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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Members of Entrada Regatta

Congratulations on your tenth anniversary trek into the wilds of America. You have had an impressive journey.

And it is wonderful to see that you have visited so many units of the National Park System, including: Colorado National Monument, Canyonlands National Park, Arches National Park, Dinosaur National Monument, Crater Lake National Park, Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park, and two successful ascents of Half Dome in Yosemite National Park.

You certainly embody the principles of stewardship of these wonderful places and spaces.

We have followed your progress for many years. Arising out of the seed of a modest trip "to get away from it all," Entrada Regatta has become a forest of fun, adventure, challenge, camaraderie, and relaxation. Over the years, Entrada Regatta has evolved into an event of mythical proportions.

Indeed, I would say that the activities that actually transpire during Entrada Regatta far exceed the hype that precedes it.

Again, congratulations on your tenth anniversary trip. Best of luck in the future and come back and visit YOUR National Parks often.

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