

The following is text of the National Park Service reply to Congressman Tom Tancredo's letter demanding explanation of and changes to NPS rules and regulations regarding backcountry parachuting:

June 4, 2002

Honorable Tom Tancredo
House of Representatives
Washington DC 20121-0606

Dear Mr. Tancredo:

Thank you for your letter of April 8, 2002, regarding backcountry parachuting in National Park Service units across the country. We apologize for the delay in responding.

My staff has been contacting employees of the individual parks mentioned to get a better understanding of the issues you raised. We appreciate your patience while we work towards drafting a more comprehensive response to your letter.

Sincerely,

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