

Summary: Allegations of Sexual Misconduct by NPS Biologist Unfounded

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The OIG investigated an allegation that a National Park Service (NPS) biologist had coerced at least two interns into having a sexual relationship, and that the biologist misused his position to lead interns to believe he could influence their chances of gaining employment at the NPS.

We found no evidence that the biologist manipulated any NPS interns, or that he misused his position. We determined that the biologist had a personal relationship with one former intern, but the intern was not an NPS employee at the time and the relationship did not violate any NPS policies. The biologist and former intern ended their relationship and the former intern is now an NPS employee. We found no evidence, however, that the biologist influenced the former intern's selection for Federal employment.

This is a summary of a report we provided to the NPS Deputy Director.

