

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON

March 8, 1926.

My dear Mr. Hayden:

I have your request of March 1 inclosing telegram you have received from Mr. J. E. Shirley of the Harvey Transportation System at Grand Canyon.

In line with reduction of automobile entrance fees in the various National Parks by more than one-half, the Department has approved an automobile fee of \$1.00 for automobiles entering the Grand Canyon National Park on the South Rim. This fee is practically a registration charge and in addition to entitling the automobile to be operated over all the roads on the South Rim, the motorists may have the free use of the public camp ground where such conveniences as fire wood, pure water, sanitary and other facilities are furnished. At the Grand Canyon we have just completed one of the most modern, up-to-date camp grounds in the park system and here water is furnished free to visitors although the Park Service has to buy all the water furnished. It has been our experience and that of large cities as well that self-respecting citizens motoring through the country prefer to pay something for services of this character rather than have them donated.

In working out arrangements for the issuance of permits and collection of the fee, it is proposed to recommend to the Secretary approval of the attached new rules and regulations. You will note it is provided that residents of the park operating automobiles therein shall not be required to secure permits and that it is further provided no charge shall be made for such permits issued to residents of Coconino County entering the park in conduct of their usual occupation or business.

It is believed that with the approval of these regulations, local objection to the establishment of the fee will be largely removed as the charge to be made is primarily for direct services furnished motorists in the public camp grounds. I would be pleased to have your thoughts in this connection.

Mr. Shirley's telegram is returned as requested.

Hon. Carl Hayden,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Inclosure 27371.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen T. Mather
Director.