

Outfitter/Guide Inspection Report

Operator: Atlas America International, Inc. (Hiking Tours)

Inspection By: Gabriela Yanez

Inspection Date: 05/01/2018

Overview: I met Mitsuaki Hanzawa (Aki), owner and tour guide of Atlas International, Inc., at the Mescal trailhead at 6:00am. I went on the hike with two other individuals, who Aki drove to the trailhead in the company vehicle. Aki began the excursion with introductions, then pointed out the information on the kiosk at the trailhead. He used the trailhead map to explain the route we would be hiking (Chuckwagon Trail to Devil's Bridge Trail) to reach our final destination, Devil's Bridge. Once on the trail, Aki stopped periodically to talk about the plants, animals, and geology of the area and to allow time for taking pictures. Additionally, Aki picked up trash along the hike and made a point to educate his client's about the importance of staying on the trail. When we returned to the trailhead I asked to see the special use permit, which Aki was able to provide.

Interpretation: Aki's knowledge of the local flora, fauna, and geology was good. Aki would stop periodically during the hike to point out the different plants of the area including the different cacti, trees, and flowers. During the hike, Aki also spoke about the geology of the area as well as the landmarks that were visible during the hike such as the canyons and mountains. Aki is a great interpreter which can be seen by how he educates his clients, leads by example, and is inclusive of all participants.

Safety: Aki was well-prepared for our hiking excursion and practiced safety throughout the excursion. He carried a first aid-kit during the hike and before we began the excursion Aki made sure everyone was warm enough, since it was an unusually cold morning.

Summary: Aki, representing Atlas America International, Inc., conducted operations in a satisfactory manner and in compliance with the special use permit issued by the Red Rock Ranger District of the Coconino National Forest.

RED ROCK RANGER DISTRICT OUTFITTER/GUIDE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Annual Evaluation - 2018

Name of Holder: Atlas America International, Inc.

District/Monument: Red Rock Ranger District Type of Operation: Hiking

Circle Appropriate Responses

Guide Name: Mitsuaki Hanzawa (Aki)

Evaluation:

A - Acceptable; **UN** - Unacceptable; **NI** - Needs Improvement; **NC** - Not Checked; **NA** - Not Applicable

A. Site:	A	UN	NI	NC	NA
1. All improvements are authorized by permit, location and development as authorized.					X
2. Clean up and sanitation in accordance with permit.	X				

Comments:

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B. Permit Compliance:	A	UN	NI	NC	NA
1. Compliance with terms of permit and operating plan.	X				
2. Insurance submitted on time and complete.	X				
3. Signed permit submitted on time and complete.	X				
4. Payments received by due date.	X				
5. Holder submitted/dated/corrected operating plan.	X**				
6. Actual use reports completed and submitted on time.	X				
7. Compliance with Federal, State, Borough, laws and regulations	X				
8. Compliance with Title VI, Nondiscrimination	X				
9. Holders advertising refers to use on National Forest lands	X				

Comments:

- 5. Operating plan is being drafted.

C. Public Service:	A	UN	NI	NC	NA
1. Number and qualifications of employees meets permit specifications.	X				

2. Clients provided with health and safety standards as provided in the approved operating plan/safety plan.	X				
3. Equipment provided meets health and safety standards as required in the approved operating plan.	X				
4. Rates, services, and/or accommodations provided as submitted in the approved operating plan	X				

Comments:

- 4. Operating plan is being drafted.

Tally of comments received from clients/Public: X Positive comments Negative Comments


Evaluator(s) Gabriela Yanez  Date 05/01/2018

Prior Performance (if applicable): Acceptable

Are items from last performance evaluation corrected? Yes No N/A

Annual Rating: Acceptable Probationary Unacceptable (circle one)

The annual rating is subject to appeal under 36 CFR 251 Subpart C. The District Ranger is willing to meet with the holder to discuss any concerns, or issues related to this evaluation. Any appeal and a statement of reasons must be submitted to the District Ranger at PO BOX 20429, Sedona AZ 86341 within 45 days of the date of the annual rating.

District Ranger: 
Date 5/1/2018