

Hotline Complaint Form

Anyone with knowledge of fraud, waste, abuse, misconduct or mismanagement involving the U.S. Department of the Interior should call or write the Office of Inspector General's Hotline (please choose the method of contact which best suits you):

- Telephone - OIG Hotline's Toll Free Number: 1-800-424-5081
- Fax - Complete and submit the Complaint Form to:
(703) 487-5402 (Attention: Hotline Operations)
- US Mail - Complete and submit the Complaint Form to:
U.S. Department of the Interior
Office of Inspector General
1849 C Street, NW
MS-4428
Washington, DC 20240
Attention: Hotline Operations
- E-mail - Complete and submit the Complaint Form by pressing the submit button below:

You may also report fraudulent activities to the nearest regional OIG offices at the following locations:

- Eastern Regional Office, Herndon, Virginia (703) 487-8057
- Central Regional Office, Lakewood, Colorado (303) 236-8296
- Western Regional Office, Sacramento, California (916) 978-5630

Alleged Misconduct

Who committed the alleged misconduct/wrongdoing? (What is the title/position held by the alleged wrongdoer? Please include names, addresses and telephone numbers of victims and witnesses. If providing information concerning contractor or grantee fraud, please provide the name of the primary contractor or sub, type of contract, contract or grant numbers, the date of the award and name of agency official.)

The National Park Service.

What exactly did the individual(s) do that was wrong? (Please provide specific and relevant details concerning the alleged misconduct/wrongdoing.)

Removed headstones from the graves of former slaves during construction of the Blue Ridge Parkway 75 years ago and now refuses to replace the markers. I have been in conversation with the NPS since 1984 trying to get the headstones replaced.

When did the misconduct/wrongdoing occur? (Please provide dates and times, if possible.)

During constructing of the Blue Ridge Parkway 75 years ago.

Where did the misconduct/wrongdoing occur? (Please provide the bureau or office, city and state.)

On National Park Service Property adjacent to the Blue Ridge Parkway in Meadows of Dan, Virginia.

How was the misconduct/wrongdoing committed? (i.e. falsifying documents, etc.)

During construction of the Blue Ridge Parkway the simple field stone headstones were removed from the graves in order to landscape the meadow which is adjacent to the Blue Ridge Parkway. They were never replaced.

Do you have first hand knowledge of the misconduct/wrongdoing?

I was made aware of the situation by a man who worked for the WPA crew which actually removed the grave markers. It is a well known fact within the community and many older residents have substantiated the fact to the NPS.

Where can we obtain additional information concerning this misconduct/wrongdoing? (i.e. documents, etc.)

On the web at http://www.mtnlaurel.com/slaves/slave_meadow.htm.

Who else might be aware of this misconduct/wrongdoing? (Please provide names, addresses and telephone numbers) How would this individual know about this?

Blue Ridge Parkway management in Asheville, NC and Professor Phillip Coyle of Western North Carolina University.

Complainant

Are you willing to be interviewed concerning this matter? If so please provide your name, address and telephone number, and the best time to contact you. You can provide contact information for us to follow-up with additional questions and still remain confidential.

Yes.
Bob Heafner
813 King George Dr
Greensboro, NC 27410

Your E-Mail address (optional).

slavegraves@mtnlaurel.com

If you wish to remain confidential, please select: (For a description of Confidentiality, please refer to the "[Your Rights](#)" page.)

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