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Hello everyone -

Just a few notes for you today:

**Note for Mars Hill Hikers/Dog Walkers/Bikers/Runners**

We are again having increasing crowding and craziness issues at the overlook, with a decided ramp-up after the high schools let out (among other things, several kids were found last week lying in the middle of the sharp curve in the road). There have also been a few vehicles driving around rapidly near our tours and in unauthorized places on campus, now that we have (somewhat) increased public access. We will therefore increase our security service's contract at the overlook; they'll start at 3:30 PM daily (12:30 PM on Wednesdays) and be on site until 11 PM. A few notes:

- We've told the security service that if people are obviously just hiking, biking, or running up the hill for exercise, it's fine for them to continue through to the trails or to pedal around the loop in the parking lot of our visitor center.
- For our regular hikers who come up here in cars, I and our Facilities Manager Dave Shuck will watch for you and will give you one of our business cards when we see you (or if you see us, feel free to flag us down). When you get to the overlook thereafter, just show the guard our card and they'll let you come up to the trailhead.

We'll be in touch with security throughout, and we'll reduce their presence if/when things settle down. I'll also stay in touch with residents in the Townsite in case last summer's issues with loud cars begin to recur.

**Section 17 trails**

Robert Wallace of the Flagstaff Open Space Program has contracted with American Conservation Experience to do a GIS survey of all trails on Section 17. This work will happen in early May and will create a foundation for figuring out what trails to keep, which ones to obliterate, and how to best connect them to existing or new FUTS and/or the open space adjacent to Section 17.

I'll be having our first meeting tomorrow with our small citizens' group to begin discussing the various trail routes on the section - many thanks to Nat, Andy, Diane, Duffie, Mark, Jon, and Dyer for your time! I expect this group's input will be a valuable complement to the mapping survey.

I hope everyone is staying well.

Jeff