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**To: All Employees, Southeast Utah Group**

**From: Superintendent, Southeast Utah Group**

**Subject: Collecting of Park Resources**

**The current Scope of Collections Statement for the Southeast Utah Group (SEUG) identifies appropriate items to be collected from the park and outlines procedures to be followed when making collections. Because it is a lengthy document, and because we have had a continuing problem with improper collecting by employees, the following summary information is provided.**

**Collecting of natural, historical or archeological specimens from the SEUG may only be accomplished under a collecting permit, subject to certain requirements, issued by the SEUG superintendent.**

**According to 36 CFR Part 2.5 (b):**

**A specimen collection permit may be issued only to an official representative of a reputable scientific or educational institution or a state or Federal agency for the purpose of research, baseline inventories, monitoring, impact analysis, group study, or museum display when the superintendent determines the collection is necessary to the stated scientific or resource management goals of the institution or agency and that all applicable Federal and state permits have been acquired, and that the intended use of the specimens and their final disposal is in accordance with applicable law and Federal administrative policies. A permit shall not be issued if removal of the specimen would result in damage to other natural or cultural resources, affect adversely environmental or scenic values, or if the specimen is readily available outside of the park area.**

**Any collections made by researchers are subject to 36 CFR Part 2.5g and must be cataloged in accordance with that regulation. All records associated with the collections (e.g. field notes, instrument sheets, maps, photographs and photograph logs, etc.) are retained as part of the museum collection as well.**

Any collections made for interpretive use are also subject to 36 CFR Part 2.5. Use that may be defined as consumptive or destructive must be authorized in advance as outlined in the Interpretation and Visitor Services Guideline (NPS-6, Chapter 2). If the specimens cannot be readily obtained outside SEUG boundaries (36 CFR 2.5(b)), the superintendent may then issue a collection permit. (See pages 15-17 of the Scope of Collections Statement for details.) Whether the collections are incorporated in the museum collection or are treated as "consumptively used" specimens is a decision made by the collection manager.

To obtain a collecting permit, seasonal employees should speak to their supervisors. Permanent employees wanting a permit should contact Charlie Schelz at SEUG Headquarters (259-3911 extension 2135#).

To summarize, collecting historical, archaeological, botanical, zoological, geological, or paleontological specimens without a permit is against the law, even when it is done by an employee. Our overriding desire is to keep the resources in the park. If specimens are needed for research or interpretation, follow the procedure that regulates their acquisition.

Any questions should be directed to Nancy Coulam, Park Archaeologist, 259-3911 extension 2134# or on cc:mail.

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