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## Eastern National and Passport To Your National Parks® Announce Total Solar Eclipse Cancellation Stamps

FORT WASHINGTON, PA — Circle the date! In honor of the all-American total solar eclipse on August 21, 2017, <u>Eastern National</u> and <u>Passport To Your National Parks</u>® are excited to announce special edition "Time-of-Totality" cancellation stamps. These cancellations will be available at the following 19 National Park Service sites located within the shadow of totality during the upcoming eclipse. In order of totality:

- John Day Fossil Beds National Monument
- Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve
- Grand Teton National Park
- Fort Laramie National Historic Site
- Agate Fossil Beds National Monument
- Scotts Bluff National Monument
- Homestead National Monument of America
- Harry S. Truman National -Historic Site
- Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site
- Fort Donelson National Battlefield
- Stones River National Battlefield
- Obed Wild and Scenic River
- Manhattan Project National Historical Park
- Great Smoky Mountains National Park
- Blue Ridge Parkway
- Ninety Six National Historic Site
- Congaree National Park
- Charles Pinckney National Historic Site
- Fort Sumter National Monument

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These cancellations offer eclipse chasers and park lovers from all over the globe a chance to commemorate this once-in-a-lifetime experience. Each unique stamper is inscribed with "Total Solar Eclipse" around the classic Passport ring and includes the park site name and the specific time of totality for the respective site to help visitors celebrate this cosmic occasion.

Cancellation locations and duration of availability within each national park are determined by park staff and subject to change. Time of totality based on NASA projections for start of totality in each park and may vary. For additional information on participating parks, visit <a href="https://www.nps.gov/subjects/naturalphenomena/2017eclipse.htm">www.nps.gov/subjects/naturalphenomena/2017eclipse.htm</a>

In an effort to further enrich visitor experience of this historic event, and in support of our park partners, Eastern National will also be offering high-quality total solar <u>eclipse</u> merchandise at affiliated park stores and on <u>eParks.com</u>. Passport To Your National Parks<sup>®</sup> products can be purchased on eParks.com year round. Products subject to availability.

Launched by Eastern National in 1986, the Passport To Your National Parks® program has introduced millions of visitors to the national park system. This popular program consists of a guidebook that highlights each unit of the national parks and provides space for dated ink "cancellation" stamps, which allow visitors to commemorate their experiences. Visitors can also purchase annual stamp sets, which feature photos from 10 new national park sites each year. Learn more about the Passport at: <a href="www.easternnational.org/what-we-do/passport">www.easternnational.org/what-we-do/passport</a>

Eastern National, a not-for-profit cooperating association, promotes the public's understanding and support of America's national parks and other public trust partners by providing quality educational experiences, products, and services. Since 1947, Eastern National has donated over \$142 million to the National Park Service in the form of direct donations and grants that support vital educational and interpretive programs in America's national parks. Learn more at www.EasternNational.org.