



Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: EO 14292 Reviews

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Date Fri 5/16/2025 2:13 PM
To Hagan, Damon A <damon.hagan@sol.doi.gov>; Ariel.Calmes_contact <Ariel.Calmes@usdoj.gov>
Cc Romine, Nicole M. (USAWY) <Nicole.Romine@usdoj.gov>

Teams invite sent for today at 3:00pm EDT/1:00pm MDT.

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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: EO 14292 Reviews

Today 1pm MT (3pm EST) will work for me. I will have my executive assistant set up the teams meeting. Thank you for your prompt response.

Yours Truly,

Damon A. Hagan, Esq.

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Mr. Hagan,

Criminal Chief Romine and I are available for either a conference call or a TEAMS meeting today from 1:00-2:00 PM or Monday May 19, 2025 between 8:30 am and 11:00 AM.

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share any new public filings in the case and the result of the bench trial. Given your Acting Solicitor's interest in this case, if you provide his email, I will include him on the email regarding the result of the trial. I won't inundate him with any pleadings, however,

Thank you,

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Date Sat 5/17/2025 11:07 AM
To Adam.Gustafson@usdoj.gov <Adam.Gustafson@usdoj.gov>

Could you give me a call regarding this EO when you have a chance? Thank you.

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Adam,

As part of our review of our regulations for compliance with the President's May 9, 2025 EO 14292 "Fighting Overcriminalization in Federal Regulations" the Michelino Sunseri matter came to our attention. This is a matter regarding a runner being prosecuted for utilizing a former trail during a run up Grand Teton and back.

I reached out to the prosecutor, AUSA Ariel Calmes, to obtain some more clarity on the matter and was informed that she would need to schedule a meeting with her supervisors and our office for follow up. If there is anything that you can do to facilitate such a meeting it would be appreciated.

My contact information is below should you wish to discuss it with me further.

Thank you in advance for your courtesies.

Yours Truly,

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[EXTERNAL] Re: USA v Sunseri Case No. L:24-po-00893

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Date Mon 5/19/2025 7:16 PM

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Thank you. We're continuing with the prosecution.

Nicole Romine
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Sent: Monday, May 19, 2025 4:55:38 PM

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] USA v Sunseri Case No. L:24-po-00893

For your situational awareness my office received the below email earlier today from the Deputy Director - Operations for the National Park Service.

Yours Truly,

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Sent: Monday, May 19, 2025 5:01 PM

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Cc: Bowron, Jessica <Jessica_Bowron@nps.gov>; Cuvelier, Charles J <Charles_Cuvelier@nps.gov>; Jenkins, Chip L <Chip_Jenkins@nps.gov>

Subject: criminal prosecution referral

Dondrae, After further review, the National Park Service is withdrawing its criminal prosecution referral in the Michelino Sunseri matter. Mr. Sunseri is currently charged with a misdemeanor under 36 CFR 2.1(b) and has a trial scheduled for May 20, 2025. We believe that the previously offered punishment, a five-year park ban and fine, is an overcriminalization based on the gravity of the offense. Therefore, we withdraw our support.

Frank Lands

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It is my understanding that NPS has informed all parties involved that they are no longer in support of this action. Below is written confirmation of the same.

Yours Truly,

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To: Hagan, Damon A <damon.hagan@sol.doi.gov>
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Damon,

Here is the email I received from NPS leadership. The local park staff has also been informed of this message.

Please let me know if you need anything else.

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Fw: DOI Solicitor: EO 14292 Reviews of DOJ Case Sunseri vs US (GRTE)

From Maiden, Dondrae N <Dondrae.Maiden@sol.doi.gov>

Date Tue 5/20/2025 7:06 AM

To Hagan, Damon A <damon.hagan@sol.doi.gov>

 1 attachment (23 KB)

GRTE Sunseri vs US Briefing Statement May 2025.docx;

Good morning, Damon. Please see this morning's update from NPS. It looks like the AUSA issued subpoenas to the Park Rangers.

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Frank

I had a call from Nicole Romine, Chief Criminal Division, DOJ, WY District.

She informed me that DOJ leadership has directed her to proceed to trial with the case tomorrow.

DOJ has issued subpoena's to the NPS employees that are scheduled to be called as witnesses and expect them to be at the court in the morning.

Chip

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Frank;

This evening I received a phone call from :

Nicole Romine
Chief, Criminal Division
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U.S. Department of Justice.

She said she had received two emails and a phone call from:

Daman Hagan
Advisor to the Solicitor
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Nicole said Mr. Hagan questioned her about the Sunseri vs US case that is scheduled to go to trial next week on May 20th.

She added that to her knowledge and experience it was unprecedented to have received such a call from another agency. She called me to inquire if I had received any communications from DOI on this case. I told her I had not.

I'm forwarding you the email's Mr. Hagan's sent to Nicole (she, in turn forwarded these to me and these are below.)

I'm also attaching a briefing statement on the topic.

When you and I had a bi-weekly check in last Thursday, I mentioned this case to see if this had been brought to your attention and I understood it had not.

We will continue to coordinate with DOJ and IMR/NPS Communications on public communications for this case.

Let me know if we should be doing anything else.

Thanks,

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Fri 5/16/2025 4:11 PM

As promised here's the first email we received from DOI - Office of the Solicitor.

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