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United States Department of the Interior

National Park Service
Big South Fork
National River and Recreation Area
4564 Leatherwood Road
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Memorandum

To: Brian Witcher, APHN Network Program Manager

From: Niki Stephanie Nicholas, Superintendent

Subject: Handling of protected natural resource data

The Superintendent of Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area has identified resources that are rare, threatened, endangered, or commercially valuable. Information about these resources (the specific location, abundance, presence, or absence), if released to the public or other unapproved audiences, has been determined to potentially result in harm, theft, or destruction. To ensure data are appropriately protected in accordance with park management priorities, the following rules must be followed when disseminating natural resource information collected through inventory, monitoring, or other related scientific activities. No information outlined below will be released without approval by the park superintendent. Please see attached spreadsheet for further details.

Type of Data		Level of Protection	Rules for Dissemination
Resource Data and Information			
	Specific T&E Species locations	Legally Protected	Locations will be fuzzed to 1 kilometer (drop last 3 UTM digits).
	Other T&E Species Locations	Legally Protected	Locations will be fuzzed to 1 kilometer (drop last 3 UTM digits).
	State listed Species Locations	Legally Protected	Locations will be fuzzed to 1 kilometer (drop last 3 UTM digits).
	Ginseng (Panax quinquefolius)	Operationally Protected	Locations will be fuzzed to 1 kilometer (drop last 3 UTM digits).
	Cicindela marginipennis	Operationally Protected	Locations will be fuzzed to 1 kilometer (drop last 3 UTM digits).
Location Data and Information			
	Permanent sampling locations	Operationally protected	Locations will be fuzzed to 1 kilometer (drop last 3 UTM digits).

Attachments

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