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Greetings gentlemen,

I hope that you both had happy Thanksgiving. I'm just following up on our 11/10/05 meeting about VCDL's petition for rule making to amend the CFR 36, regulation 2.4 to honor the state law with regard to weapons in National Parks. I am maintaining a time line of the petition and efforts to get the amended rule we crafted accepted. The time line of events complete with PDF copies of letters from Congress to DOI and other communications is at:

<http://www.bighammer.net/pages/24/index.htm>

There is also a great deal of supporting data from newspaper articles, NPS morning reports, etc. here:

<http://www.bighammer.net/pages/25/index.htm>

As the time line indicates, recent additions include Congressman Chris Cannon lending his support to the petition, and Mr. Chris Lopez from Congressman Tom Davis's office looking into this matter for me; I am Congressman Davis's constituent. I have spoken with a few of the co-petitioners and all of them are profoundly disappointed with the Department of the Interior's handling of this. Many of these co-petitioners will be engaging their Congressional offices for help as well. Ultimately, we believe that since the petition has been "in the Solicitor's Office" since March of 2005, that they have had far more than ample time to conduct their thorough review. We believe that the Petition's amended regulation 2.4 should be in the next federal register for comment without excuses. Many of the co-petitioners, myself included, think that it is prudent to address this legislatively as well by either amending the CFR with the petition's amended regulation 2.4, or ensuring that funding does not exist for the regulation's enforcement until such time as the Department of the Interior approve the VCDL Petition's changes.

Please have a look at the web pages above as time permits and let me know if you have any questions, comments or there is any other information you might need. Once again, thank you very much for your assistance!

Best regards,

David *****

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