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Mr. Gary A. Burch  
Administrator  
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Dear Mr. Burch:

As you know, the National Park Service has been working with the District of Columbia for several years on the rehabilitation of Klingle Road. It has been our understanding that emergency services operations have identified Klingle Road as a critical thoroughfare that is necessary to protect life and property. Thus, to support the position of your agency, we performed the necessary environmental documentation and issued a permit for the project to proceed in 1993. We understand that you are re-evaluating the need for the road and felt that our views would be helpful.

Our interest in the Klingle Tributary includes the amount of storm water that drains into Rock Creek which is attributed to upstream drainage and from the roadway itself. We believe that the public and the environment would be best served by the repair of the drainage systems and associated work to handle storm water and permanent closure and obliteration of the asphalt road. The road should be replaced with a permeable surface trail for pedestrian use or the area should be restored to its natural state. Both of these options further protects the tributary and Rock Creek by reducing the amount of storm water that enters the valley. If the road were closed and all improvements made to drainage and sewer facilities, the National Park Service would be willing to accept transfer of the right-of-way now under the jurisdiction of the District of Columbia.

I believe that the road closure affords us an opportunity to provide additional recreational resources to the public while taking positive steps to improve the environment by additional protection to valuable green space in the District of Columbia.

We appreciate the working relationship between our organizations and look forward to our continuance.

Sincerely,

sgd : John G. Parsons

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