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It's time for Congress to step in on...

## **RIGHT TO CARRY in NATIONAL PARKS!**

*Did you know that it's a federal crime for citizens with concealed handgun permits to drive while armed on the GW Parkway, Skyline Drive, and in any National Park in the USA??*

The National Park Service has been sitting on a petition for rulemaking since February 2005 that merely asks that the Park Service adopt the same proven pro-10<sup>th</sup> Amendment rule long used by the Forest Service – assimilation of state gun laws onto National Parks.<sup>1</sup>

This PRM was signed by groups representing over 1 million Americans yet the NPS won't act!<sup>2</sup>

*Question: What's wrong with this picture?*



*Answer: Family safety should NOT be compromised simply because Americans choose to visit a federal park & not a federal forest in the same state!*

### <sup>1</sup> **“SUMMARY AND REQUEST FOR RULE MAKING**

Petitioner requests the National Park Service amend its regulations ...

Appendix A – Proposed Regulation

TITLE 36--PARKS, FORESTS, AND PUBLIC PROPERTY

CHAPTER I--NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

PART 2--RESOURCE PROTECTION, PUBLIC USE AND RECREATION--Table of

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Sec. 2.4 Weapons, traps and nets.

(a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section and parts 7 special regulations) and 13 (Alaska regulations), the following are prohibited:(i) Possessing a weapon, trap or net (ii) Carrying a weapon, trap or net (iii) Using a weapon, trap or net...and ownership, on all lands and waters within a park area that are under the legislative jurisdiction of the United States...(h) ***Notwithstanding any provision of this section, the possession or carrying of a firearm in compliance with Title 18, U.S. Code,Sec. 922(g), and the law of the state in which the park is located shall not violate this section.*** [bolded italics is the requested modification]. For full PRM, see [http://www.vcdl.org/new/Petition\\_for\\_Rulemaking.pdf](http://www.vcdl.org/new/Petition_for_Rulemaking.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> The 42 groups petitioning include Gun Owners of America, Allegheny County Sportsmen's League, Georgia Firearm Owners Defense League, Kentucky Coalition to Carry Concealed, Grassroots South Carolina, Rocky Mountain Gun Owners, and many others – see all of them at [www.VCDL.org](http://www.VCDL.org).

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