

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

SPECIAL MANDATES

Cooperative Agreements

Department of the Navy

Catoctin has numerous Cooperative Agreements but several are of major importance. Since 1942 the park has maintained an agreement with the Department of the Navy to operate the Naval Support Facility – Thurmont. This agreement was last updated in 2004 and defines the relationship between the NPS and the Department of the Navy. NPS will continue to cooperate with NSF-Thurmont in matters of security, environmental compliance, and privacy for the Presidential Retreat and to maintain the natural qualities and historic values of this facility.

Naval Support Facility-Thurmont is an enclosed and restricted access compound within Catoctin Mountain Park, an area of exclusive federal jurisdiction. Internal and perimeter security and administration are provided by the Department of the Navy, and external security is provided by NPS. Closures and other park specific regulations are compiled in the Superintendents' Compendium. During special events or periods of increased security, portions of the park will be closed to the public.

Catoctin Mountain Park provides security, media and other logistics support as requested during Presidential visits. Liaison with U. S. Secret Service, Departments of State and Defense, and other cooperating enforcement agencies, etc., is at a high level during such events. Since 1955 the park has also permitted a Navy housing area for mobile homes. This area will be phased out in 2009. As part of the NSF-Thurmont operation the Federal Aviation Administration maintains a full time closure of the Catoctin air space (P-40/4006) over Naval Support Facility-Thurmont.

Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Since 1987 the National Park Service has maintained an agreement with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MD DNR) for joint fisheries protection of Big Hunting Creek. NPS Commissioned Rangers are also sworn as State of Maryland Forest and Park Wardens and are authorized to enforce Maryland Natural Resources law. MD DNR personnel receive NPS Special Police deputizations.



As part of the Northeast Fire Compact, Catoctin Mountain Park has a wildland fire response and mutual aid agreement with the Maryland Forest Service.

