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Shenandoah National Park
3655 U.S. Highway 211 East
Luray, VA 22835



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Mr. James Fettig, President
Potomac Appalachian Trail Club
118 Park Street, SE
Vienna, VA 22180

Dear Jim:

On behalf of all of us at Shenandoah National Park, I want to thank the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club volunteers for their help with clearing downed trees, branches, and other debris after the two December ice storms.

We are always cognizant of and grateful for the great work PATC does helping with routine trail maintenance, but the damage caused by the recent storms and the work required to reopen Skyline Drive and clear trails has been extreme. We could not have accomplished a safe reopening of the Drive in just a month's time without your volunteers' dedicated assistance. We know that they continue to work on the trails as well.

Please convey our appreciation to those who showed up and assisted operations on the ground, as well as those who have supported the effort in other ways. We appreciate our valuable partnership with your organization.

Sincerely,



Patrick Kenney
Superintendent