

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
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Uses, Grand Canyon,  
Bass, W. W., Livery  
Permit, 4/29/16.

Hon. Carl Hayden,  
House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Hayden:

Reference is made to your letter of August 1 enclosing letter from Mr. W. W. Bass, of Grand Canyon, Arizona, to you relating to his livery permit at the Grand Canyon.

You, of course, understand the situation at the Grand Canyon in a general way. You know of the limited jurisdiction of the Forest Service; that Congress has not made appropriations for the improvement of the Canyon; and that in the past there has been more or less strife and bickering among rival livery operators for the patronage of the visiting public. The Forest Service has been advised by the Solicitor of this Department that there is authority to regulate these matters to a considerable extent and in conformity with that opinion the Secretary of Agriculture has approved



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certain regulations respecting the conduct of business and general traffic at the Canyon.

Under these regulations Mr. Bass has been called on to obtain a permit which will allow him to maintain a livery office near the Grand Canyon station and to solicit livery patronage.

It was thought desirable to prevent general solicitation of business within 100 feet of the rim of the Canyon where visitors congregate to view it. It was felt that this was advisable because visitors, while viewing the Canyon, do not like to be annoyed by solicitors and especially by some of the talk indulged in between rival concerns. You understand, of course, that the Hermit Rim road was built by the Santa Fe Company and that it has been largely maintained by it. The Company has also spent more or less money in maintaining the Grand View road, although this, for part of the distance, is a county road. The roads are open to free use by the public, except that motor vehicles are not allowed on the Hermit Rim road. The cost of maintaining these roads is a considerable amount. A part is borne by the Forest Service, and it is proposed that the other part shall be borne by those who use them for commercial purposes; that is, those engaged in the livery business at the Canyon. A fair estimate as to the cost of maintenance has been worked



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out and it is proposed that each livery permittee shall contribute according to the number of livery units he maintains. Mr. Bass has been called on to pay on this basis and his contribution for the coming year will be \$50.

This whole matter was looked into very recently by Mr. T. G. Shearman of the Secretary's office and some slight changes in Mr. Bass' permit were recommended by him. These changes will be made and I am hopeful that the permit as modified will be acceptable to Mr. Bass. The District office was instructed by wire yesterday to make the modifications. The principal one in which Mr. Bass is interested relates to the contribution he is to make toward the maintenance of the roads, and this has been reduced to \$50 for his entire outfit. Mr. Bass' letter to you is returned.

Very sincerely yours,

A. F. Potter

Acting Forester.

Enclosure.