



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

Thomas X. Kotab,
Plaintiff,
v.
Federal Bureau of Land Management, *et al.*,
Defendant.

Case No. 2:20-cv-01957-JAD-EJY
Declaration of Richard B. DeLappe

I, Richard B. Delappe, hereby declare under penalty of perjury that I am above the age of 18, and am competent to attest to the matters addressed in this declaration, which are based upon my personal knowledge and experience:

1. I am employed by the U.S. Department of the Interior at the National Park Service. The following declaration is based on personal knowledge and information acquired in my official capacity in the performance of my official functions. I have worked for the National Park Service since 1989. I currently serve as the Recreation.gov Inter-agency Program manager overseeing the implementation of Recreation.gov for all federal agencies using that service.

2. In my position as Program Manager I am familiar with the terms and conditions of the contract between Booz Allen Hamilton, the provider of Recreation.gov, and the federal government.

3. Recreation.gov is an online platform designed to provide the public with access to purchasing recreation passes and making reservations to visit and use public lands under the management of the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture, the US Army Corps of Engineers and the National Archives and Records Administration.

4. BLM and other federal agencies signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to be part of the Recreation One Stop (R1S) group. Each of the party agencies assigns a member of their agency to a committee which manages implementation of the Recreation.gov contract. A copy of this document is attached hereto as Attachment 1.

1 5. The contract was issued as a service contract in which the contractor, Booz
2 Allen, would earn a commission for each transaction processed. The commissions vary
3 depending on the type of inventory being sold (for example a campsite reservation) and the
4 channel through which the transaction was made (for example, online or on the phone).
5 The contract supports the addition of a processing fee to the full cost of the reservation
6 transaction as a reasonable commission for providing the online platform.

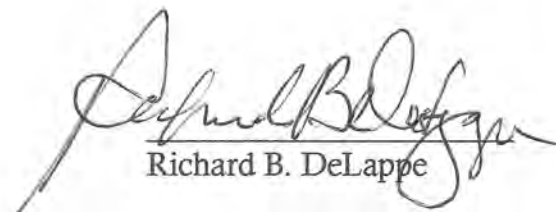
7 6. The processing fees charged by the contractor for each transaction are set by
8 the competitively bid contract and are remitted to the contractor. No part of the processing
9 fee charged by Recreation.gov for the platform provided is remitted to the BLM.

10 7. The processing fees are collected in a United States Treasury account and
11 remitted on a monthly basis after the contractor has invoiced the Forest Service for the total
12 number of transactions committed.

13 I declare under the penalty of perjury, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, that the
14 foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

15 Signed in Denver, Colorado.

16 Dated: 23-August 2021


Richard B. DeLappe