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Duty Shirt, LS	1.The collars are hard to shape. They curl out and don't lie flat. 2. Can they come up with different material, this does not keep one warm, bad feel on skin. 3. Good strong shirt, Comfortable and durable. 4. Add American flag to uniform shoulder.	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.
		4. We have looked into the issue of the American Flag patch and have not recommended modifying the uniform for the following reasons. The primary reason is cost. Not only would we have to modify all the specifications in the current contract and add the cost of the patch to all the shirts and outerwear, but we would also have to determine the cost of modifying all the shirts and outerwear currently in the field. The second is the issue of conformity. Once the patches were shipped to the field, how do we ensure the patches are correctly attached to the uniform items. Thirdly, sewing patches on Goretex outerwear also requires an additional step to seal the area where the needle penetrates the fabric otherwise the material leaks. We continue to believe that the collar pin is an appropriate response.

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Duty Shirt, SS	<p>1. These are pointless. Everyone I know orders the light weight instead because it's hot...hence the short sleeves.</p> <p>2. Comfortable and durable. 3. Add American flag to uniform shoulder. 4. My duty shirt has 2 large pockets like everyone's. When I tuck in my shirt the bottom of the pocket is about 1" above my belt. Seems like the pockets shouldn't be that big. I tried ordering a smaller shirt but when they sent me a 32 it was a VERY OLD style shirt that was really tiny. If they had an OLD style 34 it would look great on me. But, when I order a 34 I get one that was made recently &amp; it just doesn't look like it fits me. This next comment is somewhat embarrassing...one of the rangers, this summer, offered to give me some of her old shirts, she said I would look better in them. I didn't take her up on the offer, wearing someone else's old clothes didn't seem right. If the employees have noticed that I don't look sharp then I don't think I'm making this up.</p>	<p>1. The SS Duty Shirt is the daily wear shirt. The lightweight shirt is the option. 2. Thank you. 3. See above for reply to the American flag patch. 4. In the past the pockets were smaller and the comments from the field were that they were useless because they were too small to carry notebooks, pens, etc.</p>
Shirt, Lightweight	<p>1. Can they make a long sleeve shirt with this material for summer wear? 2. Chest pocket needs to be raised up. Sleeves shortened. Add American flag to uniform shoulder.</p>	<p>1. The lightweight LS shirt is available on the website. See reply above on American flag patch.</p>
Turtleneck Shirt	<p>1. Consistency in collar elastic material varies. Some are very tight, some are very loose, and some are just right. 2. The small is too big for me, I gave mine away last year. Can there be an XS?</p>	<p>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. We have also asked for and XS size.</p>

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Polo Shirt	1. Needs to have extra small added to sizes. 2. The collars material is too wide which makes it difficult to fold down and bunches up around the neck when wearing a PFD. 3. Remove castle from back. Smaller name font. Embroider badge like DOI has.	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.
Duty Trousers, Warm Weather	1. Too expensive when compared to the twill pants. Nobody I know wants to order them and waste their allowance. 2. Great pants and comfortable	Thank you for your comments.
Duty Trousers, Cool Weather	Don't own any...again too expensive.	Thank you for your comments.
Twill Trousers	1. A great pant for the price. 2. Material abrades too easily. Pilling occurs after 4 washings. Cheap price-and it shows.	These are inexpensive but meet the niche it was designed for...the temporary employee.

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Cargo Trousers	<p>1.I like the cargo pants. 2.They are very useful in the field. 3. I think it would be nice to have a pair of pants that are light weight for the summer. Under armour makes a pair that are 100% nylour. I have a pair that works great for backpacking. They are tear resistant and dry quickly. These pants would also save time during the summer. If you are out on patrol and need to go on the boat you will no longer need to go back to HQ in order to change into shorts. 4. Awesome...glad we can wear them for everyday use. 5. Good quality, In this day and age of high tech outdoor wear, it would be nice to have a cargo pant made out of a tech. material with the ability to convert into shorts like other agencies have. 6. Rise is too low. Hard to lift knee due to extra material in crotch.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments. The shorts are to be uses only for boat, beach, and bicycle patrols and beach programs. This is the only exception to the minimum work uniform listed in EM 385-1-1. Convertible pants would be treated the same as shorts.</p>
Brush Pants	<p>1. I don't know about anyone else but they fit funny and are uncomfortable (at least for a women). 2. Sizing is not clear due to cotton duck cloth material.</p>	<p>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.</p>
Shorts	<p>1. It would be better to have water friendly material and more comfortable design. 2. Over all ok, but a longer cut should be offered. Short styles keep getting longer and longer. Anything that goes higher than an inch above the knee looks goofy., 8" inseam?? I would like to see a longer short (10-12" inseam) made out of a faster drying material. Male shorts with a 8" inseam does not present a professional image. It's 2008 not 1970. 3. Nylon quick-dry version needed.</p>	<p>With 1500 people in the uniform, there are probably 1500 different opinions as to how long the shorts should be. The current version is our best effort to take the best portions of the first short (no longer made in the US) and the revised short (with the 9" inseam). The version we now have we are going to stay with. They are longer than the originals, but can be hemmed which the second version could not.</p>

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Skirt, Warm Weather	N/A	N/A
Skirt, Cool Weather	N/A	N/A
Belt	1. The black wears off where the buckle rubs on it after only a few uses...looks unprofessional. The leather is poor quality. 2. Would prefer a dyed black leather belt to the painted black brown belt we now use. Paint chips off high wear areas and black polish only temporarily fixes problem. It would also be nice to have a professional looking Army Corps belt buckle with the Corps logo instead of the stock brass buckle.	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). The committee did not recommend a different belt buckle.
Sweater	N/A	N/A
Vest	1. Awesome! 2. Make ballistic quality for patrol use.	1. Thanks. 2. Ballistic vests are a personal protection item not provided by the uniform program.
Fleece Jacket	1. The material piles after only a few washes. 2. Excellent item. New material used is better. Add American flag to uniform shoulder.	1. Thank you. 2. See above for the reply on the American flag patch.
Windbreaker	1. Why did they take the cuff off, the elastic gets too tight on wrists, I liked the old windbreaker that had the elastic in the waist. It looked more professional than the plain green 'square' that is available now. 2. Not a big fan, too light. 3. Add American flag to uniform shoulder.	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. See above for the American Patch.
Duty Jacket	1. Over priced and hard to justify if you appear in court or ceremonies less than once a year. 2. Adjustable belly would really help with fit.	Thank you for your comments.
Parka, Waist Length	1. Good 2. Add American flag to uniform shoulder.	Thank you for your comments. See above for reply on the American flag patch.
Parka, Hip Length	1. The parka works out good for me. It is a comfortable jacket. 2. Add American flag to uniform shoulder.	Thank you for your comments. See above for reply on the American flag patch.
Overshell Jacket	1. Great jacket! 2. Add American flag to uniform shoulder.	Thank you for your comments. See above for reply on the American flag patch.

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Hood, Insulated	Over priced	There is little we can do about this.
Hood, Uninsulated	Over priced	There is little we can do about this.
Rain/Wind Pants	1. Needs to have extra small added to sizes 2. Bring back Goretex or use another breathable fabric.	1. We spoke to the contractor about adding smaller sizes. 2. The fabric is Gore Tex.
Rain Coat	N/A	N/A
Coveralls, Unlined	1. Needs to have extra small added to sizes. 2. Color fades after only a few washes. 3. Add American flag to uniform shoulder.	1. We spoke to the contractor about adding smaller sizes. 2. They are 100% cotton. Cotton does not hold color well. 3. See reply above on the American flag patch.
Work Jacket	1. Awsome! 2. Great for cold weather. 3. Very happy with this product. 4. Add American flag to uniform shoulder.	1. Thank you. 2. Thank you. 3. Thank you. 4. See reply above on the American flag patch.
Bib Overalls	1. Needs to have extra small added to sizes. 2. Mmmm warm!	1. We spoke to the contractor about adding smaller sizes. 2. Thank you.
Maternity Shirt	Add American flag to uniform shoulder.	We have looked into the issue of the American Flag patch and have not recommended modifying the uniform for the following reasons. The primary reason is cost. Not only would we have to modify all the specifications in the current contract and add the cost of the patch to all the shirts and outerwear, but we would also have to determine the cost of modifying all the shirts and outerwear currently in the field. The second is the issue of conformity. Once the patches were shipped to the field, how do we ensure the patches are correctly attached to the uniform items. Thirdly, sewing patches on Goretex outerwear also requires an additional step to seal the area where the needle penetrates the fabric otherwise the material leaks. We continue to believe that the collar pin is an appropriate response.
Maternity Pants	N/A	N/A
Campaign Hat, Felt	1. Outdated. Intimidates the public. Makes rangers appear to be Law Enforcement (guns and handcuffs) such as CHP or other agencies. Does not hold up to real world patrol use.	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.

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Campaign Hat, Straw	1. Make user friendly, too stiff and not comfortable. Make like ball cap comfort, The smokey hats are out dated. They are nice to have for special events but for day to day patrol they are ridiculous and uncomfortable. The baseball cap should be used for all day to day activities. 2. This hat is much better, stiffer and not so floppy like the old one. 3. Outdated. Intimidates the public. Makes rangers appear to be Law Enforcement (guns and handcuffs) such as CHP or other agencies. Does not hold up to real world patrol use. 4. Looser weave on top to allow evaporation from head.	1. 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 baseball cap is not the professional image of the Corps Park Ranger. 2. Thank you. 3. The campaign hat is no more "law enforcement" than the badge. 4. We will pass along your suggestion.
Hat Band	N/A	N/A
Chin Strap	Change name to: Strap, Rear of Cranium	Good comment.
Hat Castle	N/A	N/A
Rain Hat Cover	1. Very Cheap 2. Material tears easily. Too tight around hatband.	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. Best item the corps came up with, California sun gets brutal. 2. I was surprised that you couldn't choose 'small' for the size. I had to choose 'medium' and it is big on me. I am concerned it will blow off in the boat .3. Don't like the color, how about a green or gray hat that matches the rest of the uniform. Also pre-shrunk would be better. 4. It would be nice to have a more military inspired hat (booney hat) than the current Sun Hat which looks like my mothers gardening hat. 5. Embroidered castle is not centered.	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	N/A	N/A
Ball Cap, Winter	1. It would be nice to have flex fit hats. 2. The front part with the logo is too stiff and gives a "billboard" look. Also is itchy on the forehead. 3. Need Flexfit style ball cap. They are comfortable and more durable than the leather strap/buckle style, especially in a marine enviroment where the leather strap can break when it's wet.	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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Ball Cap, Mesh	Don't own any...don't want the back half of my head to sunburn.	Thank you for your comments.
Fleece Cap	1. Awsome...greatest addition to the uniform program in years! 2. Good	Thank you for your comments.
Gorgonz (Ear Warmers)	N/A	N/A
Ties, Clip-On	Lame and childish...we're supposed to be professionals and we can't even tie our own neck ties?	If you wish to tie your own ties, the four-in-hand is available. The clip on tie is designed to prevent an aggressor from grabbing the tie to gain physical control over the employee.
Tie, Four-In-Hand	Just fine...although could be a little shorter for us folks who are not 6' tall.	Recommend you tuck the narrow end inside your shirt at the fourth button where the tie tack or tie bar is attached.
Tie, Cross	N/A	N/A
Tie Tack	N/A	N/A
Tie Bar	Nice!	Thank you for your comments.
Name Plate	1. Chips very easily after light wear. 2. Magnetic name plate falls off easily 3. Pin back prongs are too long. Shorten by 1/8th inch. Remove Corps emblem from front- way too small.	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.
	There should just be the castle logo, bigger, and get rid of the words. Nobody can read them anyway and it just leaves less space for the castle.	See above.

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Additional Items	1. How about adding a light weight pant that has zip-off legs and converts into shorts for emergency situations that don't allow time for changing into shorts to go on the boat? 2.How about adding a quality, moisture wicking, blister preventing, black boot sock? These are NOT easy to find in a store and are very expensive to be an out-of-pocket item for Rangers. 3. I would like to see some type of spandex shorts added to the program for bike patrol. The current shorts are not comfortable to wear while riding a bicycle and tend to cause chaffing. 4. Add an elastic waist like the Dockers Comfort Fit for after-lunch comfort and bloating. Add American flag to uniform shoulder - please-. 5. Plastic zippers on all jacket pockets to avoid scratching glasses, rearing fingernails, etc.	1. The shorts are to be uses only for boat, beach, and bicycle patrols and beach programs. This is the only exception to the minimum work uniform listed in EM 385-1-1. Convertible pants would be treated the same as shorts. 2. Socks will be available soon. 3. See reply 1 above. 4. The committee did not recommend this. 5. Plastic zippers are utilized where available. In some cases metal zippers are the only thing avialable.
	Class A shoes should be included in the uniform budget like the NPS. If shoes are part of the uniform then they should be covered. Steel-toed boots are covered for maint. workers.	The committee did not recommend this.
	The greens still don't match.	Thank you for your comment. We are addressing this issue.
	How 'bout some raincoats with hoods.	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.
	Bring back the windbreaker with the piece of fabric at the shoulders fastened by a gold button on each shoulder (straplike or kind of like an epaulette). They were very attractive and for a class A visitor center I think it would add a nice touch. They should be in addition to the boxy, generic windbreaker.	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.