

2008 UNIFORM QUESTIONNAIRE SPREADSHEET		
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Duty Shirt, LS	We need a lightweight long sleeve duty shirt for when we need to wear the formal uniform during the summer.	The Short Sleeve lightweight shirt is now available in a Long Sleeve version and is available on the website.
	(1) Need cotton blend mix (male): ok item	See above
Duty Shirt, SS	(1) Need cotton blend mix (male): ok item (2) Need to be lighter weight, make one like columbia vent shirt. (3) Women's shirt is cut too short in length. I barely have enough shirt tail to tuck into my pants. No adjustments were made to make the smaller sized shirts proportional. My front pockets are almost at the bottom of my shirt. It appears that a larger shirt was simply cut off in length and labeled a smaller size.	1. See above. 2 See above. 3. In the past, pockets on women's shirts were in proportion to the shirt. We received numerous complaints that the pockets were not big enough to hold notebooks or pens, thus the change.
	Don't like the course material, used to bead up really bad.	The material is much less course than the previous material. Your comment of beading is the first we have heard.
Shirt, Lightweight	Great Shirt. Center of buttons break easily when washed, seem/flap on inside/back side of button hole turns out and doesn't lay flat.	The lightweight shirt does require some ironing due to the cotton content.
	1. Very good. 2. Consider micro-fiber shirts. I would like to see a Lightweight Shirt from materials similar to the Performance Fishing Gear uses. It is light, breathable, quickdry, and looks nice.	1. Thank you. 2. The committee did not recommend this at this time. Remember the material must come from the US or approved countries.
	(1) Great item (2) Material around neck does not hold up well. After a few wears and washings, the material begins to nap.(3) The top button area of this shirt does not lay open properly.	1. Thank you. 2 and 3. This material does require some ironing due to the cotton content.
Turtleneck Shirt	(1) Overpriced compared to black turtlenecks available just about everywhere. (2) Would like to see "USACE" embroidered on collar.	1. Thank you for your comment. 2. The committee did not recommend this as it would reduce the economy of scale. We share this item with the NPS.
	This was an excellent addition to the program.	Thank you for your comments.
	A mock turtleneck should be offered and it would be more comfortable. Great moisture wicking fabric. This is a good item.	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.

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Polo Shirt	<p>The heather gray really shows perspiration. Maybe gray or white would be better. Great Shirt otherwise. Where can we wear it? Expensive product/too high priced for basic polo shirt, would like to have pen holder on the upper sleeve style.</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>
	<p>1. Could be made from a more breathable material. Reduce the size of the Corps castle on the back. I do not see the need for the gigantic Corps castle on the back of the shirt. The insignia on the left front of the shirt is adequate. 2. Very expensive. 3. Too hot for warm weather; Recommend shirts be made from 100% cotton 4. Love the polo shirt- it is comfortable and well suited to weather in S. Florida. Our other shirts look like they walked straight out of 1950.</p>	<p>See above</p>

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	<p>(1) Useless!! Get rid of it! Can't wear it anywhere ("Castle" on back makes a great target!): Ugly; Embroider badge on front of shirt, reduce size of collar, remove castle from back ; castle on back is awful. We don't have a castle printed on the back of our duty shirt so why put it on the polo? Makes shirt very unattractive. (2) Would like to see castle removed from back and have embroidered badge placed on front of shirt. Would like to see this item authorized as part of daily uniform. Currently duty and lightweight shirt is old and outdated and should only be required as part of the uniform for formal functions, presentations and court appearances. (3) Take huge castle off back, make lighter weight, make arm lengths shorter, they hang below our elbows. (4) Customized versions for ranger or even able to choose what the back of the shirt says. (4) Take the castle off the back, make a shirt like the columbia fishing shirts with a vented back instead.</p>	See above
Duty Trousers, Warm Weather	1. Great. 2. I feel these trousers are not appropriate for hot weather despite their name. I believe they should be made from cotton or a microfiber material that helps cool the body.	1. Thank you. 2. The twill trousers are designed with cotton and may be worn in most situations were the duty trousers are worn.
	They finally go the style, fit and cut right. There's actually room to bend in the legs from seat to the knees. Now we need a fabric in this trouser that does not require dry cleaning.	Although they come with the dry-clean only tag, they can be washed in cold water on a delicate cycle and dried on a low heat. Take them out of the dryer before they are totally dry and they will not need ironing.
	ok item	Thank you for your comments.
Duty Trousers, Cool Weather	ok item	Thank you for your comments.
	They finally go the style, fit and cut right. There's actually room to bend in the legs from seat to the knees. Good work.	Thank you for your comments.

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Twill Trousers	1. Comfortable. 2. I would like to see a Lightweight Pant from materials similar to the Performance Fishing Gear uses. It is light, breathable, quickdry, and looks nice.	1. Thank you. 2. The committee did not recommend this at this time. Remember the material must come from the US or approved countries.
	Great trousers for daily use, great fit.	Thank you for your comments.
	(1) ok item (2) Make out of more comfortable material, lighter weight.	1. Thank you. 2. The committee did not recommend this at this time. Remember the material must come from the US or approved countries.
Cargo Trousers	ok item	Thank you for your comments.
	This is best trouser for daily use that we have because you actually have a place for GSA Vehicle keys without creating having bulging pockets. I only wish there was a lighter fabric for summer use. This trouser looks, fits, and wears good! This is a very good and comfortable item.	Thank you for your comments.
	1. Reduce the size of the waistband. Provide longer lengths. Prefer the old jeans versus the cargo pants. 2. Waist band on the cargo trousers are excessively heavy. Overall the trousers are heavier than what is needed, and this makes them hot & uncomfortable. 3. Love the cargo pants, they are comfortable and well suited to weather in S. Florida	These Trousers come in many different lengths and can be ordered unhemmed.
Brush Pants	Great style, comfort , quality.	Thank you for your comments.
	Very good pants for its intended use. Fad out too quick. Color fades quickly, velcro on back pockets come loose from material, will not keep pocket closed and looks bad.	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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	(1) Great item; need to have nylon patches on the legs for abrasion resistance. (2) The women's pants are cut extremely slim - I had to order this item 2-3 sizes larger than I normally order. The pants do not launder well - they have a very distressed look after one washing.	See above
Shorts	(1) These shorts are crap. The legs are too long. The cloth is not stretchy like what would be useful for the active Ranger. The 2009 are better than the 2008 shorts that were even worse; Get the 'sportif' stretch shorts we used to get or look at the Columbia hiking shorts available in men's and women's. They don't look like 'ghetto' shorts. (2) Make a regular pair of cargo, softer, regular length, velcro pockets. (3) Still look terrible! Go back to the stretch shorts. These come in men's and women's, look good and have plenty of pockets.	The stretch "sportif" shorts are no longer available. The committee did not recommend any further changes to the shorts.
	The length is about 1" longer than I prefer but otherwise they are great. Needed very much for beach patrol and hot weather. Too long, cargo pocket in awkward location and too deep.	Thank you for your comments.
	1. Comfortable. 2. Make a more casual style short. No polyester. These are still too long. 3. It's satisfactory but I don't use them. Need shoes with them, not tall boots. 4. The cargo shorts are uncomfortable because they are too heavy and too hot for summer weather. These shorts are particularly long on most people who wear them, which makes for a sloppy appearance. I would suggest seeking a new material and style for the cargo shorts.	The committee did not recommend any further changes to the shorts.
Skirt, Warm Weather	N/A	N/A
Skirt, Cool Weather	N/A	N/A
Belt	Very durable.	Thank you for your comments.

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	(1) ok item. You have trimmed the length of the belts. A new 32 belt is shorter than the old 32 belt. The 3rd hole in the old belt matches the 1st hole in the new one. Result in extensive returns. (2) Get rid of the 70's inlay. Make a plain black belt.	We brought this to the attention of the contractor. The tooling is specifically for the Corps belts.
Sweater	I don't wear sweaters	N/A
	I like this sweater and use it for various occasions for which it was intended.	Thank you for your comments.
	The elbow protection pads reminds me of the things they wore on the old sitcom Barney Miller.	Thank you for your comments.
Vest	Good vest!	Thank you for your comments.
	(1) ok item (2) The taller sizes are no different than the regular, they still look to short.	There is a two inch difference between regular and tall sizes.
Fleece Jacket	(1) great item (2) Like the material from 6 yrs ago better.	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.
	This is a good jacket for daily outdoor use and reasonably priced. Great item. New color does not match "green" color of all other uniform items.	See above
	Great material	Thank you for your comments.
Windbreaker	Do not use it and have never like it. Great item. New color does not match "green" color of all other uniform items.	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.
	Dumpy looking jacket. Need to look more professional as it did back in the early 90's. Old style used to have elastic at waist for better fit. Would like to see that style incorporated into these jackets.	See above
Duty Jacket	Not a lot to be said here.	N/A

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Parka, Waist Length	Both parkas are good but I prefer the hip length the best. It is not as bulky (long) and more user friendly. There was a problem with the placement of the badge tab. Not sure if this has been corrected.	
	ok item	Thank you for your comments.
Parka, Hip Length	Both parkas are good but I prefer the hip length the best. It is not as bulky (long) and more user friendly	Thank you for your comments.
	Great	Thank you for your comments.
	ok item	Thank you for your comments.
Overshell Jacket	Great	Thank you for your comments.
	This is the best jacket we have because of its style and the Gore-Tex.	Thank you for your comments.
	ok item	Thank you for your comments.
Hood, Insulated	Good!	Thank you for your comments.
	ok item	Thank you for your comments.
Hood, Uninsulated	Good!	Thank you for your comments.
	ok item	Thank you for your comments.
Rain/Wind Pants	The Rain Pants always seem too long. If you snap the pieces around the belt ,the pants hang low. No matter how I wear them they drag the ground, and the crotch hangs low.	We recently adopted a new rain/wind pant that has a waterproof zipper. We have asked the contractor to look into the possibility of producing shorter length trousers.
	(1) ok item (2) Nice!!!	Thank you for your comments.
Rain Coat	(1) ok item. Item no longer needed. (2) Make a shorter coat that will matches the rain/wind pants.	1. Thank you. 2. The Overshell is made of the same material as the Rain/wind pants.
	Great Coat	Thank you for your comments.
Coveralls, Unlined	Great	Thank you for your comments.
	ok item	Thank you for your comments.
Work Jacket	Great Coat	Thank you for your comments.
	Great jacket for "C" work!	Thank you for your comments.

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	(1) great item (2) Love it, but I've ordered 3 jackets and none of them are the same color, try to be consistent.	1. Thank you. 2. We are working on the color issue.
Bib Overalls	great item	Thank you for your comments.
	Good!	Thank you for your comments.
	Great	Thank you for your comments.
Maternity Shirt	NA; need to make these items made-to-order and priority when requested. Went through 2 pregnancies while a ranger - uniforms showed up after children were born.	We have purchased maternity items in advance and sent them to Carrie Richardson in Sacramento District. She operates a loaner program to supply maternity items. She tells us she has plenty of items available should you have any difficulty getting new items.
Maternity Pants	(1) NA; need to make these items made-to-order and priority when requested. Went through 2 pregnancies while a ranger - uniforms showed up after children were born. (2) Maternity pants???? There are none to be ordered when I needed them!! Had to buy my own!!! I contacted customer service to ask when they didn't even know. It's not like you can put off needing maternity pants!!!	We have purchased maternity items in advance and sent them to Carrie Richardson in Sacramento District. She operates a loaner program to supply maternity items. She tells us she has plenty of items available should you have any difficulty getting new it
Campaign Hat, Felt	Consolidate (w/campaign hat, straw). We don't need 2 types. How about straw only; gray color; ok item	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. The committee did not feel that the straw hat alone met the needs of the program.
Campaign Hat, Straw	(1) Consolidate (w/campaign hat, felt). We don't need 2 types. How about straw only; gray color; ok item (2) A padded sweat band would be nice, felt fits better and is the same size.	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. The padded band is available in both felt and straw.
	Very uncomfortable, feels like you're wearing a concrete block on your head; recommend hat be made from a softer material.	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. Softer material tends to droop and sag. The double thick brim provides a longer lasting, more professional image.

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	Why can't it be made comfortable?	Have you tried the new cushioned sweatband?
Hat Band	ok item	Thank you for your comments.
Chin Strap	ok item	Thank you for your comments.
Hat Castle	ok item	Thank you for your comments.
Rain Hat Cover	The rain cover for the campaign hat is still listed on the website, but I was told by the Uniform Solutions representative that the reason I could not order it was because our agency discontinued the item. I still wear the campaign hat as part of my official uniform. It still rains on Park Rangers. I still need rain covers - please restore availability.	The committee has been working with the contractor to acquire a better rain cover of a more flexible material and of larger sizes. They will be available soon.
Sun Hat	(1) ok item (2) Look at columbia hat with mesh and drawstring to tighten and loosen head size, which will cause you to make less sizes. (3_ Make the brim floppy like it is supposed to be on that kind of hat. The stiff brim looks really stupid.	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	Is this the one that looks like the style worn during the 'Korean War'? If so, it is of poor quality. Get rid of it; ok item	This item has been modified during this past year. The bill is slightly longer.
Ball Cap, Winter	These are the best Ball Caps we've ever had!	Thank you for your comments.
	ok item; reduce the size of the patch on front or embroider just a castle and do away with the arm patch.	The ball cap has been modified during this past year. We have replaced the "shoulder patch" emblem with an embroidered castle.
Ball Cap, Mesh	ok item; reduce the size of the patch on front or embroider just a castle and do away with the arm patch.	See above
	Good no problems	Thank you for your comments.
Fleece Cap	Not very functional in that it cannot be adjusted/stretched over the ears.	Thank you. We did ask the contractor to look into the possibility of a fleece material that has some flexibility to it to fit those inbetween sizes.
	This is the best cold weather headgear to date. This is a real improvement!	Thank you for your comments.
	ok item; great - much better than the old itchy acrylic knit hats	Thank you for your comments.

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Gorgonz (Ear Warmers)	(1) Made in China. Why are we buying these?; weird. Won't fit my head; ok - felt as if they are going to fall off at any given minute. (2) Why even have these? Very unprofessional appearance. (3) Very nice.	1 and 2. These were provided to provide ear protection under the campaign hat. 3. Thank you.
	Very Good!	Thank you for your comments.
Ties, Clip-On	I hate them	N/A
Tie, Four-In-Hand	1. Drop this item. Safety issue - anyone can grab this and choke the 'crap' out of you; these are dangerous and can be used to strangulate the wearer. (2) Why even have these? They are skinny and from the 1970's need to be redesigned	1 and 2. This tie is an option. Just as many employees have chosen this as any of the other tie options.
Tie, Cross	N/A	N/A
Tie Tack	ok item	Thank you for your comments.
Tie Bar	ok item	Thank you for your comments.
Name Plate	nice to be able to order.	Thank you for your comments.
	The name plate are good quality and it's great that we a standard issue unlike the old days when every project had a different version. I really like the magnetic plates.	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.
	(1) ok item; Just needs name and title; we need to be able to buy replacement clamps for the nametags. (2) Cannot type Natural Resource Specialist in the space provided on the website.	See above
Additional Items	Thought that the customer service is excellent. Also very good on how they keep your size	We will pass along the compliment to the contractor.
	How about adding black leather driving gloves and black fleece outdoor gloves. PPE! Like to see a Parka with a zip in interchangeable liner. Also a lightweight long sleeve shirt.	Gloves are considered PPE and not furnished with uniform funds. We do not recommend changes to the outerwear at this time. The long sleeve lightweight shirt is available now on the website.
	Would like to have Insulated Coveralls back as option in addition to uninsulated coveralls and bib overalls.	This "option" would not be cost effective.
	Would like to have green color standard and not change every few years.	Agreed. The color is supposed to be Earth Green. We are working with the contractor to hold to that color.

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	Expensive items that are purchased have to be replaced because "green" color does not match items that are a few years old. Example, Windbreaker, fleece jacket.	Agreed. The color is supposed to be Earth Green. We are working with the contractor to hold to that color.
	Fluorescent orange ball cap - while in field; worn during hunting season, directing traffic, etc. Patch on front; special use.	Orange safety equipment is not part of the NRM Uniform program. Safety equipment is purchased with project funds.
	Tie - adjustable with Velcro closure	We have looked at this in the past. The velcro closure was nearly as strong as the tie itself and did not provide the safety aspects of the clip on tie.
	Dickeys - black, to wear with long sleeve shirts	The committee did not recommend this.
	Would like to see a gold US pin to be attached to the left uniform shirt collar and a pin identifying what district you are in on the other collar.	The committee did not recommend this.
	Would be nice to have a fleece pullover; most styles are less bulky and fit better under jackets when out in the field and on the boat in the winter.	The committee did not recommend this.
	Would like to see the Corps offer black winter gloves to go with the uniform.	Gloves are considered PPE and not furnished with uniform funds.
	Would like to see a fleece headband with Corps logo. A neck gator would also be helpful.	The committee did not recommend this.
	Make a pullover type, thick winter jacket similar to ones made by DRAKE (they make hunting clothing)	The committee did not recommend this.
	Almost every clothing item was designed in the 1970's, early 80's, the Corps needs to make a change!!!!!!!!!!	The committee continues to look at every item in the uniform program. Many have been updated and changed, however the program as a whole still serves the purpose for which it was designed...to provide the employees with a uniform that is both professional and functional.