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CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM TO: Regional and Division Engineers

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SUBJECT: Location of Interstate System - Encroachment on areas under jurisdiction of the National Park Service.

There have been and may be future instances where a feasible location for a section of the Interstate System routes would encroach on areas under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service. Such highway locations may result in some damage to the values being preserved by the National Park Service and possibly more so with respect to sites having historical or archeological importance. In all cases where consideration is being given to Interstate route locations through National Park, National Monument or other areas under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service, the State should be requested to present comparative cost and traffic service data on feasible alternate locations not encroaching on the areas cited.

Whenever a State highway department propose a location through a National Park or Monument area, a report on justification for such a location should be submitted to the Washington office for discussion with the National Park Service. Where there is sound justification for locating a section of an Interstate route through or across a park area, the supporting data will be presented to the National Park Service for its consideration as to the acceptability of the location. The views of the National Park Service will be conveyed to our regional office for transmission to the State.