Dear Friends,

First and foremost, Friends of Acadia provides the health and safety of our members, donors, volunteers, and staff as our top priority. We will remain in touch as this situation evolves. For the latest updates, please visit our website at friendsofacadia.org.

March 17, 2020

Subject: Earth Day Roadside Cleanup

To: Lisa Williams lisa@indigoartdesign.com: Julia@friendsofacadia.org

We are reaching out to let you know that the Earth Day Roadside Cleanup is being postponed due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The event was originally scheduled for April 25, 2020. We will provide an update as soon as a new date is announced. In the meantime, please visit our website to get answers to FAQs about the reservation system:
https://friendsofacadia.org/acadia-to-conduct-reservation-system-dry-run/

In addition to our Earth Day event, we want to highlight the continued need for resources for deferred maintenance projects at Acadia National Park. The National Park Service has a $6 million backlog of deferred maintenance, and these projects are currently estimated at $65.8 million. This funding would help the park address the backlog of deferred maintenance projects over the next five years. The bill, sponsored by Senator Angus King and Representative Jared Golden, would provide up to $1.9 billion in additional funding over five years for the National Park Service. This legislation was introduced in Congress last week and has co-sponsors from both sides of the aisle.

Transportation Fee Dry Run - Coming in October

In October, the National Park Service will introduce a new transportation fee for entry into Acadia National Park. The fee will be $8 per vehicle per day, $20 per motorcycle per day, or $30 per weekday pass. The fee will be in place for one year, until October 2021. A dry run of the system is not slated to go into effect until 2022, and it will be accompanied by educational and outreach efforts to ensure that visitors are aware of the new system and how to use it.

Acadia National Park is a special place that serves as an escape for many people in the area and beyond. The park is a source of recreation and inspiration for people of all ages. We are working hard to ensure that the park remains accessible to all visitors, and we appreciate your continued support.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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