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**TOWN OF TUSAYAN IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS TO WELCOME VISITORS
Grand Canyon National Park remains accessible
during federal government shutdown**

TUSAYAN, AZ – October 2, 2025 – During the federal government shutdown, visitors can continue to enjoy a full range of amenities and essential services within the Town of Tusayan, located one mile from the south entrance to Grand Canyon National Park. **Services include trails, tours, lodging, restaurants, retail shops, attractions, grocery store, gas station and a visitor center.**

“Now is an ideal time to visit Tusayan, because the weather is great and the lines are short”, stated Clarinda Vail, Mayor of Tusayan.

Grand Canyon National Park will remain accessible during the federal government shutdown with some government services temporarily closed, such as some routine park operations, including the closure of the National Park Visitor Center and the suspension of educational and interpretive programs.

While the majority of park staff are furloughed, Grand Canyon National Park remains committed to protecting the public and its critical resources. **Health and safety services, including law enforcement, emergency response operations, public restrooms, trash disposal and road maintenance will remain operational** with limited staff to ensure public safety within accessible areas. During this period of reduced operations, **the National Park Service is waiving the collection of standard park entrance fees.**

About the Town of Tusayan:

The Town of Tusayan (pronounced Too-Say-An) is the closest town to Grand Canyon National Park South Rim and is open year-round. Tusayan offers a variety of lodging options, and you won't want to miss the spectacular sunrises, sunsets and dark sky nights filled with brilliant stars. The area restaurants offer fine dining, small cafés, coffee shops and western saloons. Tusayan is located at an elevation of 6612 ft so visitors can enjoy flowering native plants in the

Spring, mild Summer temperatures, Fall colors and snow play in the Winter. Hike or bike the local greenway trails. Take a ground or air tour with our local experts and learn about the local culture, history, geology and see wildlife such as Elk in the area. Take a horseback ride through the beautiful surrounding Kaibab National Forest. Visit explore.tusayan-az.gov to plan your next outdoor adventure with us.

The Town of Tusayan is working closely with local partners to monitor the situation and provide accurate information to the public. For up to date information on services available at Grand Canyon National Park South Rim and a full list of businesses located within Tusayan visit: <https://www.nps.gov/grca/index.htm> or <https://explore.tusayan-az.gov/>

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