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Participants: Brad Caldwell, South Carolina State Parks

at 2:18:27 on 2/18/2014 UTC



Brad Caldwell

at 17:57:42 on 2/17/2014 UTC

I've noticed that some religious signs saying "Pray" and "John 3:16" have popped up on the property of Keowee Toxaway State Park recently, off of highway 11 and highway 133...I was just curious if this was condoned by the park or if this was just random vandalism? I wouldn't imagine that it is condoned by the park because of the separation and church and state and the fact that our nation was founded on freedom for all religions, not just christianity. As someone that holds the separation of church and state valuable, I feel it only right that these signs be taken down, to show that the state park and park system of South Carolina are in compliance with the Constitution of the United States. Is this an action you would consider appropriate also? I have heard several people of different faiths already mentioning these signs and how they are offensive to them and their faith...I'm sure the state park isn't trying to offend/isolate/bully anyone and just may not be aware of these signs and their repercussions. I wanted to write to try to find a resolution before this became a bigger deal or even worse, some sort of lawsuit. Thanks for your understanding and I look forward to your response and resulting actions!



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at 18:05:35 on 2/17/2014 UTC

Brad, I will pass this along to the park manager, regional chief and our park operations office. Someone will be in touch concerning this matter.



Brad Caldwell

at 18:07:56 on 2/17/2014 UTC

Thanks for your help and quickness of response!



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at 22:23:09 on 2/17/2014 UTC

Brad, According to the park manager they have removed a PRAY sign off of a Duke Energy power pole off of HWY 133 and a JOHN 3:16 sign off of a Duke Energy power pole off of HWY 11. They will continue to monitor this situation and will remove the signs if they are put back up. Should you need any further information, please feel free to contact Park Manager Kevin Blanton at 864-868-2605. Thank you.



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