National Park Service: No Unmanned Aircraft Allowed On Park Land Or Water

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RALEIGH, (SGRToday.com) - After a serious of incidents with unmanned aircraft disrupting visitors and wildlife in national parks, the head of the National Parks Service has ordered superintendents to prohibit them on park and water.

"We embrace many activities in national parks because they enhance visitor experiences with the iconic natural, historic and cultural landscapes in our care," NPS director Jonathan Jarvis said in a memorandum. "However, we have serious concerns about the negative impact that flying unmanned aircraft is having in parks, so we are prohibiting their use until we can determine the most appropriate policy that will protect park resources and provide all visitors with a rich experience."

Disruptive incidents have occurred at the Grand Canyon, Mount Zion, and Mount Rushmore, according to the agency.