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IN REPLY REFER TO:

C3827 (GRCA 8214)

**CERTIFIED – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

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Mr. Gordon Smith

Dear Mr. Smith:

We are writing to you regarding your commercial enterprise of day hiking and backpacking within Grand Canyon National Park to Shaman's Panel. A review of your website has determined that these trips are commercial in nature.

In order to conduct commercial activities at Grand Canyon National Park you must obtain a Commercial Use Authorization (CUA) to conduct these activities and provide transportation to and from the park. If you conduct your commercial activities without authorization from the park you are in violation of 36 Code of Federal Regulations 5.3 and subject to citation. In addition, you must obtain backcountry permits from the backcountry office for any overnight camping within the backcountry.

We have enclosed a CUA application along with the requirements for day hiking, backpacking, and transportation CUAs. You will not be able to conduct any planned trips until the appropriate permits have been issued and approved by the Superintendent. Processing the permits can take four or more weeks. We appreciate your cooperation.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of the permit requirements, please do not hesitate to contact me at (928) 638-7709.

Sincerely,

*Rebecca Rhea*

Rebecca Rhea  
Chief, Division of Concession Management

Enclosures