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IN REPLY REFER TO:

SEP 24 2009

Mr. Rick Bauman
1820 T Street, NW. #5
Washington, DC 20009

Dear Mr. Bauman:

This is in response to your special event application, #09-1890, to conduct a large scale bicycle ride of the District of Columbia and portions of Virginia, which would include designated streets located along Rock Creek Parkway. As we understand it, the proposed bicycle ride would take place on October 17, 2009 from 8:00 am – 10:30 am and would consist of approximately 10,000 participants.

We appreciate the time and attention you spent in preparing the proposal. The National Park Service encourages all persons to enjoy our parklands. Further, we encourage people who use bicycles to utilize existing bike trails to enjoy the parks.

The National Park Service reviews applications for special events such as yours based on 36 C.F.R. § 7.96(g). Based on our experiences, however, we believe that the use of the streets located in the park area you requested, are not reasonably suited in terms of the size and nature of your proposed event. We believe that a large scale organized bicycle tour such as you have proposed, would require road closures and would result in a severe disruption to vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Further, we are concerned about our ability to provide adequate National Park Service and U. S. Park Police coverage to make your proposed event safe, both to bike participants and park visitors alike. Accordingly, pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 7.96(g) (5) (vi) (B), (C), your request must be denied.

In the meantime, we continue to wish you success in pursuing other venues for your proposed activity as well as appreciate your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

Division of Park Programs