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MEMORANDUM FOR Chief, Natural Resources Management, Operations and Regulatory Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 441 G Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20314-1000

SUBJECT: Approval for National U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Natural Resources Management (NRM) Workshop in April 2017

1. The Natural Resources Community of Practice (CoP) has proposed a national USACE Natural Resources Management (NRM) Workshop in April 2017. The purpose of the workshop is to strengthen technical competencies for approximately 350 park rangers and NRM staff from all levels of the agency. The last time this workshop was held was March 2010. The agenda for the workshop will highlight recreation and natural resource management best practices, engage attendees in existing and new technologies, improve knowledge and skills in public safety and management techniques, build partnerships, leverage funding, and strengthen consistent policy implementation. The workshop will foster learning, sharing of experiences, and reinforce key concepts and strategies within the NRM CoP.
2. The workshop would only include Army-funded attendees at a government facility, the U.S. Postal Service Training Facility in Norman Oklahoma. The content of the workshop is internal agency business matters of the NRM CoP and will focus on subjects necessary to execute operational requirements for recreation and natural resources management.
3. Arrangements for the venue need to be made well in advance of the workshop. I concur that this workshop meets the requirements of an internal business meeting and the workshop planners should proceed to reserve the venue and commence planning. The POCs for this workshop are Heather Burke, National Partnership Program Manager at (503) 808-4313 and Lynn Neher, MVD Natural Resource Program Manager at (314) 331-8880.

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