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Superintendent's Compendium
Of Designations, Closures, Permit
Requirements and Other Restrictions
Imposed Under Discretionary Authority.

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In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations ("36 CFR"), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, authorized by Title 16 United States Code, Section 3, the following provisions apply to all lands and waters administered by the National Park Service, within the boundaries of GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK and JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR., MEMORIAL PARKWAY. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in Title 36 CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7.

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Written determinations, which explain the reasoning behind the Superintendent's use of discretionary authority, as required by Section 1.5(c), appear in this document identified by italicized print.

I. **36 CFR §1.5 – VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES, AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES**

VISITING HOURS

- The park and parkway are open to the public 24-hours a-day, 365-days a year unless otherwise publicly posted.
- National Park Service offices, visitor centers, and contact stations are open for official business as posted on the respective buildings.

PUBLIC USE LIMITS:

- The maximum speed limit for all vessels on lakes open to boating is 45-mph or as otherwise posted by markers and / or as specified in boat permit literature.

The Superintendent has determined that these restrictions are necessary to promote boating safety, to preserve the environmental and scenic value of the park, and to avoid conflicts in visitor use.

- Willfully approaching bears or wolves on foot or on stock to a distance less than 100-yards or to less than 25-yards of any other wildlife or nesting birds or to any distance that disturbs or displaces wildlife or nesting birds is prohibited. This also includes failing to maintain a distance of at least 100/25 yards when aware of the animal's presence. This limitation does not apply to inadvertent encounters with wildlife in areas where normal foot traffic occurs, such as on designated hiking trails, or in other areas where there is no reasonable alternative travel route.

The Superintendent has determined that this limitation on wildlife viewing is necessary for wildlife protection and visitor safety. This limitation does not apply to persons within a motor vehicle being operated on paved roadways or individuals within hard sided structures.

- Bear pepper spray may be carried by individuals within Grand Teton National Park for the strict purpose of protecting one's self or others from bodily harm against aggressive wildlife. It should not be applied to people, tents, packs, other equipment or surrounding area as a repellent or used as aversive conditioning for wildlife. (*Bear Pepper Spray – Also known as bear deterrent, bear repellent or bear spray. Bear pepper spray is a chemical formula designed specifically to deter aggressive or attacking bears. It must be registered with the Environmental Protection Agency and individual states. It must be commercially manufactured and labeled as "Bear Pepper Spray". Bear spray must contain between 1% to 2% of the active ingredients capsaicin and related capsaicinoids.*)

The Superintendent has determined that this definition and permission is appropriate as grizzly and black bear populations continue to thrive throughout the park and parkway; and visitor encounters are likely to increase.

- The use of inner tubes, air mattresses, kick boats, float tubes and similar individual fishing/swimming floatation devices, as a means of conveyance, is prohibited on all streams and rivers within the Park and Parkway.

The Superintendent has determined that this restriction is necessary to maintain the public safety on the Snake River where passages are often clogged with debris posing a hazard to users and park rescuers.

- Idling vehicles that are greater than 26,000 GVW (i.e. buses, semi's), for more than 5 minutes is prohibited.

The Superintendent has determined that this use limit is necessary to protect natural resources and allow visitors to experience the areas with increased natural sounds.

- All public use limits as detailed in the Backcountry Management Plan for the Park and Parkway.

The Superintendent has determined that these use limits, as defined through a formal planning process, are necessary for the protection of environmental and scenic values of the park; and to avoid conflicts among visitor uses.

- The conditions and public use limits set forth within the conveyance documents and maintenance plan filed with the State of Wyoming for the Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve.

The National Park Service accepted the conveyance documents and the public use limits contained within the document for the Laurance S. Rockefeller when the lands were deeded to the government.

- Motor vehicles may not be left unattended along the Moose-Wilson road where it passes through the Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve.

In cooperation with Jackson Hole Preserve Incorporated (JHPI), which holds the conservation easement for the Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve, the Superintendent has determined that permitting parked motor vehicles along the Moose-Wilson roadway within the Preserve would be inappropriate and beyond Laurance Rockefeller's conservation vision.

- Fishing in the "Fishing Pond" within the Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve is prohibited (located between the Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve Center and the Moose-Wilson Road).

In cooperation with Jackson Hole Preserve Incorporated (JHPI), which holds the conservation easement for the Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve, the Superintendent has determined in consultation with the Wyoming Department of Game & Fish that permitting fishing in the "Fishing Pond" within the Preserve would be inappropriate and beyond Laurance Rockefeller's conservation vision.

- All areas within a radius of 1,000-feet of the Kelly and Moran Elementary schools, the Moose day-care center, Moose athletic field, Colter Bay playground and 100-feet of the Jackson Lake Lodge swimming pool are designated as *Drug Free Zones*.

This designation is in accordance with Title 21 United States Code, Section 860 and provides for additional protection of children attending and/or utilizing these facilities.

- The use of windsurf type boards, whether under sail or not, is limited to Jackson Lake. Such boards are considered vessels therefore required to have a park boat permit.

The Superintendent has determined that this public use limitation is necessary to prevent conflicting uses on other areas of water within the park and provide access for this type of recreation while ensuring appropriate protection of park view sheds and life/safety.

CLOSURES

- The following National Park Service administrative areas are closed to all public entry unless permission is granted by the Superintendent or their representative:
 - A. Offices within Moose headquarters
 - B. Moose offices, maintenance shops, and surrounding parking lots
 - C. Administrative offices within the Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center
 - D. Administrative offices within the Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve Center

- E. Beaver Creek offices, maintenance shops and adjacent parking lot
- F. Jenny Lake Search and Rescue cache (located at Lupine Meadow)
- G. Administrative offices within the Jenny Lake Visitor Center and Ranger Station
- H. Taggart meadow equine facilities (identified by signing and grazing area surrounded by wood fencing)
- I. Chambers Ranch grazing area and buildings
- J. Signal Mountain Ranger Station
- K. Jackson Lake Bureau of Reclamation operations center (housing, offices, maintenance facility, gauging station, and restricted zones on the Jackson Lake dam)
- L. Administrative offices within the Buffalo Fork Ranger Station
- M. River patrol equipment caches (located at the old Buffalo Fork dorm and adjacent to residence #1490 in Moran)
- N. Station #4 of the Jackson Hole Fire/EMS (JHFEMS) department located in Moran
- O. The Moran Elementary School
- P. Colter Bay offices, maintenance shops, and adjacent parking lot
- Q. Administrative offices within the Colter Bay Visitor Center
- R. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway equipment caches (located behind the Flagg Ranch NPS four-plex, residence #1434)
- S. All park and parkway water / wastewater well sites, pump houses, cisterns, and wastewater lagoons
- T. All Backcountry Patrol Cabins
- U. The 4 Lazy F Ranch lands and buildings

The Superintendent has determined that these closures are necessary to provide government efficiency, ensure accountability of government equipment, and provide a safe working environment for employees.

The following park and parkway roads and areas have restricted public entry (also see the attached map):

- Year-Round Road Closures

- A. Triangle X Road to the Snake River is open to public foot travel only and is closed to all vehicular travel except for vehicles registered to the Triangle X Ranch, Triangle X Ranch guests, and for government administrative use.

The Superintendent has determined that this closure is necessary for the protection of riparian habitats and risk reduction within the leaseholder's land assignment.

- B. All posted roads on private land within the Park and Parkway are closed to public use.

The Superintendent has determined that it may be appropriate to close certain roads after a request is made by the landowner for the protection and privacy of the landowners' interest.

- C. 3 Rivers Ranch Road is closed to public mechanized use beyond the Lower Valley Power and Light power station.

The Superintendent has determined that this closure is necessary for the restoration, protection and preservation of the environmental and scenic values of this area.

- D. Roads closed to non-official use: All roads, including service and administrative roads, so designated by signs and/or locked gates, or barricaded with logs and/or boulders. (Foot traffic permitted, no dogs or bicycles)

The Superintendent has determined that this closure is necessary for the protection and preservation of the environmental and scenic values of this area; and to reduce the potential of conflicting recreational uses.

- E. Areas open to resource management, interpretive or research activities: Specified areas closed to general public use may be entered by persons or groups led or directed by authorized park employees, as approved by the Superintendent or his/her representative under authority of Title 36 CFR, Section 1.2(d).

The Superintendent has determined that this permission is necessary for park preservation and appropriate within Title 36 CFR, Section 1.2(d).

- F. Phelps lake is closed to motorized vessels.

The Superintendent has determined, in consideration of the land donation restrictions and purpose of the Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve, that motorized boating would result in additional impacts with roads and facilities, and would disturb the natural setting established within the Preserve. This is also in accordance with Title 36 CFR section 3.8(a)(3) that prohibits launching motor powered vessels unless public roadways access the body of water.

- Seasonal Road Closures:

- A. The Teton Park Road between Cottonwood Creek and Signal Mountain Lodge, including the Jenny Lake Loop, may be closed on a seasonal basis to vehicular travel for safety, maintenance functions, and for spring opening; however, it may be opened to other types of travel such as bicycles, roller skiing, roller skating, etc.

The Superintendent has determined that this closure/public use limit is necessary for the maintenance of the public health and safety, management responsibilities, and as an equitable use of park resources.

- B. Certain roads and land areas within the Park may be closed to motorized travel at the dates and times specified in the annual Elk Management Program approved by the National Park Service and/or the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission. Maps of these closures are available through the Chief Rangers Office.

The Superintendent has determined that this closure is necessary to avoid conflicts in visitor use; and to preserve the natural environment necessary for the protection of wildlife.

- C. During each spring and fall, the RKO / Cottonwood Creek/River Road may be closed to motorized travel and will be appropriately posted at such times.

The Superintendent has determined that this closure is necessary for public safety, maintenance purposes and wildlife protection during the fall elk migration.

- D. That portion of the Grassy Lake Road within the John D. Rockefeller Jr. Memorial Parkway from the Flagg Ranch development to the west boundary of the parkway is closed to motorized vehicles seasonally in the spring (normally April 1st to May 31st) and seasonally in the fall (dependent upon the arrival of winter conditions).

The Superintendent has determined that this closure is necessary to protect critical grizzly bear habitat during the spring and to ensure management's responsibility in reducing road damage during the fall.

- Continental Divide Snowmobile Trail

- A. The portion of the Continental Divide Snowmobile Trail (CDST) between the vicinity of the east entrance turnout along U.S. Highway 26/287 and Flagg Ranch is closed to oversnow vehicle use.

The Superintendent has determined that this closure is necessary for public safety, the protection of park resources, and the efficient administration of the parks.

- Year-Round Area Closures

- A. The Snake River for 150-feet below the downstream face of the Jackson Lake Dam is closed to fishing, swimming, wading and/or bank use. Additionally, the Snake River is closed to boating within 1000 feet of the downstream face of Jackson Lake Dam (36 CFR 7.22(e)(2)).

The Superintendent has determined that dam operations often create dangerous water hydraulics within this zone making this closure necessary for the protection of life and safety.

- B. All closures as detailed in Backcountry Management Plans for the park and parkway.

The Superintendent has determined that these closures are necessary for the protection of environmental and scenic values of the park; and to avoid conflicts among visitor uses.

- Seasonal Area Closures:

- A. From December 15 to April 1 the following areas are closed to all public entry unless authorized by written permit from the Superintendent.

- 1. Teton Range:

- i. Prospector's Mt. and Mt. Hunt areas, including Peaks 10988, 10905, and 10495: and south-facing slopes on Mt. Hunt above 2600m (8580 ft.) elevation.
- ii. Slopes of Static Peak above 3300m (10890 ft.), including Static Peak.
- iii. The following areas that are contained in the areas above are open:
 - Banana Couloir
 - Albright Peak (peak 10552)
 - Buck Mountain

- 2. The Snake River "floodplain" (approximately ¼-mile from each bank of the river) from the confluence of the Buffalo Fork downstream to Menor's Ferry crossing (with the exception of the 4 Lazy F administrative area).

- 3. The Buffalo River floodplain and the Uhl Hill area defined as follows: starting in section 21 (T45N, R113W) where the Park boundary intersects the Buffalo River, then south along the Park boundary to the intersection with the Elk Ranch Reservoir Road, then westerly along the Elk Ranch Reservoir Road to Highway 26, then north and east along Highway 26 to the Park boundary in section 30 (T114W, R45N), then south, east, and northeast along the Park boundary to the starting point.

4. The Kelly Hill area (portions of Sections 1 and 2 in T42N, R115W).

The Superintendent has determined that these closures are necessary for protection of wintering wildlife including moose, elk, big horn sheep and waterfowl during critical wintering or nesting periods.

- B. From February 1 to August 15 annually, lands within ½ mile (or as otherwise posted) of bald eagle nests are closed when posted to all public entry.

The Superintendent has determined that this closure is in accordance with guidelines issued by the US Fish and Wildlife Wyoming state office in May 2007 to manage and sustain the recovered population of bald eagles. Should documentation of eaglets fledging earlier than August 15th exist, closures may be lifted by the removal of posted signs.

- C. From April 1 to September 1 annually, all lands within 330-feet (or as otherwise posted) of nesting sites of osprey, trumpeter swans, peregrine falcons and great blue herons (nests) are closed when posted to all public entry.

The Superintendent has determined that this closure is necessary for the protection of wildlife and the preservation of wildlife habitat; and that a 330-foot distance is reasonable considering U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service guidance. Should documentation of fledging earlier than September 1st exist, closures may be lifted by the removal of posted signs.

- D. When posted, lands up to a 1-mile radius of wolf den sites or as identified on posted maps, are closed to all public entry.

The Superintendent has determined that this closure may be necessary for the protection of the species and to limit human disturbances during critical periods of survival for wolf pups.

- E. Between the beginning and ending dates (normally between October and December) of the Park Elk Reduction Program the following areas will be closed to public entry as approved by the National Park Service and Wyoming Game and Fish Commission.

1. The section of hunt area 75 (south end of the hayfields) posted and defined as: from the Gros Ventre Road to a point 1/4 mile north of said roadway; bordered on the west by the Mormon Row Road and on the east by Gros Ventre Road as it runs N/S past the town of Kelly.
2. The east boundary road starting ½ mile north of the Shadow Mountain Parking Area going north to the North Shadow Mtn. Road is closed to vehicular traffic.

The Superintendent has determined that these closures are necessary for safety during the Elk Reduction Program, wildlife corridors, and to facilitate regulation of the reduction program

- F. From March 15th to May 15th annually, the area commonly referred to North Mormon Row is closed to public entry. This area will be posted, and is defined as all lands from approximately ¼ mile north of Antelope Flats Road and east of Mormon Row. The closure extends for approximately ½ mile east of Mormon Row and ½ mile in a northern direction. Between Antelope Flats road and the closure's southern boundary (approximately 1/4 mile from Antelope Flats Road) will be considered an appropriate viewing area.

The Superintendent has determined that this closure is necessary for the protection of sage grouse and the preservation of wildlife habitat.

- G. The area known as Willow Flats is closed to public entry from May 15th to July 15th when posted. This area is described as being the willows, springs and aquatic systems encompassed by the following landmark/boundary lines beginning at the Willow Flats Overlook: south on the North Park Road to the Jackson Lake intersection, then west on Teton Park Road to the Jackson Lake Dam, then northwest along the high water line of Jackson Lake to Third Creek, then north along Third Creek to the abandoned Third Creek Bridge site, northeast on the old Third Creek trail to the GTLC cook site road and southeast along the Wagon Road to the Willow Flats Overlook. This closure includes the Wagon Road from the Jackson Lake Lodge to the cook site road junction.

The Willow Flats habitat is considered by park biologists to be one of the densest elk calving grounds in Grand Teton National Park. The prevalence of elk calves attracts a number of predator species including black & grizzly bears, wolves, coyotes and raptors. The Superintendent has determined that this closure is necessary for to allow for the natural behavior of these species during a critical time of feeding.

- H. Wildlife management areas: specific park areas, including trails & roadside access, may be posted and closed to public entry for limited periods of time (2-weeks or less); throughout the year as identified by the Superintendent and with varying restrictions determined by wildlife activity. All areas shall be identified by on-site signs and/or by maps posted in the Superintendent's Office.

The Superintendent has determined that this closure is necessary for public safety and to ensure wildlife habitat protection where species are allowed to pursue natural behavioral patterns free from human disturbance and for human safety. Such transient closures normally involve large predator species and will follow the approved Standard Operating Procedure for notifications and area posting.

AREAS WITH SPECIFIC USE DESIGNATIONS

- Areas established for public assembly and/or demonstration are managed under regulations within Title 36 CFR, Section 2.51 and the respective section of this document.
- The frozen surface of Jackson Lake is designated as being appropriate for "Kite-skiing".
- The completed portion of the Multi-use Pathway is designated as appropriate for bicycle use.

The superintendent has determined that these areas are suitable for the particular activity involved and appropriate for public access.

II. 36 CFR §1.6 – ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT

- (f) The following is a compilation of those activities for which a permit from the superintendent is required:

- §2.1 (b)(2) Participation in the Elk Reduction Program
- §2.4(d) Carrying or possessing a weapon, trap, or net
- §2.5(a) Specimen collection (taking plant, fish, wildlife, rocks or minerals)
- §2.10(a) Camping

Includes auto, backcountry and group camping (except Parkway backcountry and Grassy Lake Road campsites)

- §2.12 Audio Disturbances:
 - (a)(2) Operating a chain saw outside designated NPS administrative sites
 - (a)(3) Operation of any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine in non-developed areas
- §2.17 Aircraft & Air Delivery:
 - (a)(3) Delivery or retrieval of a person or object by parachute, helicopter or other airborne means
 - (c)(1) Removal of a downed aircraft
- §2.50(a) Special events
- §2.51(a) Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, or parades.
- §2.52(c) Sale or distribution of printer matter.
- §2.60(b) Grazing and driving cattle, horses or any stock animal.
- §2.61(a) Residing on federal lands
- §2.62 Scattering ashes from human cremation
- §3.3 Boating/Rafting/Canoeing
- §3.12 Towing a person using a parasail, hang-glider or other airborne device
- §3.14 Recovery of sunken vessels
- §4.11(a) Exceeding of established vehicle load, weight and size limits
- §5.1 Commercial notices or advertisements
- §5.1 Commercial passenger-carrying vehicles (except for that portion of combined Highways 89, 26, 191, 287 commonly referred to as the "Outer Road")
- §5.5 Commercial photography (when utilizing props, models or support crew)
- §5.6 Commercial vehicles (deliveries to NPS or concession facilities and inholders are exempt).

III. GENERAL REGULATIONS

36 CFR §2.1 – PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

- (a)(4) Gathering dead and down wood for use within the Park and the Parkway is permitted solely for having open fires within designated fire rings that are provided at campgrounds and picnic areas; and for campfires on the Jackson Lake shoreline when a permit is issued. Such wood cannot be removed from the Park or Parkway.

The Superintendent has determined that the gathering of dead wood is an equitable use of park resources, may reduce fuel loading around developed zones, and will have no significant long-term impact on the park's natural value.

- (c)(1) Edible berries, plants and mushrooms may be gathered by hand for immediate personal consumption.

The Superintendent has determined that the collection and consumption of specified vegetation for immediate personal consumption is an equitable use of park resources and will have no significant long-term impact on the park's natural value.

36 CFR §2.2 - WILDLIFE PROTECTION

- (a)(2) The use and/or possession of elk bugles, varmint calls, audio attractants or other artificial means or natural methods (including rattling antlers or verbal bugling imitations) of attracting or disturbing wildlife is prohibited.

The Superintendent has determined that the prohibition for the use of such devices is necessary for the protection of wildlife.

- (b)(1) Hunting of elk in the Park is allowed under conditions set by Public Law 81-787 and hunting of elk and other species within hunting seasons established by the State of Wyoming in the Parkway is allowed under Public Law 94-189.

These activities are set forth within the United States Code as codified in Public Law. The Superintendent has determined that permitting the Elk Reduction Program is beneficial to achieving long term sustainability within the Teton Elk Herd and park resources.

- (d) Legally taken wildlife or portions thereof may be transported through the Park, within or on a motor vehicle, on highways 26/89/191/287. Individuals traveling north through either the Moose or Moran entrance stations are required to declare wildlife taken outside the park when entering through the first entrance station contacted. Such wildlife must be marked with a valid state tag.

Individuals possessing valid and legal Wyoming General hunting licenses for hunt areas that can only be accessed by trails within the park and parkway may transport legally taken wildlife that is marked with a valid state tag on the following designated trails:

- Arizona Creek Trail, from the trailhead at Hwy. 89, approximately two miles, to the U.S. Forest/National Park boundary.
- Arizona Lake Trail, from the trailhead off Hwy 89, approximately one mile, to the U.S. Forest/National Park boundary.
- Pilgrim Creek Trail, from the end of Pilgrim Creek road, approximately one mile, to the U.S. Forest/National Park boundary.
- The trail between Jackass Pass and Carrot Knoll.
- The trail between Moose Creek and the Park boundary north of Marion Lake.
- By vessel, from the Snake River at the JDR boundary directly to disembark at Lizard Creek C.G., Mud Flats T.O.

The Superintendent has determined that these use limits are necessary for to effectively protect park resources, provide public safety, and to avoid conflicts in visitor use while meeting the enabling legislation. The Superintendent has also determined that individuals with a government issued identification and valid legal Wyoming General hunting license do not need a further permit for these activities.

- (e) The transport of heads and spinal cords from deer, elk, or moose through a park entrance station into the park is prohibited if they were harvested in a state or province with Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) diagnosed in their wildlife populations, except for the following portions of the carcass:

- Meat that is cut and wrapped either commercially or privately.
- Quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached.
- Meat that has been boned out.
- Hides with no heads attached.
- Clean (no meat or tissue attached) skull plates with antlers attached.
- Antlers with no meat or tissue attached.
- Upper canine teeth, also known as “buglers”, “whistlers”, or “ivories”.
- Finished taxidermy heads.

Those states and provinces identified with CWD include Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, South Dakota, Utah, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Alberta and Saskatchewan.

The Superintendent has determined the adoption of these guidelines is necessary for protection of park wildlife and within guidelines established by the State of Wyoming.

- (f) Viewing of wildlife with any type of artificial light is prohibited in the Park and the Parkway. This closure conforms to Wyoming State Law (W.S. 23-3-306).

The Superintendent has determined that prohibiting the use of such devices is necessary for the protection of wildlife.

36 CFR §2.3 – FISHING

- (d)(2) The following waters are designated as where bait may be used for fishing.

- (i) The following dead, non-game fish may be used in of Jackson Lake:

Redside shiner
 Speckled dace
 Long nose dace
 Piute sculpin (commonly called 'bullhead')
 Mottled sculpin (commonly called 'bullhead')
 Utah chub
 Utah sucker
 Blue head sucker
 Mountain sucker

This limitation is established through Title 36 CFR 7.22(a) (3). No authorization for bait dealers has currently been authorized for issuance by the Superintendent.

- (vi) All other types of live bait obtained from outside Grand Teton National Park (worms, grasshoppers, etc.), but not fish eggs (real or artificial), minnows or other bait fish) are permitted on all waters within the Park and the Parkway including the Buffalo and Gros Ventre Rivers; however only artificial flies and lures may be used on the Snake River and its tributaries below the Jackson Lake dam gauging station.

The Superintendent has determined that the use of specified types of bait while fishing has a significant long term impact upon the natural resources within the park.

36 CFR §2.4 – WEAPONS, TRAPS, AND NETS

- (d)(4) Individuals are permitted to possess and carry weapons in the following circumstances:

- (i) Because hunter access to some lands contiguous to Grand Teton National Park would be otherwise considered impractical or impossible, individuals possessing valid and legal

Wyoming General hunting licenses may transport a firearm through the park on foot or horseback on designated routes only; however said firearm must be unloaded, and rendered temporarily inoperable or packed cased or stored in a manner that will prevent their ready use. The following routes and trails are the ONLY designated routes and trails for this purpose.

- Arizona Creek Trail, from the trailhead at Hwy. 89, approximately two miles, to the U.S. Forest/National Park boundary.
- Arizona Lake Trail, from the trailhead off Hwy 89, approximately one mile, to the U.S. Forest/National Park boundary.
- Pilgrim Creek Trail, from the end of Pilgrim Creek road, approximately one mile, to the U.S. Forest/National Park boundary.
- The trail between Jackass Pass and Carrot Knoll.
- The trail between Moose Creek and the Park boundary north of Marion Lake.
- By vessel, from the Snake River at the JDR boundary directly to disembark at Lizard Creek C.G. or Mud Flats T. O.

The Superintendent has determined that these use limits are necessary for to effectively protect park resources, provide public safety, and to avoid conflicts in visitor use while meeting the enabling legislation; and that these limits are in conformance with Title 36 CFR 2.4(a)(3). The Superintendent has also determined that individuals with a government issued identification and valid legal Wyoming General hunting license do not need a further permit for these activities.

36 CFR §2.10 – CAMPING AND FOOD STORAGE

- (a) Permits and conditions for camping are established as follows:
- (i) A permit is required for all camping in Grand Teton National Park. The following are designated camping areas:
 - (A) All concession-operated campgrounds.
 - (B) Areas and restrictions as designated/specified in the Backcountry Management Plan.
 - (C) The parking lot adjacent to the Colter Bay Visitor Center may be open for camping December 1st to April 15th.
 - (D) Pilgrim and Pacific Creek hunt camps (only during dates of the elk reduction program (refer to #4 below).
 - (ii) Six individuals is the maximum number of persons allowed to stay in any campsite, unless it is a group campsite or designated in the Backcountry Management plan [36CFR 7.22(d)(2)]
 - (iii) A maximum of two vehicles per site, when space is available, and a maximum of two tents per campsite are allowed with a camping permit.
 - (iv) Annual camping limits in each campground are [36CFR 7.22(d)(1)]
 - Concession-operated campgrounds (except Jenny Lake) - 30 nights per-year
 - Lizard Creek Campground
 - Colter Bay Campground
 - Signal Mountain Campground
 - Gros Ventre Campground
 - Jenny Lake campground (concession operated) – 10-nights per-year
 - Colter Bay winter camping – 30 nights per-year
 - Pilgrim and Pacific Creek temporary hunt camps – 30 nights per-year

- (vi) Individuals with a rented boat slip where shore power is available at the Colter Bay marina are considered to have a camping permit and may overnight on their vessel in the marina no more than thirty (30) days in the boating season. (Friday of Memorial Day weekend to Monday of Labor Day weekend).
- (vii) In backcountry areas (more than 250-yards from a developed road), between June 1 and Labor Day, no person or private group, shall camp more than 10 nights
- (viii) Pilgrim and Pacific Creek temporary camps (Elk Reduction Program)
 - (A) Temporary camping areas are designated and established specifically for the purpose of assisting individuals participating in the Grand Teton National Park Elk Reduction Program. Each camping group must have at least one hunter with a valid park hunt permit.
 - (B) These temporary camping areas shall be open for camping only for the period beginning 48-hours prior to the opening of the elk reduction program in Grand Teton National Park and shall be closed to camping 24 hours after the last day of said season.
- (ix) The parking lot adjacent to the Colter Bay Visitor Center may be open for camping annually from December 1 to April 15. No open fires may be kindled on the ground.
- (x) Dispersed camping in the John D. Rockefeller Jr. Memorial Parkway is prohibited within the following area: Beginning at the junction of Highway 89 and the Grassy Lake Road; westerly along Grassy Lake Road to Campsite # 4; northerly to the Yellowstone boundary; easterly along the Yellowstone boundary to Highway 89; southerly along Highway 89 to the junction of Grassy Lake Road.
- (xi) In the John D. Rockefeller Jr., Memorial Parkway, camping is prohibited within 250-yards of any developed area.
- (xii) It is prohibited to create or sustain unreasonable noise, including operating motorized equipment or machinery, generator, or any audio device, between the hours of 8:00pm and 8:00am.

The Superintendent has determined that permits for, and restrictions upon, specified camping areas is necessary for the maintenance of public health and safety, for the protection and preservation of the environmental and scenic values of the areas, and as equitable uses of park resources.

- (b) At the primitive campsites on the Grassy Lake Road (#1- 8), no person, party or organization shall occupy a campsite for more than 14 consecutive days or for more than 30 days in a calendar year.

The Superintendent has determined that this restriction is necessary for protection of parkway resources, and to provide for equitable use of park camping resources.

- (c) Conditions for food storage within the park and parkway are established as follows:
 - (i) For the purpose of the following food storage restrictions, "food items" shall be defined as all food, drinks, garbage, cooking utensils, pots/pans/plates (clean or dirty), stoves, grills, coolers (empty or full), storage containers (empty or full), beverage containers, toiletries, pet food/bowls, and any odorous item that may attract a bear.

- (ii) In camping, picnic, trailhead and day-use front country areas all *food items* must be attended at all times or stored inside bear resistant food storage lockers, or inside a hard sided vehicle with doors locked and windows closed.
- (iii) In developed lodging areas and residences, all unattended *food items* must be stored inside a secure building or inside a hard-sided vehicle with doors locked and windows closed so that food is not visible from the exterior.
- (iv) All individuals / parties camping in designated backcountry (more than 250-yards from a developed road) campsites below 10,000-feet in elevation, are required to store all unattended *food items* and/or garbage in one of the following ways: (a) in a bear resistant food-storage locker or (b) in an Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (IGBC) approved portable bear resistant food storage canister.
- (v) All individuals / parties camping in backcountry (more than 250-yards from a developed road) zones below 10,000-feet in elevation without designated campsites are required to store all unattended *food items* and/or garbage in an Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (IGBC) approved portable bear resistant food storage canister. These individuals/parties may utilize a bear resistant food storage locker if available within the zone. Backpackers or climbers camping above 10,000-feet in elevation are encouraged to follow this rule and are required to follow food-storage regulations and maintain a camp free of food attractants.
- (vi) Backpacks and/or daypacks containing unsecured (not in a canister) food and/or garbage may not be left unattended.

The Superintendent has determined that the above public-use restrictions are necessary and appropriate to protect a variety of wildlife within the park; and provide consistency for the protection of wildlife throughout the Greater Yellowstone ecosystem.

36 CFR §2.11 – PICNICKING

Public picnicking is permitted anywhere in the Park and the Parkway except within concession operated campgrounds or concession facilities where tables are provided as part of food service operations; or in National Park Service residential, maintenance, service and utility areas.

The Superintendent has determined that picnicking is an equitable allocation and use of park resources with the above limitations to protect government resources and private property..

36 CFR 2.12 – AUDIO DISTURBANCES

- (a)(2) The use of small power implements such as chainsaws, lawnmowers, snow blowers, "weed-eaters", etc., are permitted in residential, maintenance, service, utility and concession areas between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

The Superintendent has determined that the assignment of park housing constitutes an acknowledgement by employees of these conditions. These conditions are considered necessary for the implementation of management responsibilities and to ensure residential uses do not conflict with visitors experiencing the park and parkway's natural values.

- (a)(3) Power augers are permitted to be used on the frozen surface of Jackson Lake from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. when used in conjunction with a valid fishing permit.

The Superintendent has determined that the possession of a valid Wyoming fishing license constitutes a permit for the use of power augers on Jackson Lake during the winter season.

36 CFR 2.13 – FIRES

(a)(1) Fires are permitted as follows:

- (i) Within the confines of installed fire rings and/or grills at following locations within the park and parkway:
 - Gros Ventre, Jenny Lake, Signal Mountain, Colter Bay, Lizard Creek, Flagg Ranch Resort campgrounds and Grassy Lake Road primitive campsites.
 - Campsites on Leigh, Bearpaw, Trapper and Jackson lakes for which a permit has been obtained.
 - Temporary campsites at Pacific Creek and Pilgrim Creek only when open during elk reduction program.
 - Designated picnic areas located at Deadman's Bar, String Lake, Spaulding Bay, Signal Mountain, Catholic Bay, Colter Bay, Sergeant's Bay, Two Ocean Lake, and Jackson Lake overlook.
- (ii) With a written permit (obtained at the Colter Bay Visitor Center) fires may be kindled along the Jackson Lake shoreline when high water is below 7,000-feet in elevation along the west shore from the Snake River inflow south to Spaulding Bay Campground.
- (iii) Open campfires burning wood, not charcoal, are permitted on the frozen surface of Jackson Lake. All debris other than ashes and charred wood must be removed.
- (iv) Within National Park Service and concession residential areas, at appropriate sites, as approved by the District Ranger.
- (v) In the parkway, fires are prohibited within the following area: Beginning at the junction of Highway 89 and the Grassy Lake Road; westerly along Grassy Lake Road to Campsite # 4; northerly to the Yellowstone boundary; easterly along the Yellowstone boundary to Highway 89; southerly along Highway 89 to the junction of Grassy Lake Road.

The Superintendent has determined that allowing fires in designated areas is an appropriate activity that is a tradition within the park with benefits for the visitors, and has no detrimental affects to the natural resources set aside for protection.

36 CFR §2.14 – SANITATION and REFUSE

(a)(2) Use of government refuse receptacles or other refuse facilities are available for the following special uses under the terms and conditions in a written permit:

- (i) All non-government park residents, commonly referred to as "private landowners" or other private individuals/groups residing in the immediate area (i.e., researchers, etc.) may apply for a written fee permit for use of government receptacles. At the Superintendent's discretion, a permit may be granted if the Park Facility Manager determines that the applicant's property and access roadway for their residence is inaccessible to reasonable types of trash/refuse removal by either private or public means due to remoteness and/or weather conditions.
- (ii) All contractors working in the Park or the Parkway, concessioners and adjacent park neighbors may apply in writing for a refuse or dumping permit. At the Superintendent's discretion, a written fee permit may be granted if such use is consistent with the terms and conditions of their work within the park or is in the interest of the management of the Park or Parkway as determined by the park's Facility Manager.

- (iii) All overnight users of Jackson Lake campsites, except those permitted at Spaulding Bay, are required to have and use a portable toilet system that will remove human waste to a sanitary dump station or is EPA approved for disposal in landfills.
- (iv) All human waste must be packed out from the Lower Saddle (between Middle and Grand Teton peaks) and Corbet's High Camp (Teepe Glacier terminal moraine) in EPA approved methods for disposal in landfills (WAG bags, etc. may be deposited in a park receptacle at the trailhead or other appropriate location).

The Superintendent has determined that these restrictions and/or permits are necessary for the implementation of management responsibilities, protection of the environmental and scenic values of the park; and compliance with EPA guidelines.

36 CFR §2.15 – PETS

- (a)(1) Possession of pets in the park and parkway is prohibited except under the following conditions:
 - i. Pets are *permitted* in the park and parkway, per the conditions within Title 36 CFR that require a crate, cage or leash no longer than 6-feet in length, in the following areas:
 - (A) Within 6' of roads and roadways open to vehicle traffic, launch ramps or parking areas which are open to public use.
 - (B) Within established campgrounds including Spaulding Bay and Grassy Lake primitive campsites; and the following picnic areas: Deadman's Bar, Spaulding Bay, Signal Mountain, Catholic Bay, Colter Bay, Sergeant's Bay and Jackson Lake overlook.
 - (C) Unless posted otherwise; on maintained paved trails, campground trails, and the Colter Bay Marina breakwater.
 - (D) On any permitted vessel while on Jackson Lake but not in lakeshore campsites.
 - (E) In the winter use season, on the groomed sections of the Teton Park road, Grassy Lake road, and Colter Bay campground; and the unplowed section of the Moose-Wilson road.
 - (F) During the spring and fall seasons, when the Teton Park Road and the Moose/Wilson Road are closed to vehicle traffic, pets on leash are allowed on the roadway.
- (a)(3) Unattended pets are not permitted to be tied up in campgrounds, picnic areas or trailheads. They may be left within vehicles with appropriate ventilation, water and/or food.
- (a)(5) Pet owners are required to clean up their pet's excrement and properly dispose of it in a trash receptacle.
- (b) In the John D Rockefeller Memorial Parkway, when accompanied by a hunter in possession of a valid Wyoming bird hunting license and who is engaged in hunting, dogs are allowed in vessels and in/on the waters of the Snake River for bird retrieval during waterfowl hunting seasons and are allowed off leashes on land during specified game bird seasons.
- (e) Pets may be kept by park residents under the terms and conditions established by the "Park Pet Policy".

The Superintendent has determined that domestic pets within the park under these conditions do not pose an undue threat to natural resources, employees or the visiting public.

36 CFR §2.16 – HORSES and PACK ANIMALS

- (a) Designated pack animals are limited to horses, burros, mules and llamas.

The Superintendent has determined that the use of equine pack animals is a historical use within the park with limited impact on park resources but remains a significant benefit and visitor activity supported by the park. .

- (b) All stock animals must be on designated trails with the following exceptions:

- (i) In the park, stock may be ridden off-trail in the following locations:

- (A) In the area encompassed by the Chapel of Transfiguration road on the south, north between the Snake River and Teton Park road to the east-west RKO road (just south of Signal Mountain)
- (B) East of the Snake River from the south park boundary north to the confluence with the Buffalo Fork of the Snake River, then east along the Buffalo Fork to the eastern park boundary and south along the east boundary to the southern boundary that follows the Gros Ventre river.
- (C) To facilitate backcountry travel between:
 - (1) Moose Basin Divide and Forellen Divide
 - (2) Horsethief Pass and the Moose Basin patrol cabin

- (ii) In the parkway.

- (iii) The use of stock off-trail for hunting and game retrieval is permitted in elk reduction program areas 75/79 during the established open season dates.

- (iv) Stock use (other than administrative use) is not permitted on the following trails in the park and parkway.

- (A) The Rendezvous Mountain Trail from the park boundary west of the tram to the Middle Fork cutoff of the Granite Creek Trail.
- (B) The trail to Surprise and Amphitheater Lakes from the Valley Trail.
- (C) The Hidden Falls foot trail between the Jenny Lake west shore boat dock and the junction of the designated horse trail west of Inspiration Point.
- (D) The trail on the east shore of Jenny Lake between the outlet of Jenny Lake and the junction of the designated horse trail north of the North Jenny Lake overlook.
- (E) The foot trail on the west shore of Jenny Lake between the west shore boat dock and the horse trail junction near Moose Ponds overlook.
- (F) The Holly Lake trail from the Holly Lake hitch rail, past Holly Lake, to the Paintbrush Canyon trail.
- (G) All trails within the Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve; *except* that stock may be ridden on the Phelps Lake trail, on the north side of the lake, from the Wister Draw Trail junction west to Valley Trail and on the Kaufman Creek Trail.
- (H) The Phelps Lake Loop Trail, *except* between the Death Canyon-Valley Trail Junction and the Wister Draw Trail junction AND southwest of the Death Canyon-Valley Trail Junction along the Valley Trail until it meets the Phelps Lake Loop Junction.
- (I) Within the Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve, the Woodland Trail, the Lake Creek Trail, the Aspen Ridge Trail, the Boulder Ridge Trail, the Phelps Lake Trail, the service access trail, and the trail leading from the parking lot to the junction of the Woodland and Lake Creek Trails.
- (J) All winter routes designated for snowmobile travel and the snow covered portion of the Teton Park road, between Taggart Trailhead parking area and the Signal Mountain winter parking area, and the snow covered portion of the

Moose-Wilson Road between Death Canyon road and the Granite Canyon trailhead.

The Superintendent has determined that these permissions and limitations are necessary for the protection of the environmental values of the park and avoidance of conflicts among visitor user groups; and are in conformity with the establishing legislation of the park and parkway.

- (c) Horses and/or pack animals may be ridden on the Elk Ranch and Wolff Ridge roads.

The Superintendent has determined that riding stock on these roads is less impact to areas recovering from historic grazing use and will increase safety for riders and stock where there are no designated trails.

- (d) Free-trailing or loose-herding of horses or pack animals is authorized only when hazardous topography exists and loose herding for short distances is for safety of stock and riders.

The Superintendent has determined that this activity is permitted only to protect equine animals and increase visitor safety.

- (g) The following additional conditions are established for horse and pack animal use in the park and the parkway:

- (i) Within the backcountry of the park and parkway (defined as further than 250-yards from a road, parking lot, or developed zone):

- (A) Private groups may have no more than 12 horse and pack animals (in combination) for day use.
- (B) Private parties with valid backcountry permits are limited to a total of 10 pack animals and/or riding stock.
- (C) Concession guided rides can have no more than 10 horses (excluding horses used by wranglers) or pack animals for overnight use and for day use.
- (D) Overnight livestock use is permitted only where hitch rails or corrals have been established. Picketing, hobbling, or tying livestock to the natural features; or in areas used for sleeping, cooking or within 100 feet of water sources is prohibited.

These use limitations are in compliance with the backcountry management plan and are designed to prevent adverse impacts and use conflicts in multiple use areas.

- (ii) Livestock grazing is prohibited unless permitted as authorized under Title 36 CFR, Section 7.22(c).

- (iii) All hay and feed transported and/or used within the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway must be certified as weed free in compliance with Teton County standards.

- (iv) All stock used in the Park and Parkway must only be fed certified hay/feed for the 24 hours that precede entering the Parks.

- (v) Processed feed must be packed in and used for all overnight stock trips, however, no hay may be packed in.

The Superintendent has determined that these restrictions are necessary to prevent the introduction of exotic plant species and to protect and scenic values of the park.

36 CFR §2.17 – AIRCRAFT and AIR DELIVERY

- (a)(1) The Jackson Hole Airport is authorized and located as described in Title 36 CFR Section 7.22(a).
- (c)(1) The procedures to remove any downed aircraft and/or component parts and wreckage within the Park and the Parkway in addition to those in 36 CFR, 7.22(c)(1) are:
- (i) The owners of the aircraft or their designated representatives must apply for and receive authorization for removal from the Superintendent.
 - (ii) Once contacted, the Superintendent will designate the appropriate employee(s) to review the proposed removal operations. The review will include the following:
 - Past work histories of the organization(s) involved
 - Proposed date, time, duration of the removal operation
 - Possible impacts on Park or Parkway resources, facilities, visitor use and the personal safety of all parties involved.
 - (iii) The Superintendent reserves the right to determine and assign as many park employees that he/she deems necessary in the removal plan/operations to insure compliance with the terms and conditions of the removal permit, safeguarding park resources, minimize environmental damage, and insure the personal safety of all parties involved.
 - (iv) All additional costs associated with the assignment of park employees and/or equipment will be paid by the owners of the aircraft and not the National Park Service, except for normal costs associated with the administration and operation of the Park and the Parkway.
 - (v) The Superintendent may modify, stop, change; or require additional actions, equipment or personnel at any time during the removal operations based upon unforeseen circumstances. All additions and requirements to the removal plan/operations will be borne by the owner of the aircraft and not the National Park Service.

The Superintendent has determined that these regulations are necessary for the protection of the environmental and scenic values of the park, and to protect the public safety.

36 CFR §2.18 – SNOWMOBILES

- (c) The use of over snow vehicles is regulated within the park by Title 36 CFR, Section 7.22(g)(16-19) and within the parkway by Title 36 CFR, Section 7.21(a)(7-9).

The Superintendent has determined that these regulations are necessary for the protection of the environmental and scenic values of the park, and to protect the public safety.

36 CFR §2.19 – WINTER ACTIVITIES

See “Areas With Specific Use Designations” (page 8)

36 CFR §2.20 – SKATING, SKATEBOARDS and SIMILAR DEVICES

Skating and skating devices, but not motorized devices, are permitted on completed portion of the Multi-use Pathway, in developed campgrounds, residential areas; or paved park roads seasonally closed to vehicular traffic. (This section designating use on the Multi-use Pathway will become a 36 CFR, Part 7 regulation in 2010).

The Superintendent has determined that these regulations are necessary for the protection of life & safety; and to reduce potential conflicts between visitors and legal traffic movement.

36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING

- (a) In accordance with Executive Order #13058 the smoking of tobacco products is prohibited within all interior spaces owned, rented, or leased by the federal government and in any outdoor areas within 50 feet of air intake ducts (including doors, windows, etc).

As directed by Presidential Executive Order #13058, and in recognition of the health risks associated with “second-hand” smoke, the Superintendent has determined that this restriction is necessary for the public health and safety.

36 CFR §2.22 – PROPERTY

- (a)(2) The following areas and/or conditions are designated for parking vehicles during periods of time that exceed 24-hours:
- (i) Visitors on backcountry trips can leave their vehicles unattended for the period authorized in their backcountry-use permit.
 - (ii) Short-term trailer parking: visitors may leave boats on trailers and empty trailers parked at designated public parking areas (Signal Mountain, Colter Bay and Leeks Marina) for not more than 72 hours,
 - (iii) Grand Teton Lodge customer short-term parking: boat owners who are customers of the Grand Teton Lodge Company may park their boats on trailers or empty trailers for the duration of their visit in the designated paved parking lot southeast of the Colter Bay Cabin office.
 - (iv) Long-term parking: boat owners with slips & buoys may park empty trailers for the season on a first-come, first-serve basis in the parking lot at the base of the Signal Mountain Road. Grand Teton Lodge Company customers may park empty trailers in the unimproved long-term parking lot northeast of the Colter Bay Cabin office per terms of a permit issued by the Grand Teton Lodge company.

The Superintendent has determined that leaving specified property unattended in excess of the prescribed time limit will not have a negative impact upon the park's natural resources.

36 CFR §2.23 –RECREATION FEES

- (c) Park entrance fees are suspended on the following dates:

Public Lands Day (the third Saturday of September) and Veteran's Day (for veterans and their families), however this suspension does not affect other park fees (boating, camping, special uses).

The Superintendent, in support of the Director, encourages all people from the United States and other nations to visit and experience national parks. These days recognize the park service mission, accomplishments and to encourage the national park experience.

36 CFR §2.35 –ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES and CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

(a)(3)(i) The following buildings are closed to the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages:

- (i) All Park Visitor Centers and official NPS offices, unless otherwise authorized by the Secretary of the Interior or their designee.

This limitation is in accordance with Title 41 CFR 102-74.405 and Departmental Manual section 310.

36 CFR §2.38 – EXPLOSIVES

- (a) Only administrative use of explosives is permitted.
- (b) No permits allowing the use of fireworks are issued.

The Superintendent has determined that the risk of wildland fire would be elevated and public safety compromised should the unregulated use of explosives or fireworks be permitted within the park.

36 CFR §2.51 – PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES, MEETINGS

(e) The following areas are designated as appropriate for the issuance of a park permit allowing public assemblies. Maps of these sites are available through the Chief Park Ranger or Superintendent's office.

- (i) Colter Bay: the area near the southeast corner of the Park Visitor Center, adjacent to the sidewalk and roadway.
- (ii) Jackson Hole Airport: the area off the pavement, to the east of the southeast part of the Airport Terminal Parking Lot.
- (iii) Jackson Lake Lodge: the area near the northeast corner of the main lodge building, adjacent to the roadway.
- (iv) South Jenny Lake Area: between the southwest side of the Jenny Lake Store and the Southeast side of the Crandall Studio.
- (v) Moose Administration Building: on the southeast side of the Visitor Center, on the grass, just north of the sidewalk that is adjacent to the parking lot and 20' east of the main entrance sidewalk.
- (vi) JDR Ranger Station: the area that is just north of the Contact Station, northwest of the Ranger Station.
- (vii) Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center: the southeast side of the cement walkway intersection where the primary walkway turns right to enter the courtyard.
- (viii) Other areas may be designated on a temporary basis if it is determined by the Superintendent that public safety cannot be met utilizing one of the above designations.

PART 3 - BOATING AND WATER USE ACTIVITIES

36 CFR §3.3 – VESSEL PERMITS

An annual cost recovery fee permit is required to use vessels on waters in the Park and the Parkway.

- (i) Inner tubes, air mattresses, kick boats, and similar individual fishing/swimming floatation devices are *exempt* from the above permit requirement but are *not* exempt from other regulations included in this compendium. (Also see section 1.5 regarding windsurfing.)

The Superintendent has determined that the requiring a boat permit for the launching and use a vessel within the park and parkway is necessary to adequately regulate park uses, property inform users of park regulations, and reduce potential conflicts between user groups.

36 CFR §3.7 – PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES

- (b) Requirements for the use of Personal Floatation Devices (PFD's) on commercial float, fishing, and scenic boating exist within the operating plans for the respective companies; or are required within USCG regulations.

36 CFR §3.8 – VESSEL OPERATIONS

- (a)(2) The following sites are designated as vessel launching sites:

Motorized vessels – Jenny and Jackson Lakes

- Jenny Lake launch ramp (all vessels, developed ramp)
- Spalding Bay (all vessels, undeveloped ramp)
- Signal Mountain launch ramp (all vessels, developed ramp)
- Colter Bay launch ramp (all vessels, developed ramp)
- Leek's Marina launch ramp (all vessels, developed ramp)
- Lizard Creek campground (hand carried vessels only, undeveloped ramp)

Non-motorized vessels – Snake River

- South Gate launch ramp (John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway / semi-developed)
- Snake River bridge launch ramp (John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway / semi-developed)
- Jackson Lake dam parking area (1,000-feet downstream of the dam, semi-developed)
- Cattleman's bridge (semi-developed)
- Oxbow Bend (undeveloped)
- Pacific Creek launch ramp, (semi-developed)
- Deadman's Bar launch ramp (semi-developed)
- Moose launch ramp (developed)

Non-motorized vessels - Phelps, Emma Matilda, Two-Ocean, Taggart, Bradley, Bearpaw, Leigh, and String Lakes

- Specific launch sites are not designated, boaters may carry hand-propelled vessels to shoreline points where launching is convenient unless otherwise posted.

36 CFR §3.12 – WATER SKIING

- (a) Water skiing and other types of towing behind vessels is only permitted on Jackson Lake.

The Superintendent has determined that this public use limitation is necessary to maintain public safety and to protect recreational values such as scenic and natural soundscapes in other park areas.

36 CFR §3.17 – SWIMMING AND WADING

- (a) Swimming is permitted as follows:

- (i) Swimming beaches are designated at Colter Bay (adjacent to the Colter Bay picnic area) and Signal Mountain (adjacent to the Signal Mountain campground).

- (ii) Swimming is prohibited along shoreline of Jenny Lake between the lake's north inlet and the public use area for the Jenny Lake ferry boat concession.
- (iii) Swimming is prohibited within marinas and boat mooring areas on Jackson Lake.
- (iv) All other park and parkway waters are open to swimming and wading.

The Superintendent has determined that these restrictions are necessary to maintain public / life safety while the public engages in water based recreational activities.

36 CFR §3.18 – SNORKELING AND UNDERWATER DIVING

- (a) Snorkeling and underwater diving are allowed *only* in Jackson and Jenny Lakes *and* within existing limitations on swimming in those two lakes.

The Superintendent has determined that this restriction is necessary to maintain the public safety.

36 CFR §3.19 – SUBMERSIBLES

The recreational use of submersibles is not permitted.

The Superintendent has determined that this limitation is necessary to protect park resources, prevent conflicting uses, and promote park safety.

PART 4 – VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC SAFETY

36 CFR §4.10 – TRAVEL ON PARK ROADS AND DESIGNATED ROUTES

- (a) There are no designated areas or routes for off-road vehicles within the park or parkway.

The Superintendent has determined that the recreational use of off-road vehicles is an incompatible use within the park mission, would impair park resources and conflict with other park uses.

- (c)(1) Lower Valley Energy and Qwest communications may utilize tracked over snow vehicles as necessary to service utilities within their respective assigned Right of Way.

Rights of Way within the park are often located away from transportation corridors and the Superintendent has determined that allowing the use of tracked vehicles is necessary for the safety of utility company employees and will assist the park through more rapid repairs.

36 CFR §4.11 – VEHICLE LOAD, WEIGHT AND SIZE LIMITS

- (a) The following load, weight and size limits apply to vehicles within the park:
 - (i) Operating the following vehicles is prohibited on the Moose-Wilson Road unless under the terms of a concession permit or by private landowners whose only property access is off the Moose-Wilson Road:
 - A. All vehicles more than 100 inches wide, measured at its widest point.

- B. All vehicles more than 280 inches long, measured at its longest point.
- C. Any vehicle towing another vehicle or trailer regardless of either vehicle's size; except for horse trailers entering through Granite Canyon Entrance and parking at Granite Canyon trailhead or entering from Moose and parking at the Death Canyon road junction.
- D. Service and delivery vehicles.

Any vehicle that does not meet all 4 of the above listed restrictions must obtain a written permit from the Superintendent to travel on the Moose-Wilson Road. These exclusions do not apply to necessary government administrative travel.

- (ii) Concession/commercial scenic float and fishing boat trailers are not allowed on Teton Park Road without prior permission from the Business Resource Office.

The Superintendent has determined that these restrictions are necessary to promote traffic safety and to prevent further deterioration of the road surface.

36 CFR §4.21 – SPEED LIMITS

- (b) The following speed limits are established:

15-MPH

- Within 100-feet of any entrance station
- All park and concession housing areas

20-MPH

- The Signal Mountain road from the intersection with the Teton Park road to the summit

25-MPH

- The Teton Park road north from the Snake River Bridge to within 100-feet of the Moose Entrance station
- The Moose-Wilson road north from the Granite Creek bridge to the northern edge of Saw Mill Ponds
- The Jenny Lake Loop road from the south intersection with the Teton Park road to the north intersection with the Teton Park road.
- The Grassy Lake road west from the intersection with the North Park road to the park boundary

35-MPH

- The Gros Ventre Road north of Kelly to the East Boundary Road junction and north to Shadow Mountain.
- The Gros Ventre Road from the East Boundary Road to the East Boundary.
- The Teton Park road from the junction with Highway 89 to the Snake River bridge

55-MPH

- U.S. Routes 89, 191, and 26, which are collectively and commonly known as "The Outside Highway", except at intersections where speeds are reduced to 45-mph by posting of appropriate signs

The Superintendent has determined that these restrictions are necessary to promote traffic and visitor safety with more than 1.5 million vehicles in the park annually, reduce wildlife mortalities caused by vehicular collisions, and to prevent further deterioration of the road surface.

The maximum speed limit for all over-snow vehicles being operated on routes / areas designated through Title 36 CFR, Section 7 is 45 mph or as otherwise posted at intersections.

The Superintendent has determined that these restrictions are necessary to promote winter users safety, to preserve the environmental and scenic value of the park, and to avoid conflicts in visitor use.

36 CFR §4.30 – BICYCLES

- (a) Bicycles are authorized for use on roadways open to public motor vehicle use, in parking areas, and on the completed portion of the Multi-use Pathway.

The Superintendent has determined that these regulations and restrictions are necessary for the protection of the environmental and scenic values of the park, and to protect the public safety.

36 CFR §4.31 – HITCHHIKING

Hitchhiking or reasonably soliciting transportation shall be permitted within Grand Teton National Park and John D. Rockefeller Jr. Memorial Parkway EXCEPT:

- Within two tenths of a mile (0.2mi) of an Entrance Station
- Within 200 feet of a school, concession business or park service office building or visitor center.
- In a residential area where signs exist establishing the area as a residential area only and/or discouraging public traffic.
- While holding or having a sign with is larger than 2'x2' in size.
- The hitchhiker must stay off of the driving lane of a paved roadway that has a white fog line and off the surface of a paved roadway that does not have a white fog line, though a hitchhiker may stand on pavement in clearly in a paved pullout.
- Where vehicles may not safely pull off of the main traffic lane into a pullout or safely onto the shoulder to allow for the passengers to be received safely.
- During the hours of darkness unless the hitchhiker is wearing bright (preferably reflectively enhanced) clothing.
- While under the influence of alcohol or intoxicating drugs.
- When hitchhiking behavior is deemed unsafe or a nuisance by a commissioned Law Enforcement Ranger.

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