

# **Summary: Investigation of Alleged Improper Disposal and Destruction of Government Property by Employees at Gulf Islands National Seashore**

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OIG investigated an allegation of waste involving the destruction of Government property at the behest of Gulf Islands National Seashore (Gulf Islands) in Ocean Springs, MS. The complainant alleged that the property, which included two boats, power generators, and other large pieces of equipment, was destroyed while it still had value and could have been sold.

Our investigation determined that the property identified in the complaint was unserviceable and had no value to the Government. It was collected by Wise Recycling, LLC, of Pensacola, FL, on or about March 23, 2015, and then destroyed. The company then paid Gulf Islands \$3,452.20 for the value of the scrap metal salvaged from the equipment.

We found that the final disposition of this property complied with U.S. General Services Administration, U.S. Department of the Interior, and National Park Service guidelines pertaining to the disposal of unserviceable Government property.

This is a summary of an investigative report that was issued to the National Park Service for information only.