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“I’d never previously had the opportunity to work in an environment in which nearly all decisions made today will impact the experience of people 100 years from now.”

The U.S. National Park Service (NPS) is the trusted steward of 395 unique places, spanning 84 million acres of land and 4.5 million acres of water. With 28,000 employees and an annual operating budget of $2.75billion, the parks are able to enrich the lives of more than 275 million visitors each year. The NPS’s Business Plan Initiative (BPI) in partnership with Net Impact, a non-profit organization focused on social impact, provides summer consultants with the opportunity to work on projects ranging from strategic analyses to park-wide business plans.

Through NPS’s Visitor and Resource Protection (VRP) division, Abby:

- Assisted in authoring a five-year business plan as the NPS counts down to the Service’s centennial anniversary in 2016.
- Collaborated with the unit leads across business functions including law enforcement training and operations, emergency services, wild land fire, aviation, and wilderness management.
- Developed strategies for the VRP to emerge as a lean, field-oriented, science-based central office with a particular focus on developing a workforce recruitment and retention program that will create substantial upfront savings for the VRP.
- Visited 5 national park units as well as the department’s center for wildfire management.