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Dear Mr. Giddens:

In our recent coordination efforts with the Department of Homeland Security, we have received several questions concerning access to lands administered by the National Park Service for the purpose of constructing border security infrastructure. In particular, these questions have related to application procedures for rights of ways and the time it normally takes to receive a permit.

The issuance of right of way permits normally takes ~~from four to~~ six months from the time the application is received. This time frame is very much dependent upon the details and overall impact of the project. The more complex the project, the longer it will take to consider and process all the various elements of a permit. ~~Utilizing land along or adjacent to existing public or administrative access routes would greatly shorten the process.~~ It should also be noted that permits are only issued for those uses that do not impair the public's use and enjoyment of these lands.

Information concerning application procedures for rights of ways can be obtained at [http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx\\_06/36cfr14\\_06.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_06/36cfr14_06.html). Contact information and additional specific information about individual units of the National Park Service can be obtained at <http://NPS.gov>.

Thank you for your interest and your cooperation.