

text of the letter:

Dear Secretary Norton,

Title 36 Section 2.4 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) for the Department of the Interior's (DOI) National Park Service, currently prohibits citizens from possessing a firearm in any national park, monument, memorial, historic site administered by the National Park Service.

Title 50 Section 27.42 of the CFR for DOI's Fish and Wildlife Service currently prohibits citizens with concealed weapons permits from carrying their firearms on national wildlife refuges.

I understand these prohibitions are in place for public safety and to prevent wildlife poaching. However, it does infringe on the rights of law abiding concealed weapons permit holders. Since these permit holders are required to meet State criminal background checks, I support an exception to 36 CFR 2.4 and 50 CFR 27.42 to allow concealed weapons permit holders to carry their firearms legally in National Park Service administered sites and in national wildlife refuges.

The revisions to the CFR could adopt the State law concealed weapons statutes where the National Park Service's administrative sites and the national wildlife refuges are located. This would provide a consistent application of State concealed weapons laws across all land ownership boundaries.

I appreciate the opportunity to share my concerns with you on this matter. Please treat this letter in conformance with all applicable procedural rules and ethical guidelines.

With warm regards, I remain

Sincerely,  
George Allen

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