

MEMORANDUM FOR CECW-ON, (Attn: Steve Austin)

SUBJECT: NRM Uniform Committee Reports

1. The subject committee met with the other Land Management Agencies in Las Vegas NV last month. Meeting notes were compiled and are attached for information. In addition, the results of the uniform questionnaire sent to the field are also attached.
2. The committee made several recommendations which are summarized here:
 - a. The committee endorses the Maternity Uniform Loaner program started by Park Ranger Carrie Richardson, Sacramento District. In addition, the committee recommends purchase of maternity items to be shipped to Ms. Richardson to augment her supplies.
 - b. They recommended the adoption of the windbreaker and raincoat currently in the National Park Service program into the Corps program. These items would replace the windbreaker and raincoat no longer available through other manufacturers.
 - c. They recommended the addition of the long sleeve black turtleneck shirt. This would be worn with the long sleeve duty shirt in the Class B Daily Wear, and the Class C Work uniforms.
 - d. They recommended the development of a polo style shirt for wear with the Class C Work uniform and the Class D Special Use uniform for bike/boat/beach patrol. The committee chair will work on the prototype of this shirt.
 - e. They recommended a "sun hat" to be added to the program as an alternative for the ball cap where more sun protection is needed. The uniform contractor will provide some alternatives from which the committee will select.
 - f. The committee supported the decision of the Visitor Assistance Committee to allow a nylon Utility Belt to be worn with the uniform. These Utility belts would be purchased through local purchasing authorities and be project property. They would be optional items for the Class B Daily Wear, Class C Work, and Class D Special Duty uniforms. They would not be worn with Class B Formal or Class B Ceremonial uniforms.
 - g. The committee recommended the adoption of a "hat trap" supplied by the contractor on a special purchase basis. This device is used to maintain the appearance of the campaign hats. It is recommended that these be purchased through local purchasing authorities and supplied to the rangers for their use.
 - h. On two issues, the committee recommended a survey of the uniform wearers be conducted. There has been a call from the field for a "cargo" style trouser to be added to the program. The committee did not feel the trouser was appropriate for wear with the Class B uniforms however

thought it would work with the Class C Work uniform. The committee did not feel it was economical to have both the cargo trousers and the existing work jeans for the same purpose. To that end, a survey will be held on the NRM Gateway site (<http://CorpsLakes.usace.army.mil>) to see if the employees would prefer to wear the cargo style pants, or retain the jeans. The same situation exists with the existing Trooper Hat and a requested Winter Cap. Pictures, and descriptions of these items will be on the Gateway for a two-month period. The results will be tabulated and recommendations made following the survey.

3. Last year the committee recommended an increase in the Permanent Replacement Allowance. We understand this is being staffed at Headquarters.
4. If you have any questions or comments about this or any of the attachments, feel free to contact the undersigned at (541) 374-4556.

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