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Dear Joel:

Thank you for your partnership in the management and implementation of the Land and Water Conservation Fund. We would particularly like to thank you and your staff for your active participation in our joint committee on Improving the Efficiency and Effectiveness of the LWCF's Stateside Assistance Program. We can point to several successes from our partnership in 2016:

- The presentation at our annual meeting on in-direct cost rate calculations.
- The Policy Update on Small Conversions.
- The on-going dialogue and discussion through our monthly meetings/calls.

NASORLO very much appreciates your work on these issues and the improved flexibility in the Small Conversion policy. These changes and improvements are in line with the increased flexibility we are seeking. The detailed letter you sent in November outlining your progress on these and other issues is key to our collective program success.

NASORLO has made this committee an on-going standing committee and we look forward to continued partnership with NPS. Due to leadership changes at NASORLO, past President Tim Hogsett will be the new committee chair.

In 2017, we would like to work collaboratively with NPS on the issues below. In addition, we are interested in discussing issues that you are facing and seek your ideas for the Committee's agenda for 2017.

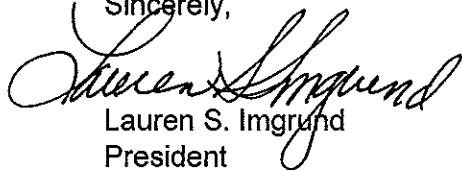
- 1) Administrative Costs: There continues to be inconsistency and confusion among the states regarding the application of an indirect cost rate. The presentation at the Annual Meeting in Detroit, Michigan was a great first step in understanding this issue, but we would like further discussion. A legislative change to allow administrative costs for program compliance is an organization goal. **Action:** NPS committed to providing a list of states with negotiated agreements for in-direct costs. We would like that list as well as further discussion and education on this topic.

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- 2) Temporary Non-Conforming Use: We appreciate and understand the issues as outlined in your November letter. We seek to continue to partner on this issue and to explore all avenues for change either legislative or regulatory.
- 3) Funding Directed to Technology and Program Modernization: This remains a NASORLO priority and we actively seek your engagement to expand the Protected Areas Database (PADUS) as the single publicly accessible information source for all public lands. We propose a joint meeting with Lisa Johnson, PADUS, coordinator, and Interior's Chief Cartographer to discuss a path forward.
- 4) Appraisals: NASORLO members often manage several federal grant programs. We seek consistency on appraisals across these programs, in particular, a change from Yellow Book to USPAP.
- 5) Inspections: We would like to have a two-part discussion on this issue focusing on NPS expectations for inspections and funding needs for States to meet this compliance requirement. Having all park and recreation areas in PADUS – LWCF 6(f) are a subset – will greatly enhance our compliance functions.
- 6) SCORP: We would like to discuss moving to a 10 year SCORP planning process.

Thank you again for your continued partnership and support for the Stateside Assistance Program.

Sincerely,


Lauren S. Imgrund
President