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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
National Park Service  
STATE PARK CONSERVATION WORK  
Washington

To All State, County and Metropolitan Park Authorities:

The State Park Emergency Conservation Work camps have been in operation two months of the first six month period. This period will terminate on November 30. The apparent confusion that necessarily comes with the launching of a big project in a short period of time has now died away and we are beginning to realize the actual benefits. Our inspectors are reporting fine progress and excellent cooperation. In the next four months a tremendous amount of good park conservation work ought to be accomplished.

The President is not prepared at this time to announce any decision as to the continuance of Emergency Conservation Work beyond the present six month enrollment period. At the same time it appears quite probable that the work will continue at least through an additional six-month-period, and in view of this, it is necessary that consideration be given at once to the plans for winter location of State park ECW camps. The Director of Emergency Conservation Work has asked that a survey be made in this regard. For this purpose a report is necessary on existing and proposed camps.

1. Will there be sufficient work remaining after November 30 for camps already established for another six-month period in the same location?
2. Will climatic conditions permit occupancy at the present camp site during the winter with a reasonable opportunity for the successful accomplishment of field work?
3. If the present camp location is unsuitable for winter occupancy, state the date by which under normal climatic conditions, the camp should be vacated.
4. If present camp site should be vacated this fall, will the same site offer work for an additional six months, beginning next spring in case the ECW program should be continued through the summer of 1934? If so, should the improvements now constructed be removed this fall or will they come through the winter in serviceable condition for use again next season?
5. If present camp site is not adapted to winter occupancy and work, can the camp be moved to another location in your park where winter living conditions would be suitable and reasonable amount of field work could be accomplished?

The above questions should be answered briefly and wherever possible by Yes or No.

Attached is an application blank with instructions which we believe are self-explanatory. BE SURE TO SUBMIT IN TRIPLICATE.

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It will be necessary for one of our inspectors or district officers to review and approve your application blanks before we finally submit them to Mr. Fechner, Director of Emergency Conservation Work, for his consideration. I therefore urge that you contact these field men and talk your problems over at an early date. It would, of course, be desirable to do this before the application blank is handed in. However, Director Fechner has called for these applications by August 15 and this may not be practical.

In May we received applications for camps far in excess of the number of camps available, and it is reasonable to assume that the applications for the second six-months period will also exceed the camps available. Therefore you should be sure that your application blanks are received in the Washington Office not later than August 12. In order to insure that these blanks are received in the proper division in the Washington Office of the National Park Service on that date, you are requested to address your application blanks as follows:

State Park Emergency Conservation Work  
National Park Service  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D. C.

Attached is a tabulation showing the four Emergency Conservation Work State Park Districts, giving the names of the District Officers and the names of the States in each district.

CONRAD L. WIRTH,  
Assistant Director.