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Postal Service Previews 8th of 16 Stamps Celebrating National Park Service's Centennial

Stamp Highlights Grand Canyon National Park

WASHINGTON — An iconic painting of one of the seven natural wonders of the world — the Grand Canyon — was previewed today as the eighth of 16 Forever Stamp images to be revealed over a threeweek period to celebrate the National Park Service's 100th anniversary.

Grand Canyon National Park, AZ

The stamp image is a detail of a chromolithograph-on-canvas, "The Grand Canyon of Arizona, from Hermit Rim Road," by artist Thomas Moran (1837–1926). Unique combinations of geologic color and erosional forms decorate a canyon that is 277 river miles long, up to 18 miles wide and one mile deep. Grand Canyon overwhelms our senses through its immense size. Visit this *link* for more information about the park.

Other National Park Forever Stamps previewed to date include <u>Acadia National Park</u>, <u>Arches National Park</u>, <u>Assateague Island National Seashore</u>, <u>Bandelier National Monument</u>, <u>Carlsbad Caverns National Park</u>, <u>Everglades National Park and Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve</u>.

The June 2 first-day-of-issue ceremony for the National Parks Forever Stamps pane will take place at New York City's <u>Javits Center</u> at 11 a.m. as part of <u>World Stamp Show-NY 2016</u>. Dedication ceremonies will also take place at or near each of the National Parks depicted on the stamps. Individuals are asked to spread the news on social media by using the hashtags #NPSStamps, #FindYourPark or #NPS100.

World Stamp Show-NY 2016 will take place May 28—June 4. Held only once a decade, this mega event is not to be missed by beginners through advanced stamp collectors alike. There will be something for everyone there, no matter what you collect. Stamp collecting is a hobby for a lifetime. No matter what your specialty, you'll find it at the show.

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