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To: Arlene Wimer/PAIS/NPS@NPS
CC:
Subject: BNP traffic at night

Hey trouble maker. You are keeping me busy with collateral issues/complaints.

Thought you would want to see Phil's message. Perhaps something to bring up at one of your partnering meetings.

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Phil Slattery

03/29/2002 10:05 AM
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To: Randy Y Larson/PAIS/NPS@NPS
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Randy,

Today as I was raising the flag a visitor walked up and asked me about the traffic on the beach at night. We talked about it for a while and he brought up some valid concerns I thought I would pass on to you. I think his opinion can be trusted at least a little because after we talked about the traffic he went on to tell me that he had been with the NPS for 25 years and had occasionally worked in protection and had been acting superintendent of Pipe Springs for about a year at one point. His name is Jim Harter and he is camping on South Beach.

His main concern, besides the noise, was that some of the traffic was traveling about twice the posted speed limit. This, combined with last night's fog, posed a serious safety risk to campers. Not all of the traffic was semis, a lot of it seemed to be fishermen or simply vehicles, who did not seem to be fishermen, moving north. Mr. Harter thought the latter was probably men going home after working on the well down island. One vehicle he singled out was a white suburban with a crossbar and yellow light on top. This vehicle did not have any taillights. I think he mentioned it as speeding also. As we were standing under the flagpole he spotted a similar vehicle parked in front of the BNP shack in the south end of the VC parking lot. He thought he saw a yellow light on it but could not be certain because of the fog. He noted that it was the same light as on one of the park's white pick-ups, which Rudy drove past as we were talking.

Sincerely,
Phil Slattery

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