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Duty Shirt, LS	Good. I like it. (LRP) <b>good choice of material blends very comfortable and breathes in the summer (LRL)</b> . New shirt does not have the quality or professional look as pervious shirt. It does not hold creases and edges curl up on pockets. Also, it does not hold color well. Go back to old shirt both LS and SS. Collar in new shirt is biding/chocking (woman commenting). Wrist buttons too tight making it difficult to wear a watch (woman commenting) (LRH). <b>Hard to get proper neck size/sleeve length. Very comfortable. (LRN).</b>	As you can see from the comments, there are as many people who like the shirt as dislike it. We have noticed the shirts tend to hold their wrinkles through the first few washings. We spoke to the contractor about this. They are aware of the problem and are exploring solutions. We are also looking into the issue of the collar on the women's shirts.
Duty Shirt, SS	See comments above (LRH). <b>Good but lots of loose strings. I like it. (LRP)</b>	Loose strings are not a quality issue. This is common with most manufactured garments.
Shirt, Lightweight	Good. I like it. Slicker feel that is not as comfortable (LRP) <b>Excellent summer wear, wear cotton t-shirt underneath (LRN)</b>	The lightweight shirt seems to be filling the niche as intended.
Turtleneck Shirt	Tends to cause a rash on neck and make it itch (woman commenting) (LRH). <b>A mock turtleneck would look more professional than the sloppy, rolled down turtleneck. Also include a mock turtleneck dickie (LRL)</b> . Great item. Makes cold weather less bone biting. I like it. Excellent cool/cold weather attire, looks profesional (LRP)	There was some confusion as to what we intended to do with this item at our last meeting. That confusion has been resolved. The committee has recommended a mock turtleneck shirt be added to the system in addition to the regular turtleneck. We are not aware of any other rash issues.

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Polo Shirt	<p>Small is still too small, need an XS to fit (woman commenting). Replace the Castle on back with Park Ranger, otherwise good item (LRH). <b>nice shirt, but too costly and to heavy for summer heat (LRL)</b>. Professional series employees cannot be trusted to properly wear the polo shirt so the HUGE gawdy castle is smeared on the shirt back. Blue collar employees however can tastefully have shirts with logo over the breast and nothing hideous on the back. The castle on the back is unprofessional in appearance. Also please consider extending the applications which are appropriate to wear the polo shirt. Expensive, also castle on back makes a nice target - the word RANGER would be better. (LRP) Like the shirt but need to eliminate the Corps castle on the back. UGLY, UGLY, UGLY - and the unisex sizes make it even more unappealing to women and it's not returnable if it doesn't work out for you. Can be a good clothing item if the logos are removed from the back and downsized on the front. Would be great for informal recreational programming requiring phys</p>	<p>The committee addressed the multiple issues with the polo shirt and made the following recommendations. First we are looking into replacing the current base polo shirt with a new shirt that will be less bulky and lighter in weight. Second we are working with the NPS and USFWS to achieve some economy of scale by procuring the same type of shirts they have but in our color. Third we have recommended that the castle on the back be removed. Fourth, we have recommended against adding pockets to this shirt. Fifth, we opted not to put the shoulder patch on the this shirt. Sixth, for reasons of badge accountability and security, we will not embroider badges on this shirt. Seventh, this shirt is ONLY authorized for wear with the work uniform and the special purposes of boat, beach, and bicycle patrol.</p>

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	<p><b>1. Great for environmental programs, boating, and other out-of-doors activities 2. Use pre-shrunk cotton. Both of my shirts have shrank, almost to the point they are no longer wearable. 3. Needs embroidered Badge for Citation Authority Ranger's USFWS have them. 4. The polo shirts are nice for boat patrol, but I believe they should have a badge embroidered on the left side across from the name and the HUGE castle on the back should be replaced with "PARK RANGER" across the shoulders. This will look much more professional and still deter purchase for personal wear. If it could be shaped for females (more form fitting like the other shirts), I feel it would look more professional.(LRN)</b></p>	<p>The committee addressed the multiple issues with the polo shirt and made the following recommendations. First we are looking into replacing the current base polo shirt with a new shirt that will be less bulky and lighter in weight. Second we are working with the NPS and USFWS to achieve some economy of scale by procuring the same type of shirts they have but in our color. Third we have recommended that the castle on the back be removed. Fourth, we have recommended against adding pockets to this shirt. Fifth, we opted not to put the shoulder patch on the this shirt. Sixth, for reasons of badge accountability and security, we will not embroider badges on this shirt. Seventh, this shirt is ONLY authorized for wear with the work uniform and the special purposes of boat, beach, and bicycle patrol.</p>
Duty Trousers, Warm Weather	<p>Make with permanent crease on front and back. Front pocket material seems to wear out fast and is not very suitable for repairs. Back order problems (woman's comment) (LRH). <b>Quality of the stitching, particularly in the crotch of the pants, fails frequently (LRL).</b> Good, I like it. Nice looking item for formal wear, limited use. (LRP)</p>	<p>We spoke to the contractor and asked that they explore the issue of adding lintrack to the trousers.</p>
Duty Trousers, Cool Weather	<p>Pocket materials wears out fast, and is hard to repair (LRH). <b>Women's trouser legs are too wide at the ankle on all trousers offered. The trouser waist size is too small for the hip and leg size. Even with elastic in the waist, if trousers fit at the waist, they are much too big in the hip and leg on all women's trousers offered (LRL).</b> Good. I like it. Do not use this product. (LRP)</p>	<p>We asked the contractor to check into the issue of the pocket materials wearing out.</p>

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Twill Trousers	Color fades (LRH) <b>The browner green is much nicer than brighter/greener green. Add additional belt loops, particularly on the back 2/3 of the pants for clipping accessories and prohibit them from sliding over 1/5 of our waistline (LRL).</b> Good, though has come with loose stitching in crotch before. I like it. Good all-around clothing product for year round use. (LRP) <b>Wear almost exclusively during summer month, comfortable yet functional. Very comfortable. (LRN)</b>	Unlike the wool blend trousers, the cotton blend trousers will fade with time. We are striving to get one color of green and have made some forward steps toward that. We do not recommend adding additional belt loops. We are glad you like the product.
Cargo Trousers	Color fades (LRH) <b>Less of an elastic band in the waistline (LRL).</b> Good. Very good clothing product for year round use. (LRP) <b>Would like to see these in the poplin material with double fabric knees and groin. Extra pockets are helpful. (LRN)</b>	Unlike the wool blend trousers, the cotton blend trousers will fade with time. We are glad you like the product. Poplin trousers with double fabric knees and groin would be a complete redesign of these trousers. The demand for this type of redesign is not currently there.
Brush Pants	Add utility to the pants (cargo pockets, hammer loop, pencil/plier pockets). The material used prior to the design change was much more durable and comfortable during work situations. The fit is rather small for the sizes listed (woman commeting) (LRH). <b>N/A. OK. I haven't tried this for awhile as thy had the sizing screwed up royally.....is it fixed yet? Did not like this product at first, after two years of use they have become quite comfortable, lighter material would be an improvement. (LRP)</b>	The committee will be working with the contractor to redesign these pants. Although durable, the 100% cotton pants fade VERY quickly. We are looking for a fabric that will demonstrate the same thick, durable, non-abrasive qualities in the current brush pants, but hold the color so as to be serviceable longer. We are also looking into the possibility of making these more functional with extra pockets and loops. This will be conducted with the NPS as we share this item with them and they provide an economy of scale that we cannot accomplish alone.

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Shorts	Shorter inseam. Go back to the initial version. The original stretch material is no longer used. Shorts are a lot cheaper and don't fit well. Good item, shorten the inseam about two inches. Women's shorts are very long (past my knees) on my short body (this comment comes from a very short and small framed woman) (LRH). <b>Nice, but could be a little longer below the pockets (LRL).</b> There's got to be a better look than what's been offered in the last few years. Do not use this product. (LRP) <b>1. Shorts vastly improved over previous edition 2. Need to have beltloops like the old style but still be long like the new style(LRN)</b>	We are not certain which version of the shorts you are referring to but feel that we may have already addressed this issue with the redesign of these shorts last year. The shorts are being phased into the program. The latest version is longer than the original pair which were not made in the US, but shorter than the second version which could not be shortened. We believe we have met the requirements on this item.
Skirt, Warm Weather	N/A	N/A
Skirt, Cool Weather	N/A	N/A
Belt	<b>Black finish on belts wears too quickly. We liked the thicker belts, compared to the new thinner variety (LRL).</b> Thicker cut leather belts would hold up longer. (LRN)	We discussed this with the contractor. The finish should not flake off however if the finish does flake off the belts can be redyed using shoe dye (not polish).
Sweater	<b>Would like to see a cardigan sweater offered. Pullovers are a nuisance to put on and take off throughout the day when temperatures fluctuate (LRL).</b> Good. I like it. Get rid of unisex sizing! Ok product for layering,, a great improvement would be the use of fleece material over acrylic. (LRP) <b>Fits well, comfortable, professional. (LRN)</b>	Various comments. The committee felt the cardigan was too casual a look for the uniform. We feel that making the sweater out of fleece would be redundant with the existing fleece jacket. Unisex sizing saves the government and the contractor a great deal of money. Unisex sizing allows us to make changes to the program without having to undergo expensive buyouts of the multiple sizes otherwise required.
Vest	Good. I like it. Get rid of unisex sizing! Very good all around product. (LRP) <b>Vest is great undergarment to give extra protection during cold weather (LRN)</b>	We are glad you like the product. See reply above on Unisex sizing.

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Fleece Jacket	Great item, recommend making in windproof (LRH). <b>Good piece of clothing that is very versatile in cooler climates (LRL).</b> Good when it's the right color. I like it. Get rid of unisex sizing! Best product available, the only improvement would be two weight styles - one heavier for winter and the other current weight. (LRP) <b>1. Really like the fleece jacket, great for a wide variety of weather conditions 2. I think a windstopper layer would be helpful in the fleece jacket. 3. What happened to the color, its' no longer green? (LRN)</b>	The contractor demonstrated a new product for us this year that the NPS has adopted. It is our fleece with a nylon outershell, very similar to the vest we have in our system. The committee recommended that we adopt this item. The color issue is being addressed.
Windbreaker	Go back to the older version. Sleeves are short for me (comment comes from a male who is shorter in height than average). Green color is lighter than other uniform items. Wearing this jacket with assessorry items on my belt makes it very difficult to zip due to the tightness, although I do like that there is not an elastic band at the bottom (comment from a small sized woman) (LRH). <b>Good. OK. Get rid of unisex sizing! Not used much anymore. (LRP)</b> Preferred older style windbreaker, don't like elastic wrist bands 2. Very, very cheap and looks cheap when worn. Would like the ones the NPS have with zip in liner for varible weather conditions, maybe use our fleece jacket or vest as a zip in/out liner. It needs to be constructed of a more durable material that also maintains a professional appearance. (LRN)	The older version of the windbreaker you refer to is no longer being manufactured. We adopted the current windbreaker simply to be able to have something to fill this niche. The contractor has been working diligently to find a suitable replacement. This year we found one, and the committee recommended that we adopt it.
Duty Jacket	Good, but expensive. OK (LRP)	Agreed.
Parka, Waist Length	Good. I like it. Get rid of unisex sizing! Very good product. An improvement would be Gore-tex outer fabric. (LRP) <b>Replace with NPS style with zip in/out liners (LRN)</b>	Unisex sizing saves the government and the contractor a great deal of money. Unisex sizing allows us to make changes to the program without having to undergo expensive buyouts of the mulitple sizes otherwise required. The committee did not recommend changing our outerwear at this time.

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Parka, Hip Length	I ordered an XS women's size due to the sizing of the chest, but wearing it with assessories on the belt and my hips makes it next to impossible to zip and impossible to functionally wear (LRH). <b>Good. Needs zippers on the sides, or slots, for access to radio and other gear. Get rid of unisex sizing! Like the shorter length better. (LRP)</b>	Unisex sizing saves the government and the contractor a great deal of money. Unisex sizing allows us to make changes to the program without having to undergo expensive buyouts of the mulitple sizes otherwise required. The committee did not recommend changing our outerwear at this time.
Overshell Jacket	Love it. Good item (LRH). <b>Good. I like it. Get rid of unisex sizing! Second best product available, great for all around use. (LRP)</b>	We are glad you like the product. See reply above on Unisex sizing.
Hood, Insulated	<b>very expensive for what you are getting (LRL).</b>	Comment noted.
Hood, Uninsulated	N/A	N/A
Rain/Wind Pants	Great addition to the Overshell jacket. (LRP) <b>Good for protection during cold-weather boat patrols (LRN)</b>	We are glad you like the product. You should like it more as we have improved the zipper and belt loops.
Rain Coat	Good product on paper, needs to be reworked. (LRP)	The rain coat and the windbreaker are stop gap items provided to fill the niche while we look for replacements. The older versions were no longer available to us. The current rain coat and windbreaker were available. We continue to search for new items.
Coveralls, Unlined	<b>Great for working outside in all climates from summer to winter. ; Not small enough sizes Use them all the time, good idea. (LRL).</b> Excellent for use when doing outdoor work involving getting a bit dirty, painting, etc. (LRN)	We are glad you like the product. These do come in XS sizes.
Work Jacket	Unisex jacket doesn't work for women (LRH).	Unisex sizing saves the government and the contractor a great deal of money. Unisex sizing allows us to make changes to the program without having to undergo expensive buyouts of the mulitple sizes otherwise required.
Bib Overalls	<b>Not small enough size (LRL).</b> Satisfactory product, the lining is too slick. (LRP)	We are glad you like the product. These come in XS sizes.
Maternity Shirt	N/A	N/A

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Maternity Pants	N/A	N/A
Campaign Hat, Felt	Good, but too expensive. Do not use this style. (LRP)	The Felt or Straw campaign hat is the most important, recognized and highly respected symbol associated with the Corps Park Ranger, and should always be worn with pride and care.
Campaign Hat, Straw	N/A	The Felt or Straw campaign hat is the most important, recognized and highly respected symbol associated with the Corps Park Ranger, and should always be worn with pride and care.
Hat Band	N/A	N/A
Chin Strap	N/A	N/A
Hat Castle	I would like to see it in pewter. (LRP)	The committee did not recommend this change.
Rain Hat Cover	N/A	N/A
Sun Hat	Medium is too small and large is too big. Not sure what can be done about this but fit is an issue. Good idea but needs some changes to make it look more in tune with outdoor use while still providing a solid image. (LRP) <b>Good for protection of neck and ears (LRN)</b>	The committee was shown a possible replacement for the sun hat that is larger and more professional in appearance. They recommended it be adopted.
Winter Hat	I like this hat but the outer shell needs to change to a non-sheen material with an overall lower profile. (LRP)	This item has been modified during this past year however not in the manner you suggested. The bill is slightly longer.
Ball Cap, Winter	Offer a larger size (LRH). <b>My favorite hat, would be better in a lower profile, brushed material look, and smaller agency patch. (LRP)</b> The ball caps should have a lower front profile - the front panel is too tall. (LRN)	The ball cap has been modified during this past year. We have replaced the "shoulder patch" emblem with an embroidered castle.
Ball Cap, Mesh	Offer a larger size (LRH). <b>Good. Don't care for the summer ball cap. They don't seem to fit as well as the winter caps. Don't wear it.(LRP)</b> The ball caps should have a lower front profile - the front panel is too tall. (LRN)	The ball cap has been modified during this past year. We have replaced the "shoulder patch" emblem with an embroidered castle.

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Fleece Cap	Love it! (LRH) <b>Nice in the winter time (LRL)</b> Keep this item. Very useful. Good. I like it. Very good product, like the move to fleece. (LRP) <b>1. The fleece hats are not very effective. They would benefit from a windstopper layer. I wore mine during the last eagle count on the lake and my forehead hurt it was so cold, the wind cuts right through them. 2. Would it be possible to bring the old stocking cap back? The new one does not fit well and fails to cover your ears. Therefore, it does not even look good. (LRN)</b>	The fleece cap is an improvement over the acrylic and/or wool caps, however we are continuing to work with the contractor to improve this item.
Gorgonz (Ear Warmers)	Nice addition (LRH). <b>Nice in the winter on cold and windy days (LRL)</b> Thanks for adding this item. This winter will test their worth but could have really used them historically. Unknown. I like it. (LRP)	Thank you.
Ties, Clip-On	Good. Would like to see heavier material. Good for enforcement and quick change situations.(LRP)	The committee did not recommend a change in this item at this time.
Tie, Four-In-Hand	N/A	N/A
Tie, Cross	N/A	N/A
Tie Tack	N/A	N/A
Tie Bar	N/A	N/A
Name Plate	The website is a little confusing when ordering and you want to add a title under your name (LRH). <b>Not enough room for Natural Resource Specialist title. I like the magnetic style a lot. (LRP)</b> Like new style name plate with Corps patch (LRN)	The committee has requested the contractor look into modifying the nameplate. In addition, a drop down list of titles will be developed to insure all authorized titles can be engraved.
Additional Items	<b>Would like to see a cardigan sweater offered. Pullovers are a nuisance to put on and take off throughout the day when temperatures fluctuate (LRL).</b>	The committee did not recommend this.

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	The committee should provide three badges often Rangers need to wear a shirt, sweater & overshell in winter areas & switch back & forth. There is a need for three badges to always look professional (LRL).	The committee did not recommend this.
	<b>Offer black socks and black driving gloves (LRL).</b>	Socks will soon be on there way to a website near you. Gloves are considered PPE and not provided with uniform funds.
	We have 4 employees in this uniform at our location and we only receive one catalog, it would be nice to get several more then one per location (LRH).	More catalogs can be shipped to you. Contact your Division Representative.
Volunteer Uniform Order	Limited by V.F. Imagewear in purchasing 100 items total per order (not the same item, but a total of 100 pieces). This causes extra work in purchasing with GPC (LRH).	We believe this issue has been addressed. If not, please contact the NRM Uniform Committee Chair.
Volunteer Uniform Orders	On another purchase with GPC, I was charged for an item that wasn't shipped. V.F. Imagewear should not charge the GPC unless the items are shipped (LRH).	Agreed. Do you have the specifics of this issue so we can speak with the contractor about this?
Volunteer Uniform Orders	A polo shirt was on backorder for 3 months. When it was finally received it had the wrong volunteer patch on it (LRH).	Again, we need specifics in order to follow up on these types of issues.
	<b>Like this format for commenting. Easy to use and seemed to be less time consuming. (LRP)</b>	Thank you.
	<b>Is it possible for the uniform company to carry nylon duty belt and accessories (radio holder, pepper spray holder, key ring holder, flashlight holder, etc)? (LRP)</b>	The committee did not recommend this.
	<b>Since unisex sizing is such an issue for me, I am trying to get key items made-to-order. The problem with this is that it takes forever to get the items and if they don't fit, you cannot return them. What a pain in the ass it is to work for an agency that won't provide you with a proper fitting uniform. (LRP)</b>	We are sorry you feel that way. May we suggest you try TSA?

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	<b>Item of bulk clutch backs and magnet backs for nametags, castles, tie tacks for which clutch backs were lost. (LRP)</b>	The committee and the contractor are working on a solution for this.
	1. Excellent service when ordering items, usually 3-5 business days, back-ordered items are usually described in detail 2. Could we add some GORE-TEX gloves to the menu? (LRN)	The compliments were passed onto the contractor. Gloves are considered PPE and not supplied with uniform funds.