

*Intro for MAUC:*

*Due to the increased dedicated vehicle requests (Pick Up trucks, Pisten Bully's and Mattracks) a change is needed and the below is a proposal that I am looking for your feedback on. I would like to have the MAUC review this proposal and let me know your thoughts at the MAUC meeting.*

*Tony*

Re: Dedicated MEC Vehicle requests

From: Anthony Buchanan  
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Dear Grantee and USAP support community,

As a result of increased requests for MEC vehicle support, we can no longer dedicate vehicles to individual events. After careful consideration and discussion with NSF, we will create a shared vehicle pool in McMurdo to manage the limited pickup truck, Pisten Bully, and Mattracks vehicles available during the summer season.

Upon arrival in McMurdo, we will discuss your vehicle needs and will determine the most efficient support available from the vehicle pool. We understand that your needs may change throughout the season. We will make adjustments to your allocations as necessary to ensure you meet your project objectives.

We recognize the convenience a dedicated vehicle affords to individual events, but this is no longer supportable with the vehicle resources available. In order to maintain as high a level of logistical efficiency as possible, we ask USAP participants to make greater use of the newly expanded shuttle service. In addition, the MEC will work with all participants to identify other groups with which vehicles could be efficiently shared.

Thank you for your cooperation and flexibility.

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