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To: Brian Witcher, APHN Network Program Manager
From: JD Lee, Superintendent 
Subject: Handling of protected natural resource data

The Superintendent of Blue Ridge Parkway 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).
Species subject to exploitation	Operationally Protected	Please see spreadsheet for specifics
Location Data and Information		
Permanent sampling locations	Operationally protected	Locations will be fuzzed to 1 kilometer (drop last 3 UTM digits).