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Memorandum

To: Superintendent, Craters of the Moon National Monument

From: Assistant Director, Park Support Services

Subject: Proposal to reintroduce Big Horn Sheep at Craters of the Moon

Your proposal to reintroduce Big Horn Sheep at Craters of the Moon in cooperation with the State of Idaho Fish and Game Department and the Bureau of Land Management appears to be in agreement with the 1963 Leopold Report recommendations but a great deal of information must be gathered before such a project can be programmed and funded.

As you may know, Lava Beds has undertaken a project similar to your proposal. I am returning your RSP 8131N1 and sending a copy of their RSP, LABE-N-12 in which they spell out, in some detail, problems which must be resolved prior to actual programming and funding for fencing and water development. In addition to answers to their five questions, we also want to know where the enclosure is going to be built and need justification for its location. These questions need to be answered by a qualified person or persons having full knowledge and understanding of National Park Service policies and principles and can apply them to this specific proposal.

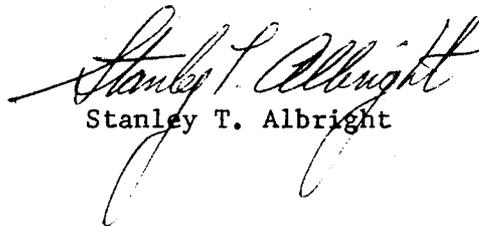
I suggest that you resubmit your RSP, worded in such a way that it requests a feasibility type study by National Park Service scientists as was done by Lava Beds National Monument.

Your RSP should be attached to a completed PSP Form 10-240 which briefly names the kind of professional service needed and provides justification for the service. A well thought out justification can make a difference. In the block for "description of service required" you may refer to the RSP by number since it is attached.

I am also enclosing a copy of the Memorandum of Agreement between Lava Beds and several other State and Federal agencies, mainly to

alert you to the kinds of information that will be needed before reintroduction of Big Horn Sheep at Craters of the Moon National Monument becomes a reality.

I hope the enclosed information proves helpful and sincerely hope the results of your requested study will provide positive results for you.


Stanley T. Albright

Enclosures