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Victoria Rutson
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Dear Ms. Rutson:

The National Park Service (NPS) formally requests to participate as a Cooperating Agency in the development of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Canaveral Port Authority Rail Extension project to include all phases of the project which have the potential to affect the Canaveral National Seashore (CANA) and NPS operations.

Regulations implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), call for agency cooperation in the NEPA process with the ultimate goal of "...decisions that are based on understanding of environmental consequences, and ... actions that protect, restore, and enhance the environment." 40 C.F.R. §1500.1. The regulations specifically define a cooperating agency as "...any Federal agency other than a lead agency which has jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to any environmental impact involved in a proposal (or a reasonable alternative) for legislation or other major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment." 40 C.F.R. §1508.5.

Specifically, the NPS requests Cooperating Agency status in developing the EIS in order to ensure that pertinent NPS mission statements, legislative authorities, and policies are duly considered when developing any alternatives, related management actions, or options applicable to CANA. As a Cooperating Agency, the NPS proposes to assist the Surface Transportation Board (STB) in developing the EIS in order to ensure that pertinent NPS mission statements, legislative authorities, and policies are duly considered when developing any alternatives, related management actions, or options that could potentially affect CANA.

We appreciate your coordination with us and look forward to working with the STB on this important project and EIS. Should you have any questions, or need additional information concerning this request, please contact Ms. Myrna Palfrey, Superintendent, Canaveral National Seashore, by calling (321) 267-1110.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stan Austin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Stan Austin
Regional Director
Southeast Region