval from the NPS.

**Vehicular access to turf areas will only be permitted per conditions listed below:**

Driving within any Level 1 turf areas is strictly prohibited. Only hardscape areas can be used.

Driving directly on all turf and tree areas is prohibited. The temporary interlocking protective material supports shall be installed over plazas, and walkway areas for the ingress and egress of all vehicles/units or heavy equipment by RNC/FBG. **Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.**

Parking of Permittee(s) employee's or subcontractors private vehicles for conduct of this permit's activities on parkland is prohibited. Permittee must arrange for parking of employee and contractor vehicles off parkland.

**3. Trash/Recycling Maintenance:**

A. RNC/FBG will be responsible for providing card board trash receptacles for collection and disposal of all trash, debris, and litter resulting from the use of the permitted area, including a recycling program. Trash shall not be allowed to accumulate and shall be continually and promptly bagged in **clear plastic bags** and removed from the site. The location and placement of any litter containers must be coordinated with the NPS.

**Recycling:**

The permittee is required to collect and transport to a certified recycling center, commingled cans and bottles (aluminum and bimetal cans and plastic bottles), plastic, and aluminum materials generated from the permitted activity off park land.

The permittee shall furnish all management, supervision, labor, equipment, materials, supplies and any other items necessary to perform the recycling service of their permitted event. Work includes providing labor, proper equipment, collection and transport of generated recycled items, as well as providing records on the recycled material to NPS.

Permittee must submit the trash and recycling plan and have it approved prior to set up.

#### **4. Electricity and Generator Usage:**

No electricity available on site. RNC/FBG may provide their own gasoline and/or solar powered generator(s) to provide power if needed. Generators will be installed in accordance with the site plan, D.C. Fire Department guidelines, and safely installed per manufacturer requirements. The fueling/refueling of gasoline powered generators on parkland is prohibited\*. The storage of additional fuel is prohibited.

At a minimum, for hand carted generators, 1" professional outdoor grade plywood, or similar material must be placed underneath the generator to protect the underlying surfaces from potential weight and vibration damage and fluid leakage. Generators must be encased with a secondary drip containment unit.

Tow plant generator(s) and light tower(s) must have an internal secondary drip containment unit and/or placed in self-adsorbent, fire retardant containment troughs and be fenced in or closed in with bike rack.

All wires must be covered by mats and/or yellow jackets to prevent tripping hazards. The cord must be in good condition, of sufficient gauge to accommodate the electrical load of equipment and must be properly grounded.

**A Fire extinguisher must be within 15 feet of generator(s) and light tower(s)**

**\*Refueling of generators:** Refueling of the gasoline generators will be permitted pursuant to the following conditions:

Refueling will only be allowed on dates and times agreed upon in advance with the NPS- generally, (05:00 a.m.-08:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. (midnight)).

The following materials must be placed on the ground during refueling:

Plastic tarp

Absorbent material on top of tarp

Drip pan under fueling nozzle

Spill containment material or absorbent booms or pads must be stored at each generator location

55-gallon drum labeled hazardous material must be placed alongside of each generator. Should spillage occur the absorbent material must be placed in these barrels.

Contractor will be responsible for removing the barrels off of park property

Contractor will be responsible for any damage to the park's resources as a result of the refueling.



In case of spill please contact DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services at 911 and National Mall & Memorial Parks' Chief of Maintenance at (202) 359-1551.

The storage of fuel on parkland, in trailers, next to generators and at other NPS locations is strictly prohibited.

RNC/FBG will be responsible for any damages to park resources resulting from the re-fueling.

The spillage of deleterious substances such as engine oil, gasoline, etc. is prohibited. In the event of such an occurrence, NPS and USPP must be notified immediately.

All cables, power lines, etc. shall be run in an orderly manner and contained in matted yellow jackets that provide for safety and accessibility. No power lines can be strung between trees. All temporary electrical service wiring must be covered by mats and/or high-visibility Yellow Jacket™, or equivalent item, so as not to create a tripping hazard or navigation barrier to handicapped individuals. The cord must be in good condition, of sufficient gauge to accommodate the electrical load of the equipment and must be properly grounded.

Bike rack must be placed around all generators, as well as light and sound towers.

#### **5. Overnight Security/Camping:**

RNC/FBG is responsible for providing UNARMED overnight security. Coordinate security with Sgt. Eddie Burnett or Sgt. Zakiyyah Mahasin U. S. Park Police at 202-610-7092.

Sleeping overnight in park areas, including in any tents by employees or subcontractors workmen is prohibited. Camping is defined as the use of the park land for living accommodation purposes such as sleeping activities, or making preparations to sleep (including the laying down or bedding for the purpose of sleeping), or storing personal belongings, or making any fire, or using any tents or shelter or other structure or vehicle for sleeping or doing any digging or earth breaking or carrying on cooking activities. The above-listed activities constitute camping when it reasonably appears, in light of all the circumstances that the participants, in conducting these activities, are in fact using the area as a living accommodation regardless of the intent of the participants or the nature of any other activities in which they may also be engaging.

#### **6. Safety:**

RNC/FBG is required to meet OSHA guidelines regarding employee/subcontractor work schedules. No employee/subcontractor is to work no more than 10 hours within a 24 hour period. Any work required beyond the 10 hour limitation will need to be requested to the NPS in advance for review and approval by the Superintendent, National Mall & Memorial Parks.

An authorized RNC/FBG official must be assigned for on-site supervision each day of the event for load-in and load-out. NPS and USPP will also be assigned to monitor and to provide for public safety. All instructions given by authorized NPS or USPP personnel must be obeyed promptly.

Any movement by heavy equipment such as forklifts and cranes must be accompanied by spotters in the front and rear of the piece of equipment at all times. In the event cranes are used, the gravel walk must be secured and pedestrians directed to other available walkways.

Failure to comply with all terms and conditions of this permit may constitute grounds for cancellation of the permit and immediate termination of the event.

**7. Portable Toilets/Comfort facilities:**

- A. Adequate portable restroom facilities shall be installed by RNC/FBG for employee and public use. These units shall be placed in "low profile" locations approved by NPS. The National Park Service recommends one portable restroom facility for every 300 participants with 20% of those facilities wheelchair accessible.

**8. Security:**

RNC/FBG will be responsible for providing unarmed security for any equipment left unattended at any given time and/or overnight on parkland. Individual(s) must be properly identified. Security will begin on the first day of set-up and continue through the final day of tear down.

In addition, during the hours of load-in and load-out, RNC/FBG will be required to provide an adequate number of security personnel to assist with pedestrian and vehicle movement on the walkways.

Meetings with the RNC/FBG, the United States Park Police and the National Park Service, Permits Management Office have been held to coordinate and finalize the security plan for this event.

**9. Credentials**

All staff, volunteers, artists/participants, press, VIPs, and vendors involved this event will be issued credentials. The credentials will identify the person by name and category to include the event logo.

Colored copies of all credentials will be provided to USPP in advance of the event.

**10. Water and Food:**

RNC/FBG will be responsible for providing adequate bottled water to accommodate those attending this event.

Guest Services, Inc. and/or RGI will provide food and water for sale at their permanent food kiosks.

Permittee may provide food to their staff. All public health rules and guidelines must be followed at all times.

**11. Sales of Merchandise/Solicitation of Donations:**

Permittee is responsible for adhering to item #4, last page of permit concerning sales. Permittee states no sales nor soliciting of donations will take place.



## 12. Sound Amplification:

Special attention is drawn to item #7, last page of permit concerning sound amplification.

## 13. Signs, Banners, and Commercial Advertising and Sponsor Recognition:

NPS regulations generally prohibit Federal parkland from being used for business solicitation or for the advertisement or promotion of commercial brands, products, and services. As such, no commercial notices and advertisements shall be placed, posted or distributed at the event. Further, no structures representing commercial products, or models or replications of commercial products or merchandise may be displayed.

Further consistent with long-standing NPS policy now under Public Law 108-108, Title I, § 145, special event permits will expressly prohibit the erection, placement, or use of structures and signs bearing commercial advertising. However, a permit may issued that authorizes the recognition of sponsors of special events, if the National Park Service determines that the size and form of the recognition is consistent with the special nature and sanctity of the National Mall or any other requested park area, and if the lettering or design identifying the sponsor is no larger than one-third the size of the lettering or design identifying the special event. Further, to the maximum extent practicable for such special events, public use of and access to the National Mall and other parkland is not restricted.

The permittee shall submit a sign plan for NPS review and approval. Any request seeking NPS approval for sponsor recognition must be submitted to the NPS at least 30 days prior to the proposed event, and depicted on the sign plan. If approved by the National Park Service, sponsor recognition will be authorized within the terms of the special event permit. Authorized sponsor recognition must be in keeping with the NPS policy, regulations, and law, and be appropriate to the scale and theme of the special event. Further, the overall size, number, and design of any signs or banners shall be appropriate to the park setting and the lettering or design identifying the sponsor must be no larger than one-third the size of the lettering or design identifying the special event. Signs and banners may not be affixed to existing trees or other NPS facilities or structures.

Distribution or give aways of any commercial product is limited to only those that may be consumed on the event site such as juices or popcorn. Soliciting personal information such as names, addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, zip codes, etc. or any other information which may be used for future solicitation, or marketing purposes is strictly prohibited. **A list of all giveaway items will be provided to the NPS for approval.**

Permittee will be responsible for assuring that sponsors adhere to the law regarding commercial advertising, promotion and signage (see conditions above)

No commercial displays, promotions, coupon give-a-ways or advertising permitted on park land.

**14. Protection of the Public and General Welfare:**

Bike rack and chain link fence shall be erected by RNC/DBG to contain the event areas and provide Necessary resource protection, security and buffer zones. The permittee(s) is responsible for encircling generators with fence and/or bike rack.

**15. Media:**

**SAT/Microwave Trucks**

Cameras, equipment, crew, and participants in this filming may not be situated on sidewalks, paths, or roadways that prohibit the passage of pedestrians and/or vehicles. No equipment may be attached and/or affixed to any plant materials (i.e. trees and shrubs) or structures. Running cables thru trees is prohibited.

No exclusive use of the area is permitted and the area must remain open to the general public at all times. This filming may in no way impede or prevent public access to the area.

No reserved parking for "crew vehicles" is permitted. .

No electrical service is available. The use of a portable, hand carted, generator, to be provided by the Permittee, is permitted. Plywood or a similar material must be placed beneath the generator to protect the turf.

Cabling across entrances and handicapped accessible ramps must be ADA approved and cannot impair or prevent access. All cables must be covered to prevent tripping hazards.

16. Glass bottles, balloons and confetti is not allowed on park land.

**17. Aerial Display:**

Permittee must following adhere to established guidelines and safety standards. The following must be provided to the NPS Incident Commander and NPS Fire Marshall:

- Fireworks Display Map
- Fireworks Inventory
- Fireworks Safety Plan
- Fireworks Scope of Work
- Pyrotechnic Certificate of Liability Insurance to include liability to the Federal Government and the District of Columbia
- Pyrotechnic Technician Licenses/certificates
- Pyrotechnic Truck Driver Licenses/certificates
- Pyrotechnic Assistants ID information
- NPS Matrix Deck Plan

PLEASE NOTE: No fireworks on NPS lands without first providing an inventory to NPS Fire Marshall, 24 hours in advance. In addition fence will need to be placed around the tubes and racks before they being building, per NFPA code requirement.



Equipment List:

- Three (3) Forklifts with non-marking tires
- One (1) shooting boom forklift with non-marking tires
- One (1) 12'x12' canopy tent on the hardscape directly in front of the Sylvan Theater
- One (1) 30 yard dumpster on Sylvan Theater hardscape
- Three (3) portable restroom on the east side of the Sylvan Theater hardscape

- A. Fireworks will be delivered on site with US Park Police escort at approved designed times.
- B. NPS-NCA AHJ will conduct daily Aerial Fireworks Display Inspections. Fireworks by Grucci must provide an onsite representative to meet with NPS-NCR AHJ.
- C. Once on site the area must be secured by bike rack and chain link if needed. Security personnel must be provided onsite while building tubes to load.
- D. Permittee is responsible for any damages attributed to the fireworks including but not limited to turf damage, statuary, burn marks, tire marks and roadway damage. Permittee must clean up and remove any debris associated with fireworks display include sweeper cleaning of Constitution and Independence Avenues.
- E. Permittee is responsible for ensuring the proper resource protection measures are followed as outlined by this permit including approved flooring. To protect the exposed aggregate from the steel rack system the permittee must lay down a minimum of:
  - ¾" piece of plywood on top of the pallet additional
  - ½" piece of plywood on top with an additional cross section of 2x6 lumber over it
- F. All fireworks displays or use of pyrotechnics shall be approved by the NPS-NCA AHJ and shall meet NFPA 1123: Code for Fireworks Display, NFPA 1124: Code for the Manufacture, Transportation, and Storage of Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Article, NFPA 1126: Use of Pyrotechnics Before a Proximate Audience, and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration OSHA, standards.
- G. Fireworks drawing plans, fireworks inventory list, along with technician and assistant, certifications, including; name, title and DOB of staff who will performing the fireworks display, shall be provided to the NPS-NCR Authority Having Jurisdiction, AHJ, at least 10 working days for review and approval.
- H. The aerial display shall be delayed, stopped or postponed immediately if 1123:8.1.4.1 and 1123:8.1.4.2:
  1. Wind/Weather-lightning in immediate area, approaching storm front.
  2. Inadequate/Loss of Crowd Control
  3. Loss of trajectory
  4. Unsafe practices

- I. The NCA Fireworks Permit shall be issued pending successful fireworks site inspection by the NPS NCA AHJ or designee and DC Fire EMS .
- J. Contact Sgt. Eddie Burnett, or Sgt. Zakiyyah Mahasin ,United States Park Police, at (202) 610-7092, with questions concerning police procedures or logistics.
- K. No vehicle larger than a flatbed truck and a 26 foot box truck can enter the Washington Monument Grounds. Vehicles cannot travel more than 5 MPH. Spotters must be located in the front and in the back of the vehicle. No parking will be allowed of any box truck or flat bed truck on the Washington Monument grounds. Fireworks by Grucci must contact the U.S. Park Police for vehicle Access passes onto the Washington Monument grounds. Three (3) NPS parking passes will be issued to park behind Sylvan Theater. No overnight parking will be allowed.

#### Vehicles Parking Behind Sylvan Theater

- One (1) pick up truck
- One (1) ten passenger van
- One (1) seven passenger suv

#### Timeline:

8/24-8/26 7:00 am – 7:00 pm  
 8/27 8:00 am – 3:00 am, 8/28  
 8/28 7:00 am – 5:00 pm  
 8/29 7:00 am – 3:00 pm

The Sylvan Theater access road off Independence Avenue cannot be blocked at any time. The roadway is for emergency access only.

Entry/Exit for the Washington Monument will be from off Independence Avenue, westbound on the Sylvan Theater access roadway and off 17<sup>th</sup> Street on the west side, north and south center walkways (see attached diagram). All vehicle movement on 17<sup>th</sup> Street and Independence Avenue must be under the direction of the U. S. Park Police. Contact Sgt. Eddie Burnett or Sgt. Zakiyyah Mahasin, 202-610-7092.

- L. The use of any forklift on the plaza inside the circle of flags is limited to weight of 15,000 pounds or less. Forklifts, a total of four (4; 3 regular and one with a boom) must have non-marking tires. Driving over any lights around the Monument is strictly prohibited as well as near any marble benches. Delivery of any equipment including forklifts cannot take place prior to Monday, August 24. Grucci can deliver to the Sylvan Theater backstage area prior to morning rush hour which starts at 6:00 am. U. S. Park Police must be on site to assist with traffic control both for unloading and loading. In addition of equipment and no deliveries and pick up can take place during posted rush hours 6:00 am – 9:30 am and 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm, Monday through Friday.
- M. No items may be brought on site that has not been authorized. If any unauthorized equipment/items are found on site, permit may be revoked and the event cancelled.



### **PENDING DOCUMENTATION as of 8/24/20**

- A. Fireworks inventory list, 24 hours prior to each fireworks truck arrival.
- B. Pyrotechnician and assistants list is pending ATF background check approval
- C. Provide DC Fire and EMS contract document of fire department units and staff providing suppression assistance on August 27, 2020.
- D. Any tent use approval, need to meet NFPA 701 compliance. Permittee must provide NFPA 701 fire retardant certificate or photo copy of the fire retardant label attached to the tent material, in accordance with the "NCA Fire and Life Safety Temporary Events Policy".

Permittee must provide all items prior to load in.

### **18. Alcoholic Beverages:**

The possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages is generally prohibited.

### **19. Sound Amplification:**

Special attention is drawn to item #7, last page of permit, concerning sound amplification.

### **20. Glass Bottles:**

No glass bottles and/or containers are permitted on parkland

### **21. First Aid/Medical Services:**

All medical and First Aid provided must comply with the National Capital Area Medical Director protocols.

RNC/FBG is responsible for providing First Aid services on-site. The NPS adheres to the District of Columbia Department of Fire & Emergency Medical Services guidelines established according to the number of people anticipated at an event. The following guidelines, established according to the number of people anticipated at an event, will ensure that appropriate medical coverage is provided throughout the event:

- 1-1,999: The Permittee may rely on 911
- 2,000 – 9,999: The Permittee should have a fixed First Aid site with certified/licensed personnel, who will remain on site throughout the event.
- 10,000 – 20,000: The Permittee should have one fixed First Aid site with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event and a Basic Life Support Ambulance (licensed in the District of Columbia) who will transport patients to an appropriate medical facility.
- 20,000 – 30,000: The Permittee should have one fixed First Aid site with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event, a licensed Basic Life Support Ambulance and a Licensed Advanced Life Support Unit (D. C. Fire & EMS has the only certificate of need to provide on-scene paramedic services in the District of Columbia).

- 30,000 – 50,000: The Permittee should have two fixed First Aid sites with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event, two Basic Life Support Units and one Advanced Life Support Unit (both licensed in the District of Columbia).
- 50,000 – 60,000: The Permittee should have two fixed First Aid sites with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event, two Basic Life Support Units and two Advanced Life Support Units (both licensed in the District of Columbia).
- Events exceeding 60,000 participants: The Permittee is required to have emergency medical services personnel from D. C. Fire & EMS as well as the Department of Health on site for the appropriate provision of first aid and/or emergency medical services.

## 22. Sales/Solicitation:

Special attention is drawn to item #4, last page of this permit concerning fees collected and donations solicited on parkland.

## 23. Accessibility:

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) applies to temporary services, programs, and activities. Temporary facilities and structures must comply with the ADA Standards.

Policies and operations for the event must meet the nondiscrimination requirements of the ADA, including, but not limited to provision of accessible parking, routes through site, food service, toilet, facilities, and assembly seating.

RNC/FBG is responsible for providing auxiliary aids and services as requested. RNC/FBG is responsible for providing promotional material explaining how the public can request a particular auxiliary aid or service and be informed of when specific auxiliary aids and services may be available for all Presidential Inaugural Ceremonies held on parkland.

Service animals, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), are permitted under proper supervision. The ADA defines a service animal as any guide dog, signal dog, or other animal individually trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability. If they meet this definition, animals are considered service animals under the ADA regardless of whether they have been licensed or certified by a state or local government.

RNC/FBG must consider elements of accessibility when designing the layout of the event. Potential items for inclusion are:

- Addition of temporary curb ramps where needed to provide an accessible route
- Location of structures and tents along an accessible route
- Provision of auxiliary aids and services
- Provision of and an accessible route from transit stops to the event location
- Provision of tactile braille signage
- Provision of portable wheelchair lifts to access stages or other elevated areas.



24. **Adverse Weather Policy:**

When there is a threat to public health or safety, the Superintendent and/or his/or her designee, may close the park or an event being held there for such duration as determined necessary to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the public. Such situations have occasionally occurred in the past where park areas have been closed due to severe weather warning of heavy rain and thunderstorms with lightning and high winds. Where an area is ordered closed due to a weather-related public safety threat, pursuant to 36 CFR 2.32(2) people must comply with official directions to leave the closed area and relocate to safer sheltered locations.

Closing or canceling an event is a last resort. However, while most events will be held despite the weather, RNC/DBG is responsible for providing updated information in the event schedules and drop-off points may change. **If a weather emergency is declared, programs may be closed early or canceled.**

25. Prior to load in of fireworks, permittee must provide openings in the fencing for visitor access.

**PERMITTEE MUST READ AND ADHERE TO THE "FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR OUTDOOR EVENTS AND TENT USE" AT ALL TIMES. IN ADDITION, FIREWORKS BY GRICCI, MUST PROVIDE ALL DOCUMENTATION AND SAFETY INFORMATION FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL TO THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA FIRE AND SAFETY OFFICERS/FIRE MARSHAL. FIREWORKS BY GRICCI MUST FOLLOW ALL FIRE AND SAFETY GUIDANCES PROVIDED BY THE FIRE AND SAFETY OFFICERS/FIRE MARSHAL. ANY VIOLATIONS OF THESE GUIDELINES AND FIRE AND SAFETY PROCEDURES IS SUBJECT TO REVOCATION OF THIS PERMIT.**

Please see attached schedule and diagrams.

26. **The following will be made available to the RNC/DBG Incident Command Unit**

- All Site Diagrams
- Equipment List
- Production Schedule/Time line
- Access Locations
- Security Plan
- Communications Plan
- Medical Plan
- Media Plan
- Sanitation Plan
- Safe Haven Plan
- Severe Weather Plan
- Vendor List

**A COMPLETE AND LEGIBLE COPY OF THIS PERMIT MUST BE RETAINED ON-SITE AT ALL TIMES WHILE OPERATING UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED**

Republican National Convention Fireworks Performance - Washington DC  
August 27th, 2020  
Product Description and Count, Fireworks by Grucci, Inc.  
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WASHINGTON MONUMENT PRODUCT COUNTS

| QNT  | SIZE | Description                   |
|------|------|-------------------------------|
| 608  | 2"   | Comets                        |
| 117  | 3"   | Comets                        |
| 1650 | 3"   | Aerial Shells                 |
| 400  | 4"   | Aerial Shells                 |
| 260  | 5"   | Aerial Shells                 |
| 316  | 6"   | Aerial Shells                 |
| 45   | 45mm | Roman Candles                 |
| 45   | MSB  | Multi-Shot Boxes              |
| 45   | 30mm | Multi Shot Single Row Devices |
| 3597 | 40mm | One Shot Comets/Mines         |
| 737  | 50mm | One Shot Comets/Mines         |

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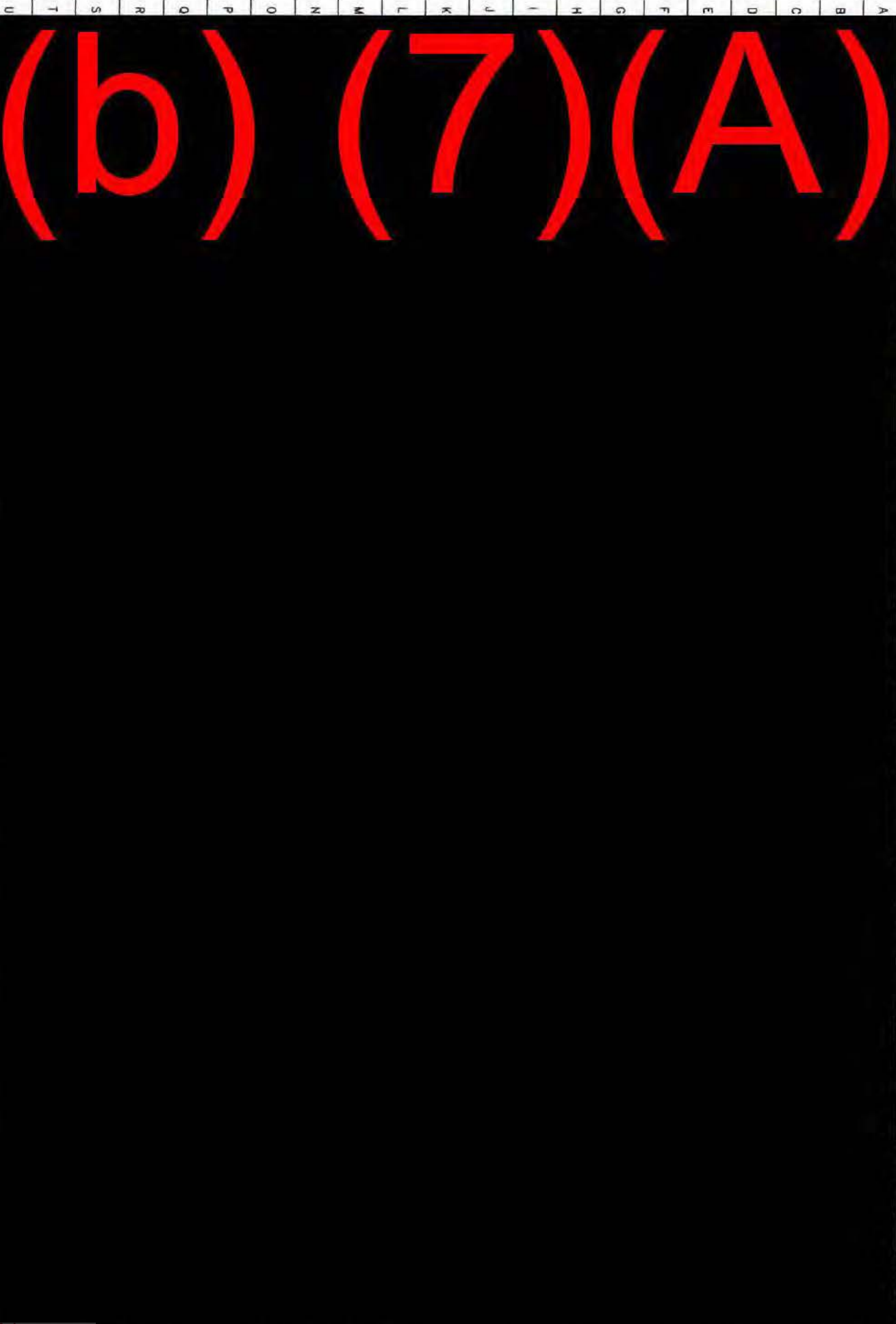
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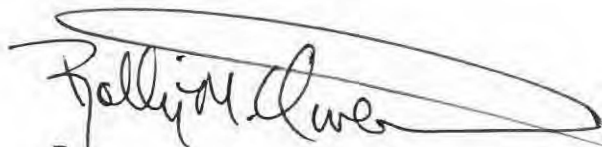
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3. All laws, rules and regulations applicable to the area covered by this permit remain in effect.
4. No fee may be collected, donation solicited, or commercial activity conducted. No items may be sold or offered for sale except for books, newspapers, leaflets, pamphlets, buttons, and bumper stickers which contain a message related to your demonstration or special event. No other merchandise may be sold or offered for sale. A stand or structure used for the sale of permitted items may not exceed one table per site, which may be no larger than 2 ½ feet by 8 feet or 4 feet by 4 feet. The dimensions of the sales site may not exceed 6 feet wide by 15 feet long by 6 feet high.
5. The area should be left in substantially the same condition as it was prior to the activities authorized herein, and all litter shall be placed in the trash containers provided.
6. This permit is applicable only for the use of the area designated above, and during the times designated above, or in any area as may hereafter be designated by the United States Park Police.
7. The use of sound amplification equipment, other than hand-portable sound amplification equipment to be used for crowd control purposes only, is prohibited on the White House Sidewalk (South 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., sidewalk between East Executive Avenue and West Executive Avenue). All sound amplification equipment shall be limited so that it will not unreasonably disturb nonparticipating persons in, or in the vicinity of, the area.
8. The National Park Service reserves the right to immediately revoke this permit at any time should it reasonably appear that the public gathering presents a clear and present danger to the public safety, good order or health, or if any conditions of this permit are violated

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# United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

National Capital Region

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## PUBLIC GATHERING PERMIT

Permit: 20-1063

Date: August 24, 2020

In accordance with Park Regulations as contained in C.F.R., Title 36, Chapter 1, Section 7.96, permission is granted to conduct a public gathering to the following:

Person(s) and/or Organization(s): Republican National Committee

Dates(s): Monday, August 24, 2020

To: Saturday, August 29, 2020

Time: Starting: 8:00 am

Ending: 3:00 pm

Location(s):

Washington Monument Grounds-Southern Portion

Purpose: Aerial Fireworks Display

Anticipated Number or Participants: 50

Person(s) in Charge: Michelle Meadows

Address(es): (b) (6)

Phone Number: (202) 863-8638

On Site Aerial Fireworks Representatives: Phil Grucci (b) (6)

This permit is granted subject to the following conditions:

1. Permittee and all participants authorized therein must comply with all of the conditions of this permit and with all reasonable directions of the United States Park Police.
2. All sidewalks, walkways, and roadways must remain unobstructed to allow for the reasonable use of these areas by pedestrians, vehicles and other park visitors.

PERMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR READING AND ADHERING TO ATTACHED  
ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS.

**ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS****PERMIT #20-1063****REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION; WASHINGTON MONUMENT GROUNDS,  
SOUTHERN PORTION****AUGUST 24-AUGUST 29, 2020****Event Overview:** Aerial Fireworks Display**Event Contact Information:** Christopher Grucci, Logistics Manager, (b) (6)**NPS Site Coordinator:** Robbin Owen, 202-359-1458**Event Timeline:**

See the attached spreadsheets for complete timeline.

- Set up starts on: August 24
- Event: August 27
- Tear down complete: August 29

**Permit Authorization**

A. This permit authorizes the Republican National Convention and their contractor, Fireworks by Grucci (RNC/FBG) use of the Washington Monument Grounds, southern portion for this permitted activity. Permission is granted to RNC/FBG to commence load-in for the placement of any fireworks, porta-johns, trash dumpsters, support structures, and the erection of fencing:

1. RNC/FBG will submit to the NPS stamped engineered drawings for all structures, larger than 900 square feet for NPS review and approval.
2. The permittee(s) agrees to be fully responsible for the management, performance, use and safety within the permit area involved in this authorization until the work is completed, inspected, and accepted.

Stated Total of Participants: 50 staff

**B. Schedule of Events August 24 – August 29**

- Set up: Monday, August 24 – Thursday August 27, 7:00 am – 7:00 pm
- Event Day: Thursday, August 27, 11:30 pm – 11:35 pm
- Overnight security, August 24-26 7:00 pm -7:00 am daily  
8/28, 2:00 am – 7:00 am and 5:00 pm – 7:00 am, August 29

Program: Thursday, August 27, 11:30 pm – 11:35 pm



Load-Out: Friday, August 28, 7:00 am – 5:00 pm  
 Saturday, August 29, 7:00 am – 3:00 pm

**NOTE: See attached timeline. Tear down is not permitted after dark at 8:00 pm on Friday and Saturday, August 28 and August 29**

## **I. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT**

1. All activities pursuant to this permit shall be in compliance with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252; 42 U.S.C. 200d et seq.); Title V, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 394; 29 U.S.C. 794); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (89 Stat. 728; 42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.); and with all other Federal laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination on grounds of race, color, national origin, handicap, religion, or sex in employment and in providing facilities and services to the public. Nothing in advertising for employees shall be done which will prevent those covered by these laws from qualifying for employment.
2. Permittee and all participants authorized therein must comply with all of the conditions of this permit and with all reasonable directions of the United States Park Police and/or other representative of the NPS.
3. The area must be left in substantially the same conditions as it was prior to the activities authorized herein. All trash, debris, and litter resulting from activities of this permit shall not be allowed to accumulate and shall be bagged **in clear plastic bags** and placed in trash dumpsters provide by RNC/FBG.
4. All requests, correspondence and meetings with NPS pertaining to this permit shall be scheduled by RNC/FBG only. All contractors, subcontractors or consultants must channel their request through the recognized representatives of the permittee, who in turn, will contact NPS.
5. All laws, rules, and regulations applicable to the area covered by this permit remain in effect.
6. This permit is applicable only for the use of the area designated above, and during the times designated above, or as may be designated in written amendment to this permit.
7. In use of this area, the permittee shall require all employees and/or contractors to exercise all normal and reasonable safety precautions including observance of all applicable OSHA codes, to protect park property and to provide for public safety. Suitable devices such as barricades, fences, lanterns, etc., necessary for employee, public safety, and resource protection shall be provided by RNC/FBG shall be adequately maintained. Placement of such devices require the concurrence of the NPS.
8. All work performed as a result of the permitted use by the permittee or its agents shall be subject to the conditions of this permit, and the permittee is responsible for ensuring that such work meets the conditions of this permit.



9. All proposed amendments or additions to this permit and all proposed locations of vehicles, equipment, storage, installations of any kind, areas of activity, work and power plans shall be submitted to the NPS for prior written approval. These proposals shall be in map or diagram form suitable for on the ground inspection. Placement of tents, displays, and other detailed and specific site map will be provided to the NPS prior to installation of facilities.
  - a. Arrival schedules, equipment lists and vehicle lists must be provided in advance and all units in use in the park area must have specific approval by the NPS.
  - b. Permittee will provide an on-site coordinator to be accessible to the NPS and the United States Park Police (USPP) personnel at all times during construction or set-up activities and during dismantling of facilities post-event.
10. NPS reserves the right to immediately revoke this permit at any time should it reasonably appear that the activity presents present danger to the public safety, good order or health, or if any conditions of this permit are violated.
11. This permit may be amended upon final approval of the site plan, certified stamped engineered drawings, sign plan and timeline.
12. A copy of this permit shall be at the site during the use of the park area.

## **II. SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT**

### **1. Event Venues:**

- A. Washington Monument Grounds, southern portion

Set-up will include the following: Fireworks, fencing, dumpster, and tents. A complete equipment list must be provided for the permit.

**See attached diagram**

### **2. Resource Protection:**

Throughout the course of this permit, the RNC/FBG, is responsible for taking all necessary precautions to minimize resource damage throughout the permitted area. In addition, permittee must supervise their contractors and employees during set-up and teardown to assure that there is no damage to park resources. RNC/FBG must have a representative on site during set up and tear down of equipment to monitor the vendors.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 7.96(g)(5)(vi)(C), 2.31(a)(2),(3) the destruction, defacement, damaging, alteration, or removal of park resources or facilities is prohibited. No item, including signs or banners, may be attached to park trees, plantings, benches, statues, walls, fences, or other park property.

To protect the resources, stands and other facilities approved for placement on the grass and walkways, outside of any restricted zones, must be supported by pre-approved, hard interlocking plastic material. Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.

No excavation or disturbance of park features or landscape shall be permitted under this permit without written approval of NPS.

When heavy equipment vehicles (forklifts/cranes, etc.) are used to move equipment, permittee must provide spotters in the front and rear of the heavy equipment vehicle to insure safety of pedestrians and workers.

Throughout the course of this permit, RNC/FBG will require its employees/volunteers, and contractors, to exercise special care and attention to protect the resources of parkland and its environs. In addition, RNC/FBG must supervise their contractors and employees during set-up and teardown to assure that there is no damage to park resources.

### **Landscapes:**

Lawn, trees, shrubs, and the irrigation system, curbs, electric conduits, and water mains located within the permitted area, shall be protected from adverse impacts associated with event activities.

Heavy Equipment Near Trees and Shrubs: The use of any heavy equipment (crane, back hoe, etc.) placed under or near trees or shrubs is prohibited.

Turf Protection: For the purpose of protection, any area not paved must follow the O & M Turf Manual. No heavy equipment (cranes, backhoes, etc.), vehicles or stock piling of materials is permitted on turf areas.

The use of vehicles, heavy cranes, backhoes, etc are not allowed on the turf sections of parkland.

The temporary covering of turf for this event must be provided by the permittee for the permitted areas. Use of this ground cover allows for pedestrian walkways, temporary flooring, structure, and support, with special permission from NPS.

Permittee is must secure products such as Terraplas, Terratile and Matrax LD or equal that is ADA-compliant, interlocking mats that are translucent and allow UV light to pass through to the grass below. The products must either be perforated or ribbed, allowing for ventilation and some moisture access to the turf below. Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.

### **Site Furnishings:**

Permittee may not move or otherwise harm existing site furnishings, including but not limited to posts and chains, benches, waste receptacles, and drinking fountains. No attachments may be made to, pass through, or be affixed to existing site furnishings.



Additional temporary site furnishings may be provided by the Permittee; however, these furnishings must meet the guidelines set forth in this document. No permanent installation of site furnishings is permitted.

All necessary precautions as deemed necessary by the NPS shall be taken to prevent damage to underground utilities, and sprinkler systems located throughout the area. Any utilities damage by this work shall be promptly repaired. The sprinkler system plan will be clearly marked on-site by the National Park Service.

### **Hard Surfaces:**

Temporary protection of all hard surfaces affected by the construction or erection of staging elements, sound towers, camera equipment, cranes, lighting structures, miscellaneous equipment, or scaffolding must be provided. All protective pads or cushioning devices shall be non-staining.

**Oil or Hydraulic Fluid Leaks:** Temporary protection of hard surfaces shall be used where motorized vehicles are operating to avoid oil and/or hydraulic fluid leaks. Should a leak of this type occur, the permit holder shall be held liable for clean-up, at no expense to the NPS.

### **Structures:**

To protect the turf areas, it is strongly encouraged that structures be placed on the Washington Monument grounds hardscape areas where it would not impact the turf. The NPS may allow under permit the use of turf areas, however, if the structure and its equipment use the turf protection measures as detailed throughout this permit. All structures must minimize all points that come in contact with the turf.

All structures must be able to withstand a minimum wind gust of 30 mph and follow the High Wind Action Plan below.

1. The High Wind Action Plan shall be in effect for the entirety of this event.
2. RNC/FBG is responsible for a designated representative to be present for the duration of this event to implement the High Wind Action Plan.
3. An Anemometer shall be placed on the roof of the stage structure to monitor wind speeds.
4. Noted wind speeds are 3 second gusts in accordance with ASCE 7.
5. **When wind speeds are expected to exceed 25 MPH, RNC/FBG will place crews on alert.**
6. **When wind speeds are expected to exceed 30 MPH, all sidewall scrim shall be removed.**  
All video walls and large speaker clusters/delay towers shall be lowered to the ground and secured.  
Lowering of scrim or equipment shall be done from the ground by means of remotely activated equipment such as motors or mechanical releases.
7. **When wind speeds are expected to exceed 40 MPH, all event operations shall cease and the immediate area shall be evacuated.**
8. Do not lower stage system, video walls, large speaker/delay towers during high wind events.
9. The High Wind Action Plan shall be posted at a conspicuous area on site. It must be available at all times to venue operators and crew.



All structures must follow the guidelines below and adhere to National Fire Protection Association codes.

Any temporary structure exceeding over 900 square feet require the submission of engineered drawings stamped by a structural engineer licensed in the United States. Drawings should include tent support lines identified by flagging.

Structures on the turf should be on a raiser with as few points as possible touching the turf. Each point that does touch the turf should have Enkamat Flatback<sup>8</sup> or equal product and plywood pads under all points as outlined:

Each screw jack should have a wooden pad and two layers of Enkamat Flatback<sup>1</sup> or equal product, eighteen inches square (18"x18")

Concrete pads should have four (4) layers of Enkamat Flatback or equal product  
Under each concrete tower pad two (2) layers of plywood

All screws and fasteners used in the construction of structures should be policed during the build and retained during removal. Screws and fasteners should be made of a non-aluminum metal, enabling a post-event magnet sweep to ensure all pieces are removed from the site.

**Tents:** To protect the turf, tents should be located on hardscape surfaces including gravel, asphalt, concrete, granite, wood, etc. tents and other similar structures must be secured using cement blocks and/or water-filled ballast tanks. No stakes are permitted on hardscape surfaces.

Non-freezing, no-staining liquid approved by the NPS (water treated with bio-degradable antifreeze) in plastic containers shall be used as weighing elements. No sand bags are permitted for this purpose.

At takedown, all water filled ballast tanks must be pumped to the nearest catch basin (located within the curbs) or to the area drains located throughout the hardscape. Tanks may not be drained into the turf or pumped in gravel areas. This prevents creation of muddy puddles and soft areas in the turf and also limits runoff of gravel into area drains.

Footnote 8 Enkamat Flatback is a unique product designed for turf grass protection. Enkamat's tightly interwoven flat upper layer can withstand the weight of thousands of people and staging equipment. Enkamat is a three-dimensional geomatrix of highly resilient, nylon monofilaments which are fused where they intersect. Ninety percent (90%) of the geomatrix is open space which allows for air and rain to pass freely through to the turf below. Enkamat comes in standard sizes of 39"x150' and 15'X150' and can be cut onsite into any shape or size.

**If approval is granted by NPS,** no tent stakes may penetrate the ground surface by more than 18 inches. Use of stakes longer than this requires coordination through the Turf Management Specialist, National Mall & Memorial Parks, at (202) 245-4685. Permittee must hire an independent contractor to survey the grounds with radar penetrating equipment to map all utilities prior to any staking.

Tents must be constructed of fire retardant material. A certificate of fire retardant material must be provided as confirmation to the NPS

Tents should be placed at least 5 to 10 feet apart.

### **Stages, Lighting, and Audio & AV Towers:**

Stages, lighting trusses, video walls/screens and any scaffold towers used to support them must be constructed to conform to architectural plans stamped by a licensed structural engineer. Permittee is responsible for installing a barricade, bike rack and/or fencing around all lighting, audio and AV towers to secure them from the general public.

If authorized by permit stages may only have skirting on the audience-facing area and only during the event, to allow maximum light and air to reach the turf, thereby limiting damage.

### **Fencing:**

Any fencing or other physical barriers planned for the event must be shown on the site plan and called out by type.

Fencing must be designed in such a way that it does not prevent safe egress from the event. Permittee must provide public access to the area until fireworks are loaded in.

Fencing located on turf areas may not be staked into the ground unless authorized by permit. If authorized, stakes must be no longer than eighteen inches (18") driven into the ground. Stakes must avoid all underground pipes and fixtures. In the event chain linked fencing is used, security barbed wire is prohibited.

Concrete barriers (such as jersey barriers) are permitted only on hardscape areas.

Tree protection fencing may be required as a condition of the permit.

### **Evening Work:**

Evening work may be conducted for both load in and load out periods with prior permission by the Superintendent. For work conducted during evening hours a portable lighting system is required. In addition all motor vehicles including golf cart(s) must have lights. Generally night work is not allowed after 10:00 pm and prior to 6:00 am.

**Structures on Turf Panels:** To protect the turf, neither structures nor parking or operation of equipment is permitted on turf. Event vehicles of any kind (delivery, cranes, forklifts, golf carts, trailers, exhibit trailers, etc.) are not allowed on turf or surrounding curbs. To accommodate use for the event and to protect against compaction and plant damage, turf protection, the use of matting that holds itself and any added loads such as foot traffic, above the crown of the grass blades, and does not sink into the ground is required.



Laying roadway surfaces on the Washington Monument grounds is prohibited without NPS approval in advance.

Turf protection flooring must be light weight, able to be carried and set in place without vehicular assistance.

Products such as Terraplas, or equal, must be ADA-compliant, with interlocking mats that are translucent and allow UV light to pass through to the grass below and perforated or ribbed to allow for ventilation and some moisture access to the turf below. The use of plywood for this purpose is strictly prohibited. Specific material used must be approved in advance by NPS.

No carpet or other obstructions to turf covering holes will be allowed.

Driving stakes and/or grounding rods into the turf is prohibited without the approval of the NPS.

**Structures Under/Around Trees:** To minimize soil compaction and to protect the continued health of the trees, neither structures nor parking or operation of equipment, is permitted within any tree canopy (root zone) area or in any of the Tree areas. This includes but is not limited to stages, booths, audio/visual towers, tents and lighting. As a condition of the permit, the Permittee may be required to install tree-protection fencing.

**Walkways:** To protect the resources, stages, stands and other facilities approved for placement on any walkway, must be supported by 1 inch, professional, outdoor grade plywood or similar material.  
*Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.*

### **Crate Storage and Bone Yards :**

Crate storage, bone yards and staging areas are prohibited on parkland. They must be located off-site

### **Site Access:**

*Extreme* caution must be exercised when driving on the sidewalks. Pedestrian access must be maintained at all times, however, if for safety reasons, an area has to be temporarily closed to the public,

**Except when being driven on established public vehicular roadways: Logistical equipment and vehicles, forklifts including gas and electric carts, must not exceed 5-mph. All trucks with a GVW of over 7500 pounds, and equipment such as bucket trucks, platform lifts, forklifts, and cranes, must be accompanied by a walking spotter when moving or operating in an area accessible to the public.**

Vehicles must have headlights on while in motion. All individuals operating Golf Carts/gators on NPS property must have a Valid Driver's License. All Golf Carts/gators operating after dusk, must have fixed and/or portable illumination.

Parking of Permittee(s) employee's or subcontractors private vehicles for conduct of this permit's activities, in tree panels and/or on turf or walkway areas is prohibited.



RNC/DBG must receive prior, written approval from the NPS/USPP if traffic is to be blocked at any time during preparation for, during the course of, and after a special event or demonstration (at any location in the immediate vicinity of the National Mall). If District of Columbia streets are to be blocked, the appropriate authorities must be notified as well.

All pathways and roadways must remain open and unobstructed. A minimum twenty foot (20') drive aisle must remain open at all times for emergency vehicle egress. No temporary or permanent structures may be located within the egress lane. The egress drive aisle must be called out on the site plan.

Submittal Requirements: A plan of how the site will be approached and how traffic will be controlled is required for logistical vehicles that are delivering and/or removing temporary equipment and supplies. In this submittal, information documenting the path of vehicular traffic in and around the roadways of the National Mall during preparation for, during the course of, and after all activities associated with the event, is required. Rules and regulations for District of Columbia streets also shall be observed. Signs directing vehicular and pedestrian traffic shall be furnished, with text and locations of signs indicated on the plan.

Deliveries and removal of materials shall occur so as not to adversely affect daily operations of NPS Concessioners and monuments and memorials in and around the National Mall. No deliveries shall be made after hours without prior, written approval from the NPS.

**Vehicular access to turf areas will only be permitted per conditions listed below:**

Driving within any Level 1 turf areas is strictly prohibited. Only hardscape areas can be used.

Driving directly on all turf and tree areas is prohibited. The temporary interlocking protective material supports shall be installed over plazas, and walkway areas for the ingress and egress of all vehicles/units or heavy equipment by RNC/DBG. **Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.**

Parking of Permittee(s) employee's or subcontractors private vehicles for conduct of this permit's activities on parkland is prohibited. Permittee must arrange for parking of employee and contractor vehicles off parkland.

**3. Trash/Recycling Maintenance:**

A. RNC/DBG will be responsible for providing card board trash receptacles for collection and disposal of all trash, debris, and litter resulting from the use of the permitted area, including a recycling program. Trash shall not be allowed to accumulate and shall be continually and promptly bagged in **clear plastic bags** and removed from the site. The location and placement of any litter containers must be coordinated with the NPS.

**Recycling:**

The permittee is required to collect and transport to a certified recycling center, commingled cans and bottles (aluminum and bimetal cans and plastic bottles), plastic, and aluminum materials generated from the permitted activity off park land.

The permittee shall furnish all management, supervision, labor, equipment, materials, supplies and any other items necessary to perform the recycling service of their permitted event. Work includes providing labor, proper equipment, collection and transport of generated recycled items, as well as providing records on the recycled material to NPS.

Permittee must submit the trash and recycling plan and have it approved prior to set up.

#### **4. Electricity and Generator Usage:**

No electricity available on site. RNC/FBG may provide their own gasoline and/or solar powered generator(s) to provide power if needed. Generators will be installed in accordance with the site plan, D.C. Fire Department guidelines, and safely installed per manufacturer requirements. The fueling/refueling of gasoline powered generators on parkland is prohibited\*. The storage of additional fuel is prohibited.

At a minimum, for hand carted generators, 1" professional outdoor grade plywood, or similar material must be placed underneath the generator to protect the underlying surfaces from potential weight and vibration damage and fluid leakage. Generators must be encased with a secondary drip containment unit.

Tow plant generator(s) and light tower(s) must have an internal secondary drip containment unit and/or placed in self-adsorbent, fire retardant containment troughs and be fenced in or closed in with bike rack.

All wires must be covered by mats and/or yellow jackets to prevent tripping hazards. The cord must be in good condition, of sufficient gauge to accommodate the electrical load of equipment and must be properly grounded.

**A Fire extinguisher must be within 15 feet of generator(s) and light tower(s)**

**\*Refueling of generators:** Refueling of the gasoline generators will be permitted pursuant to the following conditions:

Refueling will only be allowed on dates and times agreed upon in advance with the NPS- generally, (05:00 a.m.-08:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. (midnight)).

The following materials must be placed on the ground during refueling:

Plastic tarp

Absorbent material on top of tarp

Drip pan under fueling nozzle

Spill containment material or absorbent booms or pads must be stored at each generator location

55-gallon drum labeled hazardous material must be placed alongside of each generator. Should spillage occur the absorbent material must be placed in these barrels.

Contractor will be responsible for removing the barrels off of park property

Contractor will be responsible for any damage to the park's resources as a result of the refueling.



In case of spill please contact DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services at 911 and National Mall & Memorial Parks' Chief of Maintenance at (202) 359-1551.

The storage of fuel on parkland, in trailers, next to generators and at other NPS locations is strictly prohibited.

RNC/FBG will be responsible for any damages to park resources resulting from the re-fueling.

The spillage of deleterious substances such as engine oil, gasoline, etc. is prohibited. In the event of such an occurrence, NPS and USPP must be notified immediately.

All cables, power lines, etc. shall be run in an orderly manner and contained in matted yellow jackets that provide for safety and accessibility. No power lines can be strung between trees. All temporary electrical service wiring must be covered by mats and/or high-visibility Yellow Jacket™, or equivalent item, so as not to create a tripping hazard or navigation barrier to handicapped individuals. The cord must be in good condition, of sufficient gauge to accommodate the electrical load of the equipment and must be properly grounded.

Bike rack must be placed around all generators, as well as light and sound towers.

#### **5. Overnight Security/Camping:**

RNC/FBG is responsible for providing UNARMED overnight security. Coordinate security with Sgt. Eddie Burnett or Sgt. Zakiyyah Mahasin U. S. Park Police at 202-610-7092.

Sleeping overnight in park areas, including in any tents by employees or subcontractors workmen is prohibited. Camping is defined as the use of the park land for living accommodation purposes such as sleeping activities, or making preparations to sleep (including the laying down or bedding for the purpose of sleeping), or storing personal belongings, or making any fire, or using any tents or shelter or other structure or vehicle for sleeping or doing any digging or earth breaking or carrying on cooking activities. The above-listed activities constitute camping when it reasonably appears, in light of all the circumstances that the participants, in conducting these activities, are in fact using the area as a living accommodation regardless of the intent of the participants or the nature of any other activities in which they may also be engaging.

#### **6. Safety:**

RNC/FBG is required to meet OSHA guidelines regarding employee/subcontractor work schedules. No employee/subcontractor is to work no more than 10 hours within a 24 hour period. Any work required beyond the 10 hour limitation will need to be requested to the NPS in advance for review and approval by the Superintendent, National Mall & Memorial Parks.

An authorized RNC/FBG official must be assigned for on-site supervision each day of the event for load-in and load-out. NPS and USPP will also be assigned to monitor and to provide for public safety. All instructions given by authorized NPS or USPP personnel must be obeyed promptly.

Any movement by heavy equipment such as forklifts and cranes must be accompanied by spotters in the front and rear of the piece of equipment at all times. In the event cranes are used, the gravel walk must be secured and pedestrians directed to other available walkways.

Failure to comply with all terms and conditions of this permit may constitute grounds for cancellation of the permit and immediate termination of the event.

**7. Portable Toilets/Comfort facilities:**

- A. Adequate portable restroom facilities shall be installed by RNC/FBG for employee and public use. These units shall be placed in "low profile" locations approved by NPS. The National Park Service recommends one portable restroom facility for every 300 participants with 20% of those facilities wheelchair accessible.

**8. Security:**

RNC/FBG will be responsible for providing unarmed security for any equipment left unattended at any given time and/or overnight on parkland. Individual(s) must be properly identified. Security will begin on the first day of set-up and continue through the final day of tear down.

In addition, during the hours of load-in and load-out, RNC/FBG will be required to provide an adequate number of security personnel to assist with pedestrian and vehicle movement on the walkways.

Meetings with the RNC/FBG, the United States Park Police and the National Park Service, Permits Management Office have been held to coordinate and finalize the security plan for this event.

**9. Credentials**

All staff, volunteers, artists/participants, press, VIPs, and vendors involved this event will be issued credentials. The credentials will identify the person by name and category to include the event logo.

Colored copies of all credentials will be provided to USPP in advance of the event.

**10. Water and Food:**

RNC/FBG will be responsible for providing adequate bottled water to accommodate those attending this event.

Guest Services, Inc. and/or RGI will provide food and water for sale at their permanent food kiosks.

Permittee may provide food to their staff. All public health rules and guidelines must be followed at all times.

**11. Sales of Merchandise/Solicitation of Donations:**

Permittee is responsible for adhering to item #4, last page of permit concerning sales. Permittee states no sales nor soliciting of donations will take place.



## 12. Sound Amplification:

Special attention is drawn to item #7, last page of permit concerning sound amplification.

## 13. Signs, Banners, and Commercial Advertising and Sponsor Recognition:

NPS regulations generally prohibit Federal parkland from being used for business solicitation or for the advertisement or promotion of commercial brands, products, and services. As such, no commercial notices and advertisements shall be placed, posted or distributed at the event. Further, no structures representing commercial products, or models or replications of commercial products or merchandise may be displayed.

Further consistent with long-standing NPS policy now under Public Law 108-108, Title I, § 145, special event permits will expressly prohibit the erection, placement, or use of structures and signs bearing commercial advertising. However, a permit may issued that authorizes the recognition of sponsors of special events, if the National Park Service determines that the size and form of the recognition is consistent with the special nature and sanctity of the National Mall or any other requested park area, and if the lettering or design identifying the sponsor is no larger than one-third the size of the lettering or design identifying the special event. Further, to the maximum extent practicable for such special events, public use of and access to the National Mall and other parkland is not restricted.

The permittee shall submit a sign plan for NPS review and approval. Any request seeking NPS approval for sponsor recognition must be submitted to the NPS at least 30 days prior to the proposed event, and depicted on the sign plan. If approved by the National Park Service, sponsor recognition will be authorized within the terms of the special event permit. Authorized sponsor recognition must be in keeping with the NPS policy, regulations, and law, and be appropriate to the scale and theme of the special event. Further, the overall size, number, and design of any signs or banners shall be appropriate to the park setting and the lettering or design identifying the sponsor must be no larger than one-third the size of the lettering or design identifying the special event. Signs and banners may not be affixed to existing trees or other NPS facilities or structures.

Distribution or give aways of any commercial product is limited to only those that may be consumed on the event site such as juices or popcorn. Soliciting personal information such as names, addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, zip codes, etc. or any other information which may be used for future solicitation, or marketing purposes is strictly prohibited. **A list of all giveaway items will be provided to the NPS for approval.**

Permittee will be responsible for assuring that sponsors adhere to the law regarding commercial advertising, promotion and signage (see conditions above)

No commercial displays, promotions, coupon give-a-ways or advertising permitted on park land.

**14. Protection of the Public and General Welfare:**

Bike rack and chain link fence shall be erected by RNC/DBG to contain the event areas and provide Necessary resource protection, security and buffer zones. The permittee(s) is responsible for encircling generators with fence and/or bike rack.

**15. Media:**

**SAT/Microwave Trucks**

Cameras, equipment, crew, and participants in this filming may not be situated on sidewalks, paths, or roadways that prohibit the passage of pedestrians and/or vehicles. No equipment may be attached and/or affixed to any plant materials (i.e. trees and shrubs) or structures. Running cables thru trees is prohibited.

No exclusive use of the area is permitted and the area must remain open to the general public at all times. This filming may in no way impede or prevent public access to the area.

No reserved parking for "crew vehicles" is permitted. .

No electrical service is available. The use of a portable, hand carted, generator, to be provided by the Permittee, is permitted. Plywood or a similar material must be placed beneath the generator to protect the turf.

Cabling across entrances and handicapped accessible ramps must be ADA approved and cannot impair or prevent access. All cables must be covered to prevent tripping hazards.

16. Glass bottles, balloons and confetti is not allowed on park land.

**17. Aerial Display:**

Permittee must following adhere to established guidelines and safety standards. The following must be provided to the NPS Incident Commander and NPS Fire Marshall:

- Fireworks Display Map
- Fireworks Inventory
- Fireworks Safety Plan
- Fireworks Scope of Work
- Pyrotechnic Certificate of Liability Insurance to include liability to the Federal Government and the District of Columbia
- Pyrotechnic Technician Licenses/certificates
- Pyrotechnic Truck Driver Licenses/certificates
- Pyrotechnic Assistants ID information
- NPS Matrix Deck Plan

PLEASE NOTE: No fireworks on NPS lands without first providing an inventory to NPS Fire Marshall, 24 hours in advance. In addition fence will need to be placed around the tubes and racks before they being building, per NFPA code requirement.



Equipment List:

- Three (3) Forklifts with non-marking tires
- One (1) shooting boom forklift with non-marking tires
- One (1) 12'x12' canopy tent on the hardscape directly in front of the Sylvan Theater
- One (1) 30 yard dumpster on Sylvan Theater hardscape
- Three (3) portable restroom on the east side of the Sylvan Theater hardscape

- A. Fireworks will be delivered on site with US Park Police escort at approved designed times.
- B. NPS-NCA AHJ will conduct daily Aerial Fireworks Display Inspections. Fireworks by Grucci must provide an onsite representative to meet with NPS-NCR AHJ.
- C. Once on site the area must be secured by bike rack and chain link if needed. Security personnel must be provided onsite while building tubes to load.
- D. Permittee is responsible for any damages attributed to the fireworks including but not limited to turf damage, statuary, burn marks, tire marks and roadway damage. Permittee must clean up and remove any debris associated with fireworks display include sweeper cleaning of Constitution and Independence Avenues.
- E. Permittee is responsible for ensuring the proper resource protection measures are followed as outlined by this permit including approved flooring. To protect the exposed aggregate from the steel rack system the permittee must lay down a minimum of:
  - ¾" piece of plywood on top of the pallet additional
  - ½" piece of plywood on top with an additional cross section of 2x6 lumber over it
- F. All fireworks displays or use of pyrotechnics shall be approved by the NPS-NCA AHJ and shall meet NFPA 1123: Code for Fireworks Display, NFPA 1124: Code for the Manufacture, Transportation, and Storage of Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Article, NFPA 1126: Use of Pyrotechnics Before a Proximate Audience, and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration OSHA, standards.
- G. Fireworks drawing plans, fireworks inventory list, along with technician and assistant, certifications, including; name, title and DOB of staff who will performing the fireworks display, shall be provided to the NPS-NCR Authority Having Jurisdiction, AHJ, at least 10 working days for review and approval.
- H. The aerial display shall be delayed, stopped or postponed immediately if 1123:8.1.4.1 and 1123:8.1.4.2:
  1. Wind/Weather-lightning in immediate area, approaching storm front.
  2. Inadequate/Loss of Crowd Control
  3. Loss of trajectory
  4. Unsafe practices

- I. The NCA Fireworks Permit shall be issued pending successful fireworks site inspection by the NPS NCA AHJ or designee and DC Fire EMS .
- J. Contact Sgt. Eddie Burnett, or Sgt. Zakiyyah Mahasin ,United States Park Police, at (202) 610-7092, with questions concerning police procedures or logistics.
- K. No vehicle larger than a flatbed truck and a 26 foot box truck can enter the Washington Monument Grounds. Vehicles cannot travel more than 5 MPH. Spotters must be located in the front and in the back of the vehicle. No parking will be allowed of any box truck or flat bed truck on the Washington Monument grounds. Fireworks by Grucci must contact the U.S. Park Police for vehicle Access passes onto the Washington Monument grounds. Three (3) NPS parking passes will be issued to park behind Sylvan Theater. No overnight parking will be allowed.

#### Vehicles Parking Behind Sylvan Theater

- One (1) pick up truck
- One (1) ten passenger van
- One (1) seven passenger suv

#### Timeline:

8/24-8/26 7:00 am – 7:00 pm  
 8/27 8:00 am – 3:00 am, 8/28  
 8/28 7:00 am – 5:00 pm  
 8/29 7:00 am – 3:00 pm

The Sylvan Theater access road off Independence Avenue cannot be blocked at any time. The roadway is for emergency access only.

Entry/Exit for the Washington Monument will be from off Independence Avenue, westbound on the Sylvan Theater access roadway and off 17<sup>th</sup> Street on the west side, north and south center walkways (see attached diagram). All vehicle movement on 17<sup>th</sup> Street and Independence Avenue must be under the direction of the U. S. Park Police. Contact Sgt. Eddie Burnett or Sgt. Zakiyyah Mahasin, 202-610-7092.

- L. The use of any forklift on the plaza inside the circle of flags is limited to weight of 15,000 pounds or less. Forklifts, a total of four (4; 3 regular and one with a boom) must have non-marking tires. Driving over any lights around the Monument is strictly prohibited as well as near any marble benches. Delivery of any equipment including forklifts cannot take place prior to Monday, August 24. Grucci can deliver to the Sylvan Theater backstage area prior to morning rush hour which starts at 6:00 am. U. S. Park Police must be on site to assist with traffic control both for unloading and loading. In addition of equipment and no deliveries and pick up can take place during posted rush hours 6:00 am – 9:30 am and 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm, Monday through Friday.
- M. No items may be brought on site that has not been authorized. If any unauthorized equipment/items are found on site, permit may be revoked and the event cancelled.



**PENDING DOCUMENTATION as of 8/24/20**

- A. Fireworks inventory list, 24 hours prior to each fireworks truck arrival.
- B. Pyrotechnician and assistants list is pending ATF background check approval
- C. Provide DC Fire and EMS contract document of fire department units and staff providing suppression assistance on August 27, 2020.
- D. Any tent use approval, need to meet NFPA 701 compliance. Permittee must provide NFPA 701 fire retardant certificate or photo copy of the fire retardant label attached to the tent material, in accordance with the "NCA Fire and Life Safety Temporary Events Policy".

Permittee must provide all items prior to load in.

**18. Alcoholic Beverages:**

The possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages is generally prohibited.

**19. Sound Amplification:**

Special attention is drawn to item #7, last page of permit, concerning sound amplification.

**20. Glass Bottles:**

No glass bottles and/or containers are permitted on parkland

**21. First Aid/Medical Services:**

All medical and First Aid provided must comply with the National Capital Area Medical Director protocols.

RNC/FBG is responsible for providing First Aid services on-site. The NPS adheres to the District of Columbia Department of Fire & Emergency Medical Services guidelines established according to the number of people anticipated at an event. The following guidelines, established according to the number of people anticipated at an event, will ensure that appropriate medical coverage is provided throughout the event:

- 1-1,999: The Permittee may rely on 911
- 2,000 – 9,999: The Permittee should have a fixed First Aid site with certified/licensed personnel, who will remain on site throughout the event.
- 10,000 – 20,000: The Permittee should have one fixed First Aid site with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event and a Basic Life Support Ambulance (licensed in the District of Columbia) who will transport patients to an appropriate medical facility.
- 20,000 – 30,000: The Permittee should have one fixed First Aid site with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event, a licensed Basic Life Support Ambulance and a Licensed Advanced Life Support Unit (D. C. Fire & EMS has the only certificate of need to provide on-scene paramedic services in the District of Columbia).

- 30,000 – 50,000: The Permittee should have two fixed First Aid sites with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event, two Basic Life Support Units and one Advanced Life Support Unit (both licensed in the District of Columbia).
- 50,000 – 60,000: The Permittee should have two fixed First Aid sites with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event, two Basic Life Support Units and two Advanced Life Support Units (both licensed in the District of Columbia).
- Events exceeding 60,000 participants: The Permittee is required to have emergency medical services personnel from D. C. Fire & EMS as well as the Department of Health on site for the appropriate provision of first aid and/or emergency medical services.

## 22. Sales/Solicitation:

Special attention is drawn to item #4, last page of this permit concerning fees collected and donations solicited on parkland.

## 23. Accessibility:

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) applies to temporary services, programs, and activities. Temporary facilities and structures must comply with the ADA Standards.

Policies and operations for the event must meet the nondiscrimination requirements of the ADA, including, but not limited to provision of accessible parking, routes through site, food service, toilet, facilities, and assembly seating.

RNC/FBG is responsible for providing auxiliary aids and services as requested. RNC/FBG is responsible for providing promotional material explaining how the public can request a particular auxiliary aid or service and be informed of when specific auxiliary aids and services may be available for all Presidential Inaugural Ceremonies held on parkland.

Service animals, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), are permitted under proper supervision. The ADA defines a service animal as any guide dog, signal dog, or other animal individually trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability. If they meet this definition, animals are considered service animals under the ADA regardless of whether they have been licensed or certified by a state or local government.

RNC/FBG must consider elements of accessibility when designing the layout of the event. Potential items for inclusion are:

- Addition of temporary curb ramps where needed to provide an accessible route
- Location of structures and tents along an accessible route
- Provision of auxiliary aids and services
- Provision of and an accessible route from transit stops to the event location
- Provision of tactile braille signage
- Provision of portable wheelchair lifts to access stages or other elevated areas.



24. **Adverse Weather Policy:**

When there is a threat to public health or safety, the Superintendent and/or his/or her designee, may close the park or an event being held there for such duration as determined necessary to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the public. Such situations have occasionally occurred in the past where park areas have been closed due to severe weather warning of heavy rain and thunderstorms with lightning and high winds. Where an area is ordered closed due to a weather-related public safety threat, pursuant to 36 CFR 2.32(2) people must comply with official directions to leave the closed area and relocate to safer sheltered locations.

Closing or canceling an event is a last resort. However, while most events will be held despite the weather, RNC/FBG is responsible for providing updated information in the event schedules and drop-off points may change. **If a weather emergency is declared, programs may be closed early or canceled.**

25. Prior to load in of fireworks, permittee must provide openings in the fencing for visitor access.

**PERMITTEE MUST READ AND ADHERE TO THE "FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR OUTDOOR EVENTS AND TENT USE" AT ALL TIMES. IN ADDITION, FIREWORKS BY GRICCI, MUST PROVIDE ALL DOCUMENTATION AND SAFETY INFORMATION FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL TO THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA FIRE AND SAFETY OFFICERS/FIRE MARSHAL. FIREWORKS BY GRICCI MUST FOLLOW ALL FIRE AND SAFETY GUIDANCES PROVIDED BY THE FIRE AND SAFETY OFFICERS/FIRE MARSHAL. ANY VIOLATIONS OF THESE GUIDELINES AND FIRE AND SAFETY PROCEDURES IS SUBJECT TO REVOCATION OF THIS PERMIT.**

Please see attached schedule and diagrams.

26. **The following will be made available to the RNC/FBG Incident Command Unit**

- All Site Diagrams
- Equipment List
- Production Schedule/Time line
- Access Locations
- Security Plan
- Communications Plan
- Medical Plan
- Media Plan
- Sanitation Plan
- Safe Haven Plan
- Severe Weather Plan
- Vendor List

**A COMPLETE AND LEGIBLE COPY OF THIS PERMIT MUST BE RETAINED ON-SITE AT ALL TIMES WHILE OPERATING UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED**

Republican National Convention Fireworks Performance - Washington DC  
August 27th, 2020  
Product Description and Count, Fireworks by Grucci, Inc.  
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#### WASHINGTON MONUMENT PRODUCT COUNTS

| QNT  | SIZE | Description                   |
|------|------|-------------------------------|
| 608  | 2"   | Comets                        |
| 117  | 3"   | Comets                        |
| 1650 | 3"   | Aerial Shells                 |
| 400  | 4"   | Aerial Shells                 |
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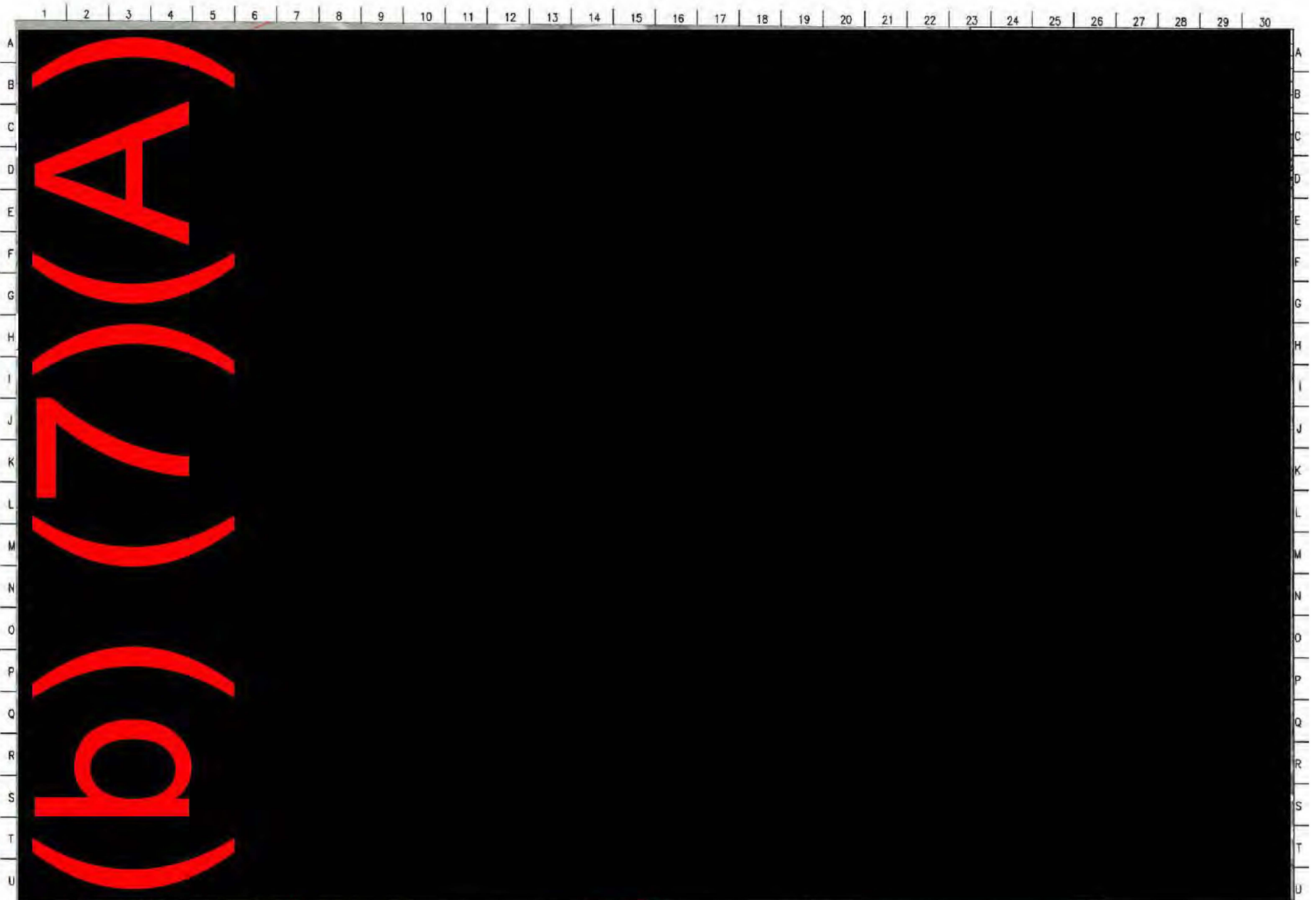
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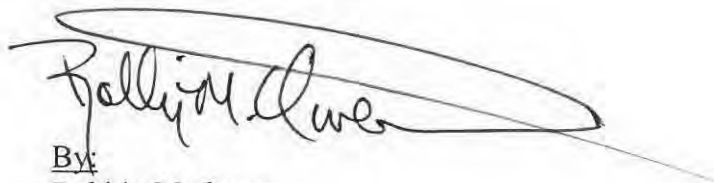


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4. No fee may be collected, donation solicited, or commercial activity conducted. No items may be sold or offered for sale except for books, newspapers, leaflets, pamphlets, buttons, and bumper stickers which contain a message related to your demonstration or special event. No other merchandise may be sold or offered for sale. A stand or structure used for the sale of permitted items may not exceed one table per site, which may be no larger than 2 ½ feet by 8 feet or 4 feet by 4 feet. The dimensions of the sales site may not exceed 6 feet wide by 15 feet long by 6 feet high.
5. The area should be left in substantially the same condition as it was prior to the activities authorized herein, and all litter shall be placed in the trash containers provided.
6. This permit is applicable only for the use of the area designated above, and during the times designated above, or in any area as may hereafter be designated by the United States Park Police.
7. The use of sound amplification equipment, other than hand-portable sound amplification equipment to be used for crowd control purposes only, is prohibited on the White House Sidewalk (South 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., sidewalk between East Executive Avenue and West Executive Avenue). All sound amplification equipment shall be limited so that it will not unreasonably disturb nonparticipating persons in, or in the vicinity of, the area.
8. The National Park Service reserves the right to immediately revoke this permit at any time should it reasonably appear that the public gathering presents a clear and present danger to the public safety, good order or health, or if any conditions of this permit are violated

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IN REPLY REFER TO

United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

National Capital Region

1100 Ohio Drive, S.W.

Washington, D.C. 20242

PUBLIC GATHERING PERMIT

Permit: 20-1063

Date: August 24, 2020

In accordance with Park Regulations as contained in C.F.R., Title 36, Chapter 1, Section 7.96, permission is granted to conduct a public gathering to the following:

Person(s) and/or Organization(s): Republican National Committee

Dates(s): Monday, August 24, 2020

To: Saturday, August 29, 2020

Time: Starting: 8:00 am

Ending: 3:00 pm

Location(s):

Washington Monument Grounds-Southern Portion

Purpose: Aerial Fireworks Display

Anticipated Number or Participants: 50

Person(s) in Charge: Michelle Meadows

Address(es): (b) (6)

Phone Number: (202) 863-8638

On Site Aerial Fireworks Representatives: Phil Grucci (b) (6)

This permit is granted subject to the following conditions:

1. Permittee and all participants authorized therein must comply with all of the conditions of this permit and with all reasonable directions of the United States Park Police.
2. All sidewalks, walkways, and roadways must remain unobstructed to allow for the reasonable use of these areas by pedestrians, vehicles and other park visitors.

PERMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR READING AND ADHERING TO ATTACHED
ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS.

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS**PERMIT #20-1063****REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION; WASHINGTON MONUMENT GROUNDS,
SOUTHERN PORTION****AUGUST 24-AUGUST 29, 2020****Event Overview:** Aerial Fireworks Display**Event Contact Information:** Christopher Grucci, Logistics Manager, (b) (6)**NPS Site Coordinator:** Robbin Owen, 202-359-1458**Event Timeline:**

See the attached spreadsheets for complete timeline.

- Set up starts on: August 24
- Event: August 27
- Tear down complete: August 29

Permit Authorization

A. This permit authorizes the Republican National Convention and their contractor, Fireworks by Grucci (RNC/FBG) use of the Washington Monument Grounds, southern portion for this permitted activity. Permission is granted to RNC/FBG to commence load-in for the placement of any fireworks, porta-johns, trash dumpsters, support structures, and the erection of fencing:

1. RNC/FBG will submit to the NPS stamped engineered drawings for all structures, larger than 900 square feet for NPS review and approval.
2. The permittee(s) agrees to be fully responsible for the management, performance, use and safety within the permit area involved in this authorization until the work is completed, inspected, and accepted.

Stated Total of Participants: 50 staff

B. Schedule of Events August 24 – August 29

- Set up: Monday, August 24 – Thursday August 27, 7:00 am – 7:00 pm
- Event Day: Thursday, August 27, 11:30 pm – 11:35 pm
- Overnight security, August 24-26 7:00 pm -7:00 am daily
8/28, 2:00 am – 7:00 am and 5:00 pm – 7:00 am, August 29

Program: Thursday, August 27, 11:30 pm – 11:35 pm

Load-Out: Friday, August 28, 7:00 am – 5:00 pm
 Saturday, August 29, 7:00 am – 3:00 pm

NOTE: See attached timeline. Tear down is not permitted after dark at 8:00 pm on Friday and Saturday, August 28 and August 29

I. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT

1. All activities pursuant to this permit shall be in compliance with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252; 42 U.S.C. 200d et seq.); Title V, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 394; 29 U.S.C. 794); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (89 Stat. 728; 42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.); and with all other Federal laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination on grounds of race, color, national origin, handicap, religion, or sex in employment and in providing facilities and services to the public. Nothing in advertising for employees shall be done which will prevent those covered by these laws from qualifying for employment.
2. Permittee and all participants authorized therein must comply with all of the conditions of this permit and with all reasonable directions of the United States Park Police and/or other representative of the NPS.
3. The area must be left in substantially the same conditions as it was prior to the activities authorized herein. All trash, debris, and litter resulting from activities of this permit shall not be allowed to accumulate and shall be bagged **in clear plastic bags** and placed in trash dumpsters provide by RNC/FBG.
4. All requests, correspondence and meetings with NPS pertaining to this permit shall be scheduled by RNC/FBG only. All contractors, subcontractors or consultants must channel their request through the recognized representatives of the permittee, who in turn, will contact NPS.
5. All laws, rules, and regulations applicable to the area covered by this permit remain in effect.
6. This permit is applicable only for the use of the area designated above, and during the times designated above, or as may be designated in written amendment to this permit.
7. In use of this area, the permittee shall require all employees and/or contractors to exercise all normal and reasonable safety precautions including observance of all applicable OSHA codes, to protect park property and to provide for public safety. Suitable devices such as barricades, fences, lanterns, etc., necessary for employee, public safety, and resource protection shall be provided by RNC/FBG shall be adequately maintained. Placement of such devices require the concurrence of the NPS.
8. All work performed as a result of the permitted use by the permittee or its agents shall be subject to the conditions of this permit, and the permittee is responsible for ensuring that such work meets the conditions of this permit.

9. All proposed amendments or additions to this permit and all proposed locations of vehicles, equipment, storage, installations of any kind, areas of activity, work and power plans shall be submitted to the NPS for prior written approval. These proposals shall be in map or diagram form suitable for on the ground inspection. Placement of tents, displays, and other detailed and specific site map will be provided to the NPS prior to installation of facilities.
 - a. Arrival schedules, equipment lists and vehicle lists must be provided in advance and all units in use in the park area must have specific approval by the NPS.
 - b. Permittee will provide an on-site coordinator to be accessible to the NPS and the United States Park Police (USPP) personnel at all times during construction or set-up activities and during dismantling of facilities post-event.
10. NPS reserves the right to immediately revoke this permit at any time should it reasonably appear that the activity presents present danger to the public safety, good order or health, or if any conditions of this permit are violated.
11. This permit may be amended upon final approval of the site plan, certified stamped engineered drawings, sign plan and timeline.
12. A copy of this permit shall be at the site during the use of the park area.

II. SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT

1. Event Venues:

- A. Washington Monument Grounds, southern portion

Set-up will include the following: Fireworks, fencing, dumpster, and tents. A complete equipment list must be provided for the permit.

See attached diagram

2. Resource Protection:

Throughout the course of this permit, the RNC/DBG, is responsible for taking all necessary precautions to minimize resource damage throughout the permitted area. In addition, permittee must supervise their contractors and employees during set-up and teardown to assure that there is no damage to park resources. RNC/DBG must have a representative on site during set up and tear down of equipment to monitor the vendors.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 7.96(g)(5)(vi)(C), 2.31(a)(2),(3) the destruction, defacement, damaging, alteration, or removal of park resources or facilities is prohibited. No item, including signs or banners, may be attached to park trees, plantings, benches, statues, walls, fences, or other park property.

To protect the resources, stands and other facilities approved for placement on the grass and walkways, outside of any restricted zones, must be supported by pre-approved, hard interlocking plastic material. Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.

No excavation or disturbance of park features or landscape shall be permitted under this permit without written approval of NPS.

When heavy equipment vehicles (forklifts/cranes, etc.) are used to move equipment, permittee must provide spotters in the front and rear of the heavy equipment vehicle to insure safety of pedestrians and workers.

Throughout the course of this permit, RNC/FBG will require its employees/volunteers, and contractors, to exercise special care and attention to protect the resources of parkland and its environs. In addition, RNC/FBG must supervise their contractors and employees during set-up and teardown to assure that there is no damage to park resources.

Landscapes:

Lawn, trees, shrubs, and the irrigation system, curbs, electric conduits, and water mains located within the permitted area, shall be protected from adverse impacts associated with event activities.

Heavy Equipment Near Trees and Shrubs: The use of any heavy equipment (crane, back hoe, etc.) placed under or near trees or shrubs is prohibited.

Turf Protection: For the purpose of protection, any area not paved must follow the O & M Turf Manual. No heavy equipment (cranes, backhoes, etc.), vehicles or stock piling of materials is permitted on turf areas.

The use of vehicles, heavy cranes, backhoes, etc are not allowed on the turf sections of parkland.

The temporary covering of turf for this event must be provided by the permittee for the permitted areas. Use of this ground cover allows for pedestrian walkways, temporary flooring, structure, and support, with special permission from NPS.

Permittee is must secure products such as Terraplas, Terratile and Matrax LD or equal that is ADA-compliant, interlocking mats that are translucent and allow UV light to pass through to the grass below. The products must either be perforated or ribbed, allowing for ventilation and some moisture access to the turf below. Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.

Site Furnishings:

Permittee may not move or otherwise harm existing site furnishings, including but not limited to posts and chains, benches, waste receptacles, and drinking fountains. No attachments may be made to, pass through, or be affixed to existing site furnishings.

Additional temporary site furnishings may be provided by the Permittee; however, these furnishings must meet the guidelines set forth in this document. No permanent installation of site furnishings is permitted.

All necessary precautions as deemed necessary by the NPS shall be taken to prevent damage to underground utilities, and sprinkler systems located throughout the area. Any utilities damage by this work shall be promptly repaired. The sprinkler system plan will be clearly marked on-site by the National Park Service.

Hard Surfaces:

Temporary protection of all hard surfaces affected by the construction or erection of staging elements, sound towers, camera equipment, cranes, lighting structures, miscellaneous equipment, or scaffolding must be provided. All protective pads or cushioning devices shall be non-staining.

Oil or Hydraulic Fluid Leaks: Temporary protection of hard surfaces shall be used where motorized vehicles are operating to avoid oil and/or hydraulic fluid leaks. Should a leak of this type occur, the permit holder shall be held liable for clean-up, at no expense to the NPS.

Structures:

To protect the turf areas, it is strongly encouraged that structures be placed on the Washington Monument grounds hardscape areas where it would not impact the turf. The NPS may allow under permit the use of turf areas, however, if the structure and its equipment use the turf protection measures as detailed throughout this permit. All structures must minimize all points that come in contact with the turf.

All structures must be able to withstand a minimum wind gust of 30 mph and follow the High Wind Action Plan below.

1. The High Wind Action Plan shall be in effect for the entirety of this event.
2. RNC/FBG is responsible for a designated representative to be present for the duration of this event to implement the High Wind Action Plan.
3. An Anemometer shall be placed on the roof of the stage structure to monitor wind speeds.
4. Noted wind speeds are 3 second gusts in accordance with ASCE 7.
5. **When wind speeds are expected to exceed 25 MPH, RNC/FBG will place crews on alert.**
6. **When wind speeds are expected to exceed 30 MPH, all sidewall scrim shall be removed.**
All video walls and large speaker clusters/delay towers shall be lowered to the ground and secured.
Lowering of scrim or equipment shall be done from the ground by means of remotely activated equipment such as motors or mechanical releases.
7. **When wind speeds are expected to exceed 40 MPH, all event operations shall cease and the immediate area shall be evacuated.**
8. Do not lower stage system, video walls, large speaker/delay towers during high wind events.
9. The High Wind Action Plan shall be posted at a conspicuous area on site. It must be available at all times to venue operators and crew.

All structures must follow the guidelines below and adhere to National Fire Protection Association codes.

Any temporary structure exceeding over 900 square feet require the submission of engineered drawings stamped by a structural engineer licensed in the United States. Drawings should include tent support lines identified by flagging.

Structures on the turf should be on a raiser with as few points as possible touching the turf. Each point that does touch the turf should have Enkamat Flatback⁸ or equal product and plywood pads under all points as outlined:

Each screw jack should have a wooden pad and two layers of Enkamat Flatback¹ or equal product, eighteen inches square (18"x18")

Concrete pads should have four (4) layers of Enkamat Flatback or equal product
Under each concrete tower pad two (2) layers of plywood

All screws and fasteners used in the construction of structures should be policed during the build and retained during removal. Screws and fasteners should be made of a non-aluminum metal, enabling a post-event magnet sweep to ensure all pieces are removed from the site.

Tents: To protect the turf, tents should be located on hardscape surfaces including gravel, asphalt, concrete, granite, wood, etc. tents and other similar structures must be secured using cement blocks and/or water-filled ballast tanks. No stakes are permitted on hardscape surfaces.

Non-freezing, no-staining liquid approved by the NPS (water treated with bio-degradable antifreeze) in plastic containers shall be used as weighing elements. No sand bags are permitted for this purpose.

At takedown, all water filled ballast tanks must be pumped to the nearest catch basin (located within the curbs) or to the area drains located throughout the hardscape. Tanks may not be drained into the turf or pumped in gravel areas. This prevents creation of muddy puddles and soft areas in the turf and also limits runoff of gravel into area drains.

Footnote 8 Enkamat Flatback is a unique product designed for turf grass protection. Enkamat's tightly interwoven flat upper layer can withstand the weight of thousands of people and staging equipment. Enkamat is a three-dimensional geomatrix of highly resilient, nylon monofilaments which are fused where they intersect. Ninety percent (90%) of the geomatrix is open space which allows for air and rain to pass freely through to the turf below. Enkamat comes in standard sizes of 39"x150' and 15'X150' and can be cut onsite into any shape or size.

If approval is granted by NPS, no tent stakes may penetrate the ground surface by more than 18 inches. Use of stakes longer than this requires coordination through the Turf Management Specialist, National Mall & Memorial Parks, at (202) 245-4685. Permittee must hire an independent contractor to survey the grounds with radar penetrating equipment to map all utilities prior to any staking.

Tents must be constructed of fire retardant material. A certificate of fire retardant material must be provided as confirmation to the NPS

Tents should be placed at least 5 to 10 feet apart.

Stages, Lighting, and Audio & AV Towers:

Stages, lighting trusses, video walls/screens and any scaffold towers used to support them must be constructed to conform to architectural plans stamped by a licensed structural engineer. Permittee is responsible for installing a barricade, bike rack and/or fencing around all lighting, audio and AV towers to secure them from the general public.

If authorized by permit stages may only have skirting on the audience-facing area and only during the event, to allow maximum light and air to reach the turf, thereby limiting damage.

Fencing:

Any fencing or other physical barriers planned for the event must be shown on the site plan and called out by type.

Fencing must be designed in such a way that it does not prevent safe egress from the event. Permittee must provide public access to the area until fireworks are loaded in.

Fencing located on turf areas may not be staked into the ground unless authorized by permit. If authorized, stakes must be no longer than eighteen inches (18") driven into the ground. Stakes must avoid all underground pipes and fixtures. In the event chain linked fencing is used, security barbed wire is prohibited.

Concrete barriers (such as jersey barriers) are permitted only on hardscape areas.

Tree protection fencing may be required as a condition of the permit.

Evening Work:

Evening work may be conducted for both load in and load out periods with prior permission by the Superintendent. For work conducted during evening hours a portable lighting system is required. In addition all motor vehicles including golf cart(s) must have lights. Generally night work is not allowed after 10:00 pm and prior to 6:00 am.

Structures on Turf Panels: To protect the turf, neither structures nor parking or operation of equipment is permitted on turf. Event vehicles of any kind (delivery, cranes, forklifts, golf carts, trailers, exhibit trailers, etc.) are not allowed on turf or surrounding curbs. To accommodate use for the event and to protect against compaction and plant damage, turf protection, the use of matting that holds itself and any added loads such as foot traffic, above the crown of the grass blades, and does not sink into the ground is required.

Laying roadway surfaces on the Washington Monument grounds is prohibited without NPS approval in advance.

Turf protection flooring must be light weight, able to be carried and set in place without vehicular assistance.

Products such as Terraplas, or equal, must be ADA-compliant, with interlocking mats that are translucent and allow UV light to pass through to the grass below and perforated or ribbed to allow for ventilation and some moisture access to the turf below. The use of plywood for this purpose is strictly prohibited. Specific material used must be approved in advance by NPS.

No carpet or other obstructions to turf covering holes will be allowed.

Driving stakes and/or grounding rods into the turf is prohibited without the approval of the NPS.

Structures Under/Around Trees: To minimize soil compaction and to protect the continued health of the trees, neither structures nor parking or operation of equipment, is permitted within any tree canopy (root zone) area or in any of the Tree areas. This includes but is not limited to stages, booths, audio/visual towers, tents and lighting. As a condition of the permit, the Permittee may be required to install tree-protection fencing.

Walkways: To protect the resources, stages, stands and other facilities approved for placement on any walkway, must be supported by 1 inch, professional, outdoor grade plywood or similar material.
Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.

Crate Storage and Bone Yards :

Crate storage, bone yards and staging areas are prohibited on parkland. They must be located off-site

Site Access:

Extreme caution must be exercised when driving on the sidewalks. Pedestrian access must be maintained at all times, however, if for safety reasons, an area has to be temporarily closed to the public,

Except when being driven on established public vehicular roadways: Logistical equipment and vehicles, forklifts including gas and electric carts, must not exceed 5-mph. All trucks with a GVW of over 7500 pounds, and equipment such as bucket trucks, platform lifts, forklifts, and cranes, must be accompanied by a walking spotter when moving or operating in an area accessible to the public.

Vehicles must have headlights on while in motion. All individuals operating Golf Carts/gators on NPS property must have a Valid Driver's License. All Golf Carts/gators operating after dusk, must have fixed and/or portable illumination.

Parking of Permittee(s) employee's or subcontractors private vehicles for conduct of this permit's activities, in tree panels and/or on turf or walkway areas is prohibited.

RNC/DBG must receive prior, written approval from the NPS/USPP if traffic is to be blocked at any time during preparation for, during the course of, and after a special event or demonstration (at any location in the immediate vicinity of the National Mall). If District of Columbia streets are to be blocked, the appropriate authorities must be notified as well.

All pathways and roadways must remain open and unobstructed. A minimum twenty foot (20') drive aisle must remain open at all times for emergency vehicle egress. No temporary or permanent structures may be located within the egress lane. The egress drive aisle must be called out on the site plan.

Submittal Requirements: A plan of how the site will be approached and how traffic will be controlled is required for logistical vehicles that are delivering and/or removing temporary equipment and supplies. In this submittal, information documenting the path of vehicular traffic in and around the roadways of the National Mall during preparation for, during the course of, and after all activities associated with the event, is required. Rules and regulations for District of Columbia streets also shall be observed. Signs directing vehicular and pedestrian traffic shall be furnished, with text and locations of signs indicated on the plan.

Deliveries and removal of materials shall occur so as not to adversely affect daily operations of NPS Concessioners and monuments and memorials in and around the National Mall. No deliveries shall be made after hours without prior, written approval from the NPS.

Vehicular access to turf areas will only be permitted per conditions listed below:

Driving within any Level 1 turf areas is strictly prohibited. Only hardscape areas can be used.

Driving directly on all turf and tree areas is prohibited. The temporary interlocking protective material supports shall be installed over plazas, and walkway areas for the ingress and egress of all vehicles/units or heavy equipment by RNC/DBG. **Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.**

Parking of Permittee(s) employee's or subcontractors private vehicles for conduct of this permit's activities on parkland is prohibited. Permittee must arrange for parking of employee and contractor vehicles off parkland.

3. Trash/Recycling Maintenance:

A. RNC/DBG will be responsible for providing card board trash receptacles for collection and disposal of all trash, debris, and litter resulting from the use of the permitted area, including a recycling program. Trash shall not be allowed to accumulate and shall be continually and promptly bagged in **clear plastic bags** and removed from the site. The location and placement of any litter containers must be coordinated with the NPS.

Recycling:

The permittee is required to collect and transport to a certified recycling center, commingled cans and bottles (aluminum and bimetal cans and plastic bottles), plastic, and aluminum materials generated from the permitted activity off park land.

The permittee shall furnish all management, supervision, labor, equipment, materials, supplies and any other items necessary to perform the recycling service of their permitted event. Work includes providing labor, proper equipment, collection and transport of generated recycled items, as well as providing records on the recycled material to NPS.

Permittee must submit the trash and recycling plan and have it approved prior to set up.

4. Electricity and Generator Usage:

No electricity available on site. RNC/FBG may provide their own gasoline and/or solar powered generator(s) to provide power if needed. Generators will be installed in accordance with the site plan, D.C. Fire Department guidelines, and safely installed per manufacturer requirements. The fueling/refueling of gasoline powered generators on parkland is prohibited*. The storage of additional fuel is prohibited.

At a minimum, for hand carted generators, 1" professional outdoor grade plywood, or similar material must be placed underneath the generator to protect the underlying surfaces from potential weight and vibration damage and fluid leakage. Generators must be encased with a secondary drip containment unit.

Tow plant generator(s) and light tower(s) must have an internal secondary drip containment unit and/or placed in self-adsorbent, fire retardant containment troughs and be fenced in or closed in with bike rack.

All wires must be covered by mats and/or yellow jackets to prevent tripping hazards. The cord must be in good condition, of sufficient gauge to accommodate the electrical load of equipment and must be properly grounded.

A Fire extinguisher must be within 15 feet of generator(s) and light tower(s)

***Refueling of generators:** Refueling of the gasoline generators will be permitted pursuant to the following conditions:

Refueling will only be allowed on dates and times agreed upon in advance with the NPS- generally, (05:00 a.m.-08:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. (midnight)).

The following materials must be placed on the ground during refueling:

Plastic tarp

Absorbent material on top of tarp

Drip pan under fueling nozzle

Spill containment material or absorbent booms or pads must be stored at each generator location

55-gallon drum labeled hazardous material must be placed alongside of each generator. Should spillage occur the absorbent material must be placed in these barrels.

Contractor will be responsible for removing the barrels off of park property

Contractor will be responsible for any damage to the park's resources as a result of the refueling.

In case of spill please contact DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services at 911 and National Mall & Memorial Parks' Chief of Maintenance at (202) 359-1551.

The storage of fuel on parkland, in trailers, next to generators and at other NPS locations is strictly prohibited.

RNC/FBG will be responsible for any damages to park resources resulting from the re-fueling.

The spillage of deleterious substances such as engine oil, gasoline, etc. is prohibited. In the event of such an occurrence, NPS and USPP must be notified immediately.

All cables, power lines, etc. shall be run in an orderly manner and contained in matted yellow jackets that provide for safety and accessibility. No power lines can be strung between trees. All temporary electrical service wiring must be covered by mats and/or high-visibility Yellow Jacket™, or equivalent item, so as not to create a tripping hazard or navigation barrier to handicapped individuals. The cord must be in good condition, of sufficient gauge to accommodate the electrical load of the equipment and must be properly grounded.

Bike rack must be placed around all generators, as well as light and sound towers.

5. Overnight Security/Camping:

RNC/FBG is responsible for providing UNARMED overnight security. Coordinate security with Sgt. Eddie Burnett or Sgt. Zakiyyah Mahasin U. S. Park Police at 202-610-7092.

Sleeping overnight in park areas, including in any tents by employees or subcontractors workmen is prohibited. Camping is defined as the use of the park land for living accommodation purposes such as sleeping activities, or making preparations to sleep (including the laying down or bedding for the purpose of sleeping), or storing personal belongings, or making any fire, or using any tents or shelter or other structure or vehicle for sleeping or doing any digging or earth breaking or carrying on cooking activities. The above-listed activities constitute camping when it reasonably appears, in light of all the circumstances that the participants, in conducting these activities, are in fact using the area as a living accommodation regardless of the intent of the participants or the nature of any other activities in which they may also be engaging.

6. Safety:

RNC/FBG is required to meet OSHA guidelines regarding employee/subcontractor work schedules. No employee/subcontractor is to work no more than 10 hours within a 24 hour period. Any work required beyond the 10 hour limitation will need to be requested to the NPS in advance for review and approval by the Superintendent, National Mall & Memorial Parks.

An authorized RNC/FBG official must be assigned for on-site supervision each day of the event for load-in and load-out. NPS and USPP will also be assigned to monitor and to provide for public safety. All instructions given by authorized NPS or USPP personnel must be obeyed promptly.

Any movement by heavy equipment such as forklifts and cranes must be accompanied by spotters in the front and rear of the piece of equipment at all times. In the event cranes are used, the gravel walk must be secured and pedestrians directed to other available walkways.

Failure to comply with all terms and conditions of this permit may constitute grounds for cancellation of the permit and immediate termination of the event.

7. Portable Toilets/Comfort facilities:

- A. Adequate portable restroom facilities shall be installed by RNC/FBG for employee and public use. These units shall be placed in "low profile" locations approved by NPS. The National Park Service recommends one portable restroom facility for every 300 participants with 20% of those facilities wheelchair accessible.

8. Security:

RNC/FBG will be responsible for providing unarmed security for any equipment left unattended at any given time and/or overnight on parkland. Individual(s) must be properly identified. Security will begin on the first day of set-up and continue through the final day of tear down.

In addition, during the hours of load-in and load-out, RNC/FBG will be required to provide an adequate number of security personnel to assist with pedestrian and vehicle movement on the walkways.

Meetings with the RNC/FBG, the United States Park Police and the National Park Service, Permits Management Office have been held to coordinate and finalize the security plan for this event.

9. Credentials

All staff, volunteers, artists/participants, press, VIPs, and vendors involved this event will be issued credentials. The credentials will identify the person by name and category to include the event logo.

Colored copies of all credentials will be provided to USPP in advance of the event.

10. Water and Food:

RNC/FBG will be responsible for providing adequate bottled water to accommodate those attending this event.

Guest Services, Inc. and/or RGI will provide food and water for sale at their permanent food kiosks.

Permittee may provide food to their staff. All public health rules and guidelines must be followed at all times.

11. Sales of Merchandise/Solicitation of Donations:

Permittee is responsible for adhering to item #4, last page of permit concerning sales. Permittee states no sales nor soliciting of donations will take place.

12. Sound Amplification:

Special attention is drawn to item #7, last page of permit concerning sound amplification.

13. Signs, Banners, and Commercial Advertising and Sponsor Recognition:

NPS regulations generally prohibit Federal parkland from being used for business solicitation or for the advertisement or promotion of commercial brands, products, and services. As such, no commercial notices and advertisements shall be placed, posted or distributed at the event. Further, no structures representing commercial products, or models or replications of commercial products or merchandise may be displayed.

Further consistent with long-standing NPS policy now under Public Law 108-108, Title I, § 145, special event permits will expressly prohibit the erection, placement, or use of structures and signs bearing commercial advertising. However, a permit may issued that authorizes the recognition of sponsors of special events, if the National Park Service determines that the size and form of the recognition is consistent with the special nature and sanctity of the National Mall or any other requested park area, and if the lettering or design identifying the sponsor is no larger than one-third the size of the lettering or design identifying the special event. Further, to the maximum extent practicable for such special events, public use of and access to the National Mall and other parkland is not restricted.

The permittee shall submit a sign plan for NPS review and approval. Any request seeking NPS approval for sponsor recognition must be submitted to the NPS at least 30 days prior to the proposed event, and depicted on the sign plan. If approved by the National Park Service, sponsor recognition will be authorized within the terms of the special event permit. Authorized sponsor recognition must be in keeping with the NPS policy, regulations, and law, and be appropriate to the scale and theme of the special event. Further, the overall size, number, and design of any signs or banners shall be appropriate to the park setting and the lettering or design identifying the sponsor must be no larger than one-third the size of the lettering or design identifying the special event. Signs and banners may not be affixed to existing trees or other NPS facilities or structures.

Distribution or give aways of any commercial product is limited to only those that may be consumed on the event site such as juices or popcorn. Soliciting personal information such as names, addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, zip codes, etc. or any other information which may be used for future solicitation, or marketing purposes is strictly prohibited. **A list of all giveaway items will be provided to the NPS for approval.**

Permittee will be responsible for assuring that sponsors adhere to the law regarding commercial advertising, promotion and signage (see conditions above)

No commercial displays, promotions, coupon give-a-ways or advertising permitted on park land.

14. Protection of the Public and General Welfare:

Bike rack and chain link fence shall be erected by RNC/DBG to contain the event areas and provide Necessary resource protection, security and buffer zones. The permittee(s) is responsible for encircling generators with fence and/or bike rack.

15. Media:

SAT/Microwave Trucks

Cameras, equipment, crew, and participants in this filming may not be situated on sidewalks, paths, or roadways that prohibit the passage of pedestrians and/or vehicles. No equipment may be attached and/or affixed to any plant materials (i.e. trees and shrubs) or structures. Running cables thru trees is prohibited.

No exclusive use of the area is permitted and the area must remain open to the general public at all times. This filming may in no way impede or prevent public access to the area.

No reserved parking for "crew vehicles" is permitted.

No electrical service is available. The use of a portable, hand carted, generator, to be provided by the Permittee, is permitted. Plywood or a similar material must be placed beneath the generator to protect the turf.

Cabling across entrances and handicapped accessible ramps must be ADA approved and cannot impair or prevent access. All cables must be covered to prevent tripping hazards.

16. Glass bottles, balloons and confetti is not allowed on park land.

17. Aerial Display:

Permittee must following adhere to established guidelines and safety standards. The following must be provided to the NPS Incident Commander and NPS Fire Marshall:

- Fireworks Display Map
- Fireworks Inventory
- Fireworks Safety Plan
- Fireworks Scope of Work
- Pyrotechnic Certificate of Liability Insurance to include liability to the Federal Government and the District of Columbia
- Pyrotechnic Technician Licenses/certificates
- Pyrotechnic Truck Driver Licenses/certificates
- Pyrotechnic Assistants ID information
- NPS Matrix Deck Plan

PLEASE NOTE: No fireworks on NPS lands without first providing an inventory to NPS Fire Marshall, 24 hours in advance. In addition fence will need to be placed around the tubes and racks before they being building, per NFPA code requirement.

Equipment List:

- Three (3) Forklifts with non-marking tires
- One (1) shooting boom forklift with non-marking tires
- One (1) 12'x12' canopy tent on the hardscape directly in front of the Sylvan Theater
- One (1) 30 yard dumpster on Sylvan Theater hardscape
- Three (3) portable restroom on the east side of the Sylvan Theater hardscape

- A. Fireworks will be delivered on site with US Park Police escort at approved designed times.
- B. NPS-NCA AHJ will conduct daily Aerial Fireworks Display Inspections. Fireworks by Grucci must provide an onsite representative to meet with NPS-NCR AHJ.
- C. Once on site the area must be secured by bike rack and chain link if needed. Security personnel must be provided onsite while building tubes to load.
- D. Permittee is responsible for any damages attributed to the fireworks including but not limited to turf damage, statuary, burn marks, tire marks and roadway damage. Permittee must clean up and remove any debris associated with fireworks display include sweeper cleaning of Constitution and Independence Avenues.
- E. Permittee is responsible for ensuring the proper resource protection measures are followed as outlined by this permit including approved flooring. To protect the exposed aggregate from the steel rack system the permittee must lay down a minimum of:
 - ¾" piece of plywood on top of the pallet additional
 - ½" piece of plywood on top with an additional cross section of 2x6 lumber over it
- F. All fireworks displays or use of pyrotechnics shall be approved by the NPS-NCA AHJ and shall meet NFPA 1123: Code for Fireworks Display, NFPA 1124: Code for the Manufacture, Transportation, and Storage of Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Article, NFPA 1126: Use of Pyrotechnics Before a Proximate Audience, and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration OSHA, standards.
- G. Fireworks drawing plans, fireworks inventory list, along with technician and assistant, certifications, including; name, title and DOB of staff who will performing the fireworks display, shall be provided to the NPS-NCR Authority Having Jurisdiction, AHJ, at least 10 working days for review and approval.
- H. The aerial display shall be delayed, stopped or postponed immediately if 1123:8.1.4.1 and 1123:8.1.4.2:
 1. Wind/Weather-lightning in immediate area, approaching storm front.
 2. Inadequate/Loss of Crowd Control
 3. Loss of trajectory
 4. Unsafe practices

- I. The NCA Fireworks Permit shall be issued pending successful fireworks site inspection by the NPS NCA AHJ or designee and DC Fire EMS .
- J. Contact Sgt. Eddie Burnett, or Sgt. Zakiyyah Mahasin ,United States Park Police, at (202) 610-7092, with questions concerning police procedures or logistics.
- K. No vehicle larger than a flatbed truck and a 26 foot box truck can enter the Washington Monument Grounds. Vehicles cannot travel more than 5 MPH. Spotters must be located in the front and in the back of the vehicle. No parking will be allowed of any box truck or flat bed truck on the Washington Monument grounds. Fireworks by Grucci must contact the U.S. Park Police for vehicle Access passes onto the Washington Monument grounds. Three (3) NPS parking passes will be issued to park behind Sylvan Theater. No overnight parking will be allowed.

Vehicles Parking Behind Sylvan Theater

- One (1) pick up truck
- One (1) ten passenger van
- One (1) seven passenger suv

Timeline:

8/24-8/26 7:00 am – 7:00 pm
 8/27 8:00 am – 3:00 am, 8/28
 8/28 7:00 am – 5:00 pm
 8/29 7:00 am – 3:00 pm

The Sylvan Theater access road off Independence Avenue cannot be blocked at any time. The roadway is for emergency access only.

Entry/Exit for the Washington Monument will be from off Independence Avenue, westbound on the Sylvan Theater access roadway and off 17th Street on the west side, north and south center walkways (see attached diagram). All vehicle movement on 17th Street and Independence Avenue must be under the direction of the U. S. Park Police. Contact Sgt. Eddie Burnett or Sgt. Zakiyyah Mahasin, 202-610-7092.

- L. The use of any forklift on the plaza inside the circle of flags is limited to weight of 15,000 pounds or less. Forklifts, a total of four (4; 3 regular and one with a boom) must have non-marking tires. Driving over any lights around the Monument is strictly prohibited as well as near any marble benches. Delivery of any equipment including forklifts cannot take place prior to Monday, August 24. Grucci can deliver to the Sylvan Theater backstage area prior to morning rush hour which starts at 6:00 am. U. S. Park Police must be on site to assist with traffic control both for unloading and loading. In addition of equipment and no deliveries and pick up can take place during posted rush hours 6:00 am – 9:30 am and 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm, Monday through Friday.
- M. No items may be brought on site that has not been authorized. If any unauthorized equipment/items are found on site, permit may be revoked and the event cancelled.

PENDING DOCUMENTATION as of 8/24/20

- A. Fireworks inventory list, 24 hours prior to each fireworks truck arrival.
- B. Pyrotechnician and assistants list is pending ATF background check approval
- C. Provide DC Fire and EMS contract document of fire department units and staff providing suppression assistance on August 27, 2020.
- D. Any tent use approval, need to meet NFPA 701 compliance. Permittee must provide NFPA 701 fire retardant certificate or photo copy of the fire retardant label attached to the tent material, in accordance with the "NCA Fire and Life Safety Temporary Events Policy".

Permittee must provide all items prior to load in.

18. Alcoholic Beverages:

The possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages is generally prohibited.

19. Sound Amplification:

Special attention is drawn to item #7, last page of permit, concerning sound amplification.

20. Glass Bottles:

No glass bottles and/or containers are permitted on parkland

21. First Aid/Medical Services:

All medical and First Aid provided must comply with the National Capital Area Medical Director protocols.

RNC/FBG is responsible for providing First Aid services on-site. The NPS adheres to the District of Columbia Department of Fire & Emergency Medical Services guidelines established according to the number of people anticipated at an event. The following guidelines, established according to the number of people anticipated at an event, will ensure that appropriate medical coverage is provided throughout the event:

- 1-1,999: The Permittee may rely on 911
- 2,000 – 9,999: The Permittee should have a fixed First Aid site with certified/licensed personnel, who will remain on site throughout the event.
- 10,000 – 20,000: The Permittee should have one fixed First Aid site with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event and a Basic Life Support Ambulance (licensed in the District of Columbia) who will transport patients to an appropriate medical facility.
- 20,000 – 30,000: The Permittee should have one fixed First Aid site with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event, a licensed Basic Life Support Ambulance and a Licensed Advanced Life Support Unit (D. C. Fire & EMS has the only certificate of need to provide on-scene paramedic services in the District of Columbia).

- 30,000 – 50,000: The Permittee should have two fixed First Aid sites with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event, two Basic Life Support Units and one Advanced Life Support Unit (both licensed in the District of Columbia).
- 50,000 – 60,000: The Permittee should have two fixed First Aid sites with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event, two Basic Life Support Units and two Advanced Life Support Units (both licensed in the District of Columbia).
- Events exceeding 60,000 participants: The Permittee is required to have emergency medical services personnel from D. C. Fire & EMS as well as the Department of Health on site for the appropriate provision of first aid and/or emergency medical services.

22. Sales/Solicitation:

Special attention is drawn to item #4, last page of this permit concerning fees collected and donations solicited on parkland.

23. Accessibility:

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) applies to temporary services, programs, and activities. Temporary facilities and structures must comply with the ADA Standards.

Policies and operations for the event must meet the nondiscrimination requirements of the ADA, including, but not limited to provision of accessible parking, routes through site, food service, toilet, facilities, and assembly seating.

RNC/FBG is responsible for providing auxiliary aids and services as requested. RNC/FBG is responsible for providing promotional material explaining how the public can request a particular auxiliary aid or service and be informed of when specific auxiliary aids and services may be available for all Presidential Inaugural Ceremonies held on parkland.

Service animals, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), are permitted under proper supervision. The ADA defines a service animal as any guide dog, signal dog, or other animal individually trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability. If they meet this definition, animals are considered service animals under the ADA regardless of whether they have been licensed or certified by a state or local government.

RNC/FBG must consider elements of accessibility when designing the layout of the event. Potential items for inclusion are:

- Addition of temporary curb ramps where needed to provide an accessible route
- Location of structures and tents along an accessible route
- Provision of auxiliary aids and services
- Provision of and an accessible route from transit stops to the event location
- Provision of tactile braille signage
- Provision of portable wheelchair lifts to access stages or other elevated areas.

24. **Adverse Weather Policy:**

When there is a threat to public health or safety, the Superintendent and/or his/or her designee, may close the park or an event being held there for such duration as determined necessary to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the public. Such situations have occasionally occurred in the past where park areas have been closed due to severe weather warning of heavy rain and thunderstorms with lightning and high winds. Where an area is ordered closed due to a weather-related public safety threat, pursuant to 36 CFR 2.32(2) people must comply with official directions to leave the closed area and relocate to safer sheltered locations.

Closing or canceling an event is a last resort. However, while most events will be held despite the weather, RNC/FBG is responsible for providing updated information in the event schedules and drop-off points may change. **If a weather emergency is declared, programs may be closed early or canceled.**

25. Prior to load in of fireworks, permittee must provide openings in the fencing for visitor access.

PERMITTEE MUST READ AND ADHERE TO THE "FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR OUTDOOR EVENTS AND TENT USE" AT ALL TIMES. IN ADDITION, FIREWORKS BY GRICCI, MUST PROVIDE ALL DOCUMENTATION AND SAFETY INFORMATION FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL TO THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA FIRE AND SAFETY OFFICERS/FIRE MARSHAL. FIREWORKS BY GRICCI MUST FOLLOW ALL FIRE AND SAFETY GUIDANCES PROVIDED BY THE FIRE AND SAFETY OFFICERS/FIRE MARSHAL. ANY VIOLATIONS OF THESE GUIDELINES AND FIRE AND SAFETY PROCEDURES IS SUBJECT TO REVOCATION OF THIS PERMIT.

Please see attached schedule and diagrams.

26. **The following will be made available to the RNC/FBG Incident Command Unit**

- All Site Diagrams
- Equipment List
- Production Schedule/Time line
- Access Locations
- Security Plan
- Communications Plan
- Medical Plan
- Media Plan
- Sanitation Plan
- Safe Haven Plan
- Severe Weather Plan
- Vendor List

A COMPLETE AND LEGIBLE COPY OF THIS PERMIT MUST BE RETAINED ON-SITE AT ALL TIMES WHILE OPERATING UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED

Republican National Convention Fireworks Performance - Washington DC
August 27th, 2020
Product Description and Count, Fireworks by Grucci, Inc.
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WASHINGTON MONUMENT PRODUCT COUNTS

QNT	SIZE	Description
608	2"	Comets
117	3"	Comets
1650	3"	Aerial Shells
400	4"	Aerial Shells
260	5"	Aerial Shells
316	6"	Aerial Shells
45	45mm	Roman Candles
45	MSB	Multi-Shot Boxes
45	30mm	Multi Shot Single Row Devices
3597	40mm	One Shot Comets/Mines
737	50mm	One Shot Comets/Mines

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3. All laws, rules and regulations applicable to the area covered by this permit remain in effect.
4. No fee may be collected, donation solicited, or commercial activity conducted. No items may be sold or offered for sale except for books, newspapers, leaflets, pamphlets, buttons, and bumper stickers which contain a message related to your demonstration or special event. No other merchandise may be sold or offered for sale. A stand or structure used for the sale of permitted items may not exceed one table per site, which may be no larger than 2 ½ feet by 8 feet or 4 feet by 4 feet. The dimensions of the sales site may not exceed 6 feet wide by 15 feet long by 6 feet high.
5. The area should be left in substantially the same condition as it was prior to the activities authorized herein, and all litter shall be placed in the trash containers provided.
6. This permit is applicable only for the use of the area designated above, and during the times designated above, or in any area as may hereafter be designated by the United States Park Police.
7. The use of sound amplification equipment, other than hand-portable sound amplification equipment to be used for crowd control purposes only, is prohibited on the White House Sidewalk (South 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., sidewalk between East Executive Avenue and West Executive Avenue). All sound amplification equipment shall be limited so that it will not unreasonably disturb nonparticipating persons in, or in the vicinity of, the area.
8. The National Park Service reserves the right to immediately revoke this permit at any time should it reasonably appear that the public gathering presents a clear and present danger to the public safety, good order or health, or if any conditions of this permit are violated

Lisa Mendelson
Acting Area Director
National Capital Area

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By:
Robbin M. Owen
Chief, Division of Permits Management
National Mall & Memorial Parks

Permit issued to Republican National Committeepdf

From: [Litterst, Michael D](#)
To: [Moore, Jack](#)
Subject: Permit issued to Republican National Committee for fireworks display on August 27
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 9:12:06 AM
Attachments: [20-1063 Republican National Committee permit_Redacted.pdf](#)

The National Park Service has approved the Republican National Committee's request to present a fireworks display on the grounds of the Washington Monument on August 27. As with all special events that take place on the National Mall, a permit has been issued (attached) to define the conditions under which the display will take place in order to ensure public safety and the protection of park resources. The applicant is responsible for production of the event and all associated costs. Additionally, per policy, the National Park Service will recover from the RNC all costs incurred as a result of the activity, including NPS administrative costs for permit preparation and management of the event, and monitoring of the activity to ensure compliance with the conditions of the permit.

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Mike Litterst  
Chief of Communications  
National Mall and Memorial Parks

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IN REPLY REFER TO

# United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

National Capital Region

1100 Ohio Drive, S.W.

Washington, D.C. 20242

## PUBLIC GATHERING PERMIT

Permit: 20-1063

Date: August 24, 2020

In accordance with Park Regulations as contained in C.F.R., Title 36, Chapter 1, Section 7.96, permission is granted to conduct a public gathering to the following:

Person(s) and/or Organization(s): Republican National Committee

Dates(s): Monday, August 24, 2020

To: Saturday, August 29, 2020

Time: Starting: 8:00 am

Ending: 3:00 pm

Location(s):

Washington Monument Grounds-Southern Portion

Purpose: Aerial Fireworks Display

Anticipated Number or Participants: 50

Person(s) in Charge: Michelle Meadows

Address(es): (b) (6)

Phone Number: (202) 863-8638

On Site Aerial Fireworks Representatives: Phil Grucci (b) (6)

This permit is granted subject to the following conditions:

1. Permittee and all participants authorized therein must comply with all of the conditions of this permit and with all reasonable directions of the United States Park Police.
2. All sidewalks, walkways, and roadways must remain unobstructed to allow for the reasonable use of these areas by pedestrians, vehicles and other park visitors.

PERMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR READING AND ADHERING TO ATTACHED  
ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS.

**ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS****PERMIT #20-1063****REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION; WASHINGTON MONUMENT GROUNDS,  
SOUTHERN PORTION****AUGUST 24-AUGUST 29, 2020****Event Overview:** Aerial Fireworks Display**Event Contact Information:** Christopher Grucci, Logistics Manager, (b) (6)**NPS Site Coordinator:** Robbin Owen, 202-359-1458**Event Timeline:**

See the attached spreadsheets for complete timeline.

- Set up starts on: August 24
- Event: August 27
- Tear down complete: August 29

**Permit Authorization**

A. This permit authorizes the Republican National Convention and their contractor, Fireworks by Grucci (RNC/FBG) use of the Washington Monument Grounds, southern portion for this permitted activity. Permission is granted to RNC/FBG to commence load-in for the placement of any fireworks, porta-johns, trash dumpsters, support structures, and the erection of fencing:

1. RNC/FBG will submit to the NPS stamped engineered drawings for all structures, larger than 900 square feet for NPS review and approval.
2. The permittee(s) agrees to be fully responsible for the management, performance, use and safety within the permit area involved in this authorization until the work is completed, inspected, and accepted.

Stated Total of Participants: 50 staff

**B. Schedule of Events August 24 – August 29**

- Set up: Monday, August 24 – Thursday August 27, 7:00 am – 7:00 pm
- Event Day: Thursday, August 27, 11:30 pm – 11:35 pm
- Overnight security, August 24-26 7:00 pm -7:00 am daily  
8/28, 2:00 am – 7:00 am and 5:00 pm – 7:00 am, August 29

Program: Thursday, August 27, 11:30 pm – 11:35 pm



Load-Out: Friday, August 28, 7:00 am – 5:00 pm  
 Saturday, August 29, 7:00 am – 3:00 pm

**NOTE: See attached timeline. Tear down is not permitted after dark at 8:00 pm on Friday and Saturday, August 28 and August 29**

## **I. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT**

1. All activities pursuant to this permit shall be in compliance with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252; 42 U.S.C. 200d et seq.); Title V, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 394; 29 U.S.C. 794); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (89 Stat. 728; 42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.); and with all other Federal laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination on grounds of race, color, national origin, handicap, religion, or sex in employment and in providing facilities and services to the public. Nothing in advertising for employees shall be done which will prevent those covered by these laws from qualifying for employment.
2. Permittee and all participants authorized therein must comply with all of the conditions of this permit and with all reasonable directions of the United States Park Police and/or other representative of the NPS.
3. The area must be left in substantially the same conditions as it was prior to the activities authorized herein. All trash, debris, and litter resulting from activities of this permit shall not be allowed to accumulate and shall be bagged **in clear plastic bags** and placed in trash dumpsters provide by RNC/FBG.
4. All requests, correspondence and meetings with NPS pertaining to this permit shall be scheduled by RNC/FBG only. All contractors, subcontractors or consultants must channel their request through the recognized representatives of the permittee, who in turn, will contact NPS.
5. All laws, rules, and regulations applicable to the area covered by this permit remain in effect.
6. This permit is applicable only for the use of the area designated above, and during the times designated above, or as may be designated in written amendment to this permit.
7. In use of this area, the permittee shall require all employees and/or contractors to exercise all normal and reasonable safety precautions including observance of all applicable OSHA codes, to protect park property and to provide for public safety. Suitable devices such as barricades, fences, lanterns, etc., necessary for employee, public safety, and resource protection shall be provided by RNC/FBG shall be adequately maintained. Placement of such devices require the concurrence of the NPS.
8. All work performed as a result of the permitted use by the permittee or its agents shall be subject to the conditions of this permit, and the permittee is responsible for ensuring that such work meets the conditions of this permit.



9. All proposed amendments or additions to this permit and all proposed locations of vehicles, equipment, storage, installations of any kind, areas of activity, work and power plans shall be submitted to the NPS for prior written approval. These proposals shall be in map or diagram form suitable for on the ground inspection. Placement of tents, displays, and other detailed and specific site map will be provided to the NPS prior to installation of facilities.
  - a. Arrival schedules, equipment lists and vehicle lists must be provided in advance and all units in use in the park area must have specific approval by the NPS.
  - b. Permittee will provide an on-site coordinator to be accessible to the NPS and the United States Park Police (USPP) personnel at all times during construction or set-up activities and during dismantling of facilities post-event.
10. NPS reserves the right to immediately revoke this permit at any time should it reasonably appear that the activity presents present danger to the public safety, good order or health, or if any conditions of this permit are violated.
11. This permit may be amended upon final approval of the site plan, certified stamped engineered drawings, sign plan and timeline.
12. A copy of this permit shall be at the site during the use of the park area.

## **II. SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT**

### **1. Event Venues:**

- A. Washington Monument Grounds, southern portion

Set-up will include the following: Fireworks, fencing, dumpster, and tents. A complete equipment list must be provided for the permit.

**See attached diagram**

### **2. Resource Protection:**

Throughout the course of this permit, the RNC/FBG, is responsible for taking all necessary precautions to minimize resource damage throughout the permitted area. In addition, permittee must supervise their contractors and employees during set-up and teardown to assure that there is no damage to park resources. RNC/FBG must have a representative on site during set up and tear down of equipment to monitor the vendors.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 7.96(g)(5)(vi)(C), 2.31(a)(2),(3) the destruction, defacement, damaging, alteration, or removal of park resources or facilities is prohibited. No item, including signs or banners, may be attached to park trees, plantings, benches, statues, walls, fences, or other park property.

To protect the resources, stands and other facilities approved for placement on the grass and walkways, outside of any restricted zones, must be supported by pre-approved, hard interlocking plastic material. Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.

No excavation or disturbance of park features or landscape shall be permitted under this permit without written approval of NPS.

When heavy equipment vehicles (forklifts/cranes, etc.) are used to move equipment, permittee must provide spotters in the front and rear of the heavy equipment vehicle to insure safety of pedestrians and workers.

Throughout the course of this permit, RNC/FBG will require its employees/volunteers, and contractors, to exercise special care and attention to protect the resources of parkland and its environs. In addition, RNC/FBG must supervise their contractors and employees during set-up and teardown to assure that there is no damage to park resources.

### **Landscapes:**

Lawn, trees, shrubs, and the irrigation system, curbs, electric conduits, and water mains located within the permitted area, shall be protected from adverse impacts associated with event activities.

Heavy Equipment Near Trees and Shrubs: The use of any heavy equipment (crane, back hoe, etc.) placed under or near trees or shrubs is prohibited.

Turf Protection: For the purpose of protection, any area not paved must follow the O & M Turf Manual. No heavy equipment (cranes, backhoes, etc.), vehicles or stock piling of materials is permitted on turf areas.

The use of vehicles, heavy cranes, backhoes, etc are not allowed on the turf sections of parkland.

The temporary covering of turf for this event must be provided by the permittee for the permitted areas. Use of this ground cover allows for pedestrian walkways, temporary flooring, structure, and support, with special permission from NPS.

Permittee is must secure products such as Terraplas, Terratile and Matrax LD or equal that is ADA-compliant, interlocking mats that are translucent and allow UV light to pass through to the grass below. The products must either be perforated or ribbed, allowing for ventilation and some moisture access to the turf below. Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.

### **Site Furnishings:**

Permittee may not move or otherwise harm existing site furnishings, including but not limited to posts and chains, benches, waste receptacles, and drinking fountains. No attachments may be made to, pass through, or be affixed to existing site furnishings.



Additional temporary site furnishings may be provided by the Permittee; however, these furnishings must meet the guidelines set forth in this document. No permanent installation of site furnishings is permitted.

All necessary precautions as deemed necessary by the NPS shall be taken to prevent damage to underground utilities, and sprinkler systems located throughout the area. Any utilities damage by this work shall be promptly repaired. The sprinkler system plan will be clearly marked on-site by the National Park Service.

### **Hard Surfaces:**

Temporary protection of all hard surfaces affected by the construction or erection of staging elements, sound towers, camera equipment, cranes, lighting structures, miscellaneous equipment, or scaffolding must be provided. All protective pads or cushioning devices shall be non-staining.

Oil or Hydraulic Fluid Leaks: Temporary protection of hard surfaces shall be used where motorized vehicles are operating to avoid oil and/or hydraulic fluid leaks. Should a leak of this type occur, the permit holder shall be held liable for clean-up, at no expense to the NPS.

### **Structures:**

To protect the turf areas, it is strongly encouraged that structures be placed on the Washington Monument grounds hardscape areas where it would not impact the turf. The NPS may allow under permit the use of turf areas, however, if the structure and its equipment use the turf protection measures as detailed throughout this permit. All structures must minimize all points that come in contact with the turf.

All structures must be able to withstand a minimum wind gust of 30 mph and follow the High Wind Action Plan below.

1. The High Wind Action Plan shall be in effect for the entirety of this event.
2. RNC/FBG is responsible for a designated representative to be present for the duration of this event to implement the High Wind Action Plan.
3. An Anemometer shall be placed on the roof of the stage structure to monitor wind speeds.
4. Noted wind speeds are 3 second gusts in accordance with ASCE 7.
5. **When wind speeds are expected to exceed 25 MPH, RNC/FBG will place crews on alert.**
6. **When wind speeds are expected to exceed 30 MPH, all sidewall scrim shall be removed.**  
All video walls and large speaker clusters/delay towers shall be lowered to the ground and secured.  
Lowering of scrim or equipment shall be done from the ground by means of remotely activated equipment such as motors or mechanical releases.
7. **When wind speeds are expected to exceed 40 MPH, all event operations shall cease and the immediate area shall be evacuated.**
8. Do not lower stage system, video walls, large speaker/delay towers during high wind events.
9. The High Wind Action Plan shall be posted at a conspicuous area on site. It must be available at all times to venue operators and crew.



All structures must follow the guidelines below and adhere to National Fire Protection Association codes.

Any temporary structure exceeding over 900 square feet require the submission of engineered drawings stamped by a structural engineer licensed in the United States. Drawings should include tent support lines identified by flagging.

Structures on the turf should be on a raiser with as few points as possible touching the turf. Each point that does touch the turf should have Enkamat Flatback<sup>8</sup> or equal product and plywood pads under all points as outlined:

Each screw jack should have a wooden pad and two layers of Enkamat Flatback<sup>1</sup> or equal product, eighteen inches square (18"x18")

Concrete pads should have four (4) layers of Enkamat Flatback or equal product  
Under each concrete tower pad two (2) layers of plywood

All screws and fasteners used in the construction of structures should be policed during the build and retained during removal. Screws and fasteners should be made of a non-aluminum metal, enabling a post-event magnet sweep to ensure all pieces are removed from the site.

**Tents:** To protect the turf, tents should be located on hardscape surfaces including gravel, asphalt, concrete, granite, wood, etc. tents and other similar structures must be secured using cement blocks and/or water-filled ballast tanks. No stakes are permitted on hardscape surfaces.

Non-freezing, no-staining liquid approved by the NPS (water treated with bio-degradable antifreeze) in plastic containers shall be used as weighing elements. No sand bags are permitted for this purpose.

At takedown, all water filled ballast tanks must be pumped to the nearest catch basin (located within the curbs) or to the area drains located throughout the hardscape. Tanks may not be drained into the turf or pumped in gravel areas. This prevents creation of muddy puddles and soft areas in the turf and also limits runoff of gravel into area drains.

Footnote 8 Enkamat Flatback is a unique product designed for turf grass protection. Enkamat's tightly interwoven flat upper layer can withstand the weight of thousands of people and staging equipment. Enkamat is a three-dimensional geomatrix of highly resilient, nylon monofilaments which are fused where they intersect. Ninety percent (90%) of the geomatrix is open space which allows for air and rain to pass freely through to the turf below. Enkamat comes in standard sizes of 39"x150' and 15'X150' and can be cut onsite into any shape or size.

**If approval is granted by NPS,** no tent stakes may penetrate the ground surface by more than 18 inches. Use of stakes longer than this requires coordination through the Turf Management Specialist, National Mall & Memorial Parks, at (202) 245-4685. Permittee must hire an independent contractor to survey the grounds with radar penetrating equipment to map all utilities prior to any staking.

Tents must be constructed of fire retardant material. A certificate of fire retardant material must be provided as confirmation to the NPS

Tents should be placed at least 5 to 10 feet apart.

### **Stages, Lighting, and Audio & AV Towers:**

Stages, lighting trusses, video walls/screens and any scaffold towers used to support them must be constructed to conform to architectural plans stamped by a licensed structural engineer. Permittee is responsible for installing a barricade, bike rack and/or fencing around all lighting, audio and AV towers to secure them from the general public.

If authorized by permit stages may only have skirting on the audience-facing area and only during the event, to allow maximum light and air to reach the turf, thereby limiting damage.

### **Fencing:**

Any fencing or other physical barriers planned for the event must be shown on the site plan and called out by type.

Fencing must be designed in such a way that it does not prevent safe egress from the event. Permittee must provide public access to the area until fireworks are loaded in.

Fencing located on turf areas may not be staked into the ground unless authorized by permit. If authorized, stakes must be no longer than eighteen inches (18") driven into the ground. Stakes must avoid all underground pipes and fixtures. In the event chain linked fencing is used, security barbed wire is prohibited.

Concrete barriers (such as jersey barriers) are permitted only on hardscape areas.

Tree protection fencing may be required as a condition of the permit.

### **Evening Work:**

Evening work may be conducted for both load in and load out periods with prior permission by the Superintendent. For work conducted during evening hours a portable lighting system is required. In addition all motor vehicles including golf cart(s) must have lights. Generally night work is not allowed after 10:00 pm and prior to 6:00 am.

**Structures on Turf Panels:** To protect the turf, neither structures nor parking or operation of equipment is permitted on turf. Event vehicles of any kind (delivery, cranes, forklifts, golf carts, trailers, exhibit trailers, etc.) are not allowed on turf or surrounding curbs. To accommodate use for the event and to protect against compaction and plant damage, turf protection, the use of matting that holds itself and any added loads such as foot traffic, above the crown of the grass blades, and does not sink into the ground is required.



Laying roadway surfaces on the Washington Monument grounds is prohibited without NPS approval in advance.

Turf protection flooring must be light weight, able to be carried and set in place without vehicular assistance.

Products such as Terraplas, or equal, must be ADA-compliant, with interlocking mats that are translucent and allow UV light to pass through to the grass below and perforated or ribbed to allow for ventilation and some moisture access to the turf below. The use of plywood for this purpose is strictly prohibited. Specific material used must be approved in advance by NPS.

No carpet or other obstructions to turf covering holes will be allowed.

Driving stakes and/or grounding rods into the turf is prohibited without the approval of the NPS.

**Structures Under/Around Trees:** To minimize soil compaction and to protect the continued health of the trees, neither structures nor parking or operation of equipment, is permitted within any tree canopy (root zone) area or in any of the Tree areas. This includes but is not limited to stages, booths, audio/visual towers, tents and lighting. As a condition of the permit, the Permittee may be required to install tree-protection fencing.

**Walkways:** To protect the resources, stages, stands and other facilities approved for placement on any walkway, must be supported by 1 inch, professional, outdoor grade plywood or similar material.  
*Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.*

### **Crate Storage and Bone Yards :**

Crate storage, bone yards and staging areas are prohibited on parkland. They must be located off-site

### **Site Access:**

*Extreme* caution must be exercised when driving on the sidewalks. Pedestrian access must be maintained at all times, however, if for safety reasons, an area has to be temporarily closed to the public,

**Except when being driven on established public vehicular roadways: Logistical equipment and vehicles, forklifts including gas and electric carts, must not exceed 5-mph. All trucks with a GVW of over 7500 pounds, and equipment such as bucket trucks, platform lifts, forklifts, and cranes, must be accompanied by a walking spotter when moving or operating in an area accessible to the public.**

Vehicles must have headlights on while in motion. All individuals operating Golf Carts/gators on NPS property must have a Valid Driver's License. All Golf Carts/gators operating after dusk, must have fixed and/or portable illumination.

Parking of Permittee(s) employee's or subcontractors private vehicles for conduct of this permit's activities, in tree panels and/or on turf or walkway areas is prohibited.



RNC/FBG must receive prior, written approval from the NPS/USPP if traffic is to be blocked at any time during preparation for, during the course of, and after a special event or demonstration (at any location in the immediate vicinity of the National Mall). If District of Columbia streets are to be blocked, the appropriate authorities must be notified as well.

All pathways and roadways must remain open and unobstructed. A minimum twenty foot (20') drive aisle must remain open at all times for emergency vehicle egress. No temporary or permanent structures may be located within the egress lane. The egress drive aisle must be called out on the site plan.

Submittal Requirements: A plan of how the site will be approached and how traffic will be controlled is required for logistical vehicles that are delivering and/or removing temporary equipment and supplies. In this submittal, information documenting the path of vehicular traffic in and around the roadways of the National Mall during preparation for, during the course of, and after all activities associated with the event, is required. Rules and regulations for District of Columbia streets also shall be observed. Signs directing vehicular and pedestrian traffic shall be furnished, with text and locations of signs indicated on the plan.

Deliveries and removal of materials shall occur so as not to adversely affect daily operations of NPS Concessioners and monuments and memorials in and around the National Mall. No deliveries shall be made after hours without prior, written approval from the NPS.

**Vehicular access to turf areas will only be permitted per conditions listed below:**

Driving within any Level 1 turf areas is strictly prohibited. Only hardscape areas can be used.

Driving directly on all turf and tree areas is prohibited. The temporary interlocking protective material supports shall be installed over plazas, and walkway areas for the ingress and egress of all vehicles/units or heavy equipment by RNC/FBG. **Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.**

Parking of Permittee(s) employee's or subcontractors private vehicles for conduct of this permit's activities on parkland is prohibited. Permittee must arrange for parking of employee and contractor vehicles off parkland.

**3. Trash/Recycling Maintenance:**

A. RNC/FBG will be responsible for providing card board trash receptacles for collection and disposal of all trash, debris, and litter resulting from the use of the permitted area, including a recycling program. Trash shall not be allowed to accumulate and shall be continually and promptly bagged in **clear plastic bags** and removed from the site. The location and placement of any litter containers must be coordinated with the NPS.

**Recycling:**

The permittee is required to collect and transport to a certified recycling center, commingled cans and bottles (aluminum and bimetal cans and plastic bottles), plastic, and aluminum materials generated from the permitted activity off park land.

The permittee shall furnish all management, supervision, labor, equipment, materials, supplies and any other items necessary to perform the recycling service of their permitted event. Work includes providing labor, proper equipment, collection and transport of generated recycled items, as well as providing records on the recycled material to NPS.

Permittee must submit the trash and recycling plan and have it approved prior to set up.

#### **4. Electricity and Generator Usage:**

No electricity available on site. RNC/FBG may provide their own gasoline and/or solar powered generator(s) to provide power if needed. Generators will be installed in accordance with the site plan, D.C. Fire Department guidelines, and safely installed per manufacturer requirements. The fueling/refueling of gasoline powered generators on parkland is prohibited\*. The storage of additional fuel is prohibited.

At a minimum, for hand carted generators, 1" professional outdoor grade plywood, or similar material must be placed underneath the generator to protect the underlying surfaces from potential weight and vibration damage and fluid leakage. Generators must be encased with a secondary drip containment unit.

Tow plant generator(s) and light tower(s) must have an internal secondary drip containment unit and/or placed in self-adsorbent, fire retardant containment troughs and be fenced in or closed in with bike rack.

All wires must be covered by mats and/or yellow jackets to prevent tripping hazards. The cord must be in good condition, of sufficient gauge to accommodate the electrical load of equipment and must be properly grounded.

**A Fire extinguisher must be within 15 feet of generator(s) and light tower(s)**

**\*Refueling of generators:** Refueling of the gasoline generators will be permitted pursuant to the following conditions:

Refueling will only be allowed on dates and times agreed upon in advance with the NPS- generally, (05:00 a.m.-08:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. (midnight)).

The following materials must be placed on the ground during refueling:

Plastic tarp

Absorbent material on top of tarp

Drip pan under fueling nozzle

Spill containment material or absorbent booms or pads must be stored at each generator location

55-gallon drum labeled hazardous material must be placed alongside of each generator. Should spillage occur the absorbent material must be placed in these barrels.

Contractor will be responsible for removing the barrels off of park property

Contractor will be responsible for any damage to the park's resources as a result of the refueling.



In case of spill please contact DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services at 911 and National Mall & Memorial Parks' Chief of Maintenance at (202) 359-1551.

The storage of fuel on parkland, in trailers, next to generators and at other NPS locations is strictly prohibited.

RNC/FBG will be responsible for any damages to park resources resulting from the re-fueling.

The spillage of deleterious substances such as engine oil, gasoline, etc. is prohibited. In the event of such an occurrence, NPS and USPP must be notified immediately.

All cables, power lines, etc. shall be run in an orderly manner and contained in matted yellow jackets that provide for safety and accessibility. No power lines can be strung between trees. All temporary electrical service wiring must be covered by mats and/or high-visibility Yellow Jacket™, or equivalent item, so as not to create a tripping hazard or navigation barrier to handicapped individuals. The cord must be in good condition, of sufficient gauge to accommodate the electrical load of the equipment and must be properly grounded.

Bike rack must be placed around all generators, as well as light and sound towers.

##### **5. Overnight Security/Camping:**

RNC/FBG is responsible for providing UNARMED overnight security. Coordinate security with Sgt. Eddie Burnett or Sgt. Zakiyyah Mahasin U. S. Park Police at 202-610-7092.

Sleeping overnight in park areas, including in any tents by employees or subcontractors workmen is prohibited. Camping is defined as the use of the park land for living accommodation purposes such as sleeping activities, or making preparations to sleep (including the laying down or bedding for the purpose of sleeping), or storing personal belongings, or making any fire, or using any tents or shelter or other structure or vehicle for sleeping or doing any digging or earth breaking or carrying on cooking activities. The above-listed activities constitute camping when it reasonably appears, in light of all the circumstances that the participants, in conducting these activities, are in fact using the area as a living accommodation regardless of the intent of the participants or the nature of any other activities in which they may also be engaging.

##### **6. Safety:**

RNC/FBG is required to meet OSHA guidelines regarding employee/subcontractor work schedules. No employee/subcontractor is to work no more than 10 hours within a 24 hour period. Any work required beyond the 10 hour limitation will need to be requested to the NPS in advance for review and approval by the Superintendent, National Mall & Memorial Parks.

An authorized RNC/FBG official must be assigned for on-site supervision each day of the event for load-in and load-out. NPS and USPP will also be assigned to monitor and to provide for public safety. All instructions given by authorized NPS or USPP personnel must be obeyed promptly.

Any movement by heavy equipment such as forklifts and cranes must be accompanied by spotters in the front and rear of the piece of equipment at all times. In the event cranes are used, the gravel walk must be secured and pedestrians directed to other available walkways.

Failure to comply with all terms and conditions of this permit may constitute grounds for cancellation of the permit and immediate termination of the event.

**7. Portable Toilets/Comfort facilities:**

- A. Adequate portable restroom facilities shall be installed by RNC/FBG for employee and public use. These units shall be placed in "low profile" locations approved by NPS. The National Park Service recommends one portable restroom facility for every 300 participants with 20% of those facilities wheelchair accessible.

**8. Security:**

RNC/FBG will be responsible for providing unarmed security for any equipment left unattended at any given time and/or overnight on parkland. Individual(s) must be properly identified. Security will begin on the first day of set-up and continue through the final day of tear down.

In addition, during the hours of load-in and load-out, RNC/FBG will be required to provide an adequate number of security personnel to assist with pedestrian and vehicle movement on the walkways.

Meetings with the RNC/FBG, the United States Park Police and the National Park Service, Permits Management Office have been held to coordinate and finalize the security plan for this event.

**9. Credentials**

All staff, volunteers, artists/participants, press, VIPs, and vendors involved this event will be issued credentials. The credentials will identify the person by name and category to include the event logo.

Colored copies of all credentials will be provided to USPP in advance of the event.

**10. Water and Food:**

RNC/FBG will be responsible for providing adequate bottled water to accommodate those attending this event.

Guest Services, Inc. and/or RGI will provide food and water for sale at their permanent food kiosks.

Permittee may provide food to their staff. All public health rules and guidelines must be followed at all times.

**11. Sales of Merchandise/Solicitation of Donations:**

Permittee is responsible for adhering to item #4, last page of permit concerning sales. Permittee states no sales nor soliciting of donations will take place.



## 12. Sound Amplification:

Special attention is drawn to item #7, last page of permit concerning sound amplification.

## 13. Signs, Banners, and Commercial Advertising and Sponsor Recognition:

NPS regulations generally prohibit Federal parkland from being used for business solicitation or for the advertisement or promotion of commercial brands, products, and services. As such, no commercial notices and advertisements shall be placed, posted or distributed at the event. Further, no structures representing commercial products, or models or replications of commercial products or merchandise may be displayed.

Further consistent with long-standing NPS policy now under Public Law 108-108, Title I, § 145, special event permits will expressly prohibit the erection, placement, or use of structures and signs bearing commercial advertising. However, a permit may issued that authorizes the recognition of sponsors of special events, if the National Park Service determines that the size and form of the recognition is consistent with the special nature and sanctity of the National Mall or any other requested park area, and if the lettering or design identifying the sponsor is no larger than one-third the size of the lettering or design identifying the special event. Further, to the maximum extent practicable for such special events, public use of and access to the National Mall and other parkland is not restricted.

The permittee shall submit a sign plan for NPS review and approval. Any request seeking NPS approval for sponsor recognition must be submitted to the NPS at least 30 days prior to the proposed event, and depicted on the sign plan. If approved by the National Park Service, sponsor recognition will be authorized within the terms of the special event permit. Authorized sponsor recognition must be in keeping with the NPS policy, regulations, and law, and be appropriate to the scale and theme of the special event. Further, the overall size, number, and design of any signs or banners shall be appropriate to the park setting and the lettering or design identifying the sponsor must be no larger than one-third the size of the lettering or design identifying the special event. Signs and banners may not be affixed to existing trees or other NPS facilities or structures.

Distribution or give aways of any commercial product is limited to only those that may be consumed on the event site such as juices or popcorn. Soliciting personal information such as names, addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, zip codes, etc. or any other information which may be used for future solicitation, or marketing purposes is strictly prohibited. **A list of all giveaway items will be provided to the NPS for approval.**

Permittee will be responsible for assuring that sponsors adhere to the law regarding commercial advertising, promotion and signage (see conditions above)

No commercial displays, promotions, coupon give-a-ways or advertising permitted on park land.

**14. Protection of the Public and General Welfare:**

Bike rack and chain link fence shall be erected by RNC/DBG to contain the event areas and provide Necessary resource protection, security and buffer zones. The permittee(s) is responsible for encircling generators with fence and/or bike rack.

**15. Media:**

**SAT/Microwave Trucks**

Cameras, equipment, crew, and participants in this filming may not be situated on sidewalks, paths, or roadways that prohibit the passage of pedestrians and/or vehicles. No equipment may be attached and/or affixed to any plant materials (i.e. trees and shrubs) or structures. Running cables thru trees is prohibited.

No exclusive use of the area is permitted and the area must remain open to the general public at all times. This filming may in no way impede or prevent public access to the area.

No reserved parking for "crew vehicles" is permitted. .

No electrical service is available. The use of a portable, hand carted, generator, to be provided by the Permittee, is permitted. Plywood or a similar material must be placed beneath the generator to protect the turf.

Cabling across entrances and handicapped accessible ramps must be ADA approved and cannot impair or prevent access. All cables must be covered to prevent tripping hazards.

16. Glass bottles, balloons and confetti is not allowed on park land.

**17. Aerial Display:**

Permittee must following adhere to established guidelines and safety standards. The following must be provided to the NPS Incident Commander and NPS Fire Marshall:

- Fireworks Display Map
- Fireworks Inventory
- Fireworks Safety Plan
- Fireworks Scope of Work
- Pyrotechnic Certificate of Liability Insurance to include liability to the Federal Government and the District of Columbia
- Pyrotechnic Technician Licenses/certificates
- Pyrotechnic Truck Driver Licenses/certificates
- Pyrotechnic Assistants ID information
- NPS Matrix Deck Plan

PLEASE NOTE: No fireworks on NPS lands without first providing an inventory to NPS Fire Marshall, 24 hours in advance. In addition fence will need to be placed around the tubes and racks before they being building, per NFPA code requirement.



Equipment List:

- Three (3) Forklifts with non-marking tires
- One (1) shooting boom forklift with non-marking tires
- One (1) 12'x12' canopy tent on the hardscape directly in front of the Sylvan Theater
- One (1) 30 yard dumpster on Sylvan Theater hardscape
- Three (3) portable restroom on the east side of the Sylvan Theater hardscape

- A. Fireworks will be delivered on site with US Park Police escort at approved designed times.
- B. NPS-NCA AHJ will conduct daily Aerial Fireworks Display Inspections. Fireworks by Grucci must provide an onsite representative to meet with NPS-NCR AHJ.
- C. Once on site the area must be secured by bike rack and chain link if needed. Security personnel must be provided onsite while building tubes to load.
- D. Permittee is responsible for any damages attributed to the fireworks including but not limited to turf damage, statuary, burn marks, tire marks and roadway damage. Permittee must clean up and remove any debris associated with fireworks display include sweeper cleaning of Constitution and Independence Avenues.
- E. Permittee is responsible for ensuring the proper resource protection measures are followed as outlined by this permit including approved flooring. To protect the exposed aggregate from the steel rack system the permittee must lay down a minimum of:
  - ¾" piece of plywood on top of the pallet additional
  - ½" piece of plywood on top with an additional cross section of 2x6 lumber over it
- F. All fireworks displays or use of pyrotechnics shall be approved by the NPS-NCA AHJ and shall meet NFPA 1123: Code for Fireworks Display, NFPA 1124: Code for the Manufacture, Transportation, and Storage of Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Article, NFPA 1126: Use of Pyrotechnics Before a Proximate Audience, and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration OSHA, standards.
- G. Fireworks drawing plans, fireworks inventory list, along with technician and assistant, certifications, including; name, title and DOB of staff who will performing the fireworks display, shall be provided to the NPS-NCR Authority Having Jurisdiction, AHJ, at least 10 working days for review and approval.
- H. The aerial display shall be delayed, stopped or postponed immediately if 1123:8.1.4.1 and 1123:8.1.4.2:
  1. Wind/Weather-lightning in immediate area, approaching storm front.
  2. Inadequate/Loss of Crowd Control
  3. Loss of trajectory
  4. Unsafe practices

- I. The NCA Fireworks Permit shall be issued pending successful fireworks site inspection by the NPS NCA AHJ or designee and DC Fire EMS .
- J. Contact Sgt. Eddie Burnett, or Sgt. Zakiyyah Mahasin ,United States Park Police, at (202) 610-7092, with questions concerning police procedures or logistics.
- K. No vehicle larger than a flatbed truck and a 26 foot box truck can enter the Washington Monument Grounds. Vehicles cannot travel more than 5 MPH. Spotters must be located in the front and in the back of the vehicle. No parking will be allowed of any box truck or flat bed truck on the Washington Monument grounds. Fireworks by Grucci must contact the U.S. Park Police for vehicle Access passes onto the Washington Monument grounds. Three (3) NPS parking passes will be issued to park behind Sylvan Theater. No overnight parking will be allowed.

#### Vehicles Parking Behind Sylvan Theater

- One (1) pick up truck
- One (1) ten passenger van
- One (1) seven passenger suv

#### Timeline:

8/24-8/26 7:00 am – 7:00 pm  
 8/27 8:00 am – 3:00 am, 8/28  
 8/28 7:00 am – 5:00 pm  
 8/29 7:00 am – 3:00 pm

The Sylvan Theater access road off Independence Avenue cannot be blocked at any time. The roadway is for emergency access only.

Entry/Exit for the Washington Monument will be from off Independence Avenue, westbound on the Sylvan Theater access roadway and off 17<sup>th</sup> Street on the west side, north and south center walkways (see attached diagram). All vehicle movement on 17<sup>th</sup> Street and Independence Avenue must be under the direction of the U. S. Park Police. Contact Sgt. Eddie Burnett or Sgt. Zakiyyah Mahasin, 202-610-7092.

- L. The use of any forklift on the plaza inside the circle of flags is limited to weight of 15,000 pounds or less. Forklifts, a total of four (4; 3 regular and one with a boom) must have non-marking tires. Driving over any lights around the Monument is strictly prohibited as well as near any marble benches. Delivery of any equipment including forklifts cannot take place prior to Monday, August 24. Grucci can deliver to the Sylvan Theater backstage area prior to morning rush hour which starts at 6:00 am. U. S. Park Police must be on site to assist with traffic control both for unloading and loading. In addition of equipment and no deliveries and pick up can take place during posted rush hours 6:00 am – 9:30 am and 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm, Monday through Friday.
- M. No items may be brought on site that has not been authorized. If any unauthorized equipment/items are found on site, permit may be revoked and the event cancelled.



### **PENDING DOCUMENTATION as of 8/24/20**

- A. Fireworks inventory list, 24 hours prior to each fireworks truck arrival.
- B. Pyrotechnician and assistants list is pending ATF background check approval
- C. Provide DC Fire and EMS contract document of fire department units and staff providing suppression assistance on August 27, 2020.
- D. Any tent use approval, need to meet NFPA 701 compliance. Permittee must provide NFPA 701 fire retardant certificate or photo copy of the fire retardant label attached to the tent material, in accordance with the "NCA Fire and Life Safety Temporary Events Policy".

Permittee must provide all items prior to load in.

### **18. Alcoholic Beverages:**

The possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages is generally prohibited.

### **19. Sound Amplification:**

Special attention is drawn to item #7, last page of permit, concerning sound amplification.

### **20. Glass Bottles:**

No glass bottles and/or containers are permitted on parkland

### **21. First Aid/Medical Services:**

All medical and First Aid provided must comply with the National Capital Area Medical Director protocols.

RNC/FBG is responsible for providing First Aid services on-site. The NPS adheres to the District of Columbia Department of Fire & Emergency Medical Services guidelines established according to the number of people anticipated at an event. The following guidelines, established according to the number of people anticipated at an event, will ensure that appropriate medical coverage is provided throughout the event:

- 1-1,999: The Permittee may rely on 911
- 2,000 – 9,999: The Permittee should have a fixed First Aid site with certified/licensed personnel, who will remain on site throughout the event.
- 10,000 – 20,000: The Permittee should have one fixed First Aid site with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event and a Basic Life Support Ambulance (licensed in the District of Columbia) who will transport patients to an appropriate medical facility.
- 20,000 – 30,000: The Permittee should have one fixed First Aid site with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event, a licensed Basic Life Support Ambulance and a Licensed Advanced Life Support Unit (D. C. Fire & EMS has the only certificate of need to provide on-scene paramedic services in the District of Columbia).

- 30,000 – 50,000: The Permittee should have two fixed First Aid sites with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event, two Basic Life Support Units and one Advanced Life Support Unit (both licensed in the District of Columbia).
- 50,000 – 60,000: The Permittee should have two fixed First Aid sites with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event, two Basic Life Support Units and two Advanced Life Support Units (both licensed in the District of Columbia).
- Events exceeding 60,000 participants: The Permittee is required to have emergency medical services personnel from D. C. Fire & EMS as well as the Department of Health on site for the appropriate provision of first aid and/or emergency medical services.

## 22. Sales/Solicitation:

Special attention is drawn to item #4, last page of this permit concerning fees collected and donations solicited on parkland.

## 23. Accessibility:

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) applies to temporary services, programs, and activities. Temporary facilities and structures must comply with the ADA Standards.

Policies and operations for the event must meet the nondiscrimination requirements of the ADA, including, but not limited to provision of accessible parking, routes through site, food service, toilet, facilities, and assembly seating.

RNC/FBG is responsible for providing auxiliary aids and services as requested. RNC/FBG is responsible for providing promotional material explaining how the public can request a particular auxiliary aid or service and be informed of when specific auxiliary aids and services may be available for all Presidential Inaugural Ceremonies held on parkland.

Service animals, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), are permitted under proper supervision. The ADA defines a service animal as any guide dog, signal dog, or other animal individually trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability. If they meet this definition, animals are considered service animals under the ADA regardless of whether they have been licensed or certified by a state or local government.

RNC/FBG must consider elements of accessibility when designing the layout of the event. Potential items for inclusion are:

- Addition of temporary curb ramps where needed to provide an accessible route
- Location of structures and tents along an accessible route
- Provision of auxiliary aids and services
- Provision of and an accessible route from transit stops to the event location
- Provision of tactile braille signage
- Provision of portable wheelchair lifts to access stages or other elevated areas.



24. **Adverse Weather Policy:**

When there is a threat to public health or safety, the Superintendent and/or his/or her designee, may close the park or an event being held there for such duration as determined necessary to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the public. Such situations have occasionally occurred in the past where park areas have been closed due to severe weather warning of heavy rain and thunderstorms with lightning and high winds. Where an area is ordered closed due to a weather-related public safety threat, pursuant to 36 CFR 2.32(2) people must comply with official directions to leave the closed area and relocate to safer sheltered locations.

Closing or canceling an event is a last resort. However, while most events will be held despite the weather, RNC/DBG is responsible for providing updated information in the event schedules and drop-off points may change. **If a weather emergency is declared, programs may be closed early or canceled.**

25. Prior to load in of fireworks, permittee must provide openings in the fencing for visitor access.

**PERMITTEE MUST READ AND ADHERE TO THE "FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR OUTDOOR EVENTS AND TENT USE" AT ALL TIMES. IN ADDITION, FIREWORKS BY GRICCI, MUST PROVIDE ALL DOCUMENTATION AND SAFETY INFORMATION FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL TO THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA FIRE AND SAFETY OFFICERS/FIRE MARSHAL. FIREWORKS BY GRICCI MUST FOLLOW ALL FIRE AND SAFETY GUIDANCES PROVIDED BY THE FIRE AND SAFETY OFFICERS/FIRE MARSHAL. ANY VIOLATIONS OF THESE GUIDELINES AND FIRE AND SAFETY PROCEDURES IS SUBJECT TO REVOCATION OF THIS PERMIT.**

Please see attached schedule and diagrams.

26. **The following will be made available to the RNC/DBG Incident Command Unit**

- All Site Diagrams
- Equipment List
- Production Schedule/Time line
- Access Locations
- Security Plan
- Communications Plan
- Medical Plan
- Media Plan
- Sanitation Plan
- Safe Haven Plan
- Severe Weather Plan
- Vendor List

**A COMPLETE AND LEGIBLE COPY OF THIS PERMIT MUST BE RETAINED ON-SITE AT ALL TIMES WHILE OPERATING UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED**

Republican National Convention Fireworks Performance - Washington DC  
August 27th, 2020  
Product Description and Count, Fireworks by Grucci, Inc.  
Rev01 - 2020-08-23



WASHINGTON MONUMENT PRODUCT COUNTS

| QNT  | SIZE | Description                   |
|------|------|-------------------------------|
| 608  | 2"   | Comets                        |
| 117  | 3"   | Comets                        |
| 1650 | 3"   | Aerial Shells                 |
| 400  | 4"   | Aerial Shells                 |
| 260  | 5"   | Aerial Shells                 |
| 316  | 6"   | Aerial Shells                 |
| 45   | 45mm | Roman Candles                 |
| 45   | MSB  | Multi-Shot Boxes              |
| 45   | 30mm | Multi Shot Single Row Devices |
| 3597 | 40mm | One Shot Comets/Mines         |
| 737  | 50mm | One Shot Comets/Mines         |



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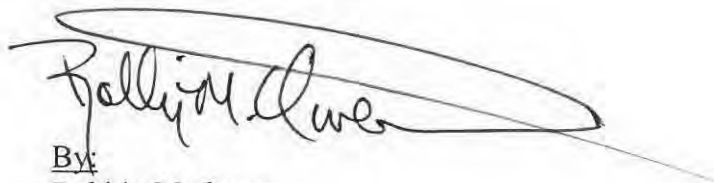


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3. All laws, rules and regulations applicable to the area covered by this permit remain in effect.
4. No fee may be collected, donation solicited, or commercial activity conducted. No items may be sold or offered for sale except for books, newspapers, leaflets, pamphlets, buttons, and bumper stickers which contain a message related to your demonstration or special event. No other merchandise may be sold or offered for sale. A stand or structure used for the sale of permitted items may not exceed one table per site, which may be no larger than 2 ½ feet by 8 feet or 4 feet by 4 feet. The dimensions of the sales site may not exceed 6 feet wide by 15 feet long by 6 feet high.
5. The area should be left in substantially the same condition as it was prior to the activities authorized herein, and all litter shall be placed in the trash containers provided.
6. This permit is applicable only for the use of the area designated above, and during the times designated above, or in any area as may hereafter be designated by the United States Park Police.
7. The use of sound amplification equipment, other than hand-portable sound amplification equipment to be used for crowd control purposes only, is prohibited on the White House Sidewalk (South 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., sidewalk between East Executive Avenue and West Executive Avenue). All sound amplification equipment shall be limited so that it will not unreasonably disturb nonparticipating persons in, or in the vicinity of, the area.
8. The National Park Service reserves the right to immediately revoke this permit at any time should it reasonably appear that the public gathering presents a clear and present danger to the public safety, good order or health, or if any conditions of this permit are violated

Lisa Mendelson  
Acting Area Director  
National Capital Area

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robbin M. Owen", is written over a horizontal line.

By:  
Robbin M. Owen  
Chief, Division of Permits Management  
National Mall & Memorial Parks

Re\_ [EXTERNAL] [Bloomberg News] - National Mall....pdf

**From:** [Litterst, Michael D](#)  
**To:** [News Media, NPS](#)  
**Cc:** [Liming, Katelyn M](#); [Roulett, Stephanie A](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] [Bloomberg News] - National Mall fireworks on Thursday?  
**Date:** Monday, August 24, 2020 9:13:13 AM

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Done!

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Mike Litterst
Chief of Communications
National Mall and Memorial Parks

Cell: (202) 306-4166

From: Sullivan, Chelsea P on behalf of News Media, NPS
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 11:10 AM
To: Litterst, Michael D
Cc: Liming, Katelyn M ; Roulett, Stephanie A
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] [Bloomberg News] - National Mall fireworks on Thursday?
Mike,

Another fireworks question.

Chelsea

National Park Service
Office of Public Affairs

From: Jordan Fabian (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:)
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 10:58 AM
To: News Media, NPS
Subject: [EXTERNAL] [Bloomberg News] - National Mall fireworks on Thursday?

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Hi, I am a White House reporter for Bloomberg News. Can you please confirm reports that the National Park Service has approved the RNC's permit for a fireworks display at the Washington Monument on Thursday night? Please pass along any statement you have, thank you!

Best,

Jordan

Jordan Fabian
White House Correspondent
Bloomberg News

Email: jfabian6@bloomberg.net
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Re_ Fireworks at the Washington Monument.pdf

From: [Litterst, Michael D](#)
To: [Goodwin, Nicholas R](#)
Cc: [Roulett, Stephanie A](#)
Subject: Re: Fireworks at the Washington Monument
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 9:17:07 AM
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Manageable. I had an email list of everyone who inquired when the application came, so took care of all of them with a single email that the permit had been issued. Just a few trickling in here and there who weren't on that initial email.

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Mike Litterst  
Chief of Communications  
National Mall and Memorial Parks

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**From:** Goodwin, Nicholas R  
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2020 11:15 AM  
**To:** Litterst, Michael D  
**Cc:** Roulett, Stephanie A  
**Subject:** Fireworks at the Washington Monument  
Mike—  
Touching base on this. Getting a lot of questions or manageable?  
Nicholas Goodwin  
Communications Director  
Office of the Secretary  
Department of the Interior  
(202) 412-2249



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**From:** [Jamie Scott](#)  
**To:** [Litterst, Michael D](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXT] Permit issued to Republican National Committee for fireworks display on August 27  
**Date:** Monday, August 24, 2020 9:30:37 AM

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Mike,

Thanks for this! The permit indicates the “event day” is from 11:30 PM to 11:35 PM. My boss wanted me to verify that that means the fireworks show will only last for 5 minutes and will run during that time period?

Thanks!

Jamie Scott  
Senior Assignment Editor  
ABC 7 News, WJLA-TV  
(703) 236-9480

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**From:** Litterst, Michael D  
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2020 10:42 AM  
**To:** Litterst, Michael D  
**Subject:** [EXT] Permit issued to Republican National Committee for fireworks display on August 27

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Mike Litterst
Chief of Communications
National Mall and Memorial Parks
Cell: (202) 306-4166

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From: [Litterst, Michael D](#)
To: [Jamie Scott](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: [EXT] Permit issued to Republican National Committee for fireworks display on August 27
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 9:34:43 AM

That is correct.

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Mike Litterst  
Chief of Communications  
National Mall and Memorial Parks

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**From:** Jamie Scott  
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2020 11:30 AM  
**To:** Litterst, Michael D  
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Re_ Rsul working at the NCAO.pdf

From: [King, James W](#)
To: [Shields, Claire E](#); [Castillo, Raul G](#)
Cc: [Jones, Dominique](#); [Turner, Tenisha L](#); [People, Altovise T](#); [Murphy, Jeremy L](#)
Subject: Re: Rsul working at the NCAO
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 9:41:10 AM

I'll be in there on Thursday as well Ms Claire! Hope all is well with you and yours.

Jim

From: Shields, Claire E
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 11:30 AM
To: Castillo, Raul G
Cc: Jones, Dominique ; Turner, Tenisha L ; People, Altovise T ; Murphy, Jeremy L ; King, James W
Subject: Re: Rsul working at the NCAO
Raul,
Completely understand - thank you for the heads up.

Claire Shields
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From: Castillo, Raul G
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 8:56 PM
To: Shields, Claire E
Cc: Jones, Dominique ; Turner, Tenisha L ; People, Altovise T ; Murphy, Jeremy L ; King, James W
Subject: Rsul working at the NCAO
Claire,
Starting tomorrow, Monday Aug 24, I will be working, in and out of the NCAO, performing fireworks inspections through Thursday, Aug 27.
Please contact me if you have any questions
V/r
Raúl
Raúl G. Castillo, Regional Structural Fire Program Specialist
DOI-National Park Service/Interior Region 1, National Capital Area
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C 202- 809-1592
Email: Raul_Castillo@nps.gov

[EXTERNAL] Re_ Permit issued to Republican Nati....pdf

From: [Mike Murillo](#)
To: [Litterst, Michael D](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Permit issued to Republican National Committee for fireworks display on August 27
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 9:45:32 AM

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Thanks, Mike

Mike

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On Aug 24, 2020, at 10:42 AM, Litterst, Michael D wrote:

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<20-1063 Republican National Committee permit\_Redacted.pdf>

[EXTERNAL] RE\_ Permit issued to Republican Nati...\_1.pdf

**From:** [Knickmeyer, Ellen](#)  
**To:** [Litterst, Michael D](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Permit issued to Republican National Committee for fireworks display on August 27  
**Date:** Monday, August 24, 2020 4:07:06 PM

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Never mind, I see it.

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**From:** Litterst, Michael D  
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2020 10:42 AM  
**To:** Litterst, Michael D  
**Subject:** Permit issued to Republican National Committee for fireworks display on August 27

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Subject: RE: Additional work hour request for assembly and disassembly of August 27th Fireworks Performance
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 4:10:37 PM
Attachments: [Amendment 04-20200824 to Event Permit Application rev01 dated August 19 2020.pdf](#)

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August 20, 2020

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Additional work hour request for assembly and disassembly of August 27th Fireworks Performance
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 4:11:40 PM
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Subject: RE: RE: Additional work hour request for assembly and disassembly of August 27th Fireworks Performance
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 4:16:58 PM

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Thank you,

Phil

From: Christopher Grucci

Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 6:10 PM

To: Owen, Robbin ; Michelle Meadows

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Subject: RE: RE: Additional work hour request for assembly and disassembly of August 27th Fireworks Performance
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 4:18:46 PM
Attachments: [Amendment 04-20200824 to Event Permit Application rev01 dated August 19 2020.pdf](#)

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Looping in Matt Hall, Wes Maul, Kim Sadoux, Matt Raymer, Justin Riemer, Zachary Waltz, and Whitney Andersen to this request.

Thank you,



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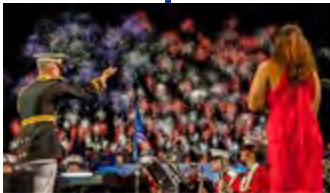
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Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 6:07 PM

To: Owen, Robbin ; Michelle Meadows

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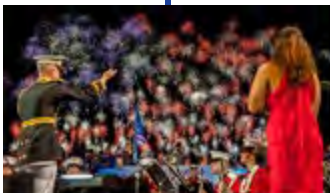
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: RE: Additional work hour request for assembly and disassembly of August 27th Fireworks Performance
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 4:19:20 PM
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RE_ FYI - RNC deposit received (Thursday's Fire....pdf

From: [Kennealy, Sean J](#)
To: [Swafford, Lori B](#); [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#); [Owen, Robbin](#)
Cc: [Fancy \(Laveroni\), Kersten K](#); [NPS NCR NAMA SMT](#)
Subject: RE: FYI - RNC deposit received (Thursday's Fireworks at WAMO)
Date: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 6:44:49 AM

Lori,

I'm adding the SMT to this so they are aware of the account number JUST IN CASE other divisions are asked to perform work associated with this permit.

Thanks, Sean

Sean Kennealy
Deputy Superintendent
National Mall and Memorial Parks
202-245-4661 (office)
202-359-1551 (cell)

From: Swafford, Lori B
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 8:04 AM
To: Reinbold, Jeffrey P ; Owen, Robbin ; Kennealy, Sean J
Cc: Fancy (Laveroni), Kersten K
Subject: FYI - RNC deposit received

From AOC deposits branch: The \$512,793.00 Fedwire deposit was received and confirmed in Treasury on 8/24/2020. The funds are now in **PX.XNAMAP043.00.1** as requested.

Lori Blanchet Swafford

Chief of Administration
National Mall and Memorial Parks
National Park Service
Cell (202) 695-4274

Fwd_ WBAL-TV inquiry .pdf

From: [Amara, Kate](#)
To: jonathan_shafer@nps.gov; stephanie_roulett@nps.gov; mike_litterst@nps.gov
Subject: Fwd: WBAL-TV inquiry
Date: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 8:39:12 AM

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Amara, Kate"
Date: August 25, 2020 at 10:37:32 AM EDT
To: "newsmedia@nps.gov"
Cc: "Sheridan, Gary"
Subject: WBAL-TV inquiry

Good morning!

I'm a reporter at WBAL-TV in Baltimore, and working on a story today about use of Fort McHenry, and other national park sites as backdrops for the RNC.

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I am trying to get this on the air for [5pm today. thank you so much! Kate Amara](#)
[WBAL-TV 410-499-1625 \(cell\) 410-338-6501 \(newsroom\)](#)
[Sent from my iPhone](#)

Re_ [EXTERNAL] Fwd_ WBAL-TV inquiry .pdf

From: [Amara, Kate](#)
To: [Roulett, Stephanie A](#)
Cc: [Shafer, Jonathan M](#); [Litterst, Michael D](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: WBAL-TV inquiry
Date: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 8:58:26 AM

Thank you so much!!

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On Aug 25, 2020, at 10:55 AM, Roulett, Stephanie A wrote:

Good morning, Kate -

I'll send you back more on Fort McHenry today. Mike will be able to handle your inquiry on the National Mall events.

Thanks
Steph

Stephanie Roulett
Acting Chief Spokesperson and Chief of Public Affairs
National Park Service
202-339-1509
stephanie_roulett@nps.gov

From: Amara, Kate
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 10:39 AM
To: Shafer, Jonathan M ; Roulett, Stephanie A ; Litterst, Michael D
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WUSA9 - Washington Monument Fencing.pdf

From: [Mulholland, Kris](#)
To: [Litterst, Michael D](#); [Liming, Katelyn M](#)
Subject: WUSA9 - Washington Monument Fencing
Date: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 11:56:35 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Hi Michael and Katelyn –

We got some video today of the fencing around the Washington Monument.

Do you know when that fencing was installed and was it put in place specifically for the March on Washington on Friday and the fireworks on Thursday night?

Also, our photographer says there was equipment being pulled out near the Lincoln Memorial. Do you know when that fencing will go up?

Thanks,

Kris Mulholland

Multi-Platform Managing Editor WUSA*9

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RE_ [EXTERNAL] WUSA9 - Washington Monument Fencing.pdf

From: [Mulholland, Kris](#)
To: [Litterst, Michael D](#); [Liming, Katelyn M](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] WUSA9 - Washington Monument Fencing
Date: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 12:51:58 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Thanks, Mike.

Kris

From: Litterst, Michael D
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 2:43 PM
To: Mulholland, Kris ; Liming, Katelyn M
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] WUSA9 - Washington Monument Fencing

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The fencing around the Washington Monument is for the fireworks permit Thursday night. The fencing at the Lincoln Memorial is part of Friday's March on Washington commemoration (and is already being put up).

Mike

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Mike Litterst  
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**From:** Mulholland, Kris <[kmulholland@wusa9.com](mailto:kmulholland@wusa9.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 25, 2020 1:56 PM  
**To:** Litterst, Michael D <[Mike\\_Litterst@nps.gov](mailto:Mike_Litterst@nps.gov)>; Liming, Katelyn M <[Katelyn\\_Liming@nps.gov](mailto:Katelyn_Liming@nps.gov)>  
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Hi Michael and Katelyn –

We got some video today of the fencing around the Washington Monument.

Do you know when that fencing was installed and was it put in place specifically for the March on Washington on Friday and the fireworks on Thursday night?

Also, our photographer says there was equipment being pulled out near the Lincoln Memorial. Do you know when that fencing will go up?

Thanks,

**Kris Mulholland**

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Re\_ [EXTERNAL] Media parking for this week.pdf

**From:** [Litterst, Michael D](#)  
**To:** [Alena Oakes](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Media parking for this week  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 25, 2020 2:09:02 PM

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Alena:

Media accommodations (including positioning of live trucks) are the responsibility of the march organizers. Press contact is Rachel Noerdlinger with Mercury public relations. You can reach her at [rnoerdlinger@mercuryllc.com](mailto:rnoerdlinger@mercuryllc.com) (lead) and [nan@mercuryllc.com](mailto:nan@mercuryllc.com) (team email).

Mike

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From: Alena Oakes
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 4:52 PM
To: Litterst, Michael D
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Media parking for this week

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Hi Mike,
Are there going to be any special places for media to park for the Thursday fireworks and for the Aug. 28 march by the Lincoln memorial?
Thank you,
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Fw_ Updated with latest information and latestpdf

From: [Owen, Robbin](#)
To: [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#)
Subject: Fw: Updated with latest information and latest permits for this week
Date: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 3:26:12 PM
Attachments: [20-0169-MarchOnWashington.Org & National Action Network.docx](#)
[20-0924 Porche Taylor Black Girls Ride.pdf](#)
[20-0933.pdf](#)
[20-1008 SmithGroup Society's Cage National Mall @12th Streets .pdfse.pdf](#)
[20-1056 Sixth and I Reservation #72 \(Autosaved\).pdfse.pdf](#)
[20-1098 Maryland Republican Party.pdf](#)
[20-1101 Maryland Republican Party.pdf](#)
[Black Nurses Matter 20-1030.pdf](#)
[Every Case Matters Mass Action Against Police Brutality \(20-1032\) \(1\).pdf](#)
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[Fireworks.pdf](#)
[HBCU Buzz L & Company 20-1025.pdf](#)
[National Railroad Passenger Corporation \(Amtrak\) 20-0969.pdf](#)
[Permit.BGR.pdf](#)
[Permit.ET.pdf](#)
[Permit.MTP.pdf](#)

From: Bloom, Christopher
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 4:09 PM
To: Owen, Robbin
Subject: Updated with latest information and latest permits
Updated List of Permits issued. Only missing 20-0932 (Vote Common Good) which goes from 8/27-8/28 as they march the Mount Vernon trail to Jefferson Memorial.

Issued Permits are

20-0169(March on Washington Linc, JFK, West Potomac, MLK)
20-0924 Black Girls Ride(Meeting at Freedom, Marching sidewalks of Washington)
20-0933 Vote Common Good (Lafayette Park)
20-1008 SMiths Group Societys Cage(12th St gravel) 8/26-9/6
20-1056 Sixth & I (Reservation 72)
20-1098 Maryland Republican Party (Lafayette Park and Freedom Plaza) 8/25-8/27
20-1101 Maryland Republican Party (Ellipse) 8/24
20-1025 HBCU Buzz / L & Company (Mcpherson Square)
20-1030 Black Nurses Matter (West Potomac & MLK Rally)
20-1100 East Turkistan National Awakening Movement (Lafayette Park)
20-0969 Amtrack (Columbus Plaza)
20-1063 RNC (WAMO Grounds)
20-1032 Every Case Matters (March from Vietnam to Justice building)
20-1069 More then A protest (Mall Center Panel between 14th and 15th)

Chris Bloom
Park Ranger
National Mall and Memorial Parks

From: [King, James W](#)
To: [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#)
Cc: [Mendelson, Lisa](#); [Murphy, Jeremy L](#)
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] RE: Amendment 05-20200825 Update to Product Count and Updated Information Regarding Testing and Show Duration as of 08-25-2020
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 4:22:15 AM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)
[Ammendment 05-20200825 Update to Product Count as of 08-25-2020.pdf](#)

Supt Reinbold, updated product count and duration of show from Grucci.

Jim

From: Christopher Grucci
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 9:32 PM
To: King, James W ; Phil Grucci
Cc: Castillo, Raul G
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Amendment 05-20200825 Update to Product Count and Updated Information Regarding Testing and Show Duration as of 08-25-2020

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Hello Mr. King,

Please see attached updated Product Count. There was a change in the quantity of 3" Aerial Shells, as well as 2" Comets.

As for confirmation of the times and duration highlighted below, we are being directed by the RNC that the show time will be some time between 23:00 and 23:40 on August 27th, and the performance will last no more than 5 minutes.

The final circuit testing will be completed at approximately 21:00 on August 27th.

Thank you,



Christopher Grucci

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Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 4:50 PM
To: Christopher Grucci ; Phil Grucci

Cc: Castillo, Raul G

Subject: Fw: Fireworks time, 5 minutes, total number of fireworks: Aerial and consumer #7,820
Mr Grucci and/or Mr Grucci, please verify the time, duration, and quantity are accurate?
I'm planning man hours for regulatory oversight, want to make sure we have required inspections and post show evaluation after cool down period are covered.

Jim King

AHJ

From: Castillo, Raul G <raul_castillo@nps.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 3:29 PM

To: King, James W <James_King@nps.gov>

Subject: Fireworks time, 5 minutes, total number of fireworks: Aerial and consumer #7,820

Jim,

See below and attachments

Production Itinerary and

Aerial fireworks, 3", 4" and 6": # 2,626

Others (Comets, Cake boxes, Roman Candles, etc: # 5,194

TOTAL: 7,820

Display: Thu, Aug 27 at 2331 hours for 5 minutes

WASHINGTON MONUMENT PRODUCT COUNTS		
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316	6"	Aerial Shells
45	45mm	Roman Candles
45	MSB	Multi-Shot Boxes
45	30mm	Multi Shot Single Row Devices
3597	40mm	One Shot Comets/Mines
737	50mm	One Shot Comets/Mines
7820		
Aerial 2,626		
Comets, Roman Candles, Multi shot boxes others: 5,194		

Thursday August 27, 2020			
07:00	Grucci continues to position and cable fireworks	Washington Monument	Grucci
16:00	National Park Police to close and secure Fallout Area	Washington Monument	NPP
TBD	Grucci team conducts circuit testing and final prep for show	Washington Monument	Grucci
TBD	Grucci crew disconnects all firing systems from fireworks in field	Washington Monument	Grucci
23:00	Grucci crew completes final showtime protocol	Washington Monument	Grucci
23:31	Showtime (5 minutes maximum)	Washington Monument	Grucci
23:35	Program complete. Mandatory 30 min cooldown begins and safety zone held until released by Fireworks Command Center	Washington Monument	Grucci
Friday August 28, 2020			
00:05	Grucci pyrotechnicians perform security and safety sweep for live fireworks, package and secure live fireworks into truck with security	Washington Monument	Grucci/NPP

Please contact me if you have any questions

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To: [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#)
Cc: [Mendelson, Lisa](#); [Murphy, Jeremy L](#)
Subject: Fw: Update to Product Count and status report
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 4:59:40 AM
Attachments: [Ammendment 05-20200825 Update to Product Count as of 08-25-2020.pdf](#)

Supt Reinbold, I'm sure Ralph will update you this morning but here is updated info from our pyrotechnics SME (Raul).

I'm headed to MONO then HAFE this morning.

I will be on site or in the area (NCAO) all day tomorrow until midnight-ish. Don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Jim

From: Castillo, Raul G
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 6:43 AM
To: Long, Ralph W ; Mills, Kevin W ; Lt John Barnes Jr
Cc: King, James W
Subject: Update to Product Count and status report
FYI,

All fireworks inventory inspections were completed yesterday, Aug 25, 2020

The display on August 27 is now between **2300 and 2340 hours**. Display time remains the same, for approximately 5 minutes

Fire Department coverage, starting time, remains the same, 10 pm on the 27th

I will be briefing the USPP on site, this evening at 6 pm today and 6 am tomorrow. (Ralph and Kevin, can you be available for the briefings)

Remaining inspections:

4" and 6" rack inspections, tentative scheduled for today at 3 pm

Continuity inspection

Preshoot meeting with contractor and PPE on the afternoon of the 27th

I anticipate to be on site by 10 am, today , August 26

Please contact me if you have any questions

V/r

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Republican National Convention Fireworks Performance - Washington DC
 August 27th, 2020
 Product Description and Count, Fireworks by Grucci, Inc.
 Rev02 - 2020-08-25



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Subject: RE: Washington Monument and grounds access
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 5:54:28 AM
Attachments: [Safety Plan - Washington Monument RNC - 2020-08-27.pdf](#)

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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: Washington Monument and grounds access
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 7:00:09 AM
Attachments: [USPP Pyrotechnic Briefing August 26 and 27.docx](#)

All,

Raul Castillo, Regional Structural Fire , Ralph Long, NAMA Safety manager and staff will be on site today starting at 10 am and will be available for the USPP Safety Briefings at 6pm and 6 am August 27. Please confirm briefing times

On the 27h, during the fireworks display, the Fire and Safety managers staff will be located with Grucci by the Sylvan Theater, I would like to request a USPP representative to be on site starting at 10:30 pm to maintain ongoing communication.

Attached are the NCA-AHJ requirements for Thursday, August 27, to be used on the briefings.
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8.27.2020	USPP Pyrotechnic Briefings
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10:00 pm	DC Fire and EMS fire vehicles on scene at Survey Lodge, Sylvan Theater, restrooms building
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Fireworks Display PPE requirements	During the fireworks display, personnel inside the fallout areas ; pyrotechnic staff, FD staff, NPS staff including NPS Fire Marshal will need to wear proper PPE: head, eye, ear protection and long pants and shirts, including facial masks. PPE equipment will be verified the afternoon of the 27 th . Personnel not wearing PPE will be asked to exit the fall out areas. All USPP, and FD staff inside their vehicles and inside the security fence, do not need to wear PPE. If you are outside your vehicles, eye and ear and head protection is recommended .
Cool down period	During the cooldown period the pyrotechnic crew will inspect/sweep the fall out areas (inner security fence), for any misfires. Only pyrotechnic crew will handle any unexploded fireworks. If you notice any unexploded fireworks shells, or duds, notify the pyrotechnic staff.

Re_ [EXTERNAL] Re_ comments on CREW investigations(2).pdf

From: [Rebecca Beitsch](#)
To: [Goldey, Benjamin H](#)
Cc: [Interior Press](#); [Litterst, Michael D](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: comments on CREW investigations
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 7:19:20 AM

Sure thing. Does 10 work? I've got a 9:30 USDA call but I'm free after that!

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On Wed, Aug 26, 2020 at 9:16 AM Goldey, Benjamin H <benjamin_goldey@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Can you give me a call?

Mike Litterst with NPS (cc'd) can answer your questions about specific permits on the national mall.

Ben Goldey

Press Secretary

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From: Rebecca Beitsch <rebecca@thehill.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 9:09 AM
To: Goldey, Benjamin H <benjamin_goldey@ios.doi.gov>
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Thanks Ben! You got anything for me on the fireworks front? Just want to be clear that I'm discussing both in the article.

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Rebecca-

Thanks for following up. Here you go:

“It’s unfortunate and sad to see uninformed special interest groups attack the integrity of the Departmental Ethics Office and such a historic and bipartisan legislative achievement that will ensure generations of Americans can enjoy national parks and public lands and Indian school children have better educational opportunities.”

Background:

This video was approved by career ethics and general law officials prior to posting.

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Hey team,

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Thanks!

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Hey guys,

Looking for comment on two things based on a CREW investigation:

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- 2) I wanted to see if you had comment on this report saying the NPS video just released violates ethics laws.

<https://www.citizensforethics.org/national-park-service-trump-propaganda-video/>

I'll be writing this story tomorrow and don't need a response before noon.

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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Washington Monument and grounds access
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 8:35:12 AM

Hello all,

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Thank you,



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Request for Waste Bin Move.pdf

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Subject: Request for Waste Bin Move
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 8:35:24 AM

Hello Ms. Owen,

During our operations on location, two waste bins were moved from their location to a location about two yards away by the contractor Effort LLC. This was done as Effort was installing the ground protection for our equipment and needed to access the path with their pallet jack, and moving the bins allowed the pallet jack and their loads to pull directly up to the path to get the ground protection into position. In an effort to move them back, we were advised by the on-site NPS Representative that we were not authorized to move the waste bins back into their location, and in order to move the bins back to their original location, we were to make a request through your office. This email serves as our request of the NPS to move the bins back into position on or around Saturday afternoon, August 29th.

Thank you,



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PEPC_ NEW IDT Member has been added_ Republican....pdf

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To: Mike_Litterst@nps.gov
Subject: PEPC: NEW IDT Member has been added: Republican National Convention WAMO Grounds Fireworks Display (97251)
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 9:42:56 AM

NPS - Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC)

You have been added as an IDT Member by 'April Newman' on 08/26/2020 for the following project:

Park: National Mall and Memorial Parks
Park Code: NAMA
Park Region: National Capital

Project ID: 97251
Project Title: Republican National Convention WAMO Grounds Fireworks Display

New IDT Member: Michael Litterst
Responsibility: Public Information Officer

You can view the project information in your browser at the following URL:
<https://pepc.nps.gov/idtMembers.cfm?mode=view&projectId=97251>

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Thank you for your cooperation,

The PEPC Team

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Cc: [Hitchcock, Jeffrey A](#)
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Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 10:29:32 AM

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Cc: Hitchcock, Jeffrey A ; Gowen, Jeffrey M
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Request for Waste Bin Move
Good Morning. do you have anyone who can install back on Saturday for overtime?

From: Christopher Grucci
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 10:35 AM
To: Owen, Robbin
Cc: Scott Raso ; Chris Carlino ; Phil Grucci ; Wes Maul ; Matt Hall ; James Oaks ; Justin Riemer - Legal ; Matt Raymer - Legal ; Justin Caporale ; Michelle Meadows ; Sadoux Kim ; Lorrie Colichio
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Request for Waste Bin Move

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Hello Ms. Owen,

During our operations on location, two waste bins were moved from their location to a location about two yards away by the contractor Effort LLC. This was done as Effort was installing the ground protection for our equipment and needed to access the path with their pallet jack, and moving the bins allowed the pallet jack and their loads to pull directly up to the path to get the ground protection into position. In an effort to move them back, we were advised by the on-site NPS Representative that we were not authorized to move the waste bins back into their location, and in order to move the bins back to their original location, we were to make a request through your office. This email serves as our request of the NPS to move the bins back into position on or around Saturday afternoon, August 29th.

Thank you,



Christopher Grucci

Logistics Manager

Fireworks by Grucci, Inc.

p: 631.286.0088 ext. 121

a: 20 Pinehurst Drive
Bellport, NY 11713

w: www.grucci.com e: cgrucci@grucci.com



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Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 1:26:54 PM

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Subject: RE: Fireworks Complaints
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 1:31:08 PM
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Thanks, Robbin. We will advise District agencies accordingly.



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From: [Boyle, Jaime L](#)
To: [NPS NCR NAMA Supervisors](#)
Cc: [Kennealy, Sean J](#); [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#)
Subject: Statement about RNC Fireworks on WAMO Grounds
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 2:04:39 PM

Hello NAMA Supervisors,

Below you will find the park's statement about the upcoming fireworks on WAMO grounds. This is the statement Sean was referring to, and asked me to share, on our recent call. Hopefully, this helps with answering some of the questions you are receiving from employees. If you have further questions or concerns please let us know.

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Jaime

Jaime Boyle
Special Events Coordinator
National Mall and Memorial Parks
900 Ohio Drive SW
Washington, DC 20024
202-438-9674

Re_ [EXTERNAL] Re_ comments on CREW investigations(1).pdf

From: [Rebecca Beitsch](#)
To: [Litterst, Michael D](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: comments on CREW investigations
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 2:43:44 PM

Hey Mike,

I was able to get a copy of the permit, but please let me know if you think you'll have anything for me today. As you saw with my questions, I don't really have a response from NPS or Interior on the ethics of the fireworks display.

Thanks!

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Ben Goldey

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To: Goldey, Benjamin H <benjamin_goldey@ios.doi.gov>

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# United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

National Capital Region

1100 Ohio Drive, S.W.

Washington, D.C. 20242

## PUBLIC GATHERING PERMIT

Permit: 20-1063

Date: August 24, 2020

In accordance with Park Regulations as contained in C.F.R., Title 36, Chapter 1, Section 7.96, permission is granted to conduct a public gathering to the following:

Person(s) and/or Organization(s): Republican National Committee

Dates(s): Monday, August 24, 2020

To: Saturday, August 29, 2020

Time: Starting: 8:00 am

Ending: 3:00 pm

Location(s):

Washington Monument Grounds-Southern Portion

Purpose: Aerial Fireworks Display

Anticipated Number or Participants: 50

Person(s) in Charge: Michelle Meadows

Address(es): (b) (6)

Phone Number: (202) 863-8638

On Site Aerial Fireworks Representatives: Phil Grucci (b) (6)

This permit is granted subject to the following conditions:

1. Permittee and all participants authorized therein must comply with all of the conditions of this permit and with all reasonable directions of the United States Park Police.
2. All sidewalks, walkways, and roadways must remain unobstructed to allow for the reasonable use of these areas by pedestrians, vehicles and other park visitors.

PERMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR READING AND ADHERING TO ATTACHED  
ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS.

**ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS****PERMIT #20-1063****REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION; WASHINGTON MONUMENT GROUNDS,  
SOUTHERN PORTION****AUGUST 24-AUGUST 29, 2020****Event Overview:** Aerial Fireworks Display**Event Contact Information:** Christopher Grucci, Logistics Manager, (b) (6)**NPS Site Coordinator:** Robbin Owen, 202-359-1458**Event Timeline:**

See the attached spreadsheets for complete timeline.

- Set up starts on: August 24
- Event: August 27
- Tear down complete: August 29

**Permit Authorization**

A. This permit authorizes the Republican National Convention and their contractor, Fireworks by Grucci (RNC/FBG) use of the Washington Monument Grounds, southern portion for this permitted activity. Permission is granted to RNC/FBG to commence load-in for the placement of any fireworks, porta-johns, trash dumpsters, support structures, and the erection of fencing:

1. RNC/FBG will submit to the NPS stamped engineered drawings for all structures, larger than 900 square feet for NPS review and approval.
2. The permittee(s) agrees to be fully responsible for the management, performance, use and safety within the permit area involved in this authorization until the work is completed, inspected, and accepted.

Stated Total of Participants: 50 staff

**B. Schedule of Events August 24 – August 29**

- Set up: Monday, August 24 – Thursday August 27, 7:00 am – 7:00 pm
- Event Day: Thursday, August 27, 11:30 pm – 11:35 pm
- Overnight security, August 24-26 7:00 pm -7:00 am daily  
8/28, 2:00 am – 7:00 am and 5:00 pm – 7:00 am, August 29

Program: Thursday, August 27, 11:30 pm – 11:35 pm



Load-Out: Friday, August 28, 7:00 am – 5:00 pm  
 Saturday, August 29, 7:00 am – 3:00 pm

**NOTE: See attached timeline. Tear down is not permitted after dark at 8:00 pm on Friday and Saturday, August 28 and August 29**

## **I. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT**

1. All activities pursuant to this permit shall be in compliance with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252; 42 U.S.C. 200d et seq.); Title V, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 394; 29 U.S.C. 794); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (89 Stat. 728; 42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.); and with all other Federal laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination on grounds of race, color, national origin, handicap, religion, or sex in employment and in providing facilities and services to the public. Nothing in advertising for employees shall be done which will prevent those covered by these laws from qualifying for employment.
2. Permittee and all participants authorized therein must comply with all of the conditions of this permit and with all reasonable directions of the United States Park Police and/or other representative of the NPS.
3. The area must be left in substantially the same conditions as it was prior to the activities authorized herein. All trash, debris, and litter resulting from activities of this permit shall not be allowed to accumulate and shall be bagged **in clear plastic bags** and placed in trash dumpsters provide by RNC/FBG.
4. All requests, correspondence and meetings with NPS pertaining to this permit shall be scheduled by RNC/FBG only. All contractors, subcontractors or consultants must channel their request through the recognized representatives of the permittee, who in turn, will contact NPS.
5. All laws, rules, and regulations applicable to the area covered by this permit remain in effect.
6. This permit is applicable only for the use of the area designated above, and during the times designated above, or as may be designated in written amendment to this permit.
7. In use of this area, the permittee shall require all employees and/or contractors to exercise all normal and reasonable safety precautions including observance of all applicable OSHA codes, to protect park property and to provide for public safety. Suitable devices such as barricades, fences, lanterns, etc., necessary for employee, public safety, and resource protection shall be provided by RNC/FBG shall be adequately maintained. Placement of such devices require the concurrence of the NPS.
8. All work performed as a result of the permitted use by the permittee or its agents shall be subject to the conditions of this permit, and the permittee is responsible for ensuring that such work meets the conditions of this permit.

9. All proposed amendments or additions to this permit and all proposed locations of vehicles, equipment, storage, installations of any kind, areas of activity, work and power plans shall be submitted to the NPS for prior written approval. These proposals shall be in map or diagram form suitable for on the ground inspection. Placement of tents, displays, and other detailed and specific site map will be provided to the NPS prior to installation of facilities.
  - a. Arrival schedules, equipment lists and vehicle lists must be provided in advance and all units in use in the park area must have specific approval by the NPS.
  - b. Permittee will provide an on-site coordinator to be accessible to the NPS and the United States Park Police (USPP) personnel at all times during construction or set-up activities and during dismantling of facilities post-event.
10. NPS reserves the right to immediately revoke this permit at any time should it reasonably appear that the activity presents present danger to the public safety, good order or health, or if any conditions of this permit are violated.
11. This permit may be amended upon final approval of the site plan, certified stamped engineered drawings, sign plan and timeline.
12. A copy of this permit shall be at the site during the use of the park area.

## **II. SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT**

### **1. Event Venues:**

- A. Washington Monument Grounds, southern portion

Set-up will include the following: Fireworks, fencing, dumpster, and tents. A complete equipment list must be provided for the permit.

**See attached diagram**

### **2. Resource Protection:**

Throughout the course of this permit, the RNC/DBG, is responsible for taking all necessary precautions to minimize resource damage throughout the permitted area. In addition, permittee must supervise their contractors and employees during set-up and teardown to assure that there is no damage to park resources. RNC/DBG must have a representative on site during set up and tear down of equipment to monitor the vendors.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 7.96(g)(5)(vi)(C), 2.31(a)(2),(3) the destruction, defacement, damaging, alteration, or removal of park resources or facilities is prohibited. No item, including signs or banners, may be attached to park trees, plantings, benches, statues, walls, fences, or other park property.



To protect the resources, stands and other facilities approved for placement on the grass and walkways, outside of any restricted zones, must be supported by pre-approved, hard interlocking plastic material. Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.

No excavation or disturbance of park features or landscape shall be permitted under this permit without written approval of NPS.

When heavy equipment vehicles (forklifts/cranes, etc.) are used to move equipment, permittee must provide spotters in the front and rear of the heavy equipment vehicle to insure safety of pedestrians and workers.

Throughout the course of this permit, RNC/FBG will require its employees/volunteers, and contractors, to exercise special care and attention to protect the resources of parkland and its environs. In addition, RNC/FBG must supervise their contractors and employees during set-up and teardown to assure that there is no damage to park resources.

### **Landscapes:**

Lawn, trees, shrubs, and the irrigation system, curbs, electric conduits, and water mains located within the permitted area, shall be protected from adverse impacts associated with event activities.

Heavy Equipment Near Trees and Shrubs: The use of any heavy equipment (crane, back hoe, etc.) placed under or near trees or shrubs is prohibited.

Turf Protection: For the purpose of protection, any area not paved must follow the O & M Turf Manual. No heavy equipment (cranes, backhoes, etc.), vehicles or stock piling of materials is permitted on turf areas.

The use of vehicles, heavy cranes, backhoes, etc are not allowed on the turf sections of parkland.

The temporary covering of turf for this event must be provided by the permittee for the permitted areas. Use of this ground cover allows for pedestrian walkways, temporary flooring, structure, and support, with special permission from NPS.

Permittee is must secure products such as Terraplas, Terratile and Matrax LD or equal that is ADA-compliant, interlocking mats that are translucent and allow UV light to pass through to the grass below. The products must either be perforated or ribbed, allowing for ventilation and some moisture access to the turf below. Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.

### **Site Furnishings:**

Permittee may not move or otherwise harm existing site furnishings, including but not limited to posts and chains, benches, waste receptacles, and drinking fountains. No attachments may be made to, pass through, or be affixed to existing site furnishings.

Additional temporary site furnishings may be provided by the Permittee; however, these furnishings must meet the guidelines set forth in this document. No permanent installation of site furnishings is permitted.

All necessary precautions as deemed necessary by the NPS shall be taken to prevent damage to underground utilities, and sprinkler systems located throughout the area. Any utilities damage by this work shall be promptly repaired. The sprinkler system plan will be clearly marked on-site by the National Park Service.

### **Hard Surfaces:**

Temporary protection of all hard surfaces affected by the construction or erection of staging elements, sound towers, camera equipment, cranes, lighting structures, miscellaneous equipment, or scaffolding must be provided. All protective pads or cushioning devices shall be non-staining.

**Oil or Hydraulic Fluid Leaks:** Temporary protection of hard surfaces shall be used where motorized vehicles are operating to avoid oil and/or hydraulic fluid leaks. Should a leak of this type occur, the permit holder shall be held liable for clean-up, at no expense to the NPS.

### **Structures:**

To protect the turf areas, it is strongly encouraged that structures be placed on the Washington Monument grounds hardscape areas where it would not impact the turf. The NPS may allow under permit the use of turf areas, however, if the structure and its equipment use the turf protection measures as detailed throughout this permit. All structures must minimize all points that come in contact with the turf.

All structures must be able to withstand a minimum wind gust of 30 mph and follow the High Wind Action Plan below.

1. The High Wind Action Plan shall be in effect for the entirety of this event.
2. RNC/FBG is responsible for a designated representative to be present for the duration of this event to implement the High Wind Action Plan.
3. An Anemometer shall be placed on the roof of the stage structure to monitor wind speeds.
4. Noted wind speeds are 3 second gusts in accordance with ASCE 7.
5. **When wind speeds are expected to exceed 25 MPH, RNC/FBG will place crews on alert.**
6. **When wind speeds are expected to exceed 30 MPH, all sidewall scrim shall be removed.**  
All video walls and large speaker clusters/delay towers shall be lowered to the ground and secured.  
Lowering of scrim or equipment shall be done from the ground by means of remotely activated equipment such as motors or mechanical releases.
7. **When wind speeds are expected to exceed 40 MPH, all event operations shall cease and the immediate area shall be evacuated.**
8. Do not lower stage system, video walls, large speaker/delay towers during high wind events.
9. The High Wind Action Plan shall be posted at a conspicuous area on site. It must be available at all times to venue operators and crew.



All structures must follow the guidelines below and adhere to National Fire Protection Association codes.

Any temporary structure exceeding over 900 square feet require the submission of engineered drawings stamped by a structural engineer licensed in the United States. Drawings should include tent support lines identified by flagging.

Structures on the turf should be on a raiser with as few points as possible touching the turf. Each point that does touch the turf should have Enkamat Flatback<sup>8</sup> or equal product and plywood pads under all points as outlined:

Each screw jack should have a wooden pad and two layers of Enkamat Flatback<sup>1</sup> or equal product, eighteen inches square (18"x18")

Concrete pads should have four (4) layers of Enkamat Flatback or equal product  
Under each concrete tower pad two (2) layers of plywood

All screws and fasteners used in the construction of structures should be policed during the build and retained during removal. Screws and fasteners should be made of a non-aluminum metal, enabling a post-event magnet sweep to ensure all pieces are removed from the site.

**Tents:** To protect the turf, tents should be located on hardscape surfaces including gravel, asphalt, concrete, granite, wood, etc. tents and other similar structures must be secured using cement blocks and/or water-filled ballast tanks. No stakes are permitted on hardscape surfaces.

Non-freezing, no-staining liquid approved by the NPS (water treated with bio-degradable antifreeze) in plastic containers shall be used as weighing elements. No sand bags are permitted for this purpose.

At takedown, all water filled ballast tanks must be pumped to the nearest catch basin (located within the curbs) or to the area drains located throughout the hardscape. Tanks may not be drained into the turf or pumped in gravel areas. This prevents creation of muddy puddles and soft areas in the turf and also limits runoff of gravel into area drains.

Footnote 8 Enkamat Flatback is a unique product designed for turf grass protection. Enkamat's tightly interwoven flat upper layer can withstand the weight of thousands of people and staging equipment. Enkamat is a three-dimensional geomatrix of highly resilient, nylon monofilaments which are fused where they intersect. Ninety percent (90%) of the geomatrix is open space which allows for air and rain to pass freely through to the turf below. Enkamat comes in standard sizes of 39"x150' and 15'X150' and can be cut onsite into any shape or size.

**If approval is granted by NPS,** no tent stakes may penetrate the ground surface by more than 18 inches. Use of stakes longer than this requires coordination through the Turf Management Specialist, National Mall & Memorial Parks, at (202) 245-4685. Permittee must hire an independent contractor to survey the grounds with radar penetrating equipment to map all utilities prior to any staking.

Tents must be constructed of fire retardant material. A certificate of fire retardant material must be provided as confirmation to the NPS

Tents should be placed at least 5 to 10 feet apart.

### **Stages, Lighting, and Audio & AV Towers:**

Stages, lighting trusses, video walls/screens and any scaffold towers used to support them must be constructed to conform to architectural plans stamped by a licensed structural engineer. Permittee is responsible for installing a barricade, bike rack and/or fencing around all lighting, audio and AV towers to secure them from the general public.

If authorized by permit stages may only have skirting on the audience-facing area and only during the event, to allow maximum light and air to reach the turf, thereby limiting damage.

### **Fencing:**

Any fencing or other physical barriers planned for the event must be shown on the site plan and called out by type.

Fencing must be designed in such a way that it does not prevent safe egress from the event. Permittee must provide public access to the area until fireworks are loaded in.

Fencing located on turf areas may not be staked into the ground unless authorized by permit. If authorized, stakes must be no longer than eighteen inches (18") driven into the ground. Stakes must avoid all underground pipes and fixtures. In the event chain linked fencing is used, security barbed wire is prohibited.

Concrete barriers (such as jersey barriers) are permitted only on hardscape areas.

Tree protection fencing may be required as a condition of the permit.

### **Evening Work:**

Evening work may be conducted for both load in and load out periods with prior permission by the Superintendent. For work conducted during evening hours a portable lighting system is required. In addition all motor vehicles including golf cart(s) must have lights. Generally night work is not allowed after 10:00 pm and prior to 6:00 am.

**Structures on Turf Panels:** To protect the turf, neither structures nor parking or operation of equipment is permitted on turf. Event vehicles of any kind (delivery, cranes, forklifts, golf carts, trailers, exhibit trailers, etc.) are not allowed on turf or surrounding curbs. To accommodate use for the event and to protect against compaction and plant damage, turf protection, the use of matting that holds itself and any added loads such as foot traffic, above the crown of the grass blades, and does not sink into the ground is required.



Laying roadway surfaces on the Washington Monument grounds is prohibited without NPS approval in advance.

Turf protection flooring must be light weight, able to be carried and set in place without vehicular assistance.

Products such as Terraplas, or equal, must be ADA-compliant, with interlocking mats that are translucent and allow UV light to pass through to the grass below and perforated or ribbed to allow for ventilation and some moisture access to the turf below. The use of plywood for this purpose is strictly prohibited. Specific material used must be approved in advance by NPS.

No carpet or other obstructions to turf covering holes will be allowed.

Driving stakes and/or grounding rods into the turf is prohibited without the approval of the NPS.

**Structures Under/Around Trees:** To minimize soil compaction and to protect the continued health of the trees, neither structures nor parking or operation of equipment, is permitted within any tree canopy (root zone) area or in any of the Tree areas. This includes but is not limited to stages, booths, audio/visual towers, tents and lighting. As a condition of the permit, the Permittee may be required to install tree-protection fencing.

**Walkways:** To protect the resources, stages, stands and other facilities approved for placement on any walkway, must be supported by 1 inch, professional, outdoor grade plywood or similar material.  
*Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.*

### **Crate Storage and Bone Yards :**

Crate storage, bone yards and staging areas are prohibited on parkland. They must be located off-site

### **Site Access:**

*Extreme* caution must be exercised when driving on the sidewalks. Pedestrian access must be maintained at all times, however, if for safety reasons, an area has to be temporarily closed to the public,

**Except when being driven on established public vehicular roadways: Logistical equipment and vehicles, forklifts including gas and electric carts, must not exceed 5-mph. All trucks with a GVW of over 7500 pounds, and equipment such as bucket trucks, platform lifts, forklifts, and cranes, must be accompanied by a walking spotter when moving or operating in an area accessible to the public.**

Vehicles must have headlights on while in motion. All individuals operating Golf Carts/gators on NPS property must have a Valid Driver's License. All Golf Carts/gators operating after dusk, must have fixed and/or portable illumination.

Parking of Permittee(s) employee's or subcontractors private vehicles for conduct of this permit's activities, in tree panels and/or on turf or walkway areas is prohibited.



RNC/FBG must receive prior, written approval from the NPS/USPP if traffic is to be blocked at any time during preparation for, during the course of, and after a special event or demonstration (at any location in the immediate vicinity of the National Mall). If District of Columbia streets are to be blocked, the appropriate authorities must be notified as well.

All pathways and roadways must remain open and unobstructed. A minimum twenty foot (20') drive aisle must remain open at all times for emergency vehicle egress. No temporary or permanent structures may be located within the egress lane. The egress drive aisle must be called out on the site plan.

Submittal Requirements: A plan of how the site will be approached and how traffic will be controlled is required for logistical vehicles that are delivering and/or removing temporary equipment and supplies. In this submittal, information documenting the path of vehicular traffic in and around the roadways of the National Mall during preparation for, during the course of, and after all activities associated with the event, is required. Rules and regulations for District of Columbia streets also shall be observed. Signs directing vehicular and pedestrian traffic shall be furnished, with text and locations of signs indicated on the plan.

Deliveries and removal of materials shall occur so as not to adversely affect daily operations of NPS Concessioners and monuments and memorials in and around the National Mall. No deliveries shall be made after hours without prior, written approval from the NPS.

**Vehicular access to turf areas will only be permitted per conditions listed below:**

Driving within any Level 1 turf areas is strictly prohibited. Only hardscape areas can be used.

Driving directly on all turf and tree areas is prohibited. The temporary interlocking protective material supports shall be installed over plazas, and walkway areas for the ingress and egress of all vehicles/units or heavy equipment by RNC/FBG. **Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.**

Parking of Permittee(s) employee's or subcontractors private vehicles for conduct of this permit's activities on parkland is prohibited. Permittee must arrange for parking of employee and contractor vehicles off parkland.

**3. Trash/Recycling Maintenance:**

A. RNC/FBG will be responsible for providing card board trash receptacles for collection and disposal of all trash, debris, and litter resulting from the use of the permitted area, including a recycling program. Trash shall not be allowed to accumulate and shall be continually and promptly bagged in **clear plastic bags** and removed from the site. The location and placement of any litter containers must be coordinated with the NPS.

**Recycling:**

The permittee is required to collect and transport to a certified recycling center, commingled cans and bottles (aluminum and bimetal cans and plastic bottles), plastic, and aluminum materials generated from the permitted activity off park land.

The permittee shall furnish all management, supervision, labor, equipment, materials, supplies and any other items necessary to perform the recycling service of their permitted event. Work includes providing labor, proper equipment, collection and transport of generated recycled items, as well as providing records on the recycled material to NPS.

Permittee must submit the trash and recycling plan and have it approved prior to set up.

#### **4. Electricity and Generator Usage:**

No electricity available on site. RNC/FBG may provide their own gasoline and/or solar powered generator(s) to provide power if needed. Generators will be installed in accordance with the site plan, D.C. Fire Department guidelines, and safely installed per manufacturer requirements. The fueling/refueling of gasoline powered generators on parkland is prohibited\*. The storage of additional fuel is prohibited.

At a minimum, for hand carted generators, 1" professional outdoor grade plywood, or similar material must be placed underneath the generator to protect the underlying surfaces from potential weight and vibration damage and fluid leakage. Generators must be encased with a secondary drip containment unit.

Tow plant generator(s) and light tower(s) must have an internal secondary drip containment unit and/or placed in self-adsorbent, fire retardant containment troughs and be fenced in or closed in with bike rack.

All wires must be covered by mats and/or yellow jackets to prevent tripping hazards. The cord must be in good condition, of sufficient gauge to accommodate the electrical load of equipment and must be properly grounded.

**A Fire extinguisher must be within 15 feet of generator(s) and light tower(s)**

**\*Refueling of generators:** Refueling of the gasoline generators will be permitted pursuant to the following conditions:

Refueling will only be allowed on dates and times agreed upon in advance with the NPS- generally, (05:00 a.m.-08:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. (midnight)).

The following materials must be placed on the ground during refueling:

Plastic tarp

Absorbent material on top of tarp

Drip pan under fueling nozzle

Spill containment material or absorbent booms or pads must be stored at each generator location

55-gallon drum labeled hazardous material must be placed alongside of each generator. Should spillage occur the absorbent material must be placed in these barrels.

Contractor will be responsible for removing the barrels off of park property

Contractor will be responsible for any damage to the park's resources as a result of the refueling.



In case of spill please contact DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services at 911 and National Mall & Memorial Parks' Chief of Maintenance at (202) 359-1551.

The storage of fuel on parkland, in trailers, next to generators and at other NPS locations is strictly prohibited.

RNC/FBG will be responsible for any damages to park resources resulting from the re-fueling.

The spillage of deleterious substances such as engine oil, gasoline, etc. is prohibited. In the event of such an occurrence, NPS and USPP must be notified immediately.

All cables, power lines, etc. shall be run in an orderly manner and contained in matted yellow jackets that provide for safety and accessibility. No power lines can be strung between trees. All temporary electrical service wiring must be covered by mats and/or high-visibility Yellow Jacket™, or equivalent item, so as not to create a tripping hazard or navigation barrier to handicapped individuals. The cord must be in good condition, of sufficient gauge to accommodate the electrical load of the equipment and must be properly grounded.

Bike rack must be placed around all generators, as well as light and sound towers.

#### **5. Overnight Security/Camping:**

RNC/FBG is responsible for providing UNARMED overnight security. Coordinate security with Sgt. Eddie Burnett or Sgt. Zakiyyah Mahasin U. S. Park Police at 202-610-7092.

Sleeping overnight in park areas, including in any tents by employees or subcontractors workmen is prohibited. Camping is defined as the use of the park land for living accommodation purposes such as sleeping activities, or making preparations to sleep (including the laying down or bedding for the purpose of sleeping), or storing personal belongings, or making any fire, or using any tents or shelter or other structure or vehicle for sleeping or doing any digging or earth breaking or carrying on cooking activities. The above-listed activities constitute camping when it reasonably appears, in light of all the circumstances that the participants, in conducting these activities, are in fact using the area as a living accommodation regardless of the intent of the participants or the nature of any other activities in which they may also be engaging.

#### **6. Safety:**

RNC/FBG is required to meet OSHA guidelines regarding employee/subcontractor work schedules. No employee/subcontractor is to work no more than 10 hours within a 24 hour period. Any work required beyond the 10 hour limitation will need to be requested to the NPS in advance for review and approval by the Superintendent, National Mall & Memorial Parks.

An authorized RNC/FBG official must be assigned for on-site supervision each day of the event for load-in and load-out. NPS and USPP will also be assigned to monitor and to provide for public safety. All instructions given by authorized NPS or USPP personnel must be obeyed promptly.



Any movement by heavy equipment such as forklifts and cranes must be accompanied by spotters in the front and rear of the piece of equipment at all times. In the event cranes are used, the gravel walk must be secured and pedestrians directed to other available walkways.

Failure to comply with all terms and conditions of this permit may constitute grounds for cancellation of the permit and immediate termination of the event.

**7. Portable Toilets/Comfort facilities:**

- A. Adequate portable restroom facilities shall be installed by RNC/FBG for employee and public use. These units shall be placed in "low profile" locations approved by NPS. The National Park Service recommends one portable restroom facility for every 300 participants with 20% of those facilities wheelchair accessible.

**8. Security:**

RNC/FBG will be responsible for providing unarmed security for any equipment left unattended at any given time and/or overnight on parkland. Individual(s) must be properly identified. Security will begin on the first day of set-up and continue through the final day of tear down.

In addition, during the hours of load-in and load-out, RNC/FBG will be required to provide an adequate number of security personnel to assist with pedestrian and vehicle movement on the walkways.

Meetings with the RNC/FBG, the United States Park Police and the National Park Service, Permits Management Office have been held to coordinate and finalize the security plan for this event.

**9. Credentials**

All staff, volunteers, artists/participants, press, VIPs, and vendors involved this event will be issued credentials. The credentials will identify the person by name and category to include the event logo.

Colored copies of all credentials will be provided to USPP in advance of the event.

**10. Water and Food:**

RNC/FBG will be responsible for providing adequate bottled water to accommodate those attending this event.

Guest Services, Inc. and/or RGI will provide food and water for sale at their permanent food kiosks.

Permittee may provide food to their staff. All public health rules and guidelines must be followed at all times.

**11. Sales of Merchandise/Solicitation of Donations:**

Permittee is responsible for adhering to item #4, last page of permit concerning sales. Permittee states no sales nor soliciting of donations will take place.

## 12. Sound Amplification:

Special attention is drawn to item #7, last page of permit concerning sound amplification.

## 13. Signs, Banners, and Commercial Advertising and Sponsor Recognition:

NPS regulations generally prohibit Federal parkland from being used for business solicitation or for the advertisement or promotion of commercial brands, products, and services. As such, no commercial notices and advertisements shall be placed, posted or distributed at the event. Further, no structures representing commercial products, or models or replications of commercial products or merchandise may be displayed.

Further consistent with long-standing NPS policy now under Public Law 108-108, Title I, § 145, special event permits will expressly prohibit the erection, placement, or use of structures and signs bearing commercial advertising. However, a permit may issued that authorizes the recognition of sponsors of special events, if the National Park Service determines that the size and form of the recognition is consistent with the special nature and sanctity of the National Mall or any other requested park area, and if the lettering or design identifying the sponsor is no larger than one-third the size of the lettering or design identifying the special event. Further, to the maximum extent practicable for such special events, public use of and access to the National Mall and other parkland is not restricted.

The permittee shall submit a sign plan for NPS review and approval. Any request seeking NPS approval for sponsor recognition must be submitted to the NPS at least 30 days prior to the proposed event, and depicted on the sign plan. If approved by the National Park Service, sponsor recognition will be authorized within the terms of the special event permit. Authorized sponsor recognition must be in keeping with the NPS policy, regulations, and law, and be appropriate to the scale and theme of the special event. Further, the overall size, number, and design of any signs or banners shall be appropriate to the park setting and the lettering or design identifying the sponsor must be no larger than one-third the size of the lettering or design identifying the special event. Signs and banners may not be affixed to existing trees or other NPS facilities or structures.

Distribution or give aways of any commercial product is limited to only those that may be consumed on the event site such as juices or popcorn. Soliciting personal information such as names, addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, zip codes, etc. or any other information which may be used for future solicitation, or marketing purposes is strictly prohibited. **A list of all giveaway items will be provided to the NPS for approval.**

Permittee will be responsible for assuring that sponsors adhere to the law regarding commercial advertising, promotion and signage (see conditions above)

No commercial displays, promotions, coupon give-a-ways or advertising permitted on park land.



**14. Protection of the Public and General Welfare:**

Bike rack and chain link fence shall be erected by RNC/DBG to contain the event areas and provide Necessary resource protection, security and buffer zones. The permittee(s) is responsible for encircling generators with fence and/or bike rack.

**15. Media:**

**SAT/Microwave Trucks**

Cameras, equipment, crew, and participants in this filming may not be situated on sidewalks, paths, or roadways that prohibit the passage of pedestrians and/or vehicles. No equipment may be attached and/or affixed to any plant materials (i.e. trees and shrubs) or structures. Running cables thru trees is prohibited.

No exclusive use of the area is permitted and the area must remain open to the general public at all times. This filming may in no way impede or prevent public access to the area.

No reserved parking for "crew vehicles" is permitted. .

No electrical service is available. The use of a portable, hand carted, generator, to be provided by the Permittee, is permitted. Plywood or a similar material must be placed beneath the generator to protect the turf.

Cabling across entrances and handicapped accessible ramps must be ADA approved and cannot impair or prevent access. All cables must be covered to prevent tripping hazards.

16. Glass bottles, balloons and confetti is not allowed on park land.

**17. Aerial Display:**

Permittee must following adhere to established guidelines and safety standards. The following must be provided to the NPS Incident Commander and NPS Fire Marshall:

- Fireworks Display Map
- Fireworks Inventory
- Fireworks Safety Plan
- Fireworks Scope of Work
- Pyrotechnic Certificate of Liability Insurance to include liability to the Federal Government and the District of Columbia
- Pyrotechnic Technician Licenses/certificates
- Pyrotechnic Truck Driver Licenses/certificates
- Pyrotechnic Assistants ID information
- NPS Matrix Deck Plan

PLEASE NOTE: No fireworks on NPS lands without first providing an inventory to NPS Fire Marshall, 24 hours in advance. In addition fence will need to be placed around the tubes and racks before they being building, per NFPA code requirement.

Equipment List:

- Three (3) Forklifts with non-marking tires
- One (1) shooting boom forklift with non-marking tires
- One (1) 12'x12' canopy tent on the hardscape directly in front of the Sylvan Theater
- One (1) 30 yard dumpster on Sylvan Theater hardscape
- Three (3) portable restroom on the east side of the Sylvan Theater hardscape

- A. Fireworks will be delivered on site with US Park Police escort at approved designed times.
- B. NPS-NCA AHJ will conduct daily Aerial Fireworks Display Inspections. Fireworks by Grucci must provide an onsite representative to meet with NPS-NCR AHJ.
- C. Once on site the area must be secured by bike rack and chain link if needed. Security personnel must be provided onsite while building tubes to load.
- D. Permittee is responsible for any damages attributed to the fireworks including but not limited to turf damage, statuary, burn marks, tire marks and roadway damage. Permittee must clean up and remove any debris associated with fireworks display include sweeper cleaning of Constitution and Independence Avenues.
- E. Permittee is responsible for ensuring the proper resource protection measures are followed as outlined by this permit including approved flooring. To protect the exposed aggregate from the steel rack system the permittee must lay down a minimum of:
  - ¾" piece of plywood on top of the pallet additional
  - ½" piece of plywood on top with an additional cross section of 2x6 lumber over it
- F. All fireworks displays or use of pyrotechnics shall be approved by the NPS-NCA AHJ and shall meet NFPA 1123: Code for Fireworks Display, NFPA 1124: Code for the Manufacture, Transportation, and Storage of Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Article, NFPA 1126: Use of Pyrotechnics Before a Proximate Audience, and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration OSHA, standards.
- G. Fireworks drawing plans, fireworks inventory list, along with technician and assistant, certifications, including; name, title and DOB of staff who will performing the fireworks display, shall be provided to the NPS-NCR Authority Having Jurisdiction, AHJ, at least 10 working days for review and approval.
- H. The aerial display shall be delayed, stopped or postponed immediately if 1123:8.1.4.1 and 1123:8.1.4.2:
  1. Wind/Weather-lightning in immediate area, approaching storm front.
  2. Inadequate/Loss of Crowd Control
  3. Loss of trajectory
  4. Unsafe practices



- I. The NCA Fireworks Permit shall be issued pending successful fireworks site inspection by the NPS NCA AHJ or designee and DC Fire EMS .
- J. Contact Sgt. Eddie Burnett, or Sgt. Zakiyyah Mahasin ,United States Park Police, at (202) 610-7092, with questions concerning police procedures or logistics.
- K. No vehicle larger than a flatbed truck and a 26 foot box truck can enter the Washington Monument Grounds. Vehicles cannot travel more than 5 MPH. Spotters must be located in the front and in the back of the vehicle. No parking will be allowed of any box truck or flat bed truck on the Washington Monument grounds. Fireworks by Grucci must contact the U.S. Park Police for vehicle Access passes onto the Washington Monument grounds. Three (3) NPS parking passes will be issued to park behind Sylvan Theater. No overnight parking will be allowed.

#### Vehicles Parking Behind Sylvan Theater

- One (1) pick up truck
- One (1) ten passenger van
- One (1) seven passenger suv

#### Timeline:

8/24-8/26 7:00 am – 7:00 pm  
 8/27 8:00 am – 3:00 am, 8/28  
 8/28 7:00 am – 5:00 pm  
 8/29 7:00 am – 3:00 pm

The Sylvan Theater access road off Independence Avenue cannot be blocked at any time. The roadway is for emergency access only.

Entry/Exit for the Washington Monument will be from off Independence Avenue, westbound on the Sylvan Theater access roadway and off 17<sup>th</sup> Street on the west side, north and south center walkways (see attached diagram). All vehicle movement on 17<sup>th</sup> Street and Independence Avenue must be under the direction of the U. S. Park Police. Contact Sgt. Eddie Burnett or Sgt. Zakiyyah Mahasin, 202-610-7092.

- L. The use of any forklift on the plaza inside the circle of flags is limited to weight of 15,000 pounds or less. Forklifts, a total of four (4; 3 regular and one with a boom) must have non-marking tires. Driving over any lights around the Monument is strictly prohibited as well as near any marble benches. Delivery of any equipment including forklifts cannot take place prior to Monday, August 24. Grucci can deliver to the Sylvan Theater backstage area prior to morning rush hour which starts at 6:00 am. U. S. Park Police must be on site to assist with traffic control both for unloading and loading. In addition of equipment and no deliveries and pick up can take place during posted rush hours 6:00 am – 9:30 am and 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm, Monday through Friday.
- M. No items may be brought on site that has not been authorized. If any unauthorized equipment/items are found on site, permit may be revoked and the event cancelled.

### **PENDING DOCUMENTATION as of 8/24/20**

- A. Fireworks inventory list, 24 hours prior to each fireworks truck arrival.
- B. Pyrotechnician and assistants list is pending ATF background check approval
- C. Provide DC Fire and EMS contract document of fire department units and staff providing suppression assistance on August 27, 2020.
- D. Any tent use approval, need to meet NFPA 701 compliance. Permittee must provide NFPA 701 fire retardant certificate or photo copy of the fire retardant label attached to the tent material, in accordance with the "NCA Fire and Life Safety Temporary Events Policy".

Permittee must provide all items prior to load in.

### **18. Alcoholic Beverages:**

The possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages is generally prohibited.

### **19. Sound Amplification:**

Special attention is drawn to item #7, last page of permit, concerning sound amplification.

### **20. Glass Bottles:**

No glass bottles and/or containers are permitted on parkland

### **21. First Aid/Medical Services:**

All medical and First Aid provided must comply with the National Capital Area Medical Director protocols.

RNC/FBG is responsible for providing First Aid services on-site. The NPS adheres to the District of Columbia Department of Fire & Emergency Medical Services guidelines established according to the number of people anticipated at an event. The following guidelines, established according to the number of people anticipated at an event, will ensure that appropriate medical coverage is provided throughout the event:

- 1-1,999: The Permittee may rely on 911
- 2,000 – 9,999: The Permittee should have a fixed First Aid site with certified/licensed personnel, who will remain on site throughout the event.
- 10,000 – 20,000: The Permittee should have one fixed First Aid site with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event and a Basic Life Support Ambulance (licensed in the District of Columbia) who will transport patients to an appropriate medical facility.
- 20,000 – 30,000: The Permittee should have one fixed First Aid site with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event, a licensed Basic Life Support Ambulance and a Licensed Advanced Life Support Unit (D. C. Fire & EMS has the only certificate of need to provide on-scene paramedic services in the District of Columbia).



- 30,000 – 50,000: The Permittee should have two fixed First Aid sites with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event, two Basic Life Support Units and one Advanced Life Support Unit (both licensed in the District of Columbia).
- 50,000 – 60,000: The Permittee should have two fixed First Aid sites with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event, two Basic Life Support Units and two Advanced Life Support Units (both licensed in the District of Columbia).
- Events exceeding 60,000 participants: The Permittee is required to have emergency medical services personnel from D. C. Fire & EMS as well as the Department of Health on site for the appropriate provision of first aid and/or emergency medical services.

## 22. Sales/Solicitation:

Special attention is drawn to item #4, last page of this permit concerning fees collected and donations solicited on parkland.

## 23. Accessibility:

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) applies to temporary services, programs, and activities. Temporary facilities and structures must comply with the ADA Standards.

Policies and operations for the event must meet the nondiscrimination requirements of the ADA, including, but not limited to provision of accessible parking, routes through site, food service, toilet, facilities, and assembly seating.

RNC/FBG is responsible for providing auxiliary aids and services as requested. RNC/FBG is responsible for providing promotional material explaining how the public can request a particular auxiliary aid or service and be informed of when specific auxiliary aids and services may be available for all Presidential Inaugural Ceremonies held on parkland.

Service animals, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), are permitted under proper supervision. The ADA defines a service animal as any guide dog, signal dog, or other animal individually trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability. If they meet this definition, animals are considered service animals under the ADA regardless of whether they have been licensed or certified by a state or local government.

RNC/FBG must consider elements of accessibility when designing the layout of the event. Potential items for inclusion are:

- Addition of temporary curb ramps where needed to provide an accessible route
- Location of structures and tents along an accessible route
- Provision of auxiliary aids and services
- Provision of and an accessible route from transit stops to the event location
- Provision of tactile braille signage
- Provision of portable wheelchair lifts to access stages or other elevated areas.

24. **Adverse Weather Policy:**

When there is a threat to public health or safety, the Superintendent and/or his/or her designee, may close the park or an event being held there for such duration as determined necessary to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the public. Such situations have occasionally occurred in the past where park areas have been closed due to severe weather warning of heavy rain and thunderstorms with lightning and high winds. Where an area is ordered closed due to a weather-related public safety threat, pursuant to 36 CFR 2.32(2) people must comply with official directions to leave the closed area and relocate to safer sheltered locations.

Closing or canceling an event is a last resort. However, while most events will be held despite the weather, RNC/FBG is responsible for providing updated information in the event schedules and drop-off points may change. **If a weather emergency is declared, programs may be closed early or canceled.**

25. Prior to load in of fireworks, permittee must provide openings in the fencing for visitor access.

**PERMITTEE MUST READ AND ADHERE TO THE "FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR OUTDOOR EVENTS AND TENT USE" AT ALL TIMES. IN ADDITION, FIREWORKS BY GRICCI, MUST PROVIDE ALL DOCUMENTATION AND SAFETY INFORMATION FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL TO THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA FIRE AND SAFETY OFFICERS/FIRE MARSHAL. FIREWORKS BY GRICCI MUST FOLLOW ALL FIRE AND SAFETY GUIDANCES PROVIDED BY THE FIRE AND SAFETY OFFICERS/FIRE MARSHAL. ANY VIOLATIONS OF THESE GUIDELINES AND FIRE AND SAFETY PROCEDURES IS SUBJECT TO REVOCATION OF THIS PERMIT.**

Please see attached schedule and diagrams.

26. **The following will be made available to the RNC/FBG Incident Command Unit**

- All Site Diagrams
- Equipment List
- Production Schedule/Time line
- Access Locations
- Security Plan
- Communications Plan
- Medical Plan
- Media Plan
- Sanitation Plan
- Safe Haven Plan
- Severe Weather Plan
- Vendor List

**A COMPLETE AND LEGIBLE COPY OF THIS PERMIT MUST BE RETAINED ON-SITE AT ALL TIMES WHILE OPERATING UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED**



Republican National Convention Fireworks Performance - Washington DC  
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WASHINGTON MONUMENT PRODUCT COUNTS

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| 117  | 3"   | Comets                        |
| 1650 | 3"   | Aerial Shells                 |
| 400  | 4"   | Aerial Shells                 |
| 260  | 5"   | Aerial Shells                 |
| 316  | 6"   | Aerial Shells                 |
| 45   | 45mm | Roman Candles                 |
| 45   | MSB  | Multi-Shot Boxes              |
| 45   | 30mm | Multi Shot Single Row Devices |
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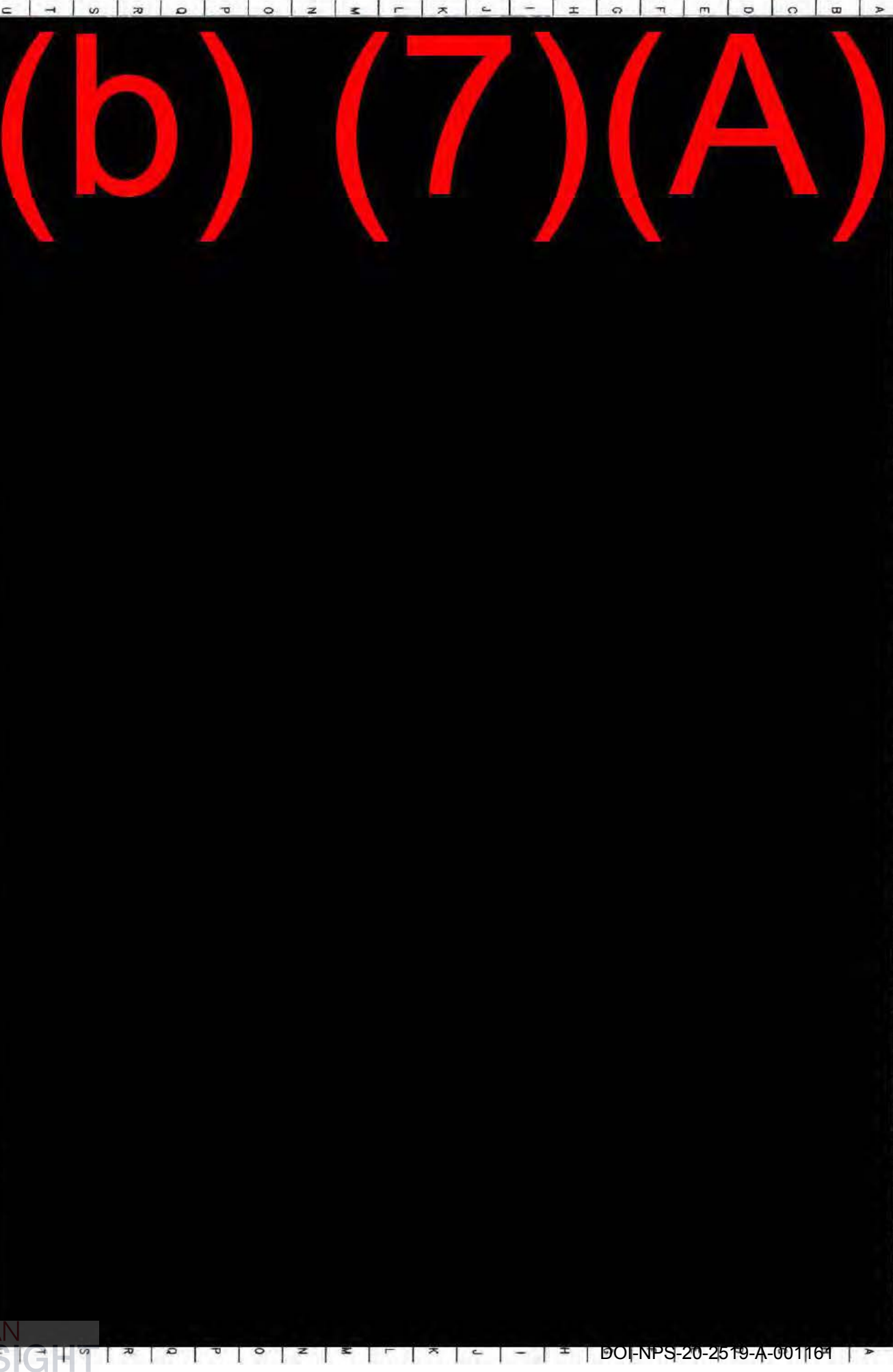
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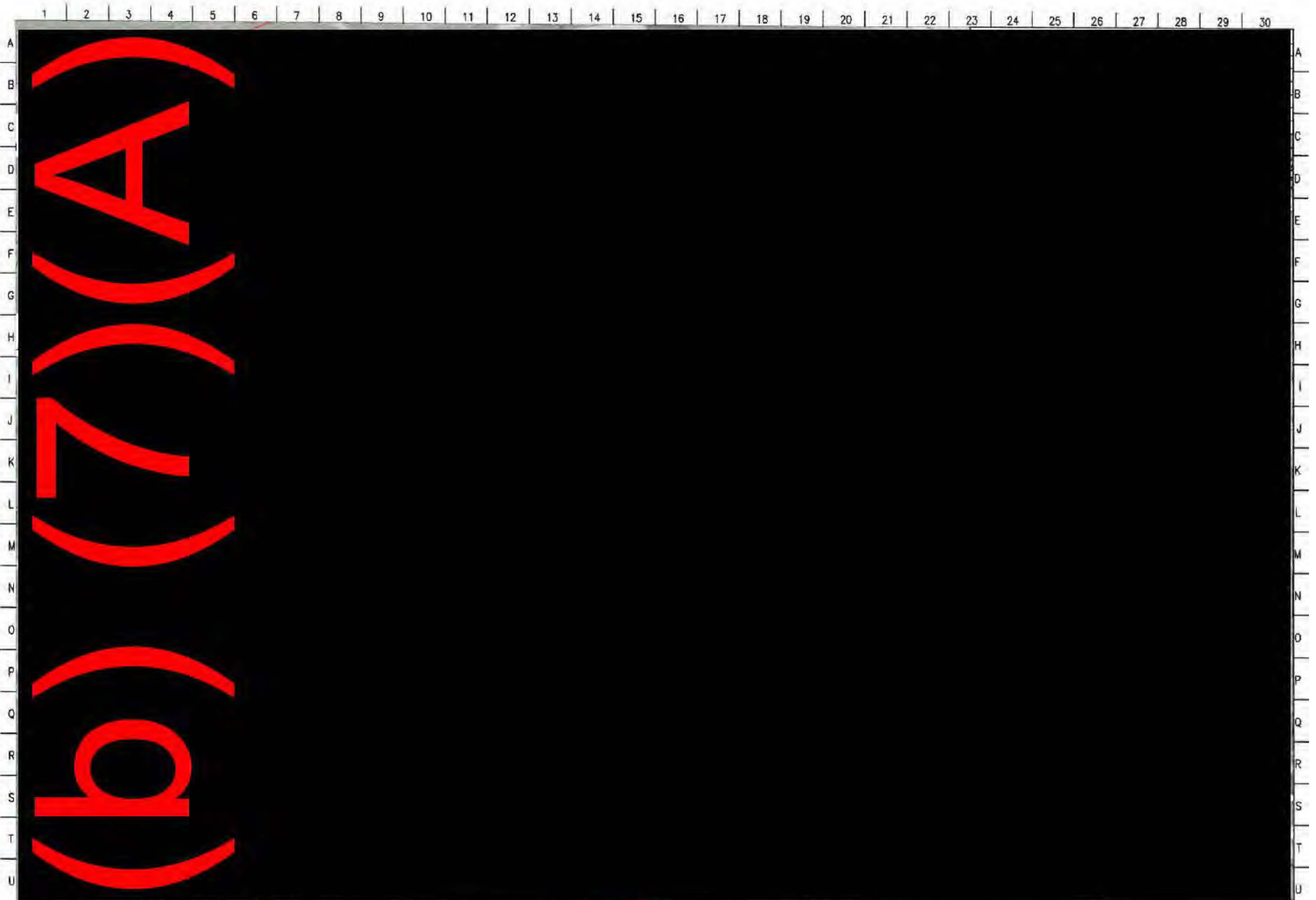
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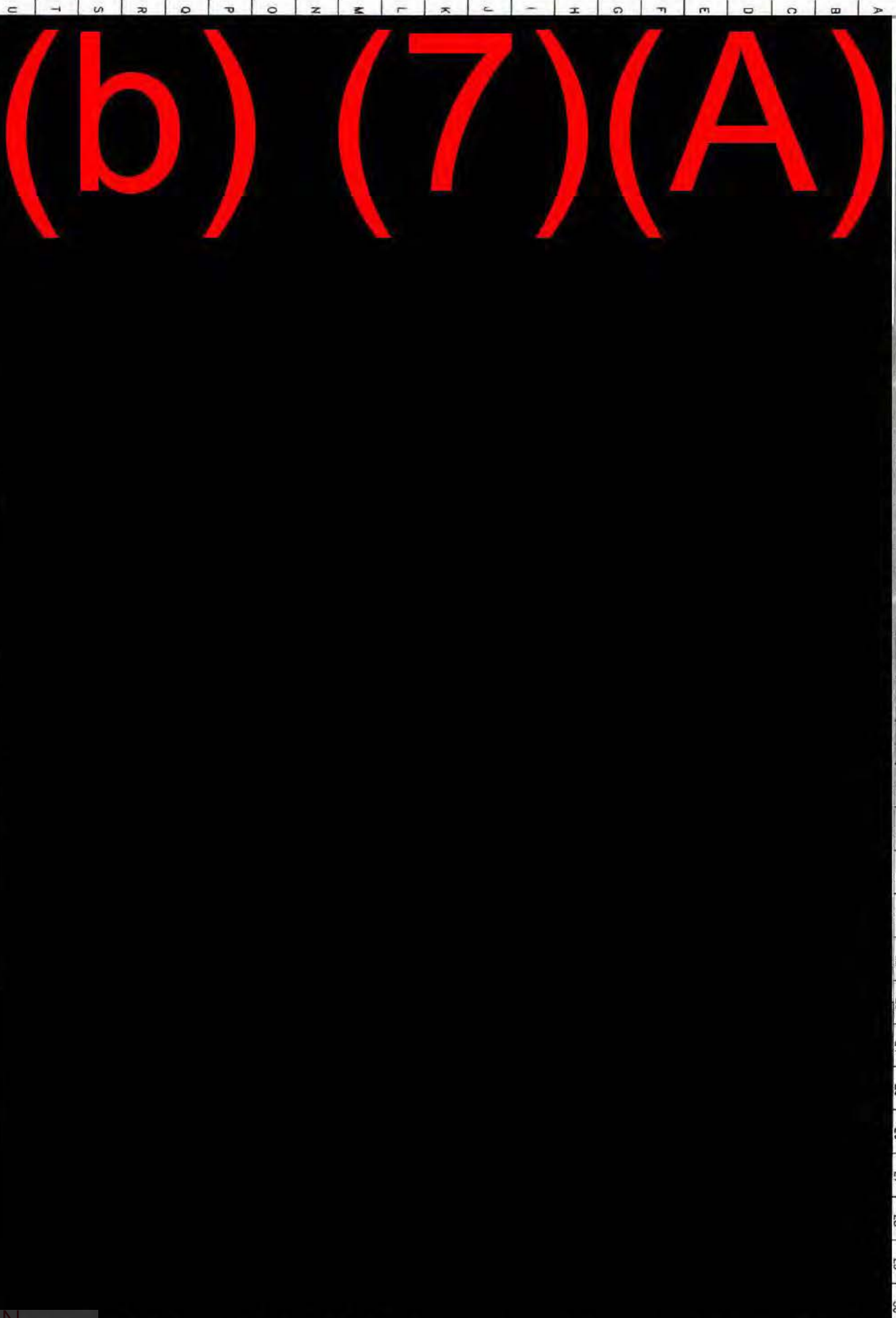
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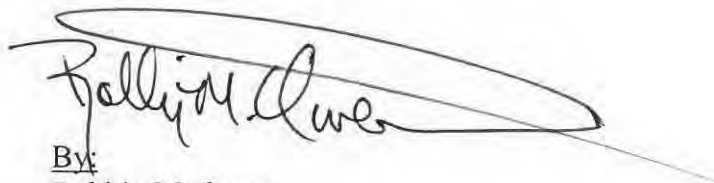
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3. All laws, rules and regulations applicable to the area covered by this permit remain in effect.
4. No fee may be collected, donation solicited, or commercial activity conducted. No items may be sold or offered for sale except for books, newspapers, leaflets, pamphlets, buttons, and bumper stickers which contain a message related to your demonstration or special event. No other merchandise may be sold or offered for sale. A stand or structure used for the sale of permitted items may not exceed one table per site, which may be no larger than 2 ½ feet by 8 feet or 4 feet by 4 feet. The dimensions of the sales site may not exceed 6 feet wide by 15 feet long by 6 feet high.
5. The area should be left in substantially the same condition as it was prior to the activities authorized herein, and all litter shall be placed in the trash containers provided.
6. This permit is applicable only for the use of the area designated above, and during the times designated above, or in any area as may hereafter be designated by the United States Park Police.
7. The use of sound amplification equipment, other than hand-portable sound amplification equipment to be used for crowd control purposes only, is prohibited on the White House Sidewalk (South 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., sidewalk between East Executive Avenue and West Executive Avenue). All sound amplification equipment shall be limited so that it will not unreasonably disturb nonparticipating persons in, or in the vicinity of, the area.
8. The National Park Service reserves the right to immediately revoke this permit at any time should it reasonably appear that the public gathering presents a clear and present danger to the public safety, good order or health, or if any conditions of this permit are violated

Lisa Mendelson  
Acting Area Director  
National Capital Area

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By:  
Robbin M. Owen  
Chief, Division of Permits Management  
National Mall & Memorial Parks

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**To:** [Fritze, John](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]  
**Date:** Thursday, August 27, 2020 8:12:49 AM  
**Attachments:** [20-1063 Republican National Committee permit\\_Redacted.pdf](#)

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John:

The requested permit is attached.

Mike

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Mike Litterst
Chief of Communications
National Mall and Memorial Parks

Cell: (202) 306-4166

From: Barnum, Jeremy K
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 10:11 AM
To: Fritze, John ; Litterst, Michael D
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL]
John,

Looping in my colleague Mike Litterst at the National Mall regarding your question.

Best,

Jeremy K. Barnum
Chief of Staff
Grand Teton National Park
Desk: (307) 739-3428
Mobile: (202) 617-7973

From: Fritze, John
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 7:25:44 AM
To: Barnum, Jeremy K
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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Hi. Could you confirm that NPS has approved the permit for a fireworks display on the mall tonight? I

think this is common knowledge at this point but I've been unable to find the actual permit. Thanks,
John Fritze
White House correspondent
USA TODAY
Mobile: 202-480-5621
Email: jfritze@usatoday.com

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IN REPLY REFER TO

United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

National Capital Region

1100 Ohio Drive, S.W.

Washington, D.C. 20242

PUBLIC GATHERING PERMIT

Permit: 20-1063

Date: August 24, 2020

In accordance with Park Regulations as contained in C.F.R., Title 36, Chapter 1, Section 7.96, permission is granted to conduct a public gathering to the following:

Person(s) and/or Organization(s): Republican National Committee

Dates(s): Monday, August 24, 2020

To: Saturday, August 29, 2020

Time: Starting: 8:00 am

Ending: 3:00 pm

Location(s):

Washington Monument Grounds-Southern Portion

Purpose: Aerial Fireworks Display

Anticipated Number or Participants: 50

Person(s) in Charge: Michelle Meadows

Address(es): (b) (6)

Phone Number: (202) 863-8638

On Site Aerial Fireworks Representatives: Phil Grucci (b) (6)

This permit is granted subject to the following conditions:

1. Permittee and all participants authorized therein must comply with all of the conditions of this permit and with all reasonable directions of the United States Park Police.
2. All sidewalks, walkways, and roadways must remain unobstructed to allow for the reasonable use of these areas by pedestrians, vehicles and other park visitors.

PERMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR READING AND ADHERING TO ATTACHED
ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS.

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS**PERMIT #20-1063****REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION; WASHINGTON MONUMENT GROUNDS,
SOUTHERN PORTION****AUGUST 24-AUGUST 29, 2020****Event Overview:** Aerial Fireworks Display**Event Contact Information:** Christopher Grucci, Logistics Manager, (b) (6)**NPS Site Coordinator:** Robbin Owen, 202-359-1458**Event Timeline:**

See the attached spreadsheets for complete timeline.

- Set up starts on: August 24
- Event: August 27
- Tear down complete: August 29

Permit Authorization

A. This permit authorizes the Republican National Convention and their contractor, Fireworks by Grucci (RNC/FBG) use of the Washington Monument Grounds, southern portion for this permitted activity. Permission is granted to RNC/FBG to commence load-in for the placement of any fireworks, porta-johns, trash dumpsters, support structures, and the erection of fencing:

1. RNC/FBG will submit to the NPS stamped engineered drawings for all structures, larger than 900 square feet for NPS review and approval.
2. The permittee(s) agrees to be fully responsible for the management, performance, use and safety within the permit area involved in this authorization until the work is completed, inspected, and accepted.

Stated Total of Participants: 50 staff

B. Schedule of Events August 24 – August 29

- Set up: Monday, August 24 – Thursday August 27, 7:00 am – 7:00 pm
- Event Day: Thursday, August 27, 11:30 pm – 11:35 pm
- Overnight security, August 24-26 7:00 pm -7:00 am daily
8/28, 2:00 am – 7:00 am and 5:00 pm – 7:00 am, August 29

Program: Thursday, August 27, 11:30 pm – 11:35 pm

Load-Out: Friday, August 28, 7:00 am – 5:00 pm
 Saturday, August 29, 7:00 am – 3:00 pm

NOTE: See attached timeline. Tear down is not permitted after dark at 8:00 pm on Friday and Saturday, August 28 and August 29

I. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT

1. All activities pursuant to this permit shall be in compliance with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252; 42 U.S.C. 200d et seq.); Title V, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 394; 29 U.S.C. 794); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (89 Stat. 728; 42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.); and with all other Federal laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination on grounds of race, color, national origin, handicap, religion, or sex in employment and in providing facilities and services to the public. Nothing in advertising for employees shall be done which will prevent those covered by these laws from qualifying for employment.
2. Permittee and all participants authorized therein must comply with all of the conditions of this permit and with all reasonable directions of the United States Park Police and/or other representative of the NPS.
3. The area must be left in substantially the same conditions as it was prior to the activities authorized herein. All trash, debris, and litter resulting from activities of this permit shall not be allowed to accumulate and shall be bagged **in clear plastic bags** and placed in trash dumpsters provide by RNC/FBG.
4. All requests, correspondence and meetings with NPS pertaining to this permit shall be scheduled by RNC/FBG only. All contractors, subcontractors or consultants must channel their request through the recognized representatives of the permittee, who in turn, will contact NPS.
5. All laws, rules, and regulations applicable to the area covered by this permit remain in effect.
6. This permit is applicable only for the use of the area designated above, and during the times designated above, or as may be designated in written amendment to this permit.
7. In use of this area, the permittee shall require all employees and/or contractors to exercise all normal and reasonable safety precautions including observance of all applicable OSHA codes, to protect park property and to provide for public safety. Suitable devices such as barricades, fences, lanterns, etc., necessary for employee, public safety, and resource protection shall be provided by RNC/FBG shall be adequately maintained. Placement of such devices require the concurrence of the NPS.
8. All work performed as a result of the permitted use by the permittee or its agents shall be subject to the conditions of this permit, and the permittee is responsible for ensuring that such work meets the conditions of this permit.

9. All proposed amendments or additions to this permit and all proposed locations of vehicles, equipment, storage, installations of any kind, areas of activity, work and power plans shall be submitted to the NPS for prior written approval. These proposals shall be in map or diagram form suitable for on the ground inspection. Placement of tents, displays, and other detailed and specific site map will be provided to the NPS prior to installation of facilities.
 - a. Arrival schedules, equipment lists and vehicle lists must be provided in advance and all units in use in the park area must have specific approval by the NPS.
 - b. Permittee will provide an on-site coordinator to be accessible to the NPS and the United States Park Police (USPP) personnel at all times during construction or set-up activities and during dismantling of facilities post-event.
10. NPS reserves the right to immediately revoke this permit at any time should it reasonably appear that the activity presents present danger to the public safety, good order or health, or if any conditions of this permit are violated.
11. This permit may be amended upon final approval of the site plan, certified stamped engineered drawings, sign plan and timeline.
12. A copy of this permit shall be at the site during the use of the park area.

II. SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT

1. Event Venues:

- A. Washington Monument Grounds, southern portion

Set-up will include the following: Fireworks, fencing, dumpster, and tents. A complete equipment list must be provided for the permit.

See attached diagram

2. Resource Protection:

Throughout the course of this permit, the RNC/FBG, is responsible for taking all necessary precautions to minimize resource damage throughout the permitted area. In addition, permittee must supervise their contractors and employees during set-up and teardown to assure that there is no damage to park resources. RNC/FBG must have a representative on site during set up and tear down of equipment to monitor the vendors.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 7.96(g)(5)(vi)(C), 2.31(a)(2),(3) the destruction, defacement, damaging, alteration, or removal of park resources or facilities is prohibited. No item, including signs or banners, may be attached to park trees, plantings, benches, statues, walls, fences, or other park property.

To protect the resources, stands and other facilities approved for placement on the grass and walkways, outside of any restricted zones, must be supported by pre-approved, hard interlocking plastic material. Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.

No excavation or disturbance of park features or landscape shall be permitted under this permit without written approval of NPS.

When heavy equipment vehicles (forklifts/cranes, etc.) are used to move equipment, permittee must provide spotters in the front and rear of the heavy equipment vehicle to insure safety of pedestrians and workers.

Throughout the course of this permit, RNC/FBG will require its employees/volunteers, and contractors, to exercise special care and attention to protect the resources of parkland and its environs. In addition, RNC/FBG must supervise their contractors and employees during set-up and teardown to assure that there is no damage to park resources.

Landscapes:

Lawn, trees, shrubs, and the irrigation system, curbs, electric conduits, and water mains located within the permitted area, shall be protected from adverse impacts associated with event activities.

Heavy Equipment Near Trees and Shrubs: The use of any heavy equipment (crane, back hoe, etc.) placed under or near trees or shrubs is prohibited.

Turf Protection: For the purpose of protection, any area not paved must follow the O & M Turf Manual. No heavy equipment (cranes, backhoes, etc.), vehicles or stock piling of materials is permitted on turf areas.

The use of vehicles, heavy cranes, backhoes, etc are not allowed on the turf sections of parkland.

The temporary covering of turf for this event must be provided by the permittee for the permitted areas. Use of this ground cover allows for pedestrian walkways, temporary flooring, structure, and support, with special permission from NPS.

Permittee is must secure products such as Terraplas, Terratile and Matrax LD or equal that is ADA-compliant, interlocking mats that are translucent and allow UV light to pass through to the grass below. The products must either be perforated or ribbed, allowing for ventilation and some moisture access to the turf below. Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.

Site Furnishings:

Permittee may not move or otherwise harm existing site furnishings, including but not limited to posts and chains, benches, waste receptacles, and drinking fountains. No attachments may be made to, pass through, or be affixed to existing site furnishings.

Additional temporary site furnishings may be provided by the Permittee; however, these furnishings must meet the guidelines set forth in this document. No permanent installation of site furnishings is permitted.

All necessary precautions as deemed necessary by the NPS shall be taken to prevent damage to underground utilities, and sprinkler systems located throughout the area. Any utilities damage by this work shall be promptly repaired. The sprinkler system plan will be clearly marked on-site by the National Park Service.

Hard Surfaces:

Temporary protection of all hard surfaces affected by the construction or erection of staging elements, sound towers, camera equipment, cranes, lighting structures, miscellaneous equipment, or scaffolding must be provided. All protective pads or cushioning devices shall be non-staining.

Oil or Hydraulic Fluid Leaks: Temporary protection of hard surfaces shall be used where motorized vehicles are operating to avoid oil and/or hydraulic fluid leaks. Should a leak of this type occur, the permit holder shall be held liable for clean-up, at no expense to the NPS.

Structures:

To protect the turf areas, it is strongly encouraged that structures be placed on the Washington Monument grounds hardscape areas where it would not impact the turf. The NPS may allow under permit the use of turf areas, however, if the structure and its equipment use the turf protection measures as detailed throughout this permit. All structures must minimize all points that come in contact with the turf.

All structures must be able to withstand a minimum wind gust of 30 mph and follow the High Wind Action Plan below.

1. The High Wind Action Plan shall be in effect for the entirety of this event.
2. RNC/FBG is responsible for a designated representative to be present for the duration of this event to implement the High Wind Action Plan.
3. An Anemometer shall be placed on the roof of the stage structure to monitor wind speeds.
4. Noted wind speeds are 3 second gusts in accordance with ASCE 7.
5. **When wind speeds are expected to exceed 25 MPH, RNC/FBG will place crews on alert.**
6. **When wind speeds are expected to exceed 30 MPH, all sidewall scrim shall be removed.**
All video walls and large speaker clusters/delay towers shall be lowered to the ground and secured.
Lowering of scrim or equipment shall be done from the ground by means of remotely activated equipment such as motors or mechanical releases.
7. **When wind speeds are expected to exceed 40 MPH, all event operations shall cease and the immediate area shall be evacuated.**
8. Do not lower stage system, video walls, large speaker/delay towers during high wind events.
9. The High Wind Action Plan shall be posted at a conspicuous area on site. It must be available at all times to venue operators and crew.

All structures must follow the guidelines below and adhere to National Fire Protection Association codes.

Any temporary structure exceeding over 900 square feet require the submission of engineered drawings stamped by a structural engineer licensed in the United States. Drawings should include tent support lines identified by flagging.

Structures on the turf should be on a raiser with as few points as possible touching the turf. Each point that does touch the turf should have Enkamat Flatback⁸ or equal product and plywood pads under all points as outlined:

Each screw jack should have a wooden pad and two layers of Enkamat Flatback¹ or equal product, eighteen inches square (18"x18")

Concrete pads should have four (4) layers of Enkamat Flatback or equal product
Under each concrete tower pad two (2) layers of plywood

All screws and fasteners used in the construction of structures should be policed during the build and retained during removal. Screws and fasteners should be made of a non-aluminum metal, enabling a post-event magnet sweep to ensure all pieces are removed from the site.

Tents: To protect the turf, tents should be located on hardscape surfaces including gravel, asphalt, concrete, granite, wood, etc. tents and other similar structures must be secured using cement blocks and/or water-filled ballast tanks. No stakes are permitted on hardscape surfaces.

Non-freezing, no-staining liquid approved by the NPS (water treated with bio-degradable antifreeze) in plastic containers shall be used as weighing elements. No sand bags are permitted for this purpose.

At takedown, all water filled ballast tanks must be pumped to the nearest catch basin (located within the curbs) or to the area drains located throughout the hardscape. Tanks may not be drained into the turf or pumped in gravel areas. This prevents creation of muddy puddles and soft areas in the turf and also limits runoff of gravel into area drains.

Footnote 8 Enkamat Flatback is a unique product designed for turf grass protection. Enkamat's tightly interwoven flat upper layer can withstand the weight of thousands of people and staging equipment. Enkamat is a three-dimensional geomatrix of highly resilient, nylon monofilaments which are fused where they intersect. Ninety percent (90%) of the geomatrix is open space which allows for air and rain to pass freely through to the turf below. Enkamat comes in standard sizes of 39"x150' and 15'X150' and can be cut onsite into any shape or size.

If approval is granted by NPS, no tent stakes may penetrate the ground surface by more than 18 inches. Use of stakes longer than this requires coordination through the Turf Management Specialist, National Mall & Memorial Parks, at (202) 245-4685. Permittee must hire an independent contractor to survey the grounds with radar penetrating equipment to map all utilities prior to any staking.

Tents must be constructed of fire retardant material. A certificate of fire retardant material must be provided as confirmation to the NPS

Tents should be placed at least 5 to 10 feet apart.

Stages, Lighting, and Audio & AV Towers:

Stages, lighting trusses, video walls/screens and any scaffold towers used to support them must be constructed to conform to architectural plans stamped by a licensed structural engineer. Permittee is responsible for installing a barricade, bike rack and/or fencing around all lighting, audio and AV towers to secure them from the general public.

If authorized by permit stages may only have skirting on the audience-facing area and only during the event, to allow maximum light and air to reach the turf, thereby limiting damage.

Fencing:

Any fencing or other physical barriers planned for the event must be shown on the site plan and called out by type.

Fencing must be designed in such a way that it does not prevent safe egress from the event. Permittee must provide public access to the area until fireworks are loaded in.

Fencing located on turf areas may not be staked into the ground unless authorized by permit. If authorized, stakes must be no longer than eighteen inches (18") driven into the ground. Stakes must avoid all underground pipes and fixtures. In the event chain linked fencing is used, security barbed wire is prohibited.

Concrete barriers (such as jersey barriers) are permitted only on hardscape areas.

Tree protection fencing may be required as a condition of the permit.

Evening Work:

Evening work may be conducted for both load in and load out periods with prior permission by the Superintendent. For work conducted during evening hours a portable lighting system is required. In addition all motor vehicles including golf cart(s) must have lights. Generally night work is not allowed after 10:00 pm and prior to 6:00 am.

Structures on Turf Panels: To protect the turf, neither structures nor parking or operation of equipment is permitted on turf. Event vehicles of any kind (delivery, cranes, forklifts, golf carts, trailers, exhibit trailers, etc.) are not allowed on turf or surrounding curbs. To accommodate use for the event and to protect against compaction and plant damage, turf protection, the use of matting that holds itself and any added loads such as foot traffic, above the crown of the grass blades, and does not sink into the ground is required.

Laying roadway surfaces on the Washington Monument grounds is prohibited without NPS approval in advance.

Turf protection flooring must be light weight, able to be carried and set in place without vehicular assistance.

Products such as Terraplas, or equal, must be ADA-compliant, with interlocking mats that are translucent and allow UV light to pass through to the grass below and perforated or ribbed to allow for ventilation and some moisture access to the turf below. The use of plywood for this purpose is strictly prohibited. Specific material used must be approved in advance by NPS.

No carpet or other obstructions to turf covering holes will be allowed.

Driving stakes and/or grounding rods into the turf is prohibited without the approval of the NPS.

Structures Under/Around Trees: To minimize soil compaction and to protect the continued health of the trees, neither structures nor parking or operation of equipment, is permitted within any tree canopy (root zone) area or in any of the Tree areas. This includes but is not limited to stages, booths, audio/visual towers, tents and lighting. As a condition of the permit, the Permittee may be required to install tree-protection fencing.

Walkways: To protect the resources, stages, stands and other facilities approved for placement on any walkway, must be supported by 1 inch, professional, outdoor grade plywood or similar material.
Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.

Crate Storage and Bone Yards :

Crate storage, bone yards and staging areas are prohibited on parkland. They must be located off-site

Site Access:

Extreme caution must be exercised when driving on the sidewalks. Pedestrian access must be maintained at all times, however, if for safety reasons, an area has to be temporarily closed to the public,

Except when being driven on established public vehicular roadways: Logistical equipment and vehicles, forklifts including gas and electric carts, must not exceed 5-mph. All trucks with a GVW of over 7500 pounds, and equipment such as bucket trucks, platform lifts, forklifts, and cranes, must be accompanied by a walking spotter when moving or operating in an area accessible to the public.

Vehicles must have headlights on while in motion. All individuals operating Golf Carts/gators on NPS property must have a Valid Driver's License. All Golf Carts/gators operating after dusk, must have fixed and/or portable illumination.

Parking of Permittee(s) employee's or subcontractors private vehicles for conduct of this permit's activities, in tree panels and/or on turf or walkway areas is prohibited.

RNC/FBG must receive prior, written approval from the NPS/USPP if traffic is to be blocked at any time during preparation for, during the course of, and after a special event or demonstration (at any location in the immediate vicinity of the National Mall). If District of Columbia streets are to be blocked, the appropriate authorities must be notified as well.

All pathways and roadways must remain open and unobstructed. A minimum twenty foot (20') drive aisle must remain open at all times for emergency vehicle egress. No temporary or permanent structures may be located within the egress lane. The egress drive aisle must be called out on the site plan.

Submittal Requirements: A plan of how the site will be approached and how traffic will be controlled is required for logistical vehicles that are delivering and/or removing temporary equipment and supplies. In this submittal, information documenting the path of vehicular traffic in and around the roadways of the National Mall during preparation for, during the course of, and after all activities associated with the event, is required. Rules and regulations for District of Columbia streets also shall be observed. Signs directing vehicular and pedestrian traffic shall be furnished, with text and locations of signs indicated on the plan.

Deliveries and removal of materials shall occur so as not to adversely affect daily operations of NPS Concessioners and monuments and memorials in and around the National Mall. No deliveries shall be made after hours without prior, written approval from the NPS.

Vehicular access to turf areas will only be permitted per conditions listed below:

Driving within any Level 1 turf areas is strictly prohibited. Only hardscape areas can be used.

Driving directly on all turf and tree areas is prohibited. The temporary interlocking protective material supports shall be installed over plazas, and walkway areas for the ingress and egress of all vehicles/units or heavy equipment by RNC/FBG. **Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.**

Parking of Permittee(s) employee's or subcontractors private vehicles for conduct of this permit's activities on parkland is prohibited. Permittee must arrange for parking of employee and contractor vehicles off parkland.

3. Trash/Recycling Maintenance:

A. RNC/FBG will be responsible for providing card board trash receptacles for collection and disposal of all trash, debris, and litter resulting from the use of the permitted area, including a recycling program. Trash shall not be allowed to accumulate and shall be continually and promptly bagged in **clear plastic bags** and removed from the site. The location and placement of any litter containers must be coordinated with the NPS.

Recycling:

The permittee is required to collect and transport to a certified recycling center, commingled cans and bottles (aluminum and bimetal cans and plastic bottles), plastic, and aluminum materials generated from the permitted activity off park land.

The permittee shall furnish all management, supervision, labor, equipment, materials, supplies and any other items necessary to perform the recycling service of their permitted event. Work includes providing labor, proper equipment, collection and transport of generated recycled items, as well as providing records on the recycled material to NPS.

Permittee must submit the trash and recycling plan and have it approved prior to set up.

4. Electricity and Generator Usage:

No electricity available on site. RNC/FBG may provide their own gasoline and/or solar powered generator(s) to provide power if needed. Generators will be installed in accordance with the site plan, D.C. Fire Department guidelines, and safely installed per manufacturer requirements. The fueling/refueling of gasoline powered generators on parkland is prohibited*. The storage of additional fuel is prohibited.

At a minimum, for hand carted generators, 1" professional outdoor grade plywood, or similar material must be placed underneath the generator to protect the underlying surfaces from potential weight and vibration damage and fluid leakage. Generators must be encased with a secondary drip containment unit.

Tow plant generator(s) and light tower(s) must have an internal secondary drip containment unit and/or placed in self-adsorbent, fire retardant containment troughs and be fenced in or closed in with bike rack.

All wires must be covered by mats and/or yellow jackets to prevent tripping hazards. The cord must be in good condition, of sufficient gauge to accommodate the electrical load of equipment and must be properly grounded.

A Fire extinguisher must be within 15 feet of generator(s) and light tower(s)

***Refueling of generators:** Refueling of the gasoline generators will be permitted pursuant to the following conditions:

Refueling will only be allowed on dates and times agreed upon in advance with the NPS- generally, (05:00 a.m.-08:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. (midnight)).

The following materials must be placed on the ground during refueling:

Plastic tarp

Absorbent material on top of tarp

Drip pan under fueling nozzle

Spill containment material or absorbent booms or pads must be stored at each generator location

55-gallon drum labeled hazardous material must be placed alongside of each generator. Should spillage occur the absorbent material must be placed in these barrels.

Contractor will be responsible for removing the barrels off of park property

Contractor will be responsible for any damage to the park's resources as a result of the refueling.

In case of spill please contact DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services at 911 and National Mall & Memorial Parks' Chief of Maintenance at (202) 359-1551.

The storage of fuel on parkland, in trailers, next to generators and at other NPS locations is strictly prohibited.

RNC/FBG will be responsible for any damages to park resources resulting from the re-fueling.

The spillage of deleterious substances such as engine oil, gasoline, etc. is prohibited. In the event of such an occurrence, NPS and USPP must be notified immediately.

All cables, power lines, etc. shall be run in an orderly manner and contained in matted yellow jackets that provide for safety and accessibility. No power lines can be strung between trees. All temporary electrical service wiring must be covered by mats and/or high-visibility Yellow Jacket™, or equivalent item, so as not to create a tripping hazard or navigation barrier to handicapped individuals. The cord must be in good condition, of sufficient gauge to accommodate the electrical load of the equipment and must be properly grounded.

Bike rack must be placed around all generators, as well as light and sound towers.

5. Overnight Security/Camping:

RNC/FBG is responsible for providing UNARMED overnight security. Coordinate security with Sgt. Eddie Burnett or Sgt. Zakiyyah Mahasin U. S. Park Police at 202-610-7092.

Sleeping overnight in park areas, including in any tents by employees or subcontractors workmen is prohibited. Camping is defined as the use of the park land for living accommodation purposes such as sleeping activities, or making preparations to sleep (including the laying down or bedding for the purpose of sleeping), or storing personal belongings, or making any fire, or using any tents or shelter or other structure or vehicle for sleeping or doing any digging or earth breaking or carrying on cooking activities. The above-listed activities constitute camping when it reasonably appears, in light of all the circumstances that the participants, in conducting these activities, are in fact using the area as a living accommodation regardless of the intent of the participants or the nature of any other activities in which they may also be engaging.

6. Safety:

RNC/FBG is required to meet OSHA guidelines regarding employee/subcontractor work schedules. No employee/subcontractor is to work no more than 10 hours within a 24 hour period. Any work required beyond the 10 hour limitation will need to be requested to the NPS in advance for review and approval by the Superintendent, National Mall & Memorial Parks.

An authorized RNC/FBG official must be assigned for on-site supervision each day of the event for load-in and load-out. NPS and USPP will also be assigned to monitor and to provide for public safety. All instructions given by authorized NPS or USPP personnel must be obeyed promptly.

Any movement by heavy equipment such as forklifts and cranes must be accompanied by spotters in the front and rear of the piece of equipment at all times. In the event cranes are used, the gravel walk must be secured and pedestrians directed to other available walkways.

Failure to comply with all terms and conditions of this permit may constitute grounds for cancellation of the permit and immediate termination of the event.

7. Portable Toilets/Comfort facilities:

- A. Adequate portable restroom facilities shall be installed by RNC/FBG for employee and public use. These units shall be placed in "low profile" locations approved by NPS. The National Park Service recommends one portable restroom facility for every 300 participants with 20% of those facilities wheelchair accessible.

8. Security:

RNC/FBG will be responsible for providing unarmed security for any equipment left unattended at any given time and/or overnight on parkland. Individual(s) must be properly identified. Security will begin on the first day of set-up and continue through the final day of tear down.

In addition, during the hours of load-in and load-out, RNC/FBG will be required to provide an adequate number of security personnel to assist with pedestrian and vehicle movement on the walkways.

Meetings with the RNC/FBG, the United States Park Police and the National Park Service, Permits Management Office have been held to coordinate and finalize the security plan for this event.

9. Credentials

All staff, volunteers, artists/participants, press, VIPs, and vendors involved this event will be issued credentials. The credentials will identify the person by name and category to include the event logo.

Colored copies of all credentials will be provided to USPP in advance of the event.

10. Water and Food:

RNC/FBG will be responsible for providing adequate bottled water to accommodate those attending this event.

Guest Services, Inc. and/or RGI will provide food and water for sale at their permanent food kiosks.

Permittee may provide food to their staff. All public health rules and guidelines must be followed at all times.

11. Sales of Merchandise/Solicitation of Donations:

Permittee is responsible for adhering to item #4, last page of permit concerning sales. Permittee states no sales nor soliciting of donations will take place.

12. Sound Amplification:

Special attention is drawn to item #7, last page of permit concerning sound amplification.

13. Signs, Banners, and Commercial Advertising and Sponsor Recognition:

NPS regulations generally prohibit Federal parkland from being used for business solicitation or for the advertisement or promotion of commercial brands, products, and services. As such, no commercial notices and advertisements shall be placed, posted or distributed at the event. Further, no structures representing commercial products, or models or replications of commercial products or merchandise may be displayed.

Further consistent with long-standing NPS policy now under Public Law 108-108, Title I, § 145, special event permits will expressly prohibit the erection, placement, or use of structures and signs bearing commercial advertising. However, a permit may issued that authorizes the recognition of sponsors of special events, if the National Park Service determines that the size and form of the recognition is consistent with the special nature and sanctity of the National Mall or any other requested park area, and if the lettering or design identifying the sponsor is no larger than one-third the size of the lettering or design identifying the special event. Further, to the maximum extent practicable for such special events, public use of and access to the National Mall and other parkland is not restricted.

The permittee shall submit a sign plan for NPS review and approval. Any request seeking NPS approval for sponsor recognition must be submitted to the NPS at least 30 days prior to the proposed event, and depicted on the sign plan. If approved by the National Park Service, sponsor recognition will be authorized within the terms of the special event permit. Authorized sponsor recognition must be in keeping with the NPS policy, regulations, and law, and be appropriate to the scale and theme of the special event. Further, the overall size, number, and design of any signs or banners shall be appropriate to the park setting and the lettering or design identifying the sponsor must be no larger than one-third the size of the lettering or design identifying the special event. Signs and banners may not be affixed to existing trees or other NPS facilities or structures.

Distribution or give aways of any commercial product is limited to only those that may be consumed on the event site such as juices or popcorn. Soliciting personal information such as names, addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, zip codes, etc. or any other information which may be used for future solicitation, or marketing purposes is strictly prohibited. **A list of all giveaway items will be provided to the NPS for approval.**

Permittee will be responsible for assuring that sponsors adhere to the law regarding commercial advertising, promotion and signage (see conditions above)

No commercial displays, promotions, coupon give-a-ways or advertising permitted on park land.

14. Protection of the Public and General Welfare:

Bike rack and chain link fence shall be erected by RNC/DBG to contain the event areas and provide Necessary resource protection, security and buffer zones. The permittee(s) is responsible for encircling generators with fence and/or bike rack.

15. Media:

SAT/Microwave Trucks

Cameras, equipment, crew, and participants in this filming may not be situated on sidewalks, paths, or roadways that prohibit the passage of pedestrians and/or vehicles. No equipment may be attached and/or affixed to any plant materials (i.e. trees and shrubs) or structures. Running cables thru trees is prohibited.

No exclusive use of the area is permitted and the area must remain open to the general public at all times. This filming may in no way impede or prevent public access to the area.

No reserved parking for "crew vehicles" is permitted. .

No electrical service is available. The use of a portable, hand carted, generator, to be provided by the Permittee, is permitted. Plywood or a similar material must be placed beneath the generator to protect the turf.

Cabling across entrances and handicapped accessible ramps must be ADA approved and cannot impair or prevent access. All cables must be covered to prevent tripping hazards.

16. Glass bottles, balloons and confetti is not allowed on park land.

17. Aerial Display:

Permittee must following adhere to established guidelines and safety standards. The following must be provided to the NPS Incident Commander and NPS Fire Marshall:

- Fireworks Display Map
- Fireworks Inventory
- Fireworks Safety Plan
- Fireworks Scope of Work
- Pyrotechnic Certificate of Liability Insurance to include liability to the Federal Government and the District of Columbia
- Pyrotechnic Technician Licenses/certificates
- Pyrotechnic Truck Driver Licenses/certificates
- Pyrotechnic Assistants ID information
- NPS Matrix Deck Plan

PLEASE NOTE: No fireworks on NPS lands without first providing an inventory to NPS Fire Marshall, 24 hours in advance. In addition fence will need to be placed around the tubes and racks before they being building, per NFPA code requirement.

Equipment List:

- Three (3) Forklifts with non-marking tires
- One (1) shooting boom forklift with non-marking tires
- One (1) 12'x12' canopy tent on the hardscape directly in front of the Sylvan Theater
- One (1) 30 yard dumpster on Sylvan Theater hardscape
- Three (3) portable restroom on the east side of the Sylvan Theater hardscape

- A. Fireworks will be delivered on site with US Park Police escort at approved designed times.
- B. NPS-NCA AHJ will conduct daily Aerial Fireworks Display Inspections. Fireworks by Grucci must provide an onsite representative to meet with NPS-NCR AHJ.
- C. Once on site the area must be secured by bike rack and chain link if needed. Security personnel must be provided onsite while building tubes to load.
- D. Permittee is responsible for any damages attributed to the fireworks including but not limited to turf damage, statuary, burn marks, tire marks and roadway damage. Permittee must clean up and remove any debris associated with fireworks display include sweeper cleaning of Constitution and Independence Avenues.
- E. Permittee is responsible for ensuring the proper resource protection measures are followed as outlined by this permit including approved flooring. To protect the exposed aggregate from the steel rack system the permittee must lay down a minimum of:
 - ¾" piece of plywood on top of the pallet additional
 - ½" piece of plywood on top with an additional cross section of 2x6 lumber over it
- F. All fireworks displays or use of pyrotechnics shall be approved by the NPS-NCA AHJ and shall meet NFPA 1123: Code for Fireworks Display, NFPA 1124: Code for the Manufacture, Transportation, and Storage of Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Article, NFPA 1126: Use of Pyrotechnics Before a Proximate Audience, and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration OSHA, standards.
- G. Fireworks drawing plans, fireworks inventory list, along with technician and assistant, certifications, including; name, title and DOB of staff who will performing the fireworks display, shall be provided to the NPS-NCR Authority Having Jurisdiction, AHJ, at least 10 working days for review and approval.
- H. The aerial display shall be delayed, stopped or postponed immediately if 1123:8.1.4.1 and 1123:8.1.4.2:
 1. Wind/Weather-lightning in immediate area, approaching storm front.
 2. Inadequate/Loss of Crowd Control
 3. Loss of trajectory
 4. Unsafe practices

- I. The NCA Fireworks Permit shall be issued pending successful fireworks site inspection by the NPS NCA AHJ or designee and DC Fire EMS .
- J. Contact Sgt. Eddie Burnett, or Sgt. Zakiyyah Mahasin ,United States Park Police, at (202) 610-7092, with questions concerning police procedures or logistics.
- K. No vehicle larger than a flatbed truck and a 26 foot box truck can enter the Washington Monument Grounds. Vehicles cannot travel more than 5 MPH. Spotters must be located in the front and in the back of the vehicle. No parking will be allowed of any box truck or flat bed truck on the Washington Monument grounds. Fireworks by Grucci must contact the U.S. Park Police for vehicle Access passes onto the Washington Monument grounds. Three (3) NPS parking passes will be issued to park behind Sylvan Theater. No overnight parking will be allowed.

Vehicles Parking Behind Sylvan Theater

- One (1) pick up truck
- One (1) ten passenger van
- One (1) seven passenger suv

Timeline:

8/24-8/26 7:00 am – 7:00 pm
 8/27 8:00 am – 3:00 am, 8/28
 8/28 7:00 am – 5:00 pm
 8/29 7:00 am – 3:00 pm

The Sylvan Theater access road off Independence Avenue cannot be blocked at any time. The roadway is for emergency access only.

Entry/Exit for the Washington Monument will be from off Independence Avenue, westbound on the Sylvan Theater access roadway and off 17th Street on the west side, north and south center walkways (see attached diagram). All vehicle movement on 17th Street and Independence Avenue must be under the direction of the U. S. Park Police. Contact Sgt. Eddie Burnett or Sgt. Zakiyyah Mahasin, 202-610-7092.

- L. The use of any forklift on the plaza inside the circle of flags is limited to weight of 15,000 pounds or less. Forklifts, a total of four (4; 3 regular and one with a boom) must have non-marking tires. Driving over any lights around the Monument is strictly prohibited as well as near any marble benches. Delivery of any equipment including forklifts cannot take place prior to Monday, August 24. Grucci can deliver to the Sylvan Theater backstage area prior to morning rush hour which starts at 6:00 am. U. S. Park Police must be on site to assist with traffic control both for unloading and loading. In addition of equipment and no deliveries and pick up can take place during posted rush hours 6:00 am – 9:30 am and 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm, Monday through Friday.
- M. No items may be brought on site that has not been authorized. If any unauthorized equipment/items are found on site, permit may be revoked and the event cancelled.

PENDING DOCUMENTATION as of 8/24/20

- A. Fireworks inventory list, 24 hours prior to each fireworks truck arrival.
- B. Pyrotechnician and assistants list is pending ATF background check approval
- C. Provide DC Fire and EMS contract document of fire department units and staff providing suppression assistance on August 27, 2020.
- D. Any tent use approval, need to meet NFPA 701 compliance. Permittee must provide NFPA 701 fire retardant certificate or photo copy of the fire retardant label attached to the tent material, in accordance with the "NCA Fire and Life Safety Temporary Events Policy".

Permittee must provide all items prior to load in.

18. Alcoholic Beverages:

The possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages is generally prohibited.

19. Sound Amplification:

Special attention is drawn to item #7, last page of permit, concerning sound amplification.

20. Glass Bottles:

No glass bottles and/or containers are permitted on parkland

21. First Aid/Medical Services:

All medical and First Aid provided must comply with the National Capital Area Medical Director protocols.

RNC/DBG is responsible for providing First Aid services on-site. The NPS adheres to the District of Columbia Department of Fire & Emergency Medical Services guidelines established according to the number of people anticipated at an event. The following guidelines, established according to the number of people anticipated at an event, will ensure that appropriate medical coverage is provided throughout the event:

- 1-1,999: The Permittee may rely on 911
- 2,000 – 9,999: The Permittee should have a fixed First Aid site with certified/licensed personnel, who will remain on site throughout the event.
- 10,000 – 20,000: The Permittee should have one fixed First Aid site with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event and a Basic Life Support Ambulance (licensed in the District of Columbia) who will transport patients to an appropriate medical facility.
- 20,000 – 30,000: The Permittee should have one fixed First Aid site with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event, a licensed Basic Life Support Ambulance and a Licensed Advanced Life Support Unit (D. C. Fire & EMS has the only certificate of need to provide on-scene paramedic services in the District of Columbia).

- 30,000 – 50,000: The Permittee should have two fixed First Aid sites with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event, two Basic Life Support Units and one Advanced Life Support Unit (both licensed in the District of Columbia).
- 50,000 – 60,000: The Permittee should have two fixed First Aid sites with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event, two Basic Life Support Units and two Advanced Life Support Units (both licensed in the District of Columbia).
- Events exceeding 60,000 participants: The Permittee is required to have emergency medical services personnel from D. C. Fire & EMS as well as the Department of Health on site for the appropriate provision of first aid and/or emergency medical services.

22. Sales/Solicitation:

Special attention is drawn to item #4, last page of this permit concerning fees collected and donations solicited on parkland.

23. Accessibility:

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) applies to temporary services, programs, and activities. Temporary facilities and structures must comply with the ADA Standards.

Policies and operations for the event must meet the nondiscrimination requirements of the ADA, including, but not limited to provision of accessible parking, routes through site, food service, toilet, facilities, and assembly seating.

RNC/FBG is responsible for providing auxiliary aids and services as requested. RNC/FBG is responsible for providing promotional material explaining how the public can request a particular auxiliary aid or service and be informed of when specific auxiliary aids and services may be available for all Presidential Inaugural Ceremonies held on parkland.

Service animals, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), are permitted under proper supervision. The ADA defines a service animal as any guide dog, signal dog, or other animal individually trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability. If they meet this definition, animals are considered service animals under the ADA regardless of whether they have been licensed or certified by a state or local government.

RNC/FBG must consider elements of accessibility when designing the layout of the event. Potential items for inclusion are:

- Addition of temporary curb ramps where needed to provide an accessible route
- Location of structures and tents along an accessible route
- Provision of auxiliary aids and services
- Provision of and an accessible route from transit stops to the event location
- Provision of tactile braille signage
- Provision of portable wheelchair lifts to access stages or other elevated areas.

24. **Adverse Weather Policy:**

When there is a threat to public health or safety, the Superintendent and/or his/or her designee, may close the park or an event being held there for such duration as determined necessary to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the public. Such situations have occasionally occurred in the past where park areas have been closed due to severe weather warning of heavy rain and thunderstorms with lightning and high winds. Where an area is ordered closed due to a weather-related public safety threat, pursuant to 36 CFR 2.32(2) people must comply with official directions to leave the closed area and relocate to safer sheltered locations.

Closing or canceling an event is a last resort. However, while most events will be held despite the weather, RNC/FBG is responsible for providing updated information in the event schedules and drop-off points may change. **If a weather emergency is declared, programs may be closed early or canceled.**

25. Prior to load in of fireworks, permittee must provide openings in the fencing for visitor access.

PERMITTEE MUST READ AND ADHERE TO THE "FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR OUTDOOR EVENTS AND TENT USE" AT ALL TIMES. IN ADDITION, FIREWORKS BY GRICCI, MUST PROVIDE ALL DOCUMENTATION AND SAFETY INFORMATION FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL TO THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA FIRE AND SAFETY OFFICERS/FIRE MARSHAL. FIREWORKS BY GRICCI MUST FOLLOW ALL FIRE AND SAFETY GUIDANCES PROVIDED BY THE FIRE AND SAFETY OFFICERS/FIRE MARSHAL. ANY VIOLATIONS OF THESE GUIDELINES AND FIRE AND SAFETY PROCEDURES IS SUBJECT TO REVOCATION OF THIS PERMIT.

Please see attached schedule and diagrams.

26. **The following will be made available to the RNC/FBG Incident Command Unit**

- All Site Diagrams
- Equipment List
- Production Schedule/Time line
- Access Locations
- Security Plan
- Communications Plan
- Medical Plan
- Media Plan
- Sanitation Plan
- Safe Haven Plan
- Severe Weather Plan
- Vendor List

A COMPLETE AND LEGIBLE COPY OF THIS PERMIT MUST BE RETAINED ON-SITE AT ALL TIMES WHILE OPERATING UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED

Republican National Convention Fireworks Performance - Washington DC
August 27th, 2020
Product Description and Count, Fireworks by Grucci, Inc.
Rev01 - 2020-08-23



WASHINGTON MONUMENT PRODUCT COUNTS

QNT	SIZE	Description
608	2"	Comets
117	3"	Comets
1650	3"	Aerial Shells
400	4"	Aerial Shells
260	5"	Aerial Shells
316	6"	Aerial Shells
45	45mm	Roman Candles
45	MSB	Multi-Shot Boxes
45	30mm	Multi Shot Single Row Devices
3597	40mm	One Shot Comets/Mines
737	50mm	One Shot Comets/Mines

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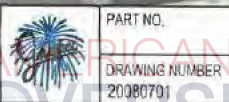
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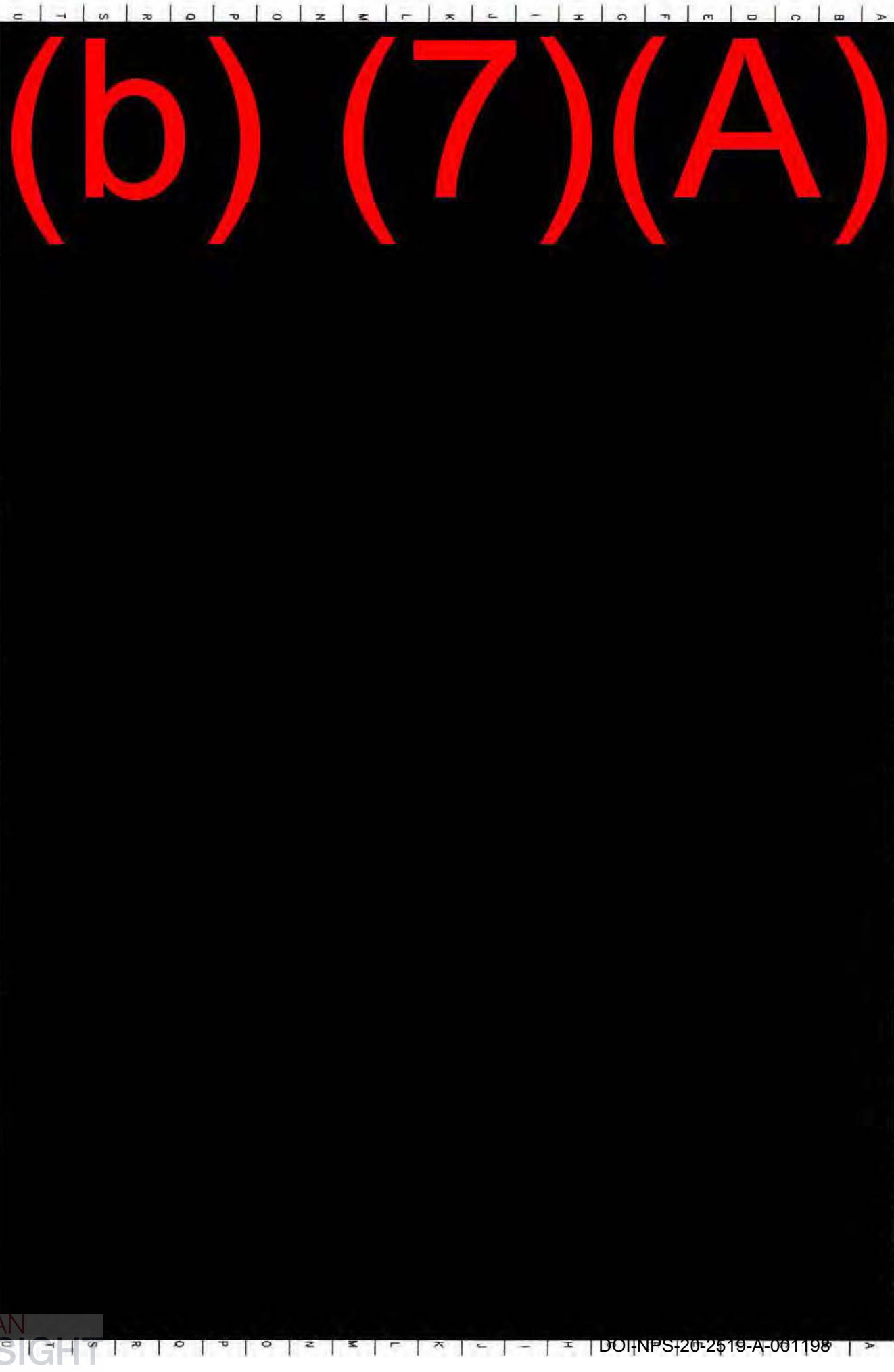
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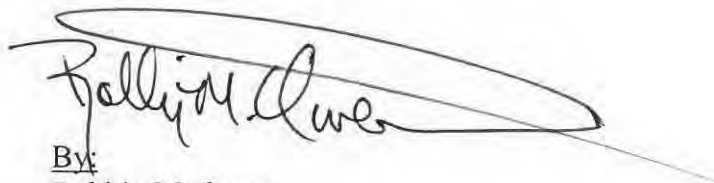


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3. All laws, rules and regulations applicable to the area covered by this permit remain in effect.
4. No fee may be collected, donation solicited, or commercial activity conducted. No items may be sold or offered for sale except for books, newspapers, leaflets, pamphlets, buttons, and bumper stickers which contain a message related to your demonstration or special event. No other merchandise may be sold or offered for sale. A stand or structure used for the sale of permitted items may not exceed one table per site, which may be no larger than 2 ½ feet by 8 feet or 4 feet by 4 feet. The dimensions of the sales site may not exceed 6 feet wide by 15 feet long by 6 feet high.
5. The area should be left in substantially the same condition as it was prior to the activities authorized herein, and all litter shall be placed in the trash containers provided.
6. This permit is applicable only for the use of the area designated above, and during the times designated above, or in any area as may hereafter be designated by the United States Park Police.
7. The use of sound amplification equipment, other than hand-portable sound amplification equipment to be used for crowd control purposes only, is prohibited on the White House Sidewalk (South 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., sidewalk between East Executive Avenue and West Executive Avenue). All sound amplification equipment shall be limited so that it will not unreasonably disturb nonparticipating persons in, or in the vicinity of, the area.
8. The National Park Service reserves the right to immediately revoke this permit at any time should it reasonably appear that the public gathering presents a clear and present danger to the public safety, good order or health, or if any conditions of this permit are violated

Lisa Mendelson
Acting Area Director
National Capital Area

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By:
Robbin M. Owen
Chief, Division of Permits Management
National Mall & Memorial Parks

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Thanks much.

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> Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 7:25:44 AM
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> Hi. Could you confirm that NPS has approved the permit for a fireworks display on the mall tonight? I think this is common knowledge at this point but I've been unable to find the actual permit. Thanks,

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> John Fritze

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> White House correspondent

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> <20-1063 Republican National Committee permit_Redacted.pdf>

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From: [Litterst, Michael D](#)
To: wcummings@usatoday.com
Subject: National Park Service permits
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 9:04:10 AM
Attachments: [20-1098 Maryland Republican Party permit_Redacted.pdf](#)

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National Mall and Memorial Parks

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

# United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

National Capital Region

1100 Ohio Drive, S.W.,

Washington, D.C. 20242

## PUBLIC GATHERING PERMIT

Permit: 20-1098

Date: August 24, 2020

In accordance with Park Regulations as contained in C.F.R., Title 36, Chapter 1, Section 7.96, permission is granted to conduct a public gathering to the following:

Person(s) and/or Organization(s): Maryland Republican Party

Dates(s): Tuesday, August 25, 2020 AND

To: Thursday, August 27, 2020

Time: Starting: 12:00 pm

Ending: 11:59pm

Location(s): Freedom Plaza and the East Side and the Southwest Quadrant of Lafayette Park

Purpose: A First Amendment demonstration, coordinated by the Maryland GOP and the Maryland Black Republican Council.

Anticipated Number or Participants: 2500

Person(s) in Charge: Corine Frank

Address(es): (b) (6)

Phone Number: (b) (6)

This permit is granted subject to the following conditions:

1. Permittee and all participants authorized therein must comply with all of the conditions of this permit and with all reasonable directions of the United States Park Police.
2. All sidewalks, walkways, and roadways must remain unobstructed to allow for the reasonable use of these areas by pedestrians, vehicles and other park visitors.

PERMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR READING AND ADHERING TO ATTACHED ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS. It is recommended that permittee follow COVID 19 CDC guidance while operating under this permitted activity.

**ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS**

**PERMIT #20-2098**

**MARYLAND REPUBLICAN PARTY**

**LAFAYETTE PARK, EAST SIDE AND SOUTHWEST QUADRANT AND FREEDOM PLAZA**

**AUGUST 25 AND AUGUST 27, 2020**

Overall Time Line:

At each location:

August 25

12:00 pm – 11:59 pm

August 27

1:00 pm – 11:59 pm

Overall Site Coordinator: Corine Frank: (b) (6)

**Specific Conditions for Freedom Plaza:**

This permit authorizes the use of Freedom Plaza for a demonstration in support of President Trump. Permittee states participants will chant, carry signs and banners and two – three bull horns will be used for sound amplification.

Stated number of participants: 2500

Set up:

- Eight (8) portable restroom, 20% must be ADA
- One (1) hand washing and hand sanitation station
- Signs/banners
- Two-Three (2-3) Bull horns

Permittee must provide portable restrooms and hand washing/hand sanitation station

Set up on the east sidewalk of Freedom Plaza

A. Permittee must provide all necessary equipment to conduct activity. All equipment must be removed immediately after the conclusion of the activity. Items left in the park will be considered abandoned property and will not be the responsibility of the National Park Service. All equipment must be hand carried/hand carted to the event site. Driving or parking within the park is strictly prohibited. Permittee must provide unarmed security/volunteer to on site at all times.

B. Special attention is drawn to item #7, last page of permit, concerning sound amplification.

C. A copy of this permit must be carried by the permittee while operating under the authority granted.



D. **Filming/Media:**

All equipment must be portable and self contained with all stands using rubber tips or matting as a base. All cables must be covered so as not to present a tripping hazard. All equipment must be hand-carried/hand-carted to event site.

E. Activity cannot interfere with public visitation. All areas must remain open to the general public at all times. No impediment nor disruption of visitor/pedestrian traffic flow allowed.

F. Public parking is allowed on a space available bases on city streets surrounding the park.

G. Special attention is drawn to item #4, last page of permit concerning fees collected and donations solicited on park land.

H. **First Aid:**

Permittee will be responsible for providing first aid service on-site at each permitted location. It is recommended that you consider the guidelines of the District of Columbia Department of Emergency Medical Services, who recommends for events less than 2,500 participants, permittee may rely on 911 response.

I. **Resource Protection:**

Pursuant to 36 CFR 7.96(g)(5)(xii) the alternation, damage, or removal of park resources or facilities is prohibited. No item, including signs or banners, may be attached to park trees, plantings, benches, or other park property. **All equipment must be hand carried/hand carted onto Freedom Plaza. Driving on the plaza is strictly prohibited.**

Electricity is not available. Permittee may provide a hand carted generator for power. The re-fueling of generators and the storage of fuel on parkland is strictly prohibited. All cables must be placed in cable troughs to prevent trip hazards. Generators must be placed in containment troughs and safety cones placed around the generator for safety. Fire extinguishers must be within 5 feet of each generator.

J. Permittee agrees to removing all trash and debris resulting from this permitted activity immediately following the conclusion of this event each permitted day. Clear plastic bags must be used to collect generated trash.

K. **Area Accessibility:**

Participants cannot block entrance walks, ADA ramps nor entrance doors at any given time. Permittee does not have exclusive use of the area including sidewalks and roadways. No interference with the pedestrian traffic and no blocking entrances or driveways allowed. No impeding vehicular traffic permitted. All areas remain open to the general public at all times.

For sidewalks and entrances of 7 feet wide or larger, a 5 feet minimum clearance must be maintained at all times to allow for two wheelchairs to pass each other. And for sidewalks and entrances of 5-6 feet wide, a 4 feet minimum width must be maintained at all times for wheelchair accessibility.

L. The permittee will be responsible for any injuries and/or damages to government property occurring as a result of this permitted activity.

M. Glass beverage containers and balloons are prohibited on parkland.

N. **Demonstration Marshals:**

Each of your demonstration marshals (15) will be identified by safety vests and will help maintain order among your participants. Demonstration marshals should be aware of their responsibilities and locations(s) where they will be stationed and have received from demonstration organizers adequate training and instructions. Demonstration marshals should be aware of the time and location of the assembly and any march routes, the location of any first aid stations, water, and toilets, be knowledgeable of the NPS permit conditions, be able to communicate with law enforcement, as well as what to do if they think they observe any problems. While demonstration marshals do not act as police, they do help maintain order among participants, explain to nonparticipants that a particular area may be under permit, and be able to alert their supervisor and the United States Park Police in the event that they observe a problem on Federal parkland.

O. Camping is prohibited. Camping is defined as the use of the park land for living accommodation purposes such as sleeping activities, or making preparation to sleep (including the laying down or bedding for the purpose of sleeping), or storing personal belongings, or making any fire, or using any tents or shelter or other structure or vehicle for sleeping or doing any digging or earth breaking or carrying on cooking activities. The above-listed activities constitute camping when it reasonably appears, in light of all the circumstances that the participants, in conducting these activities, are in fact using the area as a living accommodation regardless of the intent of the participants or the nature of any other activities in which they may also be engaging.

**P. Any further coordination regarding the permitted activity on parkland should continue to be through Sgt. Mahasin or Sgt. Eddie Burnett, U. S. Park Police, 202-610-7092 and Robbin Owen, Division of Permits Management at 202-245-4715.**

**Specific Conditions for Lafayette Park-Southeast Quadrant:**

A. Participants (2500) will use the southeast quadrant of Lafayette Park without a speaker's platform, for a demonstration to support President Trump through chanting, carrying signs and banners. Permittee also states no set up will take place however two-three (2-3) bull horns will be used for sound amplification.



**\*Note: Due to the possibility of Presidential movements, and Head of State visits, permitted activity may be temporarily moved and/or suspended.**

Stated number of participants: 2500

B. When one hundred (100) or more persons are participating in a demonstration in the Park, a temporary speaker's platform as is reasonably required to serve the demonstration participants is allowed as long as such platform is being erected, dismantled or used, provided that only one speaker's platform is allowed per demonstrating group, and provided further that such speaker's platform is authorized by a permit issued pursuant to paragraph (g) of 36CFR §7.96. (Not authorized to use a speaker's platform nor stand-alone sound system on stands)

C. Within Lafayette Park, the erection, placement or use of structures of any kind is prohibited. The term "structure" includes props and displays, such as coffins, crates, crosses, theaters, cages, and statues; furniture and furnishings, such as desks, chairs, tables, bookcases, cabinets, platforms, podiums, and lecterns, shelters, such as tents, boxes and other enclosures; wagons and carts; and all other similar types of property which might tend to harm park resources including aesthetic interests. **Tripods, tables, chairs, stand-alone portable sound system and stand alone sound systems, generators, restrooms, and stands are not allowed.**

D. Special attention is drawn to the last sentence item #7, concerning sound amplification. Noise level must not intrude upon surrounding areas and upon others in the park not involved with the event. Sound amplification cannot be directed towards the White House at any given time.

E. The use of hand-carried signs are allowed regardless of size.

F. Signs that are not being hand-carried and that are no larger than four (4) feet in length, four (4) feet in width and one-quarter (1/4) inch in thickness (exclusive of braces that are reasonably required to meet support and safety requirements and that are not used so as to form an enclosure of two (2) or more sides) may be used in Lafayette Park, provided that no individual may have more than two (2) such signs in the park at any one time, and provided further that such signs must be attended at all times (the term "attended" is defined as an individual being within three (3) feet of his or her sign(s)), and provided further that such signs may not be elevated in a manner so as to exceed a height of six (6) feet above the ground at their highest point, may not be arranged or combined in a manner so as to exceed the size limitations set forth in this paragraph, and may not be arranged in such a fashion as to form an enclosure of two (2) or more sides.

G. Balloons are prohibited on park land.

H. A copy of this permit must be made available upon request and permittee must adhere to any and all instructions issued by the United States Park Police and/or by an official representative of President's Park.

I. All vehicles must park in designated, available public spaces.

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No attachments to trees, plantings, structures, etc.

K. Upon arrival onsite, person in charge is responsible for checking with Park Ranger and/or U. S. Park Police personnel onsite for coordination and/or additional instructions concerning this permit.

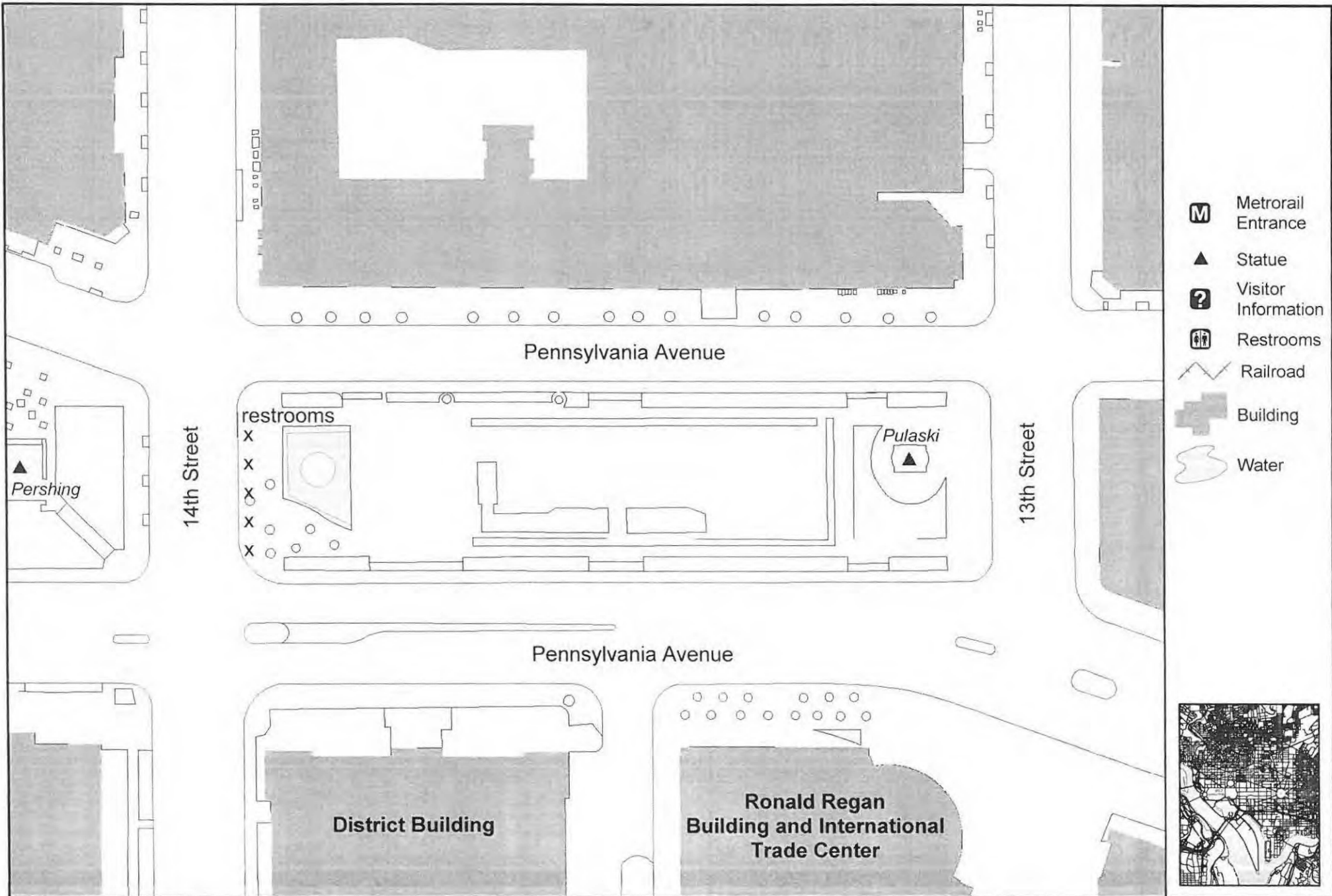
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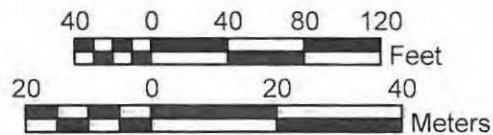
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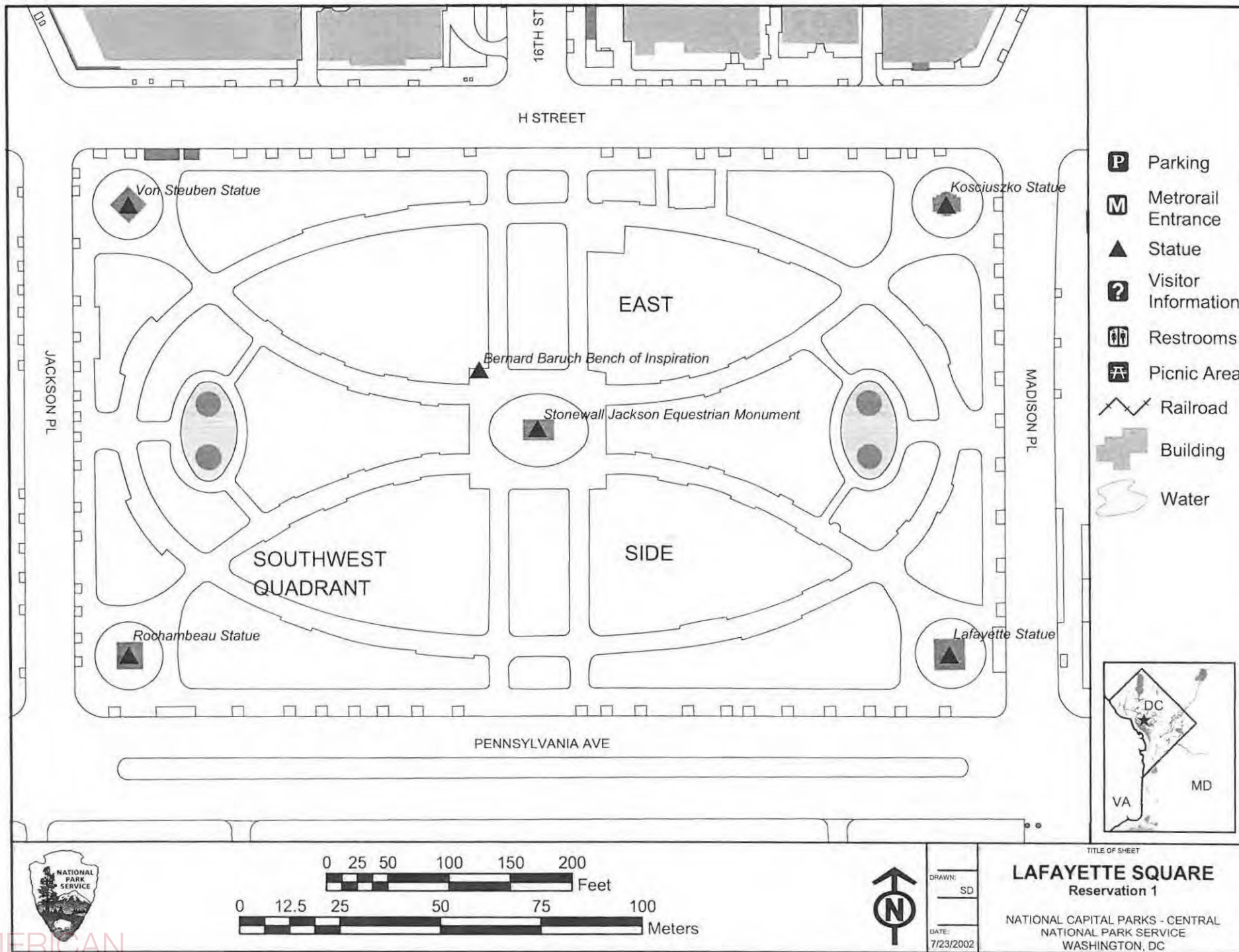
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4. No fee may be collected, donation solicited, or commercial activity conducted.
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6. This permit is applicable only for the use of the area designated above, and during the times designated above, or in any area as may hereafter be designated by the United States Park Police.
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8. The National Park Service reserves the right to immediately revoke this permit at any time should it reasonably appear that the public gathering presents a clear and present danger to the public safety, good order or health, or if any conditions of this permit are violated.

Lisa Mendelson  
Acting Area Director  
National Capital Area



By:  
Robbin M. Owen  
Chief, Division of Permits Management  
National Mall & Memorial Parks

RE\_ National Park Service permits.pdf

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**To:** ["Litterst, Michael D"](#)  
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**Date:** Thursday, August 27, 2020 9:14:20 AM

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To: [Cummings, William](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: National Park Service permits
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 9:16:52 AM

Yes, should have mention that.

Mike

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Re_ AAR for RNC & Grucci fireworks.pdf

From: [King, James W](#)
To: [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#); [Owen, Robbin](#)
Cc: [Castillo, Raul G](#); [Long, Ralph W](#); [Boyle, Jaime L](#)
Subject: Re: AAR for RNC & Grucci fireworks
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 9:29:22 AM

Interesting.

The document "is" AAR for the incident management team. I always ask folks to not make it a complain and whine document. Capture both what went well and what could be improved (for corrective action assignments). Things "known" which can not or will not be changed, why bother identifying? We all know what some of those are, and we move on and live with it.

Look forward to further conversation.

Jim

From: Reinbold, Jeffrey P
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 9:54 AM
To: King, James W ; Owen, Robbin
Cc: Castillo, Raul G ; Long, Ralph W ; Boyle, Jaime L
Subject: RE: AAR for RNC & Grucci fireworks

I received a call from the Area Director last night explaining that the meeting was moved because the acting Director had issues with our AAR. It doesn't sound like the issues had much to do with content, but more with the completeness. Lisa agreed that there was a structure or line of reasoning that wasn't consistently followed. Lisa and I will talk early next week once we get the RNC and March on Washington behind us.

Lisa and I had a positive discussion about this being the team's document. We'll discuss next week

From: Reinbold, Jeffrey P
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 4:22 PM
To: King, James W ; Owen, Robbin
Cc: Castillo, Raul G ; Long, Ralph W ; Boyle, Jaime L
Subject: Re: AAR for RNC & Grucci fireworks

Okay.

The AAR meeting with Dep Sec on J4 was moved to mid- Sept. But Acting Director apparently has comments on J4 one. Will let you know when I found out what they are

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Jeff Reinbold, Superintendent
National Mall and Memorial Parks
900 Ohio Drive SW | Washington DC 20024
jeff_reinbold@nps.gov | 202.245.4661

From: King, James W <James_King@nps.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 3:41:09 PM
To: Owen, Robbin <Robbin_Owen@nps.gov>; Reinbold, Jeffrey P <Jeff_Reinbold@nps.gov>

Cc: Castillo, Raul G <raul_castillo@nps.gov>; Long, Ralph W <ralph_long@nps.gov>

Subject: AAR for RNC & Grucci fireworks

Can we, should we, do an after action review / lessons learned for this event? Maybe early next week?

Jim

RE_ [EXTERNAL] Request for Permit Extension.pdf

From: [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#)
To: [Owen, Robbin](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Request for Permit Extension
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 11:14:16 AM

I support that, but if you and USPP believe the expected weather conditions would make it unsafe to load out as planned, then I would support an extension from what's in the permit. It should be for safety reasons, not convenience given that we have other commitments.

From: Owen, Robbin
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 12:59 PM
To: Reinbold, Jeffrey P
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Request for Permit Extension
I have already said no. Your thoughts?

From: Christopher Grucci <cgrucci@grucci.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 12:03 PM
To: Owen, Robbin <Robbin_Owen@nps.gov>; Michelle Meadows <mmeadows@2020gopconvention.com>
Cc: Justin Caporale <jcaporale@donaldtrump.com>; James Oaks <joaks@donaldtrump.com>; Matt Raymer - Legal <Matt.Raymer@gop.com>; Wes Maul <wes.maul@admiralstrategygroup.com>; Sadoux Kim <sadoux@yahoo.com>; Matt Raymer - Legal <Matt.Raymer@gop.com>; Justin Riemer - Legal <JRiemer@gop.com>; Zachary Walz - Legal <ZWalz@gop.com>; Whitney Andersen <WAndersen@2020gopconvention.com>; Chris Carlino <ccarlino@grucci.com>; Scott Raso <sraso@grucci.com>; Lorrie Colichio <lcolichio@grucci.com>; Phil Grucci <philgrucci@grucci.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Request for Permit Extension

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Hello Ms. Owen,
Due to the probability of extreme weather and heavy rain on Saturday, we would like to request an extension on the permit timeline that takes into account the loading of fence onto trucks.
It is our informed opinion that the weather will not allow Effort, our vendor, to load trucks because of the heavy rain. They would stage the fence in the cutouts along Independence and load the trucks at 7a.m. Sunday morning.
Please advise us what will be required in order to accommodate this request.



Christopher Grucci

Logistics Manager

Fireworks by Grucci, Inc.

p: 631.286.0088 ext. 121

a: 20 Pinehurst Drive

Bellport, NY 11713

w: www.grucci.com e: cgrucci@grucci.com



Fwd_ [The Hill] Park Service under fire for rol....pdf

From: [Mendelson, Lisa](#)
To: [Fondren, Kim L](#); [Stanwich, John](#); [Milkman, Louise F](#)
Subject: Fwd: [The Hill] Park Service under fire for role in GOP convention
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 11:15:42 AM

Lisa Mendelson
Director (Acting)
DOI Region 1 - NPS National Capital Area
Sent by cell 202-297-1338

From: Mummart, Jennifer
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 1:13 PM
To: Mendelson, Lisa; Litterst, Michael D; Liming, Katelyn M; Roulett, Stephanie A
Subject: [The Hill] Park Service under fire for role in GOP convention
<https://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/513856-park-service-under-fire-for-role-in-gop-convention>
The Hill (Washington, DC)
Thursday, August 27, 2020 06:00 AM EDT

Park Service under fire for role in GOP convention

By [Rebecca Beitsch](#)

The National Park Service (NPS) is in hot water with ethics watchdogs for a slickly produced video promoting [President Trump](#) along with its plans to host a fireworks spectacle after his acceptance speech at the Republican National Convention.

Trump is slated to give his convention speech on Thursday from the White House South Lawn, [followed by fireworks](#) at the nearby Washington Monument on Park Service property. Those plans come on the heels of an NPS video publicly praising the president for his involvement in legislation providing more funding to parks.

The two instances are leading to allegations that federal employees are engaging in political activity while at work — a violation of the Hatch Act.

“Federal appropriations laws make it clear government dollars are meant to be used to serve the American public, not to help political office holders remain in power, and that appears to be what this video and what this event on the Mall is designed to do,” Donald Sherman, deputy director of Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW), told The Hill.

Trump has repeatedly pushed for fireworks displays near national monuments for various events, such as this year’s Fourth of July celebration at Mount Rushmore. But ethics experts say timing this week’s fireworks with a major prime-time campaign speech is the most clear cut example yet that Trump seeks political benefits from using government property as a backdrop.

“Enlisting the Park Service to put on a show for the Republican National Convention is

another deviation, even from his own past practice, and a bridge too far in using federal resources for political activity,” Sherman said.

The Republican National Convention has said it will reimburse the NPS for the costs of the display, but a heavily redacted copy of the permit makes it unclear what those expenses are and how they were calculated.

“The National Park Service will recover from the RNC all costs incurred as a result of the activity, including NPS administrative costs for permit preparation and management of the event, and monitoring of the activity to ensure compliance with the conditions of the permit,” NPS spokesman Mike Litterst said by email.

The agency did not respond to questions on the total cost or the ethical issues raised.

Any group can apply to have a First Amendment event at a national park that doesn’t otherwise fit within the park service’s mission. Ethics experts say it’s very difficult for career NPS officials to refuse a request, from the White House or any other entity.

“The blame for politicizing these spaces lies with the president and the folks asking the Park Service to do this kind of stuff,” said Delaney Marsco, an ethics expert with the Campaign Legal Center.

“There’s a reason no other president has given a campaign speech in the Rose Garden. There is a reason no other president has given a campaign speech at the Lincoln Memorial. When we say no other president has done X, Y or Z, there is a reason why. It’s because they know it’s wrong,” she said.

“Were exposing this gap in ethics enforcement and finding norms that should be laws.”

Ethics watchdogs have raised concerns about other aspects of this year’s GOP convention, particularly Secretary of State [Mike Pompeo](#)’s speech from Jerusalem while on official business. A House Democrat on Tuesday [announced an investigation](#) into the circumstances of Pompeo’s remarks.

Critics say Trump’s desire to use public lands for his campaign goes beyond fireworks displays. A video from the Interior Department released this month praises the president for the recently passed Great American Outdoors Act, a bill that provides extra funding to parks that Trump has proposed cutting in each annual budget since he took office.

The video shows hikers, park rangers and scenic national parks with the text: “President Trump called on Congress to protect our national parks and federal lands.”

The video later uses quotes taken out of context from The Hill and Politico praising the bipartisan legislation.

One quote, calling the bill “the legislation of a generation,” was from an op-ed in The Hill authored by Sen. [Steve Daines](#) (R-Mont.), who is running for reelection in a tight race.

Similarly, the ad attributes to Politico a quote calling it the “‘holy grail’ of conservation legislation,” a phrase [the outlet references](#) being used in a campaign ad from Sen. [Cory Gardner](#) (R-Colo.), another vulnerable Republican up for reelection.

“You shouldn’t have a federal government agency putting out a video that’s essentially a very loosely disguised campaign spot,” Marsco said. “My sense is that this administration doesn’t particularly care about respecting the line between political and official business, and that’s the problem. They’re willing to use agencies and public lands for political purposes.”

Others say the video is essentially a free campaign ad for Trump.

“What they’re doing is really subsidizing their campaign using federal tax dollars,” said Phil Francis, chairman of the Coalition to Protect America’s National Parks who worked for the NPS for 41 years before retiring.

“Here’s a guy who is using parks as his campaign props and using federal employees in his campaign. That’s very inappropriate,” he said.

Interior said the video was cleared by its ethics office and legal counsel.

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Fw_ [EXTERNAL] News Alert_ Park Service under f....pdf

From: [Porter, Beth](#)
To: [Mendelson, Lisa](#); [Mummart, Jennifer](#); [Liming, Katelyn M](#)
Cc: [May, Peter](#)
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] News Alert: Park Service under fire for role in GOP convention
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 11:35:41 AM

For your information.

Beth Porter
Legislative Affairs Specialist, National Capital Area, Region 1
Secretary, National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission
National Park Service

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From: The Hill
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 10:04 AM
To: Porter, Beth
Subject: [EXTERNAL] News Alert: Park Service under fire for role in GOP convention

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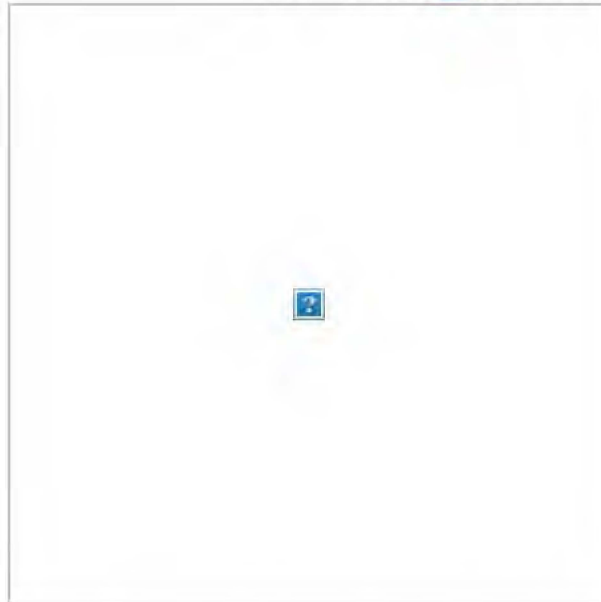
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To: [Litterst, Michael D](#)
Subject: Re: [The Hill] Park Service under fire for role in GOP convention
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 11:38:53 AM

I had no idea where/how it got edited.

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[NPS.gov/dcparks](https://www.nps.gov/dcparks)

From: Litterst, Michael D
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 1:30 PM
To: Mummart, Jennifer
Subject: Re: [The Hill] Park Service under fire for role in GOP convention
IS NO ONE GOING TO PUSH BACK THAT THE VIDEO IN QUESTION WAS PRODUCED AND PUT OUT BY DOI?! It's not a Park Service video!

Mike Litterst
Chief of Communications
National Mall and Memorial Parks

Ph: 202-306-4166

From: Mummart, Jennifer
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 1:13:13 PM
To: Mendelson, Lisa ; Litterst, Michael D ; Liming, Katelyn M ; Roulett, Stephanie A
Subject: [The Hill] Park Service under fire for role in GOP convention
<https://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/513856-park-service-under-fire-for-role-in-gop-convention>
The Hill (Washington, DC)
Thursday, August 27, 2020 06:00 AM EDT

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convention

By [Rebecca Beitsch](#)

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“Federal appropriations laws make it clear government dollars are meant to be used to serve the American public, not to help political office holders remain in power, and that appears to be what this video and what this event on the Mall is designed to do,” Donald Sherman, deputy director of Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW), told The Hill.

Trump has repeatedly pushed for fireworks displays near national monuments for various events, such as this year’s Fourth of July celebration at Mount Rushmore. But ethics experts say timing this week’s fireworks with a major prime-time campaign speech is the most clear cut example yet that Trump seeks political benefits from using government property as a backdrop.

“Enlisting the Park Service to put on a show for the Republican National Convention is another deviation, even from his own past practice, and a bridge too far in using federal resources for political activity,” Sherman said.

The Republican National Convention has said it will reimburse the NPS for the costs of the display, but a heavily redacted copy of the permit makes it unclear what those expenses are and how they were calculated.

“The National Park Service will recover from the RNC all costs incurred as a result of the activity, including NPS administrative costs for permit preparation and management of the event, and monitoring of the activity to ensure compliance with the conditions of the permit,” NPS spokesman Mike Litterst said by email.

The agency did not respond to questions on the total cost or the ethical issues raised.

Any group can apply to have a First Amendment event at a national park that doesn’t otherwise fit within the park service’s mission. Ethics experts say it’s very difficult for career NPS officials to refuse a request, from the White House or any other entity.

“The blame for politicizing these spaces lies with the president and the folks asking the Park Service to do this kind of stuff,” said Delaney Marsco, an ethics expert with the Campaign Legal Center.

“There’s a reason no other president has given a campaign speech in the Rose Garden. There is a reason no other president has given a campaign speech at the Lincoln Memorial. When we say no other president has done X, Y or Z, there is a reason why. It’s because they know it’s wrong,” she said.

“Were exposing this gap in ethics enforcement and finding norms that should be laws.”

Ethics watchdogs have raised concerns about other aspects of this year’s GOP convention, particularly Secretary of State [Mike Pompeo](#)’s speech from Jerusalem while on official business. A House Democrat on Tuesday [announced an investigation](#) into the circumstances of Pompeo’s remarks.

Critics say Trump’s desire to use public lands for his campaign goes beyond fireworks

displays. A video from the Interior Department released this month praises the president for the recently passed Great American Outdoors Act, a bill that provides extra funding to parks that Trump has proposed cutting in each annual budget since he took office.

The video shows hikers, park rangers and scenic national parks with the text: “President Trump called on Congress to protect our national parks and federal lands.”

The video later uses quotes taken out of context from The Hill and Politico praising the bipartisan legislation.

One quote, calling the bill “the legislation of a generation,” was from an op-ed in The Hill authored by Sen. [Steve Daines](#) (R-Mont.), who is running for reelection in a tight race.

Similarly, the ad attributes to Politico a quote calling it the “holy grail” of conservation legislation,” a phrase [the outlet references](#) being used in a campaign ad from Sen. [Cory Gardner](#) (R-Colo.), another vulnerable Republican up for reelection.

“You shouldn’t have a federal government agency putting out a video that’s essentially a very loosely disguised campaign spot,” Marsco said. “My sense is that this administration doesn’t particularly care about respecting the line between political and official business, and that’s the problem. They’re willing to use agencies and public lands for political purposes.”

Others say the video is essentially a free campaign ad for Trump.

“What they’re doing is really subsidizing their campaign using federal tax dollars,” said Phil Francis, chairman of the Coalition to Protect America’s National Parks who worked for the NPS for 41 years before retiring.

“Here’s a guy who is using parks as his campaign props and using federal employees in his campaign. That’s very inappropriate,” he said.

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Re_ [EXTERNAL] USA TODAY request for info re_ T....pdf

From: [Litterst, Michael D](#)
To: [News Media, NPS](#)
Cc: [Roulett, Stephanie A](#); [Liming, Katelyn M](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] USA TODAY request for info re: Trump campaign fireworks permit on National Mall (Wednesday deadline)
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 12:34:20 PM

He reached out to me separately and I responded.

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Chief of Communications  
National Mall and Memorial Parks

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**From:** Sullivan, Chelsea P on behalf of News Media, NPS  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 27, 2020 2:24 PM  
**To:** Litterst, Michael D  
**Cc:** Roulett, Stephanie A ; Liming, Katelyn M  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] USA TODAY request for info re: Trump campaign fireworks permit on National Mall (Wednesday deadline)  
Thanks, Mike

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National Park Service  
Office of Public Affairs

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**From:** Cummings, William  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 27, 2020 10:35 AM  
**To:** News Media, NPS  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] USA TODAY request for info re: Trump campaign fireworks permit on National Mall (Wednesday deadline)

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Good morning,

I was writing to confirm that fireworks are planned for the National Mall after President Trump's closing speech at the Republican National Convention on Thursday. Do you have information on how large the display will be and how long it will last? Was the permit for the Trump campaign or the Republican National Committee or another organization? How will payment for the event work?

Thank you,  
William Cummings  
Politics NOW Reporter, USA TODAY  
(410) 271-5141

Re\_ USPP Road Closures for RNC.pdf



**From:** [Delgado, Eduardo](#)  
**To:** [Litterst, Michael D](#); [Lamond, David J](#)  
**Subject:** Re: USPP Road Closures for RNC  
**Date:** Thursday, August 27, 2020 2:04:38 PM

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**From:** Litterst, Michael D  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 27, 2020 4:04:00 PM  
**To:** Lamond, David J ; Delgado, Eduardo  
**Subject:** Re: USPP Road Closures for RNC

I just posted the information on our press release page and am going to Tweet it out now.  
Should be ready for a retweet from the Park Police PIO account in five minutes or so.

<https://www.nps.gov/nama/learn/news/aug27closures.htm>

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From: Lamond, David J
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 4:02 PM
To: Delgado, Eduardo ; Litterst, Michael D
Subject: Re: USPP Road Closures for RNC
Mike/Del,

Would you guys be able to push this out to your media folks? I also believe MPD's PIO was going to reach out to coordinate a media release.

-Dave

Lieutenant David Lamond
Commander, Special Events Unit
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From: Lamond, David J

Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 2:54 PM

To: Delgado, Eduardo ; Litterst, Michael D ; Fennelly, Russell ; Glover, Robert (MPD) ; Bagshaw, Jason (MPD) ; Glover, Robert (MPD)

Subject: USPP Road Closures for RNC

All,

USPP will close the following roads for the RNC fireworks from 08/27/20 @ 1830 hours to 08/28/20 @ 0200 hrs:

Constitution Ave NW between 15th St and 18th St

15th St between Constitution Ave NW and Maine Ave SW

17th St between Constitution Ave NW and Independence Ave SW

Independence Ave SW between Maine Ave and 14th St SW. E/B Independence Ave traffic will be diverted onto E/B Maine Ave.

W/B Maine Ave at East Basin Drive SW to Independence Ave SW

Madison Dr NW between 14th St and 15th St NW

Jefferson Dr SW between 14th St and 15th St SW

-Dave

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August 28, 2020 - Special Event - Sitrep #4.pdf

From: [Adamchik, Mark](#)
To: [NPS USPP Notifications](#); [Jeffery Carroll](#); [Glover, Robert \(MPD\)](#); [Guillermo.rivera@dc.gov](#); [Goldkopf, David M. \(WF\) \(FBI\)](#); [Smith, Jody E. \(WF\) \(FBI\)](#); [CATRINA BONUS \(UDW\)](#); [NATHAN MORGAN \(PPD\)](#); [DAVID CHO \(PPD\)](#); [ROBERT ENGEL \(PPD\)](#); [derron.hawkins](#); [Guddemi, Charles \(HSEMA\)](#); [Flynn, Jennifer](#); [Benge, Shawn T](#); [Everson, Margaret E](#); [Fondren, Kim L](#); [Blackman, Roland H](#); [Walker, Gerry O](#); [Van Dyke, Timothy W](#); [Soja, Jeffrey D](#); [Dingeldein, James E](#); [Ryan, Timothy](#); [Guddemi, Charles \(HSEMA\)](#); [Quinn, Jeffrey A](#); [Humbertson, Brian](#); [Tanner, John R](#); [Litterst, Michael D](#); [Fondren, Kim L](#); [Ted Arruda](#); [Maclean, Robert D](#); [Bosak, Dennis C](#)
Subject: August 28, 2020 - Special Event - Sitrep #4
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 8:43:35 PM

Reports of individuals shooting fireworks at 15th and Pennsylvania Avenue. MPD is on the scene.

The bus that was playing music on 15th Street and the group associated with it moved south and attempted to turn west on Constitution Avenue. USPP and USSS units blocked the vehicle from traveling west and were surrounded by the crowd following it. USPP, USSS, and MPD officials are on the scene at 15th and Constitution Avenue. Attempts are being made to have the bus exit east on Constitution Avenue.

The fallout zone on the Washington Monument grounds are being cleared of personnel in preparation for the scheduled launch at approximately 2300 hours.

END

Major Mark A. Adamchik
Commander, Icon Protection Branch
United States Park Police
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Sitrep #6.pdf

From: [Adamchik, Mark](#)
To: [NPS USPP Notifications](#); [Jeffery Carroll](#); [Glover, Robert \(MPD\)](#); [Guillermo.rivera@dc.gov](#); [Goldkopf, David M. \(WF\) \(FBI\)](#); [Smith, Jody E. \(WF\) \(FBI\)](#); [CATRINA BONUS \(UDW\)](#); [NATHAN MORGAN \(PPD\)](#); [DAVID CHO \(PPD\)](#); [ROBERT ENGEL \(PPD\)](#); [derron.hawkins](#); [Guddemi, Charles \(HSEMA\)](#); [Flynn, Jennifer](#); [Benge, Shawn T](#); [Everson, Margaret E](#)
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Subject: Sitrep #6
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 10:16:52 PM

The main program and fireworks have concluded. Street sweepers are beginning to clean the roadways in the fallout zone. Demonstrators still remain and are gathering in the area of 15th Street as well as 16th and H Street. Several demonstrators appear to be agitators and are throwing bottle projectiles at MPD in the area of BLM Plaza.

END

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[EXTERNAL] Re_ NPS complaint - safety(1).pdf

From: [Eric Olson](#)
To: shawn_benge@nps.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: NPS complaint - safety
Date: Friday, August 28, 2020 1:10:32 AM

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Why was the Washington Monument and grounds used for a political advertisement fireworks display?

On Jul 3, 2020, at 4:50 PM, Eric Olson wrote:

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Best,

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Eric Olson
Baltimore, MD | 240-344-1063

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From: [Eric Olson](#)
To: david_vela@nps.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: NPS complaint - safety
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[EXTERNAL] From NPS.gov_ Document request_ RNCpdf

From: no-reply@nps.gov
To: mike_litterst@nps.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] From NPS.gov: Document request: RNC fireworks permit
Date: Friday, August 28, 2020 12:38:18 AM

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[/nama/learn/news/wamooopen.htm](https://nama.learn/news/wamooopen.htm)

Use mshuham@talkingpointsmemo.com to reply to this message

Category: Other

Hello, Can you provide all available paperwork associated with the permitting process for the Republican National Convention's fireworks show Thursday night? And can you lay out what steps NPS took to avoid potential Hatch Act violations? Thank you very much, Matt Shuham Reporter, Talking Points Memo mshuham@talkingpointsmemo.com 646-738-4485

[EXTERNAL] Re_ Friday Road Closures.pdf

From: [Phil Grucci](#)
To: [Lt. Russell Fennelly](#); [Lieutenant David Lamond](#); [Owen Robbin](#)
Cc: [Christopher Grucci](#); [Scott Raso](#); [Phil Grucci](#); [Dan Castor](#); [Chris Carlino](#); [Michelle Meadows](#); [Wes Maul](#); [James Oaks](#); [Justin Caporale](#); [jriemer@gop.com](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Friday Road Closures
Date: Friday, August 28, 2020 6:14:35 AM

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Good morning all,

This morning at 0600 we were at the 14th and Independence entry to the site for daylight safety sweep and had no success of entry.

Metro has secured the roadways to access the display location and not responding to our request for access.

The larger portion of our team (40) are scheduled to arrive to the site at 09:00am.

Our strike and ensuing cleanup cannot commence without access to the site.

Your assistance is requested.

I am on cell at 631-312-1411 if communication via mobile is more efficient.

Thank you,

Phil

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On Aug 26, 2020, at 1:32 PM, Owen, Robbin wrote:

Please be aware of the road closures identified for the Commitment March on Friday. You will not be able to access the area from certain locations

From: Lee, Leonard

Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 6:34 AM

To: Owen, Robbin ; Deas, Deborah ; Richardson, Marisa ; Buchanan, Elizabeth ; Torres, Martin A ; NAMA Permits, NPS NCR ; NPS NCR NAMA Interp Supervisors

Subject:

Good morning all.

I am forwarding an update regarding United States Park Police and DC Metropolitan Police road closures associated with the August 28th March on Washington, Commitment March.

Be well.

From: Lamond, David J

Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 4:49 PM

To: Lee, Leonard ; Gallo, Karl E

Cc: Fennelly, Russell ; Mahasin, Zakiyyah T ; Burnett, Eddie

Subject: Re: March on Washington

All,

USPP will be closing the following roads from 0500 hours to 1700 hours on August

28, 2020:

Rock Creek Parkway between Virginia Avenue and Ohio Drive
Ohio Drive between 23rd Street and Inlet Bridge
Independence Avenue between 23rd St and 14th Street
17th St between Constitution Avenue and Independence Avenue
15th St between Constitution Avenue and Independence Avenue
Constitution Avenue between 18th Street and 15th Street
Parkway Drive
West Basin Drive
Henry Bacon Drive
Daniel French Drive
Inbound Memorial Bridge will be diverted to Constitution Avenue
Madison Drive between 7th Street and 14th Street
Jefferson Drive between 7th Street and 14th Street
12th Street between Madison Drive and Constitution Avenue

Constitution Ave will remain open, unless we have to close it due to pedestrian traffic. If this occurs, Constitution Ave between 15th St and 23rd St will be closed. This will likely occur mid day.

MPD will be implementing a much larger traffic box. They will use a boundary starting at 3rd St and Independence, Pennsylvania Ave, 12th St, L St, 18th St, Constitution Ave. This will close out some NPS roadways, to include the remainder of Madison Drive and Jefferson Drive.

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[EXTERNAL] Re_ Trash(1).pdf

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Trash
Date: Friday, August 28, 2020 6:57:51 AM

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Michelle, Dan;

Please see Mrs Owen's email below.

She is looking for immediate action.

FYI to all, we are experiencing delays due to the inability to access the site.

Phil

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To: [Owen, Robbin](#); [Dan Castor](#); [Michelle Meadows](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Trash
Date: Friday, August 28, 2020 7:02:28 AM

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Resend with message from Mrs Owen - NPP

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On Aug 28, 2020, at 7:56 AM, Owen, Robbin wrote:

Good Morning, From the top of the Washington Monument there is a visual debris from the fireworks. Trash must be removed immediately. I need verification from you that it will be done completed immediately.

Robbin

Re_ [EXTERNAL] Re_ Fencing and clean up.pdf

From: [Owen, Robbin](#)
To: [Dan Castor](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Fencing and clean up
Date: Friday, August 28, 2020 9:33:25 AM

Thanks Dan.

From: Dan Castor
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 11:09 AM
To: Owen, Robbin
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Fencing and clean up

Mark Nash is there now and just called me to say he doesn't see Grucci moving their launch positions so we can use the driveable vacuums to sweep the hardscape.

We have 'pickers' who are individuals with trash bags that will walk the grass areas for any fine debris who are arriving at 2. That will go until 8 stop time and the site will look very close to its original condition.

The push vacuums type vacuums are also used ahead of the pickers to get most of the debris.

We have been very aware throughout that Grucci would likely run late this AM, we must have the flooring off the turf by 7p latest, and that on everyone's behalf we have a role in maintaining a safe space especially given that there is a large crowd dispersing after 3p from the March.

It pains both Mark Nash and me that this looks very chaotic to you. We took this knowing that we likely had the best experience with clean up of fireworks and watching out for all parties involved.

We had originally been told by Grucci that we couldn't take fence until Saturday. After we reached out to you we moved up some fence removal to coincide with the end time of the March taking down the fence that goes from Survey up and over Maine Ave first.

I am changing my flight and coming over now and will drive one of the vacuums to help move things along.

It is our intent to abide by the permit timeline.

Perhaps you could have Kellen stay on top of Grucci to express the urgency of them getting out so the site is safe and we can clean safely without obstacles. That would be helpful.

We are here to help and in no way want the Park Service to be in a bad light with the White House or the general public.

Thank you.

Dan Castor
On behalf of Effort-LLC

From: Owen, Robbin

Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 10:11:45 AM

To: Dan Castor

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Fencing and clean up

Understand about the fence removal but you can start on the grounds outside of the fence.

Who is Mark?

When you refer to sweepers are you referred to crew walking the the grounds?

When was the street sweeping/cleaning completed?

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 28, 2020, at 10:08 AM, Dan Castor wrote:

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Sorry for the confusion we have been told all along that we could not do any cleaning until after 9 and then sweepers only. Mark is running that part of things and is close to the site.

The fence could not be removed until we got go ahead from Grucci that the site was safe in order to maintain perimeter. The fence detail and flooring removal is set to begin at 2 when they will be off the flooring path and they suggested that was the time they would have devices back to a safe position for pickers to come and pick any left over particles. The fence will begin removal at that point as well.

I am heading to the site and spoke to Mark he should be there. I did the road openings and street sweepers part of things last night.

I can have Mark call you.

Dan Castor

On behalf of Effort-LLC

From: Owen, Robbin

Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 10:00:36 AM

To: Dan Castor

Subject: Fencing and clean up

Good Morning Dan when will you have staff on to clean up the grounds and start on there fencing? Clean up crews should have already finished with clean up.

Robbin

Sent from my iPad

FW_ Fireworks display and the Hatch Act(1).pdf

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To: [Bradley, Margaret L](#)
Cc: [Litterst, Michael D](#)
Subject: FW: Fireworks display and the Hatch Act
Date: Friday, August 28, 2020 9:56:32 AM
Attachments: [PoliticalActivities--2011.pdf](#)

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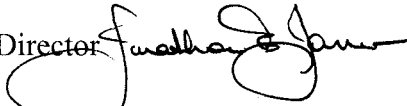
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Memorandum

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From: Director 

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**To:** [Rogalski, Caitlin A](#)  
**Cc:** [Litterst, Michael D](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Fireworks display and the Hatch Act  
**Date:** Friday, August 28, 2020 9:59:22 AM

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Thanks Caitlin. I'll get back to you as soon as possible.

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Fw_ [EXTERNAL] Questions re_ RNC Fireworks.pdf

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To: [Litterst, Michael D](#)
Cc: [Liming, Katelyn M](#)
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Questions re: RNC Fireworks
Date: Friday, August 28, 2020 10:45:38 AM

National Park Service
Office of Public Affairs

From: Matt Shuham
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 10:59 AM
To: News Media, NPS
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Questions re: RNC Fireworks

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Hello,

Can you provide all available documentation of the permitting process for the RNC fireworks show yesterday (Thursday) night? What steps were taken to ensure that NPS employees did not violate the Hatch Act? Who was responsible for putting on the fireworks show itself? Any comment in general?

Thank you very much,

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RE_ WAMO .pdf

From: [Kennealy, Sean J](#)
To: [Owen, Robbin](#); [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#)
Cc: [NPS NCR NAMA SMT](#)
Subject: RE: WAMO
Date: Friday, August 28, 2020 12:58:41 PM

Thanks for the update Robbin.

Thanks, Sean

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From: Owen, Robbin <Robbin_Owen@nps.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 2:52 PM
To: Reinbold, Jeffrey P <Jeff_Reinbold@nps.gov>; Kennealy, Sean J <Sean_Kennealy@nps.gov>
Subject: WAMO

Folks will work until 8 pm tonight and concentrate on the trash. They will return tomorrow morning to remove all the fencing. Fireworks clean up is going well per Kellen. They are starting on removing flooring now.

Robbin
Sent from my iPad

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Cc: [Litterst, Michael D](#)
Subject: Re: Fireworks display and the Hatch Act
Date: Friday, August 28, 2020 1:57:59 PM

Good afternoon,

The DEO has approved the language.

Margaret

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**Subject:** FW: Fireworks display and the Hatch Act  
**Date:** Friday, August 28, 2020 2:00:53 PM  
**Attachments:** [PoliticalActivities--2011.pdf](#)  
[NPS proposed response \(DEO proposed redline\).docx](#)

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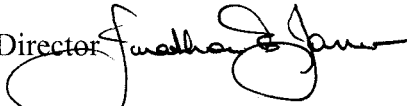
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Subject: Re: Fireworks display and the Hatch Act
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Thank you, Heather! Appreciate the edits.

Mike

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Ph: 202-306-4166

From: Gottry, Heather C
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Re\_[EXTERNAL] WaMo fireworks load out.pdf

**From:** [Owen, Robbin](#)  
**To:** [Dan Castor](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] WaMo fireworks load out  
**Date:** Saturday, August 29, 2020 5:27:28 AM

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Thanks Dan. Would be happy to talk with Mark and you. Definitely had some challenges with this event. I appreciate all you do to follow our permits and guidance.

Robbin

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 29, 2020, at 6:54 AM, Dan Castor wrote:

Thanks. At some point it would be curious to know how we/I can do a better job of getting my predicted timing to you beforehand. May not change the permit but at least we can all deal with conundrum earlier. Did my best to provide info that didn't get to you and was ignored in the process between us. Just trying to help. I certainly feel like you have been more than flexible but I think if you had received the schedule I sent them you could have made specific points that would have informed the boundaries with Grucci. I am in this very uncomfortable situation of either say I told you so to the event, or the delays and chaos looking like Effort wasn't prepared. We certainly had no sway over mobilizing Grucci and holding them to a timeline. I love working at the Mall and Parks and went into this with some desire to get ahead of the curve should we have an opportunity to work with PIC or the Special Events team. Don't want to come out having done damage to reputation.

I realize this is subject to FOIA but nothing to hide here. Keep up the great work you and your Department do on behalf of the American people.

Dan Castor  
On behalf of Effort-LLC

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**From:** Owen, Robbin  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 29, 2020 6:46:10 AM  
**To:** Dan Castor  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] WaMo fireworks load out

Thanks Dan. I have staff on until 5:00 pm. If that helps, but I have to check with U.S. Park Police to see if they have someone for traffic control. Have Mark keep me posted on progress. Glad to hear you will be able to visit with your mother.

Robbin

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On Aug 29, 2020, at 6:14 AM, Dan Castor wrote:

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Robbin,

I am certain that by now you have received the report pertaining to the end of the day on Friday.

The flooring has been removed and will be picked up today. As we were beginning to remove the additional fallout fence line along Indep EB the first wave of heavy rain and lightning arrived. After sheltering at the Sylvan and checking with Air Traffic Control and NOAA there was another cell after about a 20 min break. Reagan landed planes that had been I holding during the first cell and as the second cell approached was placing in bound aircraft in a long hold until the second cell passed. Dulles closed their tarmac for a period of time and also placed a hold in their airspace. By the time the second cell was to pass it would have been right at the 8p cut off.

Effort has original cleanup crew coming back to pick by hand the areas that were blocked or obstructed as they fireworks displays were being dismantled. There is some remaining fireworks display hardware, dumpster, etc. on a couple of wall pathways that will be removed this morning as I understand from Grucci.

In order to give our best effort to make the 3p cut off today, the pickers will begin at 8a and the fence will have to begin removal. Both cleanup and fence removal will be slowed from normal pace by rain but the crews will work through unless doing so may cause injury or damage. Depending on the timing of the site being clear of obstructions we will continue to clean until we are prohibited.

After we begin to pull the fence perimeter there will still be some risk to the public and debris that we cannot access at the locations presently obstructed.

Effort is standing by to return the site to it's condition prior to load-in as we did at Fourth of July. The FOJU load-out of fence and clean-up did not begin until all fireworks apparatus was removed from the site.

For reference, the fence was not removed until the public access areas had their initial cleaning.

Mark Nash and Angie Ball will be at the site all day today and there will be several workflows happening simultaneously.

I will be returning to my home to visit my 91-year old mother who is in a nursing facility but somewhat available via phone which is the reason for this email.

Due to traffic closures some of the equipment pick-ups by local suppliers was not possible on Friday. We are working with those suppliers to get these items picked up at the earliest possible moment. Forklifts of course will be required until the site is clear.

Kellen documented the damage to the flooring and subsequent turf at one of the launch locations. We will work with the RNC and Grucci on the damage to floor and trust you will be working out arrangements on the turf damage.

While this is not the timeline that you desired in the Permit, I have attempted to provide a briefing of the present reality that can be expected on the site on Saturday.

Cordially,

Dan Castor  
On behalf of Effort-LLC

Removal of equipment this morning.pdf



**From:** [Owen Robbin](#)  
**To:** [Phil Grucci](#); [Christopher Grucci](#)  
**Subject:** Removal of equipment this morning  
**Date:** Saturday, August 29, 2020 6:33:28 AM

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Good Morning I understand that flooring and fencing is now being removal for the Washington Monument grounds, however your crew is not on site to removing the fireworks equipment. This is hampering the rest of the removal. Per the schedule you provided and the permit your crew should have been on site at 7:00 am. When will crew arrive? We need to have them on site so the other crew can complete their work.

Thanks,  
Robbin  
Sent from my iPad

Re\_ [EXTERNAL] Re\_ Removal of equipment this mo...(1).pdf

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**To:** [Phil Grucci](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Removal of equipment this morning  
**Date:** Saturday, August 29, 2020 2:27:39 PM

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Thank you Phil. I understand from my monitor that everything should be done and all equipment including fencing by 5:15 pm.

Robbin

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On Aug 29, 2020, at 4:25 PM, Phil Grucci wrote:

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Robbin,

This email is to advise all fireworks equipment and staff of Fireworks by Grucci has been removed from the site at 16:15.

Remaining is the dumpster that removal is being managed

In speaking with contractor Effort LLC we are working the plan to finalizing the cleanup of the area to meet the expectations of the NPS..

It is quite clear that this operation was an expedited effort with many professionals involved to get it done. I am hopeful you would agree, without the collaboration, capability and experience of the NPS, NPP, DC Fire, Effort LLC and Grucci this performance would not have been as safe and successful as seen around the world.

We will continue to work with the spirit of collaboration to satisfy you and your team.

I am available to you via mobile at any time.

Thank you,

Phil

Phil Grucci

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Someone will need to be on site with the dempster since it is full of debris. Please have someone on site.

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On Aug 29, 2020, at 5:17 PM, Phil Grucci wrote:

Robbin,

The dumpster is being moved to behind the theatre until tomorrow and Effort LLC advised they will continue the sweeping and cleanup thru tomorrow at 5:00pm to meet expectations of the NPS.

Thank you,

Phil

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**From:** Owen, Robbin

**Sent:** Saturday, August 29, 2020 4:28 PM

**To:** Phil Grucci

**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Removal of equipment this morning

Thank you Phil. I understand from my monitor that everything should be done and all equipment including fencing by 5:15 pm.

Robbin

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On Aug 29, 2020, at 4:25 PM, Phil Grucci <[Philgrucci@grucci.com](mailto:Philgrucci@grucci.com)> wrote:

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Robbin,

This email is to advise all fireworks equipment and staff of Fireworks by Grucci has been removed from the site at 16:15.

Remaining is the dumpster that removal is being managed

In speaking with contractor Effort LLC we are working the plan to finalizing the cleanup of the area to meet the expectations of the NPS..

It is quite clear that this operation was an expedited effort with many professionals involved to get it done. I am hopeful you would agree, without the collaboration, capability and experience of the NPS, NPP, DC Fire, Effort LLC and Grucci this performance would not have been as safe and successful as seen around the world.

We will continue to work with the spirit of collaboration to satisfy you and your team.

I am available to you via mobile at any time.

Thank you,

Phil

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**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]Re: Trash  
**Date:** Monday, August 31, 2020 9:50:45 AM

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**To:** "Owen, Robbin" , Dan Castor , Michelle Meadows

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**From:** [Roulett, Stephanie A](#)  
**To:** [Litterst, Michael D](#)  
**Cc:** [Mummart, Jennifer](#); [Liming, Katelyn M](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Statement on Hatch Act  
**Date:** Monday, August 31, 2020 11:01:28 AM

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Mike, who did the inquiry come from?

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**From:** Litterst, Michael D  
**Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2020 10:31 AM  
**To:** Roulett, Stephanie A  
**Cc:** Mummart, Jennifer ; Liming, Katelyn M  
**Subject:** Statement on Hatch Act

In response to a media inquiry on Friday to "lay out what steps NPS took to avoid potential Hatch Act violations" for the RNC fireworks last week, the following statement has approved by the WASO and DOI ethics offices.

"The National Park Service worked with our solicitors and ethics officials to ensure the fireworks display by the Republican National Committee was done in compliance of the Hatch Act and other applicable laws and policies. As with all special events on the National Mall, the organizers were required to get a permit to ensure public safety and the protection of park resources. Additionally, National Park Service employees do not participate in or appear at partisan political events at NPS units on duty or in uniform, unless their job requires them to provide logistical support or other services that would be provided for any other permitted event. And, per policy, the National Park Service will recover from the RNC all costs incurred as a result of the activity, including NPS administrative costs for permit preparation and management of the event, and monitoring of the activity to ensure compliance with the conditions of the permit."

Let me know when it's good to send out.

Mike

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Mike Litterst
Chief of Communications
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RNC _ Grucci fireworks final AHJ report.pdf

From: [King, James W](#)
To: [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#)
Cc: [Castillo, Raul G](#); [Murphy, Jeremy L](#); [Boyle, Jaime L](#); [Owen, Robbin](#)
Subject: RNC / Grucci fireworks final AHJ report
Date: Monday, August 31, 2020 11:03:45 AM
Attachments: [NPS NCA NFPA 1123 1124 Aerial Fireworks Display Inspection REPORT AUG 31 2020.pdf](#)

Attached Supt Reinbold. I highlighted a few items of interest in narrative near the end of the document.

Aside from the missed 20 day submittal deadline we advised early on we wanted inventory lists sent at least "24 hours" prior to bringing pyrotechnics to our property (I thought that was quite reasonable). They failed to comply with that written request. The daybreak sweep and commence clean up is not a code requirement but I believe was a permit condition. Either way Grucci states he was in the vicinity by 6am but was refused entry to NPS property by MPD. I find it unusual he didn't reach out to a permit monitor, Raul, and /or myself for assistance since he had no qualms calling when he wanted approvals to move forward.

Document attached. Please reach out with questions or concerns. I look forward to AAR for this permit.

Jim

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Director’s Order 58 and Reference Manual 58 (DO58 and RM58) requires for the NCA-Fire and Emergency Manager/Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ), or designee to enforce all regional structural fire and life safety codes by utilizing the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) codes and standards for fire prevention, protection and life safety.

Park Name /Event Location: NAMA, Republican National Committee	Date: 8/27/2020
NPS Inspector’s Name: Raúl Castillo, Regional Structural Fire Program Specialist	Park Assignment: NCAO
NPS Inspector’s Name: James King, NCA-AHJ	Park Assignment: NCAO
NPS Inspector’s Name: Raph Long, Safety Manager/ Kevin Mills , Safety Specialist	Park Assignment: NAMA

Pyrotechnic Management Contact Information (NFPA 1126: 6.3.2)			
Name: Phil Crucci	Cell# 631-312-1411		
Meeting Date: August 24 , 2020	Time: 0900		
CDL Drivers Name: Gabrielle B. Pascuale	CDL# 696-03800000	State NY	Exp: 4/24/27
CDL Drivers Name: Richard John Valuk	CDL# 066666309	State CT	Exp: 6/19/23

#	Type with √ for YES, NO or N/A, Not Applicable	
A	Document Review	☒
1	<u>Document review:</u> The following documents will need to be reviewed and approved by the NCA-AHJ, 20 days, before the scheduled aerial fireworks display. NCA-AHJ a) Fireworks Scope of Work, SOW Received 8/18/2020 b) Display/Site Plan, Received 8/18/2020 c) Display Inventory, Received each day during trucks arrival d) Safety Plan. Received 8/18/2020 e) Certificate of Liability Insurance Received 8/18/2020 f) Technician/Shooter(s) Licenses, state or local certificates Received 8/18/2020 g) Truck Driver(s) CDL Hazmat Endorsement (49 CFR § 177.804 and 49 CFR Part 383) 8/18/2020 h) Assistants ID information RECEIVED FROM GRUCCI AND LETTER FORM ATF i) U.S. DOJ Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, ATF certifications: (29 CFR Part 555) License/permits. Received 8/18/2020 - Importers of Explosives and Manufacture of Explosives Received 8/18/2020 j) U. S. DHS USCG Marine Event approval (49 CFR 171 – 180, 33 CFR 126 & 160.) N/A k) U.S DOT FAA Airspace Approval (49 U.S. Code § 40103) RECEIVED l) U.S DOT, FMCSA Straight Bill of Lading (49 U.S.C. 5101 RECEIVED DURING EACH FIREWORKS <i>NOTE: Handwritten site documents are not acceptable</i>	OK OK OK OK OK OK OK OK OK OK OK OK
2	NCA AHJ/Representative shall conduct an inspection of shooting area with approved* site plan. 1123:5.1.2.3. FALL OUT AREA INSPECTION PERFORMED MONDAY AUG. 24, AT 10 AM 1. The site plan shall include the dimensions of the display site and location of discharge site(s), spectator viewing area(s), parking area(s), fallout area(s), and the associated separation distances. 1123:5.1.2.2* Received 8/18/2020	OK OK



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	2. After review of the site plan, the AHJ shall inspect the area depicted on the site plan. 1123:5.1.2.3 3. Contact applicant and shoot supervisor prior to the day of the event to set-up a meeting and establish ground rules. NCA AHJ Name: <u>Scott Raso</u> Cell# <u>(b) (6)</u> Meeting Date: <u>Monday August 24</u> Time: <u>0800</u>	
	Sponsor and Operator Shooter Briefing	
3	Sponsor/Shooter meeting. Fire Marshal meets with Sponsor/Monitors and reviews permit requirements, provide a copy of the "Aerial Fireworks Display Inspection Report" to the applicant or pyrotechnic manager and reviews the following: a). Maintain Fire Lanes and means of access during event. 1:182.3.4.1.1 PERFORMED BY NPS b). Ensure Fire Protection/Suppression has been provided. 1123:8.1.1 DC Fire and EMS on Standby c). Defines the Discharge Area, Fallout Area, and Spectator Viewing Area Perfromed on Monday, August 24 d). Intake openings for HVAC or ventilation in the proximity shall be covered to prevent smoke from entering the building. 1123:7.5.3.1 N/A per Sean Kenedally, NAMA. Permit staff on scene coordinating with NCACC and USPP dispatch centers e). No overhead projections, towers, antennas within 25ft. of the trajectory of an aerial shell. 1123:7.5.5 NO Overhead projections f). Discuss with Monitors and Crowd Control Management, safety procedures. 1123:8.1.2 g). Preparation are(s) for display fireworks shall be secured from public access by at least 100ft. 1123:4.2.2.2 h). In the opinion of the AHJ or the operator, the aerial displays shall be delayed, stopped or postponed immediately if: 1123:8.1.4.1, 1123:8.1.4.2, 1123:8.1.4.3.1 1. Wind/Weather-lightning in immediate area, approaching storm front. 2. Inadequate/Loss of Crowd Control 3. Loss of trajectory 4. Unsafe practices, and or hazardous debris falling into audience	OK OK OK OK OK OK OK OK OK
4	Fire Inspection Team meets with Operator/Shooter/Assistants and reviews permit requirements and the following: a) Defines the Discharge Area, Fallout Area, and Spectator Area. Performed on August 24 b) Structural Fire Inspector/Marshal and shooter walk/review the entire area. Performed August 24 c) Vehicles used to transport/storing/handling/assembly or testing fireworks, shall be placarded and shall be in the accordance with 1123:4.2.1 Confirmed - NFPA 1124, Code of Manufacture, Transportation, Storage and retail sales of Fire Works and Pyrotechnic Articles Perfromed 18 USC 40, "Importation, Manufacture, Distribution and Storage of Explosive Materials," and 27 CFR 555, "Commerce in Explosives," Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, ATF - DOT 49 CFR 171-177. U.S. Department of Transportation. d) Reviews permitted fireworks inventory and what has been delivered. If it is not on the permitted inventory, it will not be loaded or shot. NFPA 1123:4.2.3.1 to 4.3.3.3 Confirmed e) Labeling of Display Fireworks Aerial Shells. Each shell shall bear a label containing	OK OK OK OK OK OK OK OK OK



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	the following: Confirmed • Size of shell. (e.g., "3" in. (76mm) shell") • Type of shell (e.g., "2"break with report") • Warning statement: Warning: Dangerous Explosives. • The name and location of business of the manufacturer, importer, or distributor. 1123:4.1.3.1 f) Shells shall be kept in their shipping cartons until they are prepared, loaded, or set up for display. 1123:4.2.2.1 g) Anytime the fireworks or pyrotechnic materials are on location, they shall not be left unattended or unsecured. 1123:7.5.7.2 h) NO SMOKING , open flames (grills) or matches permitted within 50ft. of discharge site 1123:8.1.6.1 i) Preparation area (s) for display fireworks shall be secured from public access at least 100ft. 1123:4.2.2.2 j) Fire Extinguishers on site, (minimum two-2 1/2-gallon pressurized water tank). (<i>As required by the AHJ</i>). 1123:8.1.1 k) Shells shall be inspected by the operator or assistants following their delivery to the display site at any time prior to the shells being loaded into their mortars or into ready boxes. 1123:4.2.3.1 l) Any shells having tears, leaks, broken fuses, or signs of having been wet shall be set aside for review by the operator. 1123:4.2.3.2	OK OK OK OK OK OK OK OK OK OK
5	Required fallout areas correct: Table 1123:5.1.3.1 and 1123:5.1.3.4.3 a) Shells = 70 ft. per inch of internal mortar diameter. b) Multi-Tube Devices (cake boxes) =200ft. per inch diameter. <i>Per NCA AHJ, double distance from 100ft. to 200 feet/cake box. 1123:5.1.3.4.3</i> c) Distance is measured from the closest Spectator Viewing line to the closest /largest shell.	OK OK OK
6	Shooter/Operator shall be at least 21 years old . License or approved by the AHJ in accordance with any and all applicable federal, state and local laws. 1123:10.1.1, 1123:10.1.2 Pyrotechnician Card or appropriate certification. Confirm identity with second means of identification and cross reference with SFMO Pyro Technician Certification List. Provide photo ID (w/DOB).	OK OK
7	Operators Assistants shall be at least 18 years old and have photo ID (with DOB). 1123:10.2	OK

	Rack Inspection	✓
8	Mortar Racks inspected (before loaded) for water, debris or interior/mouth/lip damage. 1123:4.3.1.1, 1123:4.3.7	OK
9	Mortar Racks properly stabilized secured and anchored to prevent tipping. 1123:4.5.6	OK
10	Mortar Racks inspected for proper positioning. <i>No Shells shall point toward any Spectator Viewing Area.</i> 1123:4.3.6	OK
11	Mortars properly labeled ; shell size and type, safety fuse in place, shell fuse minimum 6 inches in length if <i>manually fired</i> . 1123:4.1.4.1	OK
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13	All multi-tube devices (cake boxes) shall be surrounded on all four sides with wood and be staked on all sides to prevent tipping, be securely fastened and stable NCA-AHJ, 1123:4.5.6	OK
14	Mortars of the same size shall be placed in groups, and the groups shall be separated from one another. 1123:4.3.3.3	OK
15	Measures shall be taken to prevent exposure of mortars from rain or weather. 1123:4.4.2.2	OK
16	Staple guns shall not be permitted to be used to secure quick match that is connected to the aerial shells, mines, or comets. 1123:4.6.5	OK
17	No person permitted to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol in the discharge area. Or over the counter or prescription medications that impair the judgment, mobility, or stability of the user to such a degree that he or she cannot understand and conform to the requirements of applicable laws, regulations, and standards governing the display. 1123:8.1.9.1-1123:8.1.9.2	OK
19	Meet with on-scene fire department personnel assigned to the event and brief them on proper responses and areas of concern. They shall obtain permission from Structural Fire Inspector / Fire Marshal or Operator prior to entering the Display Site. 1123:5.1.6	OK

	Pre-Shoot Inspection	√
20	Spectators, unauthorized vehicles, watercraft, or readily combustibles materials shall not be located within the fallout area. 1123:5.1.5.2	OK
21	Tents shall not be located within the discharge site during the display. 1123:5.3.1	
22	Monitors shall be positioned around the perimeter for crowd control. 1123:8.1.2 (1)	OK
23	The first shell fired to determine correct trajectory and wind direction. 1123:8.2.8	N/A

	During Aerial Display	√
24	All required personal protective clothing shall be worn in discharge area at time of Shoot. Protective Clothing shall consist of the following: 1123:8.1.3.4 Verified on Aug 27 2020 a) Head protection b) Eye protection c) Hearing protection d) Foot protection e) Long-sleeved and long-legged clothing (Cotton, wool, or similarly flame- resistant)	OK
25	During the display two-way voice communication shall be available. 1123:7.6.5	OK
26	During the display, only the operator , authorized assistants , and structure fire inspector(s) representing the AHJ shall be permitted in the display site while the display is in progress. 1123:8.1.3.2	OK
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	c) Loss of trajectory d) Unsafe practices	
	Post-Shoot Inspection	√
28	After display, fallout area shall be inspected before public can re-enter area. 1123:8.2.12 <u>Friday, Aug 28 1230 pm</u>	
29	After display ends and waiting 15 minutes the Shooter shall conduct inspection of discharge site. All misfires shall be marked, and we recommend waiting an additional 15 min. , and then soaking shell in mortar. Wait additional 5 minutes and then empty mortar tube. 1123:8.2.12.1	30 Min
30	If the failure is electrical in nature, the shell may be salvaged by the operator/shooter. 1123:9.5.2.1	OK
31	Where fireworks are displayed at night, a search of the fallout area shall be made immediately after the display and at first light the following morning by the operator or designated personnel acceptable to the AHJ. <u>30 minites cooldown period performed and daybreak area safety inspection performed, nothing found</u> 1123:8.2.12.3 Agency Name/ Name of the Person (s) <u>Phil Grucci, Aug 27 and Aug 28</u> Cell Number <u>See file</u>	OK
32	Disposal instructions shall be provided by the supplier and shall be followed. 1123:8.2.10.2 Designated personnel. <u>Phil Grucci to follow</u>	OK

Documentation

The following timelines shall be documented by the Structural Fire Inspector/Fire Marshal on the Notice of

Inspection Form:

Time Conducted

- Sponsor and Shooter Briefing conducted. 8/24, 8/25/8/26/8/27
- Fallout area measured. 8/24
- Fireworks arrived and unloaded. Yes
- Permitted Inventory compared to actual delivered Inventory. Confirmed by ATF and NPS Fire Marshal
- Trajectory shell shot. N/A
- Display starts. 8/27/2020, 11:35pm
- Display ends. 8/27/2020, 11:40 pm
- Number of Misfires 6" misfired and 4 Sky Etch. See report
- Fall-Out Area inspected. Yes Fall out areas inspected and cleared TIME: 12:45 am

10. Number of Duds. See report

11. Any/All violations noted during the event. 1 NFPA 704 (1.3G) placard missing during transportation of pyrotechnics

12. Any mortar failures or other unexpected events. See report

Weather conditions at time of Fireworks Display: Clear

Beginning Time: 11:35 pm Ending Time: 11:40 pm

Raul G. Castillo / Raul G. Castillo / NPS-NCA-Region 1-

Inspector's Full Name Signature Park Assignment



National Park Service National Capital Area, Region I

"Aerial Fireworks Display Inspection Report"

NFPA 1123 Code for Fireworks Display

NFPA 1124 Code for the Manufacture, Transportation, and Storage of Fireworks and
Pyrotechnic Articles

August 2020

Sponsor, Operator/Shooter shall follow all NPS/NCA requirements and the locality of where the display will take place: The District of Columbia Fire Prevention Code, State of Maryland Fire Prevention Code, Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code, West Virginia Fire Prevention Code.

Operator/Shooter/Assistant Information

Shooter/Operator <u>Scott Raso</u>	Cert# <u>NJ # 006174</u>	DOB <u>1 Feb 1963</u>
Assistant <u>Christopher Carlino</u>		DOB <u>May 13, 1966</u>
Assistant <u>See ATF assistants and pyrotechnic report</u>		DOB <u></u>

Comments:

Performed Republican National Convention, RNC aerial fireworks display fire and life safety inspections. All aerial fireworks required documents were submitted, reviewed and approved by NCA-AHJ, with the exception of the **DC Fire and EMS (FD vehicles and staff) contract, and the NFPA 701 fire retardant material certificates and or labels for the temporary tents as required by the NCA-AHJ**

NAMA Permit issued at 9:33 AM, Monday, August 24, 2020. Grucci staff, fireworks equipment at the National Mall setting up operations display area. The operation display area was delayed for approximately 1 hour, due to security fence not being installed as required by the NCA-AHJ. Approximately 18 USPP officers and 18 (LGC Security) guards were on the scene.

Fallout sites measurements were verified on Monday, August 24

Rack inspections were successfully performed from Monday, August 24, through Wednesday, August 26.

Fireworks inventory was successfully performed by Patrick Hoover, ATF, Ralph Long and Kevin Mills, NAMA, Lt. Barnes, DC Fire and EMS and Raul Castillo, NCA-AHJ staff. Explosive magazines and overnight locations were approved by ATF. **On Monday, August 26, the pyrotechnic truck had the NFPA 704, 1.3G placard missing from the front of the truck.**

The fireworks product count was updated on August 25 to #7,409 and included; aerial shots, comets, roman candles, multi-shots boxes, single row devices, and one shot comets/mines.

Fireworks operations briefings were conducted with Grucci staff; Mr. Phil, Grucci, Scott Raso and Chris Grucci, USPP officers, David Lebowitz, USSS/TSD/PDL and security guard supervisor, Traveon Smith, LGC Security staff, NPS/NAMA permits staff and DC Fire and EMS staff. NCACC and USPP dispatch centers were notified of the aerial fireworks display and two NAMA personnel were on standby to monitor any fire alarm issues for the WAMO, and or SULO. Lt. John Barnes, Fire Marshal, DC Fire and

Continue Aerial Fireworks Report. Aug 27, 2020

EMS staff. NCACC and USPP dispatch centers were notified of the aerial fireworks display and two NAMA personnel were on standby to monitor any fire alarm issues for the WAMO, and or SULO. Lt. John Barnes, Fire Marshal, DC Fire and EMS provided 2 Engines companies, 2 EMS units and 4 Fire Marshals to assist with the aerial fireworks display.

At 10:30 pm, August 27, all USPP and Grucci's vehicles and staff along with the security guards assigned to the inside security perimeter fence and fallout areas were asked to relocate outside (the expanded security fence) and fallout areas. USPP and media staff assigned to the WAMO were asked to stand down until the 30 minutes aerial display cooldown period is completed.

The aerial display started at 11:35 pm and completed at 11:40pm. During the display, several small spot fires were reported and quickly contained by Grucci staff. #6 pyrotechnic from a sky etch located by the SULO, failed to activate. A 6" shell from C04A misfired causing the C04A section shells to be electronically shut down by Grucci staff. *See the Post Display Report from dated Saturday, August 29, 11:14 pm.*

At approximately 5:45 am, Friday, August 28, Grucci staff assigned to perform the daybreak safety sweep were prevented to access the display site by MPD officer located on 14th street and Independence Ave. The daylight safety sweep, started at 11:30 am, Friday, August 28 and completed at 12:30pm.

Total Unexpended Product Description and Count, Fireworks By Grucci, Inc

Unexpended Product Description and Count, Fireworks by Grucci, Inc.

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WASHINGTON MONUMENT PRODUCT COUNTS			
	QNT	SIZE	Description
	26	2"	Comets
	68	3"	Aerial Shells
	93	4"	Aerial Shells
	76	5"	Aerial Shells
	68	6"	Aerial Shells
	40	MSB	Multi-Shot Boxe Tube
	5	40MM	One Shot Comets/Mines
	2	50MM	One Shot Comets/Mines
Total	378		

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- All aerial fireworks required documentation shall be submitted to the NCA-AHJ, **20 days prior to the scheduled event**, and be monitored by Grucci's staff to prevent any operation delays. *Missing documents required by the NCA-AHJ; DC Fire and EMS vehicles and staff contract, temporary tents NFPA 701 fire resistant labels and or certificates.*

- All (1.3G and 1.4G), aerial fireworks inventory lists to be submitted to the NCA-AHJ, at least 24 hours before each pyrotechnic truck's arrival as required by the NCA-AHJ. *The inventory lists were not submitted, until after the arrival of each pyrotechnic truck. On August 24, AHJ, NPS staff, DC Fire Marshal and ATF investigator had to wait for an hour after the pyrotechnic truck's arrival to get the inventory lists.*
- All future aerial displays safety sweeps results (after the cooldown period and 1st daybreak) to be submitted immediately to the NCA-AHJ staff.
- Grucci staff shall maintain ongoing communications with NPS Permit monitors, USPP officers and or NCA-AHJ staff assigned to aerial display operation and address any issues that may delay the aerial fireworks display operation.

Executive Summary

Overall aerial fireworks operation was successful, all required NFPA inspections were performed in a timely manner, maintain communication between Grucci staff, NPS NAMA staff, USPP, ATF, DC Fire and EMS, Private security staff and NCA-AHJ staff.

Re_ Statement on Hatch Act.pdf

From: [Roulett, Stephanie A](#)
To: [Litterst, Michael D](#)
Cc: [Mummart, Jennifer](#); [Liming, Katelyn M](#)
Subject: Re: Statement on Hatch Act
Date: Monday, August 31, 2020 11:33:32 AM

Good to go. Thanks Mike.

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From: Litterst, Michael D
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2020 1:03 PM
To: Roulett, Stephanie A
Cc: Mummart, Jennifer ; Liming, Katelyn M
Subject: Re: Statement on Hatch Act
It came from a Matt Shuham with Talking Points Memo as part of a FOIA request.

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**From:** Roulett, Stephanie A  
**Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2020 1:01 PM  
**To:** Litterst, Michael D  
**Cc:** Mummart, Jennifer ; Liming, Katelyn M  
**Subject:** Re: Statement on Hatch Act  
Mike, who did the inquiry come from?

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**From:** Litterst, Michael D  
**Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2020 10:31 AM

**To:** Roulett, Stephanie A

**Cc:** Mummart, Jennifer ; Liming, Katelyn M

**Subject:** Statement on Hatch Act

In response to a media inquiry on Friday to "lay out what steps NPS took to avoid potential Hatch Act violations" for the RNC fireworks last week, the following statement has approved by the WASO and DOI ethics offices.

"The National Park Service worked with our solicitors and ethics officials to ensure the fireworks display by the Republican National Committee was done in compliance of the Hatch Act and other applicable laws and policies. As with all special events on the National Mall, the organizers were required to get a permit to ensure public safety and the protection of park resources. Additionally, National Park Service employees do not participate in or appear at partisan political events at NPS units on duty or in uniform, unless their job requires them to provide logistical support or other services that would be provided for any other permitted event. And, per policy, the National Park Service will recover from the RNC all costs incurred as a result of the activity, including NPS administrative costs for permit preparation and management of the event, and monitoring of the activity to ensure compliance with the conditions of the permit."

Let me know when it's good to send out.

Mike

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Re_ RNC _ Grucci fireworks final AHJ report.pdf

From: [Castillo, Raul G](#)
To: [King, James W](#); [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#)
Cc: [Murphy, Jeremy L](#); [Boyle, Jaime L](#); [Owen, Robbin](#)
Subject: Re: RNC / Grucci fireworks final AHJ report
Date: Monday, August 31, 2020 11:34:02 AM

No problem, teamwork!

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From: King, James W
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2020 1:31 PM
To: Castillo, Raul G ; Reinbold, Jeffrey P
Cc: Murphy, Jeremy L ; Boyle, Jaime L ; Owen, Robbin
Subject: Re: RNC / Grucci fireworks final AHJ report
Oops, I looked for that and could not find it! Thank you Raul.

Jim

From: Castillo, Raul G
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2020 1:28 PM
To: King, James W ; Reinbold, Jeffrey P
Cc: Murphy, Jeremy L ; Boyle, Jaime L ; Owen, Robbin
Subject: Re: RNC / Grucci fireworks final AHJ report
CORRECTION!

The fallout search area and daybreak search, is required by the code.

Where fireworks are displayed at night, a **search of the fallout area** shall be made immediately after the display and **at first light the following morning** by the **operator or designated personnel** acceptable to the AHJ . 1123:8.2.12.3

Please see section #31 of the fireworks of the report

V/r

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Subject: RNC / Grucci fireworks final AHJ report

Attached Supt Reinbold. I highlighted a few items of interest in narrative near the end of the document.

Aside from the missed 20 day submittal deadline we advised early on we wanted inventory lists sent at least "24 hours" prior to bringing pyrotechnics to our property (I thought that was quite reasonable). They failed to comply with that written request. The daybreak sweep and commence clean up is not a code requirement but I believe was a permit condition. Either way Grucci states he was in the vicinity by 6am but was refused entry to NPS property by MPD. I find it unusual he didn't reach out to a permit monitor, Raul, and /or myself for assistance since he had no qualms calling when he wanted approvals to move forward.

Document attached. Please reach out with questions or concerns. I look forward to AAR for this permit.

Jim

Re_ [EXTERNAL] Questions re_ RNC Fireworks(1).pdf

From: [Litterst, Michael D](#)
To: mshuham@talkingpointsmemo.com
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Questions re: RNC Fireworks
Date: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 8:16:23 AM
Attachments: [20-1063 Republican National Committee permit_Redacted.pdf](#)

Matt:

A copy of the permit issued to the Republican National Committee for their fireworks display on Thursday is attached, provided as a routine use document under FOIA. For additional documentation, please make a formal FOIA request [online here](#).

With regards to the Hatch Act, the following is attributable to me:

"The National Park Service worked with our solicitors and ethics officials to ensure the fireworks display by the Republican National Committee was done in compliance of the Hatch Act and other applicable laws and policies. As with all special events on the National Mall, the organizers were required to get a permit to ensure public safety and the protection of park resources. Additionally, National Park Service employees do not participate in or appear at partisan political events at NPS units on duty or in uniform, unless their job requires them to provide logistical support or other services that would be provided for any other permitted event. And, per policy, the National Park Service will recover from the RNC all costs incurred as a result of the activity, including NPS administrative costs for permit preparation and management of the event, and monitoring of the activity to ensure compliance with the conditions of the permit."

Hope this helps,

Mike

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**From:** Matt Shuham  
**Sent:** Friday, August 28, 2020 10:59 AM  
**To:** News Media, NPS  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Questions re: RNC Fireworks

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Hello,

Can you provide all available documentation of the permitting process for the RNC fireworks show yesterday (Thursday) night? What steps were taken to ensure that NPS employees did not violate the Hatch Act? Who was responsible for putting on the fireworks show itself? Any comment in general?

Thank you very much,

Matt Shuham

Reporter, Talking Points Memo

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IN REPLY REFER TO

# United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

National Capital Region

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Washington, D.C. 20242

## PUBLIC GATHERING PERMIT

Permit: 20-1063

Date: August 24, 2020

In accordance with Park Regulations as contained in C.F.R., Title 36, Chapter 1, Section 7.96, permission is granted to conduct a public gathering to the following:

Person(s) and/or Organization(s): Republican National Committee

Dates(s): Monday, August 24, 2020

To: Saturday, August 29, 2020

Time: Starting: 8:00 am

Ending: 3:00 pm

Location(s):

Washington Monument Grounds-Southern Portion

Purpose: Aerial Fireworks Display

Anticipated Number or Participants: 50

Person(s) in Charge: Michelle Meadows

Address(es): (b) (6)

Phone Number: (202) 863-8638

On Site Aerial Fireworks Representatives: Phil Grucci (b) (6)

This permit is granted subject to the following conditions:

1. Permittee and all participants authorized therein must comply with all of the conditions of this permit and with all reasonable directions of the United States Park Police.
2. All sidewalks, walkways, and roadways must remain unobstructed to allow for the reasonable use of these areas by pedestrians, vehicles and other park visitors.

PERMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR READING AND ADHERING TO ATTACHED  
ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS.

**ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS****PERMIT #20-1063****REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION; WASHINGTON MONUMENT GROUNDS,  
SOUTHERN PORTION****AUGUST 24-AUGUST 29, 2020****Event Overview:** Aerial Fireworks Display**Event Contact Information:** Christopher Grucci, Logistics Manager, (b) (6)**NPS Site Coordinator:** Robbin Owen, 202-359-1458**Event Timeline:**

See the attached spreadsheets for complete timeline.

- Set up starts on: August 24
- Event: August 27
- Tear down complete: August 29

**Permit Authorization**

A. This permit authorizes the Republican National Convention and their contractor, Fireworks by Grucci (RNC/FBG) use of the Washington Monument Grounds, southern portion for this permitted activity. Permission is granted to RNC/FBG to commence load-in for the placement of any fireworks, porta-johns, trash dumpsters, support structures, and the erection of fencing:

1. RNC/FBG will submit to the NPS stamped engineered drawings for all structures, larger than 900 square feet for NPS review and approval.
2. The permittee(s) agrees to be fully responsible for the management, performance, use and safety within the permit area involved in this authorization until the work is completed, inspected, and accepted.

Stated Total of Participants: 50 staff

**B. Schedule of Events August 24 – August 29**

- Set up: Monday, August 24 – Thursday August 27, 7:00 am – 7:00 pm
- Event Day: Thursday, August 27, 11:30 pm – 11:35 pm
- Overnight security, August 24-26 7:00 pm -7:00 am daily  
8/28, 2:00 am – 7:00 am and 5:00 pm – 7:00 am, August 29

Program: Thursday, August 27, 11:30 pm – 11:35 pm



Load-Out: Friday, August 28, 7:00 am – 5:00 pm  
 Saturday, August 29, 7:00 am – 3:00 pm

**NOTE: See attached timeline. Tear down is not permitted after dark at 8:00 pm on Friday and Saturday, August 28 and August 29**

## **I. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT**

1. All activities pursuant to this permit shall be in compliance with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252; 42 U.S.C. 200d et seq.); Title V, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 394; 29 U.S.C. 794); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (89 Stat. 728; 42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.); and with all other Federal laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination on grounds of race, color, national origin, handicap, religion, or sex in employment and in providing facilities and services to the public. Nothing in advertising for employees shall be done which will prevent those covered by these laws from qualifying for employment.
2. Permittee and all participants authorized therein must comply with all of the conditions of this permit and with all reasonable directions of the United States Park Police and/or other representative of the NPS.
3. The area must be left in substantially the same conditions as it was prior to the activities authorized herein. All trash, debris, and litter resulting from activities of this permit shall not be allowed to accumulate and shall be bagged **in clear plastic bags** and placed in trash dumpsters provide by RNC/FBG.
4. All requests, correspondence and meetings with NPS pertaining to this permit shall be scheduled by RNC/FBG only. All contractors, subcontractors or consultants must channel their request through the recognized representatives of the permittee, who in turn, will contact NPS.
5. All laws, rules, and regulations applicable to the area covered by this permit remain in effect.
6. This permit is applicable only for the use of the area designated above, and during the times designated above, or as may be designated in written amendment to this permit.
7. In use of this area, the permittee shall require all employees and/or contractors to exercise all normal and reasonable safety precautions including observance of all applicable OSHA codes, to protect park property and to provide for public safety. Suitable devices such as barricades, fences, lanterns, etc., necessary for employee, public safety, and resource protection shall be provided by RNC/FBG shall be adequately maintained. Placement of such devices require the concurrence of the NPS.
8. All work performed as a result of the permitted use by the permittee or its agents shall be subject to the conditions of this permit, and the permittee is responsible for ensuring that such work meets the conditions of this permit.



9. All proposed amendments or additions to this permit and all proposed locations of vehicles, equipment, storage, installations of any kind, areas of activity, work and power plans shall be submitted to the NPS for prior written approval. These proposals shall be in map or diagram form suitable for on the ground inspection. Placement of tents, displays, and other detailed and specific site map will be provided to the NPS prior to installation of facilities.
  - a. Arrival schedules, equipment lists and vehicle lists must be provided in advance and all units in use in the park area must have specific approval by the NPS.
  - b. Permittee will provide an on-site coordinator to be accessible to the NPS and the United States Park Police (USPP) personnel at all times during construction or set-up activities and during dismantling of facilities post-event.
10. NPS reserves the right to immediately revoke this permit at any time should it reasonably appear that the activity presents present danger to the public safety, good order or health, or if any conditions of this permit are violated.
11. This permit may be amended upon final approval of the site plan, certified stamped engineered drawings, sign plan and timeline.
12. A copy of this permit shall be at the site during the use of the park area.

## **II. SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT**

### **1. Event Venues:**

- A. Washington Monument Grounds, southern portion

Set-up will include the following: Fireworks, fencing, dumpster, and tents. A complete equipment list must be provided for the permit.

**See attached diagram**

### **2. Resource Protection:**

Throughout the course of this permit, the RNC/FBG, is responsible for taking all necessary precautions to minimize resource damage throughout the permitted area. In addition, permittee must supervise their contractors and employees during set-up and teardown to assure that there is no damage to park resources. RNC/FBG must have a representative on site during set up and tear down of equipment to monitor the vendors.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 7.96(g)(5)(vi)(C), 2.31(a)(2),(3) the destruction, defacement, damaging, alteration, or removal of park resources or facilities is prohibited. No item, including signs or banners, may be attached to park trees, plantings, benches, statues, walls, fences, or other park property.

To protect the resources, stands and other facilities approved for placement on the grass and walkways, outside of any restricted zones, must be supported by pre-approved, hard interlocking plastic material. Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.

No excavation or disturbance of park features or landscape shall be permitted under this permit without written approval of NPS.

When heavy equipment vehicles (forklifts/cranes, etc.) are used to move equipment, permittee must provide spotters in the front and rear of the heavy equipment vehicle to insure safety of pedestrians and workers.

Throughout the course of this permit, RNC/FBG will require its employees/volunteers, and contractors, to exercise special care and attention to protect the resources of parkland and its environs. In addition, RNC/FBG must supervise their contractors and employees during set-up and teardown to assure that there is no damage to park resources.

### **Landscapes:**

Lawn, trees, shrubs, and the irrigation system, curbs, electric conduits, and water mains located within the permitted area, shall be protected from adverse impacts associated with event activities.

Heavy Equipment Near Trees and Shrubs: The use of any heavy equipment (crane, back hoe, etc.) placed under or near trees or shrubs is prohibited.

Turf Protection: For the purpose of protection, any area not paved must follow the O & M Turf Manual. No heavy equipment (cranes, backhoes, etc.), vehicles or stock piling of materials is permitted on turf areas.

The use of vehicles, heavy cranes, backhoes, etc are not allowed on the turf sections of parkland.

The temporary covering of turf for this event must be provided by the permittee for the permitted areas. Use of this ground cover allows for pedestrian walkways, temporary flooring, structure, and support, with special permission from NPS.

Permittee is must secure products such as Terraplas, Terratile and Matrax LD or equal that is ADA-compliant, interlocking mats that are translucent and allow UV light to pass through to the grass below. The products must either be perforated or ribbed, allowing for ventilation and some moisture access to the turf below. Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.

### **Site Furnishings:**

Permittee may not move or otherwise harm existing site furnishings, including but not limited to posts and chains, benches, waste receptacles, and drinking fountains. No attachments may be made to, pass through, or be affixed to existing site furnishings.



Additional temporary site furnishings may be provided by the Permittee; however, these furnishings must meet the guidelines set forth in this document. No permanent installation of site furnishings is permitted.

All necessary precautions as deemed necessary by the NPS shall be taken to prevent damage to underground utilities, and sprinkler systems located throughout the area. Any utilities damage by this work shall be promptly repaired. The sprinkler system plan will be clearly marked on-site by the National Park Service.

### **Hard Surfaces:**

Temporary protection of all hard surfaces affected by the construction or erection of staging elements, sound towers, camera equipment, cranes, lighting structures, miscellaneous equipment, or scaffolding must be provided. All protective pads or cushioning devices shall be non-staining.

**Oil or Hydraulic Fluid Leaks:** Temporary protection of hard surfaces shall be used where motorized vehicles are operating to avoid oil and/or hydraulic fluid leaks. Should a leak of this type occur, the permit holder shall be held liable for clean-up, at no expense to the NPS.

### **Structures:**

To protect the turf areas, it is strongly encouraged that structures be placed on the Washington Monument grounds hardscape areas where it would not impact the turf. The NPS may allow under permit the use of turf areas, however, if the structure and its equipment use the turf protection measures as detailed throughout this permit. All structures must minimize all points that come in contact with the turf.

All structures must be able to withstand a minimum wind gust of 30 mph and follow the High Wind Action Plan below.

1. The High Wind Action Plan shall be in effect for the entirety of this event.
2. RNC/FBG is responsible for a designated representative to be present for the duration of this event to implement the High Wind Action Plan.
3. An Anemometer shall be placed on the roof of the stage structure to monitor wind speeds.
4. Noted wind speeds are 3 second gusts in accordance with ASCE 7.
5. **When wind speeds are expected to exceed 25 MPH, RNC/FBG will place crews on alert.**
6. **When wind speeds are expected to exceed 30 MPH, all sidewall scrim shall be removed.**  
All video walls and large speaker clusters/delay towers shall be lowered to the ground and secured.  
Lowering of scrim or equipment shall be done from the ground by means of remotely activated equipment such as motors or mechanical releases.
7. **When wind speeds are expected to exceed 40 MPH, all event operations shall cease and the immediate area shall be evacuated.**
8. Do not lower stage system, video walls, large speaker/delay towers during high wind events.
9. The High Wind Action Plan shall be posted at a conspicuous area on site. It must be available at all times to venue operators and crew.



All structures must follow the guidelines below and adhere to National Fire Protection Association codes.

Any temporary structure exceeding over 900 square feet require the submission of engineered drawings stamped by a structural engineer licensed in the United States. Drawings should include tent support lines identified by flagging.

Structures on the turf should be on a raiser with as few points as possible touching the turf. Each point that does touch the turf should have Enkamat Flatback<sup>8</sup> or equal product and plywood pads under all points as outlined:

Each screw jack should have a wooden pad and two layers of Enkamat Flatback<sup>1</sup> or equal product, eighteen inches square (18"x18")

Concrete pads should have four (4) layers of Enkamat Flatback or equal product  
Under each concrete tower pad two (2) layers of plywood

All screws and fasteners used in the construction of structures should be policed during the build and retained during removal. Screws and fasteners should be made of a non-aluminum metal, enabling a post-event magnet sweep to ensure all pieces are removed from the site.

**Tents:** To protect the turf, tents should be located on hardscape surfaces including gravel, asphalt, concrete, granite, wood, etc. tents and other similar structures must be secured using cement blocks and/or water-filled ballast tanks. No stakes are permitted on hardscape surfaces.

Non-freezing, no-staining liquid approved by the NPS (water treated with bio-degradable antifreeze) in plastic containers shall be used as weighing elements. No sand bags are permitted for this purpose.

At takedown, all water filled ballast tanks must be pumped to the nearest catch basin (located within the curbs) or to the area drains located throughout the hardscape. Tanks may not be drained into the turf or pumped in gravel areas. This prevents creation of muddy puddles and soft areas in the turf and also limits runoff of gravel into area drains.

Footnote 8 Enkamat Flatback is a unique product designed for turf grass protection. Enkamat's tightly interwoven flat upper layer can withstand the weight of thousands of people and staging equipment. Enkamat is a three-dimensional geomatrix of highly resilient, nylon monofilaments which are fused where they intersect. Ninety percent (90%) of the geomatrix is open space which allows for air and rain to pass freely through to the turf below. Enkamat comes in standard sizes of 39"x150' and 15'X150' and can be cut onsite into any shape or size.

**If approval is granted by NPS,** no tent stakes may penetrate the ground surface by more than 18 inches. Use of stakes longer than this requires coordination through the Turf Management Specialist, National Mall & Memorial Parks, at (202) 245-4685. Permittee must hire an independent contractor to survey the grounds with radar penetrating equipment to map all utilities prior to any staking.

Tents must be constructed of fire retardant material. A certificate of fire retardant material must be provided as confirmation to the NPS

Tents should be placed at least 5 to 10 feet apart.

### **Stages, Lighting, and Audio & AV Towers:**

Stages, lighting trusses, video walls/screens and any scaffold towers used to support them must be constructed to conform to architectural plans stamped by a licensed structural engineer. Permittee is responsible for installing a barricade, bike rack and/or fencing around all lighting, audio and AV towers to secure them from the general public.

If authorized by permit stages may only have skirting on the audience-facing area and only during the event, to allow maximum light and air to reach the turf, thereby limiting damage.

### **Fencing:**

Any fencing or other physical barriers planned for the event must be shown on the site plan and called out by type.

Fencing must be designed in such a way that it does not prevent safe egress from the event. Permittee must provide public access to the area until fireworks are loaded in.

Fencing located on turf areas may not be staked into the ground unless authorized by permit. If authorized, stakes must be no longer than eighteen inches (18") driven into the ground. Stakes must avoid all underground pipes and fixtures. In the event chain linked fencing is used, security barbed wire is prohibited.

Concrete barriers (such as jersey barriers) are permitted only on hardscape areas.

Tree protection fencing may be required as a condition of the permit.

### **Evening Work:**

Evening work may be conducted for both load in and load out periods with prior permission by the Superintendent. For work conducted during evening hours a portable lighting system is required. In addition all motor vehicles including golf cart(s) must have lights. Generally night work is not allowed after 10:00 pm and prior to 6:00 am.

**Structures on Turf Panels:** To protect the turf, neither structures nor parking or operation of equipment is permitted on turf. Event vehicles of any kind (delivery, cranes, forklifts, golf carts, trailers, exhibit trailers, etc.) are not allowed on turf or surrounding curbs. To accommodate use for the event and to protect against compaction and plant damage, turf protection, the use of matting that holds itself and any added loads such as foot traffic, above the crown of the grass blades, and does not sink into the ground is required.



Laying roadway surfaces on the Washington Monument grounds is prohibited without NPS approval in advance.

Turf protection flooring must be light weight, able to be carried and set in place without vehicular assistance.

Products such as Terraplas, or equal, must be ADA-compliant, with interlocking mats that are translucent and allow UV light to pass through to the grass below and perforated or ribbed to allow for ventilation and some moisture access to the turf below. The use of plywood for this purpose is strictly prohibited. Specific material used must be approved in advance by NPS.

No carpet or other obstructions to turf covering holes will be allowed.

Driving stakes and/or grounding rods into the turf is prohibited without the approval of the NPS.

**Structures Under/Around Trees:** To minimize soil compaction and to protect the continued health of the trees, neither structures nor parking or operation of equipment, is permitted within any tree canopy (root zone) area or in any of the Tree areas. This includes but is not limited to stages, booths, audio/visual towers, tents and lighting. As a condition of the permit, the Permittee may be required to install tree-protection fencing.

**Walkways:** To protect the resources, stages, stands and other facilities approved for placement on any walkway, must be supported by 1 inch, professional, outdoor grade plywood or similar material.  
*Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.*

### **Crate Storage and Bone Yards :**

Crate storage, bone yards and staging areas are prohibited on parkland. They must be located off-site

### **Site Access:**

*Extreme* caution must be exercised when driving on the sidewalks. Pedestrian access must be maintained at all times, however, if for safety reasons, an area has to be temporarily closed to the public,

**Except when being driven on established public vehicular roadways: Logistical equipment and vehicles, forklifts including gas and electric carts, must not exceed 5-mph. All trucks with a GVW of over 7500 pounds, and equipment such as bucket trucks, platform lifts, forklifts, and cranes, must be accompanied by a walking spotter when moving or operating in an area accessible to the public.**

Vehicles must have headlights on while in motion. All individuals operating Golf Carts/gators on NPS property must have a Valid Driver's License. All Golf Carts/gators operating after dusk, must have fixed and/or portable illumination.

Parking of Permittee(s) employee's or subcontractors private vehicles for conduct of this permit's activities, in tree panels and/or on turf or walkway areas is prohibited.



RNC/DBG must receive prior, written approval from the NPS/USPP if traffic is to be blocked at any time during preparation for, during the course of, and after a special event or demonstration (at any location in the immediate vicinity of the National Mall). If District of Columbia streets are to be blocked, the appropriate authorities must be notified as well.

All pathways and roadways must remain open and unobstructed. A minimum twenty foot (20') drive aisle must remain open at all times for emergency vehicle egress. No temporary or permanent structures may be located within the egress lane. The egress drive aisle must be called out on the site plan.

Submittal Requirements: A plan of how the site will be approached and how traffic will be controlled is required for logistical vehicles that are delivering and/or removing temporary equipment and supplies. In this submittal, information documenting the path of vehicular traffic in and around the roadways of the National Mall during preparation for, during the course of, and after all activities associated with the event, is required. Rules and regulations for District of Columbia streets also shall be observed. Signs directing vehicular and pedestrian traffic shall be furnished, with text and locations of signs indicated on the plan.

Deliveries and removal of materials shall occur so as not to adversely affect daily operations of NPS Concessioners and monuments and memorials in and around the National Mall. No deliveries shall be made after hours without prior, written approval from the NPS.

**Vehicular access to turf areas will only be permitted per conditions listed below:**

Driving within any Level 1 turf areas is strictly prohibited. Only hardscape areas can be used.

Driving directly on all turf and tree areas is prohibited. The temporary interlocking protective material supports shall be installed over plazas, and walkway areas for the ingress and egress of all vehicles/units or heavy equipment by RNC/DBG. **Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.**

Parking of Permittee(s) employee's or subcontractors private vehicles for conduct of this permit's activities on parkland is prohibited. Permittee must arrange for parking of employee and contractor vehicles off parkland.

**3. Trash/Recycling Maintenance:**

A. RNC/DBG will be responsible for providing card board trash receptacles for collection and disposal of all trash, debris, and litter resulting from the use of the permitted area, including a recycling program. Trash shall not be allowed to accumulate and shall be continually and promptly bagged in **clear plastic bags** and removed from the site. The location and placement of any litter containers must be coordinated with the NPS.

**Recycling:**

The permittee is required to collect and transport to a certified recycling center, commingled cans and bottles (aluminum and bimetal cans and plastic bottles), plastic, and aluminum materials generated from the permitted activity off park land.

The permittee shall furnish all management, supervision, labor, equipment, materials, supplies and any other items necessary to perform the recycling service of their permitted event. Work includes providing labor, proper equipment, collection and transport of generated recycled items, as well as providing records on the recycled material to NPS.

Permittee must submit the trash and recycling plan and have it approved prior to set up.

#### **4. Electricity and Generator Usage:**

No electricity available on site. RNC/FBG may provide their own gasoline and/or solar powered generator(s) to provide power if needed. Generators will be installed in accordance with the site plan, D.C. Fire Department guidelines, and safely installed per manufacturer requirements. The fueling/refueling of gasoline powered generators on parkland is prohibited\*. The storage of additional fuel is prohibited.

At a minimum, for hand carted generators, 1" professional outdoor grade plywood, or similar material must be placed underneath the generator to protect the underlying surfaces from potential weight and vibration damage and fluid leakage. Generators must be encased with a secondary drip containment unit.

Tow plant generator(s) and light tower(s) must have an internal secondary drip containment unit and/or placed in self-adsorbent, fire retardant containment troughs and be fenced in or closed in with bike rack.

All wires must be covered by mats and/or yellow jackets to prevent tripping hazards. The cord must be in good condition, of sufficient gauge to accommodate the electrical load of equipment and must be properly grounded.

**A Fire extinguisher must be within 15 feet of generator(s) and light tower(s)**

**\*Refueling of generators:** Refueling of the gasoline generators will be permitted pursuant to the following conditions:

Refueling will only be allowed on dates and times agreed upon in advance with the NPS- generally, (05:00 a.m.-08:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. (midnight)).

The following materials must be placed on the ground during refueling:

Plastic tarp

Absorbent material on top of tarp

Drip pan under fueling nozzle

Spill containment material or absorbent booms or pads must be stored at each generator location

55-gallon drum labeled hazardous material must be placed alongside of each generator. Should spillage occur the absorbent material must be placed in these barrels.

Contractor will be responsible for removing the barrels off of park property

Contractor will be responsible for any damage to the park's resources as a result of the refueling.



In case of spill please contact DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services at 911 and National Mall & Memorial Parks' Chief of Maintenance at (202) 359-1551.

The storage of fuel on parkland, in trailers, next to generators and at other NPS locations is strictly prohibited.

RNC/FBG will be responsible for any damages to park resources resulting from the re-fueling.

The spillage of deleterious substances such as engine oil, gasoline, etc. is prohibited. In the event of such an occurrence, NPS and USPP must be notified immediately.

All cables, power lines, etc. shall be run in an orderly manner and contained in matted yellow jackets that provide for safety and accessibility. No power lines can be strung between trees. All temporary electrical service wiring must be covered by mats and/or high-visibility Yellow Jacket™, or equivalent item, so as not to create a tripping hazard or navigation barrier to handicapped individuals. The cord must be in good condition, of sufficient gauge to accommodate the electrical load of the equipment and must be properly grounded.

Bike rack must be placed around all generators, as well as light and sound towers.

##### **5. Overnight Security/Camping:**

RNC/FBG is responsible for providing UNARMED overnight security. Coordinate security with Sgt. Eddie Burnett or Sgt. Zakiyyah Mahasin U. S. Park Police at 202-610-7092.

Sleeping overnight in park areas, including in any tents by employees or subcontractors workmen is prohibited. Camping is defined as the use of the park land for living accommodation purposes such as sleeping activities, or making preparations to sleep (including the laying down or bedding for the purpose of sleeping), or storing personal belongings, or making any fire, or using any tents or shelter or other structure or vehicle for sleeping or doing any digging or earth breaking or carrying on cooking activities. The above-listed activities constitute camping when it reasonably appears, in light of all the circumstances that the participants, in conducting these activities, are in fact using the area as a living accommodation regardless of the intent of the participants or the nature of any other activities in which they may also be engaging.

##### **6. Safety:**

RNC/FBG is required to meet OSHA guidelines regarding employee/subcontractor work schedules. No employee/subcontractor is to work no more than 10 hours within a 24 hour period. Any work required beyond the 10 hour limitation will need to be requested to the NPS in advance for review and approval by the Superintendent, National Mall & Memorial Parks.

An authorized RNC/FBG official must be assigned for on-site supervision each day of the event for load-in and load-out. NPS and USPP will also be assigned to monitor and to provide for public safety. All instructions given by authorized NPS or USPP personnel must be obeyed promptly.

Any movement by heavy equipment such as forklifts and cranes must be accompanied by spotters in the front and rear of the piece of equipment at all times. In the event cranes are used, the gravel walk must be secured and pedestrians directed to other available walkways.

Failure to comply with all terms and conditions of this permit may constitute grounds for cancellation of the permit and immediate termination of the event.

**7. Portable Toilets/Comfort facilities:**

- A. Adequate portable restroom facilities shall be installed by RNC/FBG for employee and public use. These units shall be placed in "low profile" locations approved by NPS. The National Park Service recommends one portable restroom facility for every 300 participants with 20% of those facilities wheelchair accessible.

**8. Security:**

RNC/FBG will be responsible for providing unarmed security for any equipment left unattended at any given time and/or overnight on parkland. Individual(s) must be properly identified. Security will begin on the first day of set-up and continue through the final day of tear down.

In addition, during the hours of load-in and load-out, RNC/FBG will be required to provide an adequate number of security personnel to assist with pedestrian and vehicle movement on the walkways.

Meetings with the RNC/FBG, the United States Park Police and the National Park Service, Permits Management Office have been held to coordinate and finalize the security plan for this event.

**9. Credentials**

All staff, volunteers, artists/participants, press, VIPs, and vendors involved this event will be issued credentials. The credentials will identify the person by name and category to include the event logo.

Colored copies of all credentials will be provided to USPP in advance of the event.

**10. Water and Food:**

RNC/FBG will be responsible for providing adequate bottled water to accommodate those attending this event.

Guest Services, Inc. and/or RGI will provide food and water for sale at their permanent food kiosks.

Permittee may provide food to their staff. All public health rules and guidelines must be followed at all times.

**11. Sales of Merchandise/Solicitation of Donations:**

Permittee is responsible for adhering to item #4, last page of permit concerning sales. Permittee states no sales nor soliciting of donations will take place.



## 12. Sound Amplification:

Special attention is drawn to item #7, last page of permit concerning sound amplification.

## 13. Signs, Banners, and Commercial Advertising and Sponsor Recognition:

NPS regulations generally prohibit Federal parkland from being used for business solicitation or for the advertisement or promotion of commercial brands, products, and services. As such, no commercial notices and advertisements shall be placed, posted or distributed at the event. Further, no structures representing commercial products, or models or replications of commercial products or merchandise may be displayed.

Further consistent with long-standing NPS policy now under Public Law 108-108, Title I, § 145, special event permits will expressly prohibit the erection, placement, or use of structures and signs bearing commercial advertising. However, a permit may issued that authorizes the recognition of sponsors of special events, if the National Park Service determines that the size and form of the recognition is consistent with the special nature and sanctity of the National Mall or any other requested park area, and if the lettering or design identifying the sponsor is no larger than one-third the size of the lettering or design identifying the special event. Further, to the maximum extent practicable for such special events, public use of and access to the National Mall and other parkland is not restricted.

The permittee shall submit a sign plan for NPS review and approval. Any request seeking NPS approval for sponsor recognition must be submitted to the NPS at least 30 days prior to the proposed event, and depicted on the sign plan. If approved by the National Park Service, sponsor recognition will be authorized within the terms of the special event permit. Authorized sponsor recognition must be in keeping with the NPS policy, regulations, and law, and be appropriate to the scale and theme of the special event. Further, the overall size, number, and design of any signs or banners shall be appropriate to the park setting and the lettering or design identifying the sponsor must be no larger than one-third the size of the lettering or design identifying the special event. Signs and banners may not be affixed to existing trees or other NPS facilities or structures.

Distribution or give aways of any commercial product is limited to only those that may be consumed on the event site such as juices or popcorn. Soliciting personal information such as names, addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, zip codes, etc. or any other information which may be used for future solicitation, or marketing purposes is strictly prohibited. **A list of all giveaway items will be provided to the NPS for approval.**

Permittee will be responsible for assuring that sponsors adhere to the law regarding commercial advertising, promotion and signage (see conditions above)

No commercial displays, promotions, coupon give-a-ways or advertising permitted on park land.

#### 14. **Protection of the Public and General Welfare:**

Bike rack and chain link fence shall be erected by RNC/DBG to contain the event areas and provide Necessary resource protection, security and buffer zones. The permittee(s) is responsible for encircling generators with fence and/or bike rack.

#### 15. **Media:**

##### **SAT/Microwave Trucks**

Cameras, equipment, crew, and participants in this filming may not be situated on sidewalks, paths, or roadways that prohibit the passage of pedestrians and/or vehicles. No equipment may be attached and/or affixed to any plant materials (i.e. trees and shrubs) or structures. Running cables thru trees is prohibited.

No exclusive use of the area is permitted and the area must remain open to the general public at all times. This filming may in no way impede or prevent public access to the area.

No reserved parking for "crew vehicles" is permitted. .

No electrical service is available. The use of a portable, hand carted, generator, to be provided by the Permittee, is permitted. Plywood or a similar material must be placed beneath the generator to protect the turf.

Cabling across entrances and handicapped accessible ramps must be ADA approved and cannot impair or prevent access. All cables must be covered to prevent tripping hazards.

16. Glass bottles, balloons and confetti is not allowed on park land.

#### 17. **Aerial Display:**

Permittee must following adhere to established guidelines and safety standards. The following must be provided to the NPS Incident Commander and NPS Fire Marshall:

- Fireworks Display Map
- Fireworks Inventory
- Fireworks Safety Plan
- Fireworks Scope of Work
- Pyrotechnic Certificate of Liability Insurance to include liability to the Federal Government and the District of Columbia
- Pyrotechnic Technician Licenses/certificates
- Pyrotechnic Truck Driver Licenses/certificates
- Pyrotechnic Assistants ID information
- NPS Matrix Deck Plan

PLEASE NOTE: No fireworks on NPS lands without first providing an inventory to NPS Fire Marshall, 24 hours in advance. In addition fence will need to be placed around the tubes and racks before they being building, per NFPA code requirement.



Equipment List:

- Three (3) Forklifts with non-marking tires
- One (1) shooting boom forklift with non-marking tires
- One (1) 12'x12' canopy tent on the hardscape directly in front of the Sylvan Theater
- One (1) 30 yard dumpster on Sylvan Theater hardscape
- Three (3) portable restroom on the east side of the Sylvan Theater hardscape

- A. Fireworks will be delivered on site with US Park Police escort at approved designed times.
- B. NPS-NCA AHJ will conduct daily Aerial Fireworks Display Inspections. Fireworks by Grucci must provide an onsite representative to meet with NPS-NCR AHJ.
- C. Once on site the area must be secured by bike rack and chain link if needed. Security personnel must be provided onsite while building tubes to load.
- D. Permittee is responsible for any damages attributed to the fireworks including but not limited to turf damage, statuary, burn marks, tire marks and roadway damage. Permittee must clean up and remove any debris associated with fireworks display include sweeper cleaning of Constitution and Independence Avenues.
- E. Permittee is responsible for ensuring the proper resource protection measures are followed as outlined by this permit including approved flooring. To protect the exposed aggregate from the steel rack system the permittee must lay down a minimum of:
  - ¾" piece of plywood on top of the pallet additional
  - ½" piece of plywood on top with an additional cross section of 2x6 lumber over it
- F. All fireworks displays or use of pyrotechnics shall be approved by the NPS-NCA AHJ and shall meet NFPA 1123: Code for Fireworks Display, NFPA 1124: Code for the Manufacture, Transportation, and Storage of Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Article, NFPA 1126: Use of Pyrotechnics Before a Proximate Audience, and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration OSHA, standards.
- G. Fireworks drawing plans, fireworks inventory list, along with technician and assistant, certifications, including; name, title and DOB of staff who will performing the fireworks display, shall be provided to the NPS-NCR Authority Having Jurisdiction, AHJ, at least 10 working days for review and approval.
- H. The aerial display shall be delayed, stopped or postponed immediately if 1123:8.1.4.1 and 1123:8.1.4.2:
  1. Wind/Weather-lightning in immediate area, approaching storm front.
  2. Inadequate/Loss of Crowd Control
  3. Loss of trajectory
  4. Unsafe practices

- I. The NCA Fireworks Permit shall be issued pending successful fireworks site inspection by the NPS NCA AHJ or designee and DC Fire EMS .
- J. Contact Sgt. Eddie Burnett, or Sgt. Zakiyyah Mahasin ,United States Park Police, at (202) 610-7092, with questions concerning police procedures or logistics.
- K. No vehicle larger than a flatbed truck and a 26 foot box truck can enter the Washington Monument Grounds. Vehicles cannot travel more than 5 MPH. Spotters must be located in the front and in the back of the vehicle. No parking will be allowed of any box truck or flat bed truck on the Washington Monument grounds. Fireworks by Grucci must contact the U.S. Park Police for vehicle Access passes onto the Washington Monument grounds. Three (3) NPS parking passes will be issued to park behind Sylvan Theater. No overnight parking will be allowed.

#### Vehicles Parking Behind Sylvan Theater

- One (1) pick up truck
- One (1) ten passenger van
- One (1) seven passenger suv

#### Timeline:

8/24-8/26 7:00 am – 7:00 pm  
 8/27 8:00 am – 3:00 am, 8/28  
 8/28 7:00 am – 5:00 pm  
 8/29 7:00 am – 3:00 pm

The Sylvan Theater access road off Independence Avenue cannot be blocked at any time. The roadway is for emergency access only.

Entry/Exit for the Washington Monument will be from off Independence Avenue, westbound on the Sylvan Theater access roadway and off 17<sup>th</sup> Street on the west side, north and south center walkways (see attached diagram). All vehicle movement on 17<sup>th</sup> Street and Independence Avenue must be under the direction of the U. S. Park Police. Contact Sgt. Eddie Burnett or Sgt. Zakiyyah Mahasin, 202-610-7092.

- L. The use of any forklift on the plaza inside the circle of flags is limited to weight of 15,000 pounds or less. Forklifts, a total of four (4; 3 regular and one with a boom) must have non-marking tires. Driving over any lights around the Monument is strictly prohibited as well as near any marble benches. Delivery of any equipment including forklifts cannot take place prior to Monday, August 24. Grucci can deliver to the Sylvan Theater backstage area prior to morning rush hour which starts at 6:00 am. U. S. Park Police must be on site to assist with traffic control both for unloading and loading. In addition of equipment and no deliveries and pick up can take place during posted rush hours 6:00 am – 9:30 am and 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm, Monday through Friday.
- M. No items may be brought on site that has not been authorized. If any unauthorized equipment/items are found on site, permit may be revoked and the event cancelled.



### **PENDING DOCUMENTATION as of 8/24/20**

- A. Fireworks inventory list, 24 hours prior to each fireworks truck arrival.
- B. Pyrotechnician and assistants list is pending ATF background check approval
- C. Provide DC Fire and EMS contract document of fire department units and staff providing suppression assistance on August 27, 2020.
- D. Any tent use approval, need to meet NFPA 701 compliance. Permittee must provide NFPA 701 fire retardant certificate or photo copy of the fire retardant label attached to the tent material, in accordance with the "NCA Fire and Life Safety Temporary Events Policy".

Permittee must provide all items prior to load in.

### **18. Alcoholic Beverages:**

The possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages is generally prohibited.

### **19. Sound Amplification:**

Special attention is drawn to item #7, last page of permit, concerning sound amplification.

### **20. Glass Bottles:**

No glass bottles and/or containers are permitted on parkland

### **21. First Aid/Medical Services:**

All medical and First Aid provided must comply with the National Capital Area Medical Director protocols.

RNC/FBG is responsible for providing First Aid services on-site. The NPS adheres to the District of Columbia Department of Fire & Emergency Medical Services guidelines established according to the number of people anticipated at an event. The following guidelines, established according to the number of people anticipated at an event, will ensure that appropriate medical coverage is provided throughout the event:

- 1-1,999: The Permittee may rely on 911
- 2,000 – 9,999: The Permittee should have a fixed First Aid site with certified/licensed personnel, who will remain on site throughout the event.
- 10,000 – 20,000: The Permittee should have one fixed First Aid site with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event and a Basic Life Support Ambulance (licensed in the District of Columbia) who will transport patients to an appropriate medical facility.
- 20,000 – 30,000: The Permittee should have one fixed First Aid site with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event, a licensed Basic Life Support Ambulance and a Licensed Advanced Life Support Unit (D. C. Fire & EMS has the only certificate of need to provide on-scene paramedic services in the District of Columbia).

- 30,000 – 50,000: The Permittee should have two fixed First Aid sites with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event, two Basic Life Support Units and one Advanced Life Support Unit (both licensed in the District of Columbia).
- 50,000 – 60,000: The Permittee should have two fixed First Aid sites with certified/licensed personnel who will remain on site throughout the event, two Basic Life Support Units and two Advanced Life Support Units (both licensed in the District of Columbia).
- Events exceeding 60,000 participants: The Permittee is required to have emergency medical services personnel from D. C. Fire & EMS as well as the Department of Health on site for the appropriate provision of first aid and/or emergency medical services.

## 22. Sales/Solicitation:

Special attention is drawn to item #4, last page of this permit concerning fees collected and donations solicited on parkland.

## 23. Accessibility:

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) applies to temporary services, programs, and activities. Temporary facilities and structures must comply with the ADA Standards.

Policies and operations for the event must meet the nondiscrimination requirements of the ADA, including, but not limited to provision of accessible parking, routes through site, food service, toilet, facilities, and assembly seating.

RNC/FBG is responsible for providing auxiliary aids and services as requested. RNC/FBG is responsible for providing promotional material explaining how the public can request a particular auxiliary aid or service and be informed of when specific auxiliary aids and services may be available for all Presidential Inaugural Ceremonies held on parkland.

Service animals, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), are permitted under proper supervision. The ADA defines a service animal as any guide dog, signal dog, or other animal individually trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability. If they meet this definition, animals are considered service animals under the ADA regardless of whether they have been licensed or certified by a state or local government.

RNC/FBG must consider elements of accessibility when designing the layout of the event. Potential items for inclusion are:

- Addition of temporary curb ramps where needed to provide an accessible route
- Location of structures and tents along an accessible route
- Provision of auxiliary aids and services
- Provision of and an accessible route from transit stops to the event location
- Provision of tactile braille signage
- Provision of portable wheelchair lifts to access stages or other elevated areas.



24. **Adverse Weather Policy:**

When there is a threat to public health or safety, the Superintendent and/or his/or her designee, may close the park or an event being held there for such duration as determined necessary to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the public. Such situations have occasionally occurred in the past where park areas have been closed due to severe weather warning of heavy rain and thunderstorms with lightning and high winds. Where an area is ordered closed due to a weather-related public safety threat, pursuant to 36 CFR 2.32(2) people must comply with official directions to leave the closed area and relocate to safer sheltered locations.

Closing or canceling an event is a last resort. However, while most events will be held despite the weather, RNC/DBG is responsible for providing updated information in the event schedules and drop-off points may change. **If a weather emergency is declared, programs may be closed early or canceled.**

25. Prior to load in of fireworks, permittee must provide openings in the fencing for visitor access.

**PERMITTEE MUST READ AND ADHERE TO THE "FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR OUTDOOR EVENTS AND TENT USE" AT ALL TIMES. IN ADDITION, FIREWORKS BY GRICCI, MUST PROVIDE ALL DOCUMENTATION AND SAFETY INFORMATION FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL TO THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA FIRE AND SAFETY OFFICERS/FIRE MARSHAL. FIREWORKS BY GRICCI MUST FOLLOW ALL FIRE AND SAFETY GUIDANCES PROVIDED BY THE FIRE AND SAFETY OFFICERS/FIRE MARSHAL. ANY VIOLATIONS OF THESE GUIDELINES AND FIRE AND SAFETY PROCEDURES IS SUBJECT TO REVOCATION OF THIS PERMIT.**

Please see attached schedule and diagrams.

26. **The following will be made available to the RNC/DBG Incident Command Unit**

- All Site Diagrams
- Equipment List
- Production Schedule/Time line
- Access Locations
- Security Plan
- Communications Plan
- Medical Plan
- Media Plan
- Sanitation Plan
- Safe Haven Plan
- Severe Weather Plan
- Vendor List

**A COMPLETE AND LEGIBLE COPY OF THIS PERMIT MUST BE RETAINED ON-SITE AT ALL TIMES WHILE OPERATING UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED**

Republican National Convention Fireworks Performance - Washington DC  
August 27th, 2020  
Product Description and Count, Fireworks by Grucci, Inc.  
Rev01 - 2020-08-23



WASHINGTON MONUMENT PRODUCT COUNTS

| QNT  | SIZE | Description                   |
|------|------|-------------------------------|
| 608  | 2"   | Comets                        |
| 117  | 3"   | Comets                        |
| 1650 | 3"   | Aerial Shells                 |
| 400  | 4"   | Aerial Shells                 |
| 260  | 5"   | Aerial Shells                 |
| 316  | 6"   | Aerial Shells                 |
| 45   | 45mm | Roman Candles                 |
| 45   | MSB  | Multi-Shot Boxes              |
| 45   | 30mm | Multi Shot Single Row Devices |
| 3597 | 40mm | One Shot Comets/Mines         |
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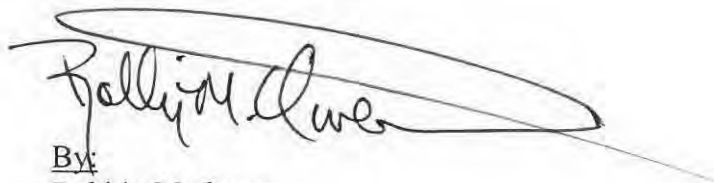


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3. All laws, rules and regulations applicable to the area covered by this permit remain in effect.
4. No fee may be collected, donation solicited, or commercial activity conducted. No items may be sold or offered for sale except for books, newspapers, leaflets, pamphlets, buttons, and bumper stickers which contain a message related to your demonstration or special event. No other merchandise may be sold or offered for sale. A stand or structure used for the sale of permitted items may not exceed one table per site, which may be no larger than 2 ½ feet by 8 feet or 4 feet by 4 feet. The dimensions of the sales site may not exceed 6 feet wide by 15 feet long by 6 feet high.
5. The area should be left in substantially the same condition as it was prior to the activities authorized herein, and all litter shall be placed in the trash containers provided.
6. This permit is applicable only for the use of the area designated above, and during the times designated above, or in any area as may hereafter be designated by the United States Park Police.
7. The use of sound amplification equipment, other than hand-portable sound amplification equipment to be used for crowd control purposes only, is prohibited on the White House Sidewalk (South 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., sidewalk between East Executive Avenue and West Executive Avenue). All sound amplification equipment shall be limited so that it will not unreasonably disturb nonparticipating persons in, or in the vicinity of, the area.
8. The National Park Service reserves the right to immediately revoke this permit at any time should it reasonably appear that the public gathering presents a clear and present danger to the public safety, good order or health, or if any conditions of this permit are violated

Lisa Mendelson  
Acting Area Director  
National Capital Area

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By:  
Robbin M. Owen  
Chief, Division of Permits Management  
National Mall & Memorial Parks

Re\_ [EXTERNAL] Questions re\_ RNC Fireworks.pdf

**From:** [Matt Shuham](#)  
**To:** [Litterst, Michael D](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Questions re: RNC Fireworks  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 1, 2020 9:21:29 AM

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Much appreciated Mike, thank you,  
Matt Shuham  
Reporter, Talking Points Memo  
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On Tue, Sep 1, 2020 at 10:17 AM Litterst, Michael D <[Mike\\_Litterst@nps.gov](mailto:Mike_Litterst@nps.gov)> wrote:

Matt:

A copy of the permit issued to the Republican National Committee for their fireworks display on Thursday is attached, provided as a routine use document under FOIA. For additional documentation, please make a formal FOIA request [online here](#).

With regards to the Hatch Act, the following is attributable to me:

"The National Park Service worked with our solicitors and ethics officials to ensure the fireworks display by the Republican National Committee was done in compliance of the Hatch Act and other applicable laws and policies. As with all special events on the National Mall, the organizers were required to get a permit to ensure public safety and the protection of park resources. Additionally, National Park Service employees do not participate in or appear at partisan political events at NPS units on duty or in uniform, unless their job requires them to provide logistical support or other services that would be provided for any other permitted event. And, per policy, the National Park Service will recover from the RNC all costs incurred as a result of the activity, including NPS administrative costs for permit preparation and management of the event, and monitoring of the activity to ensure compliance with the conditions of the permit."

Hope this helps,

Mike

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Mike Litterst
Chief of Communications and Chief Spokesperson
National Mall and Memorial Parks

Cell: (202) 306-4166

From: Matt Shuham <mshuham@talkingpointsmemo.com>

Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 10:59 AM

To: News Media, NPS <newsmedia@nps.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Questions re: RNC Fireworks

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Hello,

Can you provide all available documentation of the permitting process for the RNC fireworks show yesterday (Thursday) night? What steps were taken to ensure that NPS employees did not violate the Hatch Act? Who was responsible for putting on the fireworks show itself? Any comment in general?

Thank you very much,

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From: [Everson, Margaret E](#)
To: [Farinelli, Susan](#); [Wainman, Barbara W](#); [Laudner, Charles A](#); [Benge, Shawn T](#)
Subject: FW: APPROPS LETTER: Appropriators press for justification of RNC events at public sites
Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 2:25:54 PM
Attachments: [2020.09.08 - McCollom Udall Ltr to NPS HATCH Act.pdf](#)

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Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 4:22 PM
To: Everson, Margaret E ; Cameron, Scott J ; Mills, Katie E ; Bockmier, John M ; Flanagan, Denise A ; Moss, Adrienne
Cc: Relat, Hubbel R ; Zerzan, Gregory P ; Salotti, Christopher ; Barkin, Pamela ; Goodwin, Nicholas R
Subject: APPROPS LETTER: Appropriators press for justification of RNC events at public sites
Please let me know if the Committee sent this letter to DOI before Politico broke the story. Forward me the incoming if so.
Additionally, after review this is a document production which means our oversight team will be taking this letter and be coordinating it.
Nick is cc'ed you for awareness.
Thank you,
Cole

From: POLITICO Pro Energy <politicoemail@politicopro.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 4:13 PM
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Appropriators press for justification of RNC events at public sites

By Anthony Adragna

09/08/2020 04:12 PM EDT

Two senior Democratic appropriators are demanding that the Trump administration cough up more information about the costs and legal justification for a host of Republican National Convention events that were held at National Park Service sites.

“We are deeply disturbed that the President continues to use our nation’s park system—sites that include some of our country’s most iconic symbols of freedom—to advance his partisan political agenda,” wrote Rep. [Betty McCollum](#) (D-Minn.), chair of the Appropriations Interior-Environment Subcommittee, and Sen. [Tom Udall](#) (D-N.M.), ranking member of the Senate counterpart.

The details: In a [Tuesday letter to Margaret Everson](#), acting top official with the National Park Service, the Democrats asked for information on the amount of “staff time and resources” that went into preparing for the RNC, a list of permits obtained for those events and the “criteria and legal justification” used to justify using parks sites for “partisan political or

campaign activities.”

In addition, McCollum and Udall asked how the administration ensured federal employees complied with federal laws, rules and regulations, such as the Hatch Act; cost estimates submitted along with the permit requests and information on cost reimbursements, including estimates for damage done to the Fort McHenry site in Baltimore. (The National Park Service previously said that a forklift damaged a brick walkway at Fort McHenry in the days preceding Vice President Mike Pence’s remarks.)

The context: The letter comes days after Republicans featured public sites at their convention, including prime-time addresses by President Donald Trump at the White House and Pence at Fort McHenry. The RNC also featured a fireworks show at the White House that spelled out “T-R-U-M-P” across the sky.

“These activities are both outrageous and legally suspect,” McCollum and Udall wrote.

What’s next: The Democrats asked for a response to their letter by Sept. 30.

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

September 8, 2020

Ms. Margaret Everson
Counselor to the Secretary Exercising the Delegated Authority of the Director National Park Service
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington DC 20240

Dear Ms. Everson:

We are deeply disturbed that the President continues to use our nation's park system—sites that include some of our country's most iconic symbols of freedom—to advance his partisan political agenda. Most recently, the Republican National Convention hosted several political campaign events on federal property that raised significant ethical concerns, may have been in contravention of the Hatch Act, and used federal resources inappropriately or possibly even illegally. This includes President Trump's campaign speech at the White House, Vice President Pence's campaign speech at Fort McHenry, and the fireworks display at the Washington Monument—which we note spelled out “T-R-U-M-P” in the sky above our nation's capital. These activities are both outrageous and legally suspect.

As Chair and Ranking Member of the Appropriations Subcommittees on the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies of the House and Senate, we are examining the extent to which these events used taxpayer-funded historic and cultural resources to support the President's re-election and if these activities were conducted consistent with Federal law, Federal regulations, and Department guidelines or policies.

We also note that, according to Director's Order #53: Special Park Uses, “The Hatch Act establishes general provisions governing participation in political activities by executive branch employees” (5 CFR 734.101). We understand that the Hatch Act does not apply to the President and Vice President, but National Park Service (NPS) staff were clearly involved in the planning and execution of this event which calls into question their ability to comply with the Act. Although we are deeply troubled by these events, we understand the reality that NPS staff were acting under the direction of the chief of the executive branch, President Trump. However, while NPS staff must follow their chain of command, the agency must also provide Congress with the information necessary to fulfill its Constitutional duty to conduct oversight of the executive branch.

To this end, we request that you provide the following information by September 30, 2020:

Ms. Margaret Everson

September 8, 2020

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- A description of the nature of the reported damage to the Fort McHenry site and the cost associated with the repairs, as well as which entity was assigned legal responsibility for paying for the repairs and the timeline for such payment.

We look forward to receiving your responses.

Sincerely,



Betty McCollum

Chairwoman

Subcommittee on Interior,

Environment, and Related Agencies

Committee on Appropriations

United States House of Representatives



Tom Udall

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on Interior

Environment, and Related Agencies

Committee on Appropriations

United States Senate

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From: [Rebecca Beitsch](#)
To: [Litterst, Michael D](#)
Subject: Fwd: Following Flagrant Misuse of National Park Sites for Republican National Convention, Udall and McCollum Demand Answers
Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 2:35:13 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hey Mike! Let me know if you guys would care to comment on this. Thanks!

Rebecca Beitsch
Energy and Environment Reporter
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To: Tom Udall Press Office <NEWS_PressOffice@tomudall.senate.gov>



NEWS FROM THE U.S. CONGRESS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 8, 2020

Following Flagrant Misuse of National Park Sites for Republican National Convention, Udall and McCollum Demand Answers

***Trump and Republican party used the White House and national park sites as a
political stage, possibly illegally***

WASHINGTON—Today, U.S. Senator Tom Udall (D-N.M) and U.S. Representative Betty McCollum (D-Minn.), ranking member and chair of the Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittees on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, respectively, pressed the National Park Service (NPS) for answers after President Donald J. Trump, Vice President Mike Pence and Republican party leaders used the White House and national park sites as political stages for the Republican National Convention. The lawmakers demanded a full account of the official resources and personnel, paid for by taxpayer dollars and on public

land belonging to all Americans, that [likely violated the Hatch Act](#), Department of Interior regulations and policies and other restrictions against government resources from being used for partisan political events.

“We are deeply disturbed that the President continues to use our nation’s park system—sites that include some of our country’s most iconic symbols of freedom—to advance his partisan political agenda,” **Udall and McCollum wrote**. “Most recently, the Republican National Convention hosted several political campaign events on federal property that raised significant ethical concerns, may have been in contravention of the Hatch Act, and used federal resources inappropriately or possibly even illegally. This includes President Trump’s campaign speech at the White House, Vice President Pence’s campaign speech at Fort McHenry, and the fireworks display at the Washington Monument – which we note spelled out “T-R-U-M-P” in the sky above our nation’s capital. These activities are both outrageous and legally suspect.

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Udall and McCollum further outlined the concerning legal implications of national park land and personnel use for partisan political purposes. “We understand that the Hatch Act does not apply to the President and Vice President, but National Parks Service (NPS) staff were clearly involved in the planning and execution of this event which calls into question their ability to comply with the Hatch Act. Although we are deeply troubled by these events, we understand the reality that NPS staff were acting under the direction of the chief of the executive branch, President Trump. However, while NPS staff must follow their chain of command, the agency must also provide Congress with the information necessary to fulfill its Constitutional duty to conduct oversight of the executive branch.”

The lawmakers concluded by requesting detailed accounts of the government resources that NPS used to support the Republican National Convention to determine the department’s actions to comply with U.S. law under the Hatch Act and the criteria and legal justification for providing a permit to use the White House, the Washington Monument, and Fort McHenry for partisan political or campaign activities.

The full text of the letter can be found [here](#) and below.

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Contact: Ned Adriance (Udall) 202.224.6870 / Amanda Yanchury (McCollum) 202.597.1228

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On Detail to the Assistant Secretary Fish and Wildlife and Parks

Barbara Wainman
Assistant Director
External Affairs
US Fish and Wildlife Service
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(571) 471-4159 (C)

From: Wainman, Barbara W
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 4:33 PM
To: Everson, Margaret E
Subject: Re: APPROPS LETTER: Appropriators press for justification of RNC events at public sites
I appreciate the awareness as it is going to get media attention just making sure I was not supposed to weigh in on the congressional side

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To: Wainman, Barbara W
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From: Wainman, Barbara W
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Cole

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Thanks Mike, I'll check.

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From: Litterst, Michael D
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Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Following Flagrant Misuse of National Park Sites for Republican National Convention, Udall and McCollum Demand Answers
FYI...

My initial reaction is we would go with the usual "we will respond to the Congressman," though I don't know if DOI might want more. And it's multiple parks, so maybe it's a WASO response?

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National Mall and Memorial Parks

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## NEWS FROM THE U.S. CONGRESS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 8, 2020

### **Following Flagrant Misuse of National Park Sites for Republican National Convention, Udall and McCollum Demand Answers**

*Trump and Republican party used the White House and national park sites as a political stage, possibly illegally*

WASHINGTON—Today, U.S. Senator Tom Udall (D-N.M.) and U.S. Representative Betty McCollum (D-Minn.), ranking member and chair of the Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittees on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, respectively, pressed the National Park Service (NPS) for answers after President Donald J. Trump, Vice President Mike Pence and Republican party leaders used the White House and national park sites as political stages for the Republican National Convention. The lawmakers demanded a full account of the official resources and personnel, paid for by taxpayer dollars and on public land belonging to all Americans, that [likely violated the Hatch Act](#), Department of Interior regulations and policies and other restrictions against government resources from being used for partisan political events. “We are deeply disturbed that the President continues to use our nation’s park system—sites that include some of our country’s most iconic symbols of freedom—to advance his partisan political agenda,” **Udall and McCollum wrote**. “Most recently, the Republican National Convention hosted several political campaign events on federal property that raised significant ethical concerns, may have been in contravention of the Hatch Act, and used federal resources inappropriately or possibly even illegally. This includes President Trump’s campaign speech at the White House, Vice President Pence’s campaign speech at Fort McHenry, and the fireworks display at the Washington Monument – which we note spelled out “T-R-U-M-P” in the sky above our nation’s capital. These activities are both outrageous and legally suspect. “As Chair and Ranking Member of the Appropriations Subcommittees on the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies of the House and Senate, we are examining the extent to which these events used taxpayer-funded historic and cultural resources to support the President’s re-election and if these activities were conducted consistent with Federal law, Federal regulations, and Department guidelines or policies,” **Udall and McCollum continued**.



**Udall and McCollum further outlined the concerning legal implications of national park land and personnel use for partisan political purposes.** “We understand that the Hatch Act does not apply to the President and Vice President, but National Parks Service (NPS) staff were clearly involved in the planning and execution of this event which calls into question their ability to comply with the Hatch Act. Although we are deeply troubled by these events, we understand the reality that NPS staff were acting under the direction of the chief of the executive branch, President Trump. However, while NPS staff must follow their chain of command, the agency must also provide Congress with the information necessary to fulfill its Constitutional duty to conduct oversight of the executive branch.”

The lawmakers concluded by requesting detailed accounts of the government resources that NPS used to support the Republican National Convention to determine the department’s actions to comply with U.S. law under the Hatch Act and the criteria and legal justification for providing a permit to use the White House, the Washington Monument, and Fort McHenry for partisan political or campaign activities.

**The full text of the letter can be found [here](#) and below.**

*Dear Ms. Everson:*

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*To this end, we request that you provide the following information by September 30, 2020:*

- A full accounting of the amount of NPS staff time and resources spent supporting the Republican National Convention, including planning and preparation, during the event itself and afterwards;*
- A description of specific actions taken by the Department to ensure that the participation of Department staff, including both political appointees and career officials, fully complied with relevant statutory or policy restrictions on political activity;*
- All information submitted for the permits, including cost estimates; compliance with 36 CFR 2.51, specifically (c)(2), or the justification for any deviation; and an assessment of how the issuance of these permits disrupted normal public use (amount of time the American public was prohibited access);*
- A list of permits issued for political activities at NPS sites, including those of similar size and scope;*
- The criteria and legal justification for providing a permit to use the White House, the Washington Monument, and Fort McHenry for partisan political or campaign activities, including details on the specific type of permit, approved and how that approval complies with Federal law, Federal regulations, Department policies and procedures, and past precedent;*
- The name of the entity or entities assigned responsibility for any cost reimbursements and the timeline for reimbursement;*

*- A description of the nature of the reported damage to the Fort McHenry site and the cost associated with the repairs, as well as which entity was assigned legal responsibility for paying for the repairs and the timeline for such payment.*

*We look forward to receiving your responses.*

*Sincerely,*

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**To:** [Rojewski, Cole J](#)  
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Nick is cc'ed you for awareness.  
Thank you,  
Cole

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**Appropriators press for justification of RNC events at public sites**

By Anthony Adragna

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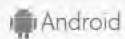
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**To:** [Frost, Herbert](#); [Mendelson, Lisa](#); [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#)  
**Subject:** Fireworks After-Action  
**Date:** Thursday, September 17, 2020 8:50:34 AM

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Hi All,

So you'll notice that the fireworks After-Action with the Deputy Secretary is postponed again to next Friday. Sorry that this keeps getting kicked down the road. When it does happen, who will be presenting from each camp? Just so we know who to expect doing what.

Thanks,  
Susan

Susan Farinelli  
Chief of Staff (Acting)  
National Park Service  
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Re\_ Costs to repair water fountain and sidewalk.pdf

**From:** [Hardy, Errick L](#)  
**To:** [Reinbold, Jeffrey P](#)  
**Cc:** [Owen, Robbin](#); [Fancy \(Laveroni\), Kersten K](#); [Conway, Bradley E](#); [Boyle, Jaime L](#); [Gowen, Jeffrey M](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Costs to repair water fountain and sidewalk  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 23, 2020 10:09:19 AM  
**Attachments:** [20-1063 refund letter.docx](#)

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Hello All,

Cost Recovery (C1) funding is a non-appropriate annual fund source subject to the same terms of our ONPS Base fund source. Obligations and/or expenditures must occur within the year that the C1 funding is collected, otherwise it becomes unavailable for use after September 30th of that year in accordance with appropriations law and DO #53.

I just consulted with the NCAO comptroller's office again and the verdict is we have to close out the permit, issue a refund of the remaining balance in the current account, and submit a bill of collection (BOC) in FY21 for the cost of the damages. The BOC will reference the permit but the expenses will need to be put against a new C1 account that we will provide in October. A sample of the refund letter is attached.

We will not lose any damage costs. The permittee is still legally obligated to cover the cost. We just have a few extra steps because of the timing of the event and appropriations law requirements.

**We need to confirm that no other labor for FY20 will hit the account before we submit the refund. Please let us know if any of your divisions are planning to charge labor to the account for PP20 or PP21.** Also, please keep in mind that the deadline for submitting refunds to be processed in FY20 has passed and this refund may be delayed until late October 2020. However, the budget office will work with AOC to get this processed as soon as possible.

If anyone would like to discuss further, feel free to contact me via phone or email. If you would like to discuss above me, I recommend reaching out to Sarah Hertig at the NCAO. Let me know if you have additional questions or concerns.

Thanks,  
Errick

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**From:** Reinbold, Jeffrey P  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 23, 2020 9:05 AM  
**To:** Hardy, Errick L  
**Cc:** Owen, Robbin ; Fancy (Laveroni), Kersten K ; Conway, Bradley E ; Boyle, Jaime L  
**Subject:** RE: Costs to repair water fountain and sidewalk  
All,

We need to find a way to make this work. My understanding is that we've done this in similar



situations at the end of the year. This has much bigger implications than simply the cost to the park as all activities around the RNC event will receive the highest level of scrutiny, as they should, and this situation could be easily misread or misrepresented.

Let me know if there's someone I need to discuss with in NCA or WASO if you aren't able to resolve.  
Jeff

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**From:** Owen, Robbin

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 22, 2020 1:05 PM

**To:** Reinbold, Jeffrey P

**Subject:** Fw: Costs to repair water fountain and sidewalk

Per Errick, we Will lose all the damage costs by Grucci, 32,893.56 for turf repair and \$12,800 for the fountain and sidewalk

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**From:** Hardy, Errick L <[Errick\\_Hardy@nps.gov](mailto:Errick_Hardy@nps.gov)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 22, 2020 1:00 PM

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**Cc:** Fancy (Laveroni), Kersten K <[Kersten\\_Fancy@nps.gov](mailto:Kersten_Fancy@nps.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: Costs to repair water fountain and sidewalk

Hello Robbin,

Heads up. Considering what James stated below, there will not be a contract award made for the materials until FY21. As a result, we will have to refund the cost recovery funding within the current account and create a new account to collect the funding again. This is because the expenses must occur within the year that the funding is collected. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

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**From:** Bodkin, James S <[James\\_Bodkin@nps.gov](mailto:James_Bodkin@nps.gov)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 22, 2020 12:08 PM

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**Cc:** Hardy, Errick L <[Errick\\_Hardy@nps.gov](mailto:Errick_Hardy@nps.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: Costs to repair water fountain and sidewalk

Just want to make sure were on the same page here, Im going to have to write a SOW and run this through contracting because of the cost of this.

James Bodkin

Roads and Trails Supervisor

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**Cc:** Hardy, Errick L <[Errick\\_Hardy@nps.gov](mailto:Errick_Hardy@nps.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: Costs to repair water fountain and sidewalk

Hi Everyone,

There were a couple of labor adjustments from USPP but only added \$37.41 to the expenses. Thank you for the cost breakdown, that will be helpful when completing the refund. However, I will not go forward with the refund until all expenses and repairs have been made. Please move forward with any repair work including purchasing the supplies. Just make sure you add all expenses to your cc log with the account PX.XNAMAP043.00.1 so I know they are related to this event and charge all time related to the repairs to the same account in Quicktime.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks!

Kersten Fancy

Budget Analyst

National Mall and Memorial Parks

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**From:** Owen, Robbin <[Robbin\\_Owen@nps.gov](mailto:Robbin_Owen@nps.gov)>

**Sent:** Monday, September 21, 2020 10:59 AM

**To:** Fancy (Laveroni), Kersten K <[Kersten\\_Fancy@nps.gov](mailto:Kersten_Fancy@nps.gov)>

**Subject:** Fw: Costs to repair water fountain and sidewalk

Good Morning, I think this last damage costs will be the last so you can work out all the costs. Did USPP make any corrections?

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**Sent:** Monday, September 21, 2020 9:23 AM

**To:** Owen, Robbin <[Robbin\\_Owen@nps.gov](mailto:Robbin_Owen@nps.gov)>

**Cc:** Hitchcock, Jeffrey A <[Jeffrey\\_Hitchcock@nps.gov](mailto:Jeffrey_Hitchcock@nps.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: Costs to repair water fountain and sidewalk

Cost to replace the fountain is.

Fountain- \$4060.00

Template/mis supplies-\$1500.00

Labor-2 laborers @ \$45.00 X 8 Hours \$720.00

Supervisor-\$50.00 X 8 Hours \$400.00  
Concrete @ \$51.00 sf X 120 sf. \$6120.00  
Estimated Cost for Fountain Replacement.  
\$12.800.00

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**Subject:** Fwd: Costs to repair water fountain and sidewalk  
Shawn

Robbin needs the estimate for the water fountain and sidewalk damage at Sylvan Theater from the RNC fireworks show ASAP.

Thank you

Jeff H

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**From:** "Owen, Robbin" <[Robbin\\_Owen@nps.gov](mailto:Robbin_Owen@nps.gov)>

**Date:** September 21, 2020 at 7:03:21 AM EDT

**To:** "Hitchcock, Jeffrey A" <[Jeffrey\\_Hitchcock@nps.gov](mailto:Jeffrey_Hitchcock@nps.gov)>

**Subject:** Costs to repair water fountain and sidewalk

Good Morning Jeff. I still have not been provided the estimate to repair the fountain and sidewalk that was caused by Grucci. This is the last thing we need to

see how much they will be refunded. Can you provide as soon as possible.

Thanks,

Robbin

20-1063 refund letter.pdf



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Washington, D.C. 20024-2000

IN REPLY REFER TO:

December 1, 2020

Michelle Meadows  
Republican National Committee  
310 First Street, SE  
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Ms. Meadows:

Below please find a cost summary detailing charges against the \$512,793 cost recovery bond for your permitted event #20-1063 on August 24-29, 2020. The following charges represent actual costs incurred for oversight of the event and inspection of the site:

Labor:               \$ 174,463.73

Unfortunately, there are still outstanding repairs that need to be completed in the next fiscal year. We will need to refund the remaining amount of \$338,329.27 in the cost recovery account as the funds are only available for the fiscal year in which they were collected. You should receive the refund via Electronic Transfer Payment to the account provided within 4 to 6 weeks. Once all repairs have been complete, we will issue a bill of collection for the exact amount expended for the repairs. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your cooperation.

If you have any questions regarding the charges, please contact the National Mall and Memorial Parks Permit office at 202.245.4718.

Sincerely,

Sean Kennealy  
Deputy Superintendent  
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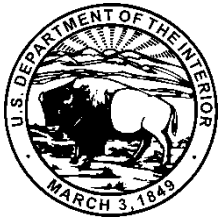
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February 12, 2021

Michelle Meadows  
Republican National Committee  
310 First Street SE  
Washington, DC 20003

Re: Damage to Park Resources

Dear Ms. Meadows,

On August 24-29, 2020, the Republican National Committee (RNC) held an event on the grounds of the Washington Monument, which is part of the National Mall and Memorial Parks, a unit of the United States National Park Service. The event was permitted (permit number #20-163) but park resources were injured before, during and after the event. Those injuries included turf damage from a forklift operator who drove at a high rate of speed across the turf near the sidewalks, turf damage from fireworks setup and activation such as tire rutting and spinouts, scorch marks from the fireworks and extensive compaction damage from improper setup and security/setup/takedown vehicles driving throughout the turf. In addition, when a dumpster was being positioned, it struck a Park drinking fountain causing damage.

You originally provided the NPS a bond in the amount of \$512,793. In a letter dated November 3, 2020 you were notified that the NPS had charged \$177,176.20 to that bond up to the end of Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 and was refunding the remaining amount by electronic transfer payment. However, the damages outlined in this letter were not included in the \$177,176.20 charges the NPS retained from the original bond. As we made clear in the letter accompanying the bond refund, repairs to park resources that had not yet been completed by the end of FY 2020 were not deducted from the refunded bond amount. In accordance with NPS accounting practices the amount unspent at the end of the fiscal year when the bond was issued was refunded with the proviso that NPS would seek to collect the additional funds needed to address the resource injuries through a separate process in FY 2021, as outlined in this letter.

The System Unit Resource Protection Act, 54 U.S.C. § 100721 *et seq.*, provides that any person or instrumentality that destroys, causes the loss of or injures, any System unit resource is liable for response costs and damages. Response costs include the expenses incurred by the NPS to prevent or minimize injuries to System unit resources, to abate or minimize the risk of such injuries, and to monitor the ongoing effects of the incident. Damages include the necessary costs of restoring or replacing the injured resources and the costs of damage assessment.

The claim for this incident which includes restoration of the turf and fountain is as follows:

Turf Repair:

|                              |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Deep Tine Aerify of 19 Acres | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Core Tine Aerify of 19 Acres | \$ 5,500.00 |
| Applying Sand/Compost Mix    | \$11,500.00 |
| Fertilizer Application       | \$ 4,250.00 |

Fountain Repair:

|                                                 |             |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Fountain                                        | \$ 4,060.00 |
| Template/mis supplies                           | \$ 1,500.00 |
| Contracted Labor-2 laborers @ \$45.00 X 8 Hours | \$ 720.00   |
| Supervisor-\$50.00 X 8 Hours                    | \$ 400.00   |
| Concrete @ \$51.00 sf X 120 sf.                 | \$ 6,120.00 |

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| Associated Labor | \$ 3,100.00 |
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| Total | \$42,150.00 |
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Consequently, it is necessary for you to fully reimburse the National Park Service for the response costs and damages arising from this incident. This letter constitutes the NPS' request that you make payment, for the damages, by no later than thirty days from your receipt of this notice.

Please complete the enclosed SURPA Payment Form and send it along with a check, made payable to the U.S. Department of the Interior, in the amount of \$42,150.00 to:

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This check must reference "Account Number (14X5198) (NPS SURPA), (NAMA), (NAMA 082420), (Permit #20-163).

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have questions, please contact the Budget Office at (202) 510-1485.

Sincerely,

**JEFFREY  
REINBOLD**

Digitally signed by JEFFREY  
REINBOLD  
Date: 2021.02.12 16:14:06  
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Jeffrey P. Reinbold  
Superintendent

Enclosure

cc: Karen Battle Sanborn, NPS/RPB/Damage Assessment National Program Office

National Park Service  
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IBC Division of Financial Management Services  
Branch of Accounting Operations  
ATTN: Collections Officer  
Mail Stop D-2770  
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Park Unit Name: NAMA

DOI Restoration Fund

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Responsible Party/Defendant's Name: RNC

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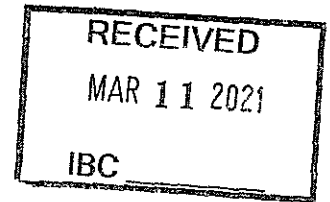
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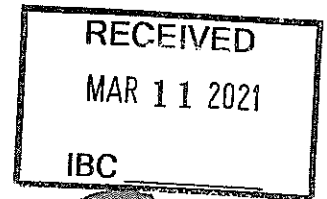


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## United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
National Mall and Memorial Parks  
900 Ohio Drive, SW  
Washington, DC 20024-2000



February 12, 2021

Michelle Meadows  
Republican National Committee  
310 First Street SE  
Washington, DC 20003

Re: Damage to Park Resources

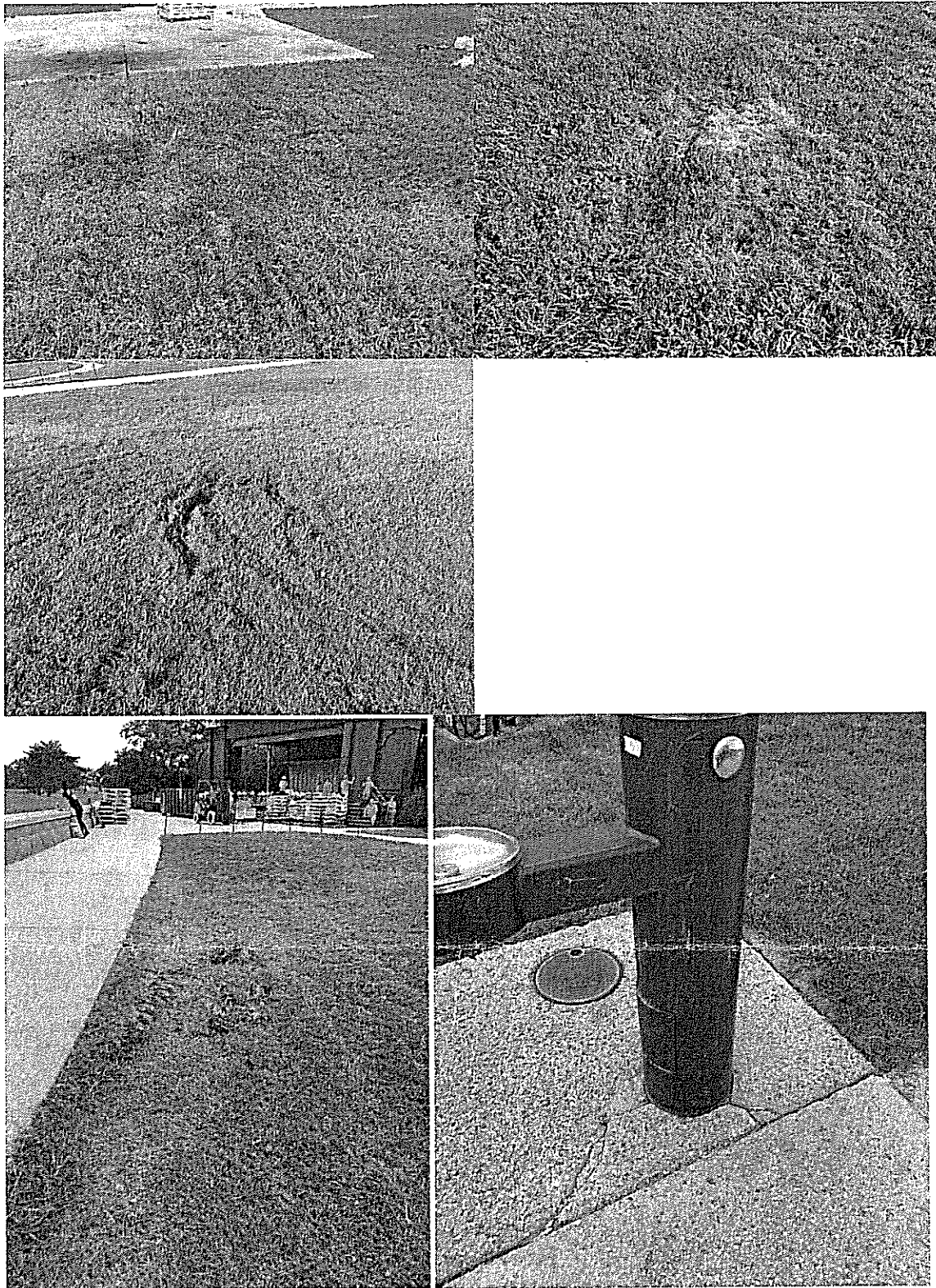
Dear Ms. Meadows,

On August 24-29, 2020, the Republican National Committee (RNC) held an event on the grounds of the Washington Monument, which is part of the National Mall and Memorial Parks, a unit of the United States National Park Service. The event was permitted (permit number #20-163) but park resources were injured before, during and after the event. Those injuries included turf damage from a forklift operator who drove at a high rate of speed across the turf near the sidewalks, turf damage from fireworks setup and activation such as tire rutting and spinouts, scorch marks from the fireworks and extensive compaction damage from improper setup and security/setup/takedown vehicles driving throughout the turf. In addition, when a dumpster was being positioned, it struck a Park drinking fountain causing damage.

You originally provided the NPS a bond in the amount of \$512,793. In a letter dated November 3, 2020 you were notified that the NPS had charged \$177,176.20 to that bond up to the end of Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 and was refunding the remaining amount by electronic transfer payment. However, the damages outlined in this letter were not included in the \$177,176.20 charges the NPS retained from the original bond. As we made clear in the letter accompanying the bond refund, repairs to park resources that had not yet been completed by the end of FY 2020 were not deducted from the refunded bond amount. In accordance with NPS accounting practices the amount unspent at the end of the fiscal year when the bond was issued was refunded with the proviso that NPS would seek to collect the additional funds needed to address the resource injuries through a separate process in FY 2021, as outlined in this letter.

The System Unit Resource Protection Act, 54 U.S.C. § 100721 *et seq.*, provides that any person or instrumentality that destroys, causes the loss of or injures, any System unit resource is liable for response costs and damages. Response costs include the expenses incurred by the NPS to prevent or minimize injuries to System unit resources, to abate or minimize the risk of such injuries, and to monitor the ongoing effects of the incident. Damages include the necessary costs of restoring or replacing the injured resources and the costs of damage assessment.







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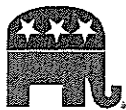
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Republican National Committee

310 First Street Southeast, Washington, D.C. 20003

Chain Bridge Bank

CHECK NO. 038158

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Vendor Account:

DATE

2/24/2021

Void after 180 days

AMOUNT

\$42,150.00

Forty Two Thousand One Hundred Fifty Dollars and 00 Cents

PAY TO THE ORDER OF:

US DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR  
BRANCH OF ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS  
ATTN ; COLLECTIONS OFFICER  
7401 W. MANSFIELD AVENUE  
LAKEWOOD CO 80235

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