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### Memorandum

To: Files, Southeast Utah Group

From: Superintendent, Southeast Utah Group

Subject: Emergency Closure of Climbing Routes and Areas in Arches National Park

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C., Chapter 1, Subchapter 1, Section 3, and Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1, Section 1.5(a)(1), the following emergency closure of climbing routes and areas within Arches National Park is hereby enacted, and will remain in effect through July 31, 2010. This order is effective 12:01 a.m., the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2010.

The closure is specific to cliffs along the Colorado River approximately 2 miles upstream of the US 191 Bridge across the Colorado River from the Bureau of Land Management Goose Island Campground. All rock climbing is prohibited between, and including, climb routes commonly referred to as Peregrine's Pillar (also known as Trail of Navajo and the Princess) through the route known as the Hyena.

A pair of falcons has been observed on the cliffs exhibiting nesting behavior. Nesting falcons are easily disturbed by activity on the cliffs, especially above the nest. Nest failure is frequently the result of repeated human disturbance. By implementing this temporary closure (May 13- July 31, 2010), the National Park Service will provide better opportunity for the nesting falcons to fledge a new generation.

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