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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 regulatory provisions are established for the proper management, protection, government and public use of those portions of Lassen Volcanic National Park under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7.

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

(a)(1) The following visiting hours and public use limits are established for all or for the listed portions of the park, and the following closures are established for all or a portion of the park to all public use or to a certain use or activity:

Visiting Hours

The Park is open year round. Park facility hours of operation are varied and are posted in The *Peak Experiences* publication, and on the Lassen Volcanic National Park Internet Website at <http://www.nps.gov/lavo/planyourvisit/index.htm>.

Public Use Limits

NOTE: The following limitations are instituted to protect the park resources, provide for visitor and employee safety.

- A backcountry use permit is required for all overnight camping in the Lassen Volcanic National Park backcountry & wilderness.
- A backcountry use permit is required for all stock users regardless of day or overnight backcountry travel.
- Stock parties are limited to 15 animals in a single group.
- Stock parties are limited to use of approved trails only (as listed in this document under § 2.16 [b])
- The following public use limits are established for hiking group size:
 - Day hiking groups are limited to 20 people on all park trails.
 - Overnight backpacking groups are limited to 10 people
 - Groups larger than the allowed maximum from any one organization may not meet and congregate. All groups shall maintain a minimum of ½ mile distance apart.
 - Any groups traveling off-trail (day hiking or overnight backpacking) are limited to 10 people.

NOTE: The superintendent has determined that user group size limitations are required to prevent resource degradation such as trail widening, multiple trail development, dust abatement & social trails;

and protect the individual visitor experience.

- The maximum number of bicyclists riding upon any park roadway as a group is not to exceed 10.

NOTE: Park roadways are narrow, winding, mountain roads with limited sight distances. Larger groups of bicycles present road hazards by crowding the traffic lanes, operating below speed limits, obstructing traffic, and creating vehicle collision hazard exposure for the riders.

- Vehicle parking in the Drakesbad Guest Ranch Parking area is designated for Drakesbad Guest Ranch guests only.

NOTE: Parking at Drakesbad is limited, and will accommodate Drakesbad Guest Ranch guests only. Public access parking is provided at the trailhead, west of Drakesbad Guest Ranch and is posted as such.

Closures:

- The area on Lassen Peak delineated by post and cable is closed to foot travel. This area is generally located southwest of shoulder area below the summit at an elevation of 10360 feet.

NOTE: The affected area is closed for the protection of rare and sensitive vegetation.

- Manzanita Creek and Lake - Nesting and wetland area is closed to all persons except authorized staff, researchers, and guided persons as marked by signs stating extent of closure. Generally described as the nesting and wetland area at the confluence of Manzanita Creek inlet and Manzanita Lake, and immediate surrounding area. Specific boundaries of closure are marked with corresponding signs.

NOTE: This closure protects nesting bird sites throughout this area

- Fishing: The following areas are closed to all fishing during the periods indicated:

- Manzanita Creek above Manzanita Lake - closed all year
- Butte Lake boat launch - closed all year
- Juniper Lake boat launch - closed all year

NOTE: Closures are intended to protect fish spawning habitat, provide for visitor safety, and reduce user conflicts at the boat launch areas.

- Motorized vessels are prohibited on all park waters, including Personal Water Craft (PWC) (as defined in 36 CFR 1.4(a)). Engines of any type are not permitted upon vessels on park waters, regardless of whether they are currently in use for propulsion.

NOTE: PWC closures conform to current guidelines for the use of PWC within national parks based upon the preservation of wildlife, air & water pollution, and the protection of the visitor experience. The hazards of carrying an engine on a vessel, regardless of current use, include hazardous spill situations, and temptation for usage.

- The following areas are closed to all vessels:

- Boiling Springs Lake
- Emerald Lake
- Lake Helen
- Reflection Lake
- Hat Lake

NOTE: These lakes harbor resource concerns which make them incompatible with vessel use.

- The following areas are closed to special events within the Park:

- Maintenance and housing areas in Manzanita Lake.
- Government housing areas.
- Administrative Headquarters Site at Mineral (excluding the Mineral Ball-field)

NOTE: These areas are designated for administrative use only. The areas are not compatible or suitable for public use.

- Roads within Lassen Volcanic National Park may close at any time due to hazardous conditions on the roadway. Vehicular travel on closed roads is prohibited.

NOTE: Lassen Volcanic National Park experiences severe weather year round. Snow, ice, rock-fall and other hazards may cause dangerous conditions for motorists.

- Road shoulders, turnouts and parking areas are closed to overnight parking and leaving vehicles unattended overnight when signs are posted prohibiting overnight parking. Generally from October 15th to the spring reopening of the roadway.

NOTE: During fall season, severe weather may close the roadway with short notice. For visitor and property safety, it may be necessary to remove visitors and vehicles from the roadway with minimal notice.

- Possession of a power drill or the use of the same in undeveloped areas (i.e. rock or ice climbing routes) is prohibited.

NOTE: Many areas in the park backcountry and wilderness are conducive to rock and or ice climbing routes. Power drills add to the proliferation of fixed permanent anchors.

(a)(2) The following areas have been designated for a specific use or activity, under the following restrictions and/or conditions:

Access to geothermal sites:

- Entering into or upon any geothermal area other than by using the trails and boardwalks provided is prohibited.
- “Hotpotting”, “hottubbing” or any other form of bathing in geothermal areas or waters issuing from geothermal sources is prohibited.
- Alteration of natural features is prohibited.
- The Sulphur Works geothermal area portion of the sidewalk delineated by cyclone fencing, on the north side of the roadway closed to all visitors.
- The Bumpass Hell trail is closed to all visitors between the Bumpass Hell parking lot and the Bumpass Hell caldera at such times when the trail is unsafe and/or when undue damage to the resource may occur. This closure will be posted at the Bumpass Hell parking lot trailhead, the Lake Helen trailhead, the western end of Bumpass Hell trail leaving the geothermal area, the Kings Creek Trailhead, and the Kings Creek Picnic Area.

Active geothermal sites include but are not limited to:

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| Sulphur Works | Cold Boiling Lake |
| West Sulphur Creek Basin | Devil’s Kitchen |
| Fart Gulch | Hot Springs Creek |
| Little Hot Springs Valley | Boiling Springs Lake |
| Bumpass Hell | Terminal Geyser |

NOTE: Boardwalks provide protection from geological hazards due to thin crusted ground, hot water and mud. Walking off boardwalks exposes travelers to hazards such as breaking through apparently firm ground potentially causing injury and death. Geothermal areas also present inherent hazards to visitors and employees. These sites are fragile geological and biological resources susceptible to irreversible degradation and damage. In the case of the Sulphur Works sidewalk closure. A geothermal feature near the sidewalk has become active in a manner that may spray visitors with hot mud or fluid. This development poses a potential hazard to visitor health.

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 Preservation of natural, cultural and archeological resources
 - (c)(1) Collection of any other flora, fauna, biologic or geological materials
Gathering *Morchella* sp., morel mushrooms without a permit in any quantities is prohibited.
- 2.4 Weapons, traps and nets
 - (d) Carry, Possess Weapon
- 2.5 Research Specimens

- (a) Specimen Collection
- 2.10 Camping and food storage
 - (a) Backcountry & wilderness camping permit
- 2.12 Audio Disturbances
 - (a)(2) Audio Disturbances, Use of Power Saw
 - (a)(3) Operating Portable Motor or Engine
 - (a)(4) Audio Disturbances, Operation of a public-address system
- 2.17 Aircraft and air delivery
 - (c)(1) Removal of Downed Aircraft
- 2.23 Recreation Fees
 - (c) Establish Recreation Fees
- 2.35 Possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in Park buildings and facilities
- 2.37 Noncommercial soliciting
- 2.38 Explosives
 - (a) using, possessing, storing or transporting
 - (b) using or possessing fireworks and firecrackers
- 2.50 Special Events
 - (a) Sporting events, pageants, regattas, public spectator attractions, entertainments, ceremonies and similar events
- 2.51 Public assemblies, meetings
 - (a) Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public activities
- 2.52 Sale and Distribution of Printed Matter
- 2.60 Livestock use and agriculture
 - (b) Activities authorized pursuant to paragraph (a)
- 2.61 Residing on Federal lands
 - (a) Residing park areas pursuant to terms and conditions of a permit
- 2.62 Memorialization
 - (b) Scattering of Human Ashes
- 3.3 Boating and Water Use Activities
- 4.11 Load, Weight, and size limits
 - (a) Superintendent may designate more restrictive limits and require permits for exceeding said limits.
- 5.1 Advertisements
- 5.2 Sale of Intoxicants
- 5.3 Business Operations
- 5.4 Commercial passenger-carrying motor vehicles
- 5.5 Commercial Photography
- 5.6 Commercial Vehicles
 - (c) Use of government roads not connected with park operations
- 5.7 Construction of Buildings or Other Facilities
- 6.9 Solid Waste Disposal Site
 - Permit required to operate a solid waste disposal site within boundaries of the park.

III. GENERAL REGULATIONS

§2.1 – Preservation of Natural, Cultural and Archeological Resources

[a](4) Downed and dead wood may be collected for frontcountry campground firewood use.

[b] Off trail travel is prohibited at:

- Area adjacent to the Lassen Peak Trail
- The Cinder Cone
- All park geothermal areas

(c)(1) The following fruits, nuts, berries and plant materials may be gathered by hand for personal use or consumption only, with a possession limit of one pint per person per day except as noted:

- Pinaceae, nuts of pines
- Caprifoliaceae, fruit of the blue elderberry
- Fagaceae, fruits of the bush chinquapin.
- Grossulariaceae, fruits of currants and gooseberries
- Rosaceae, fruits of serviceberry, choke cherry, raspberry, thimbleberry
- Rosaceae, fruits of woods rose, 10 fruit per person per day
- Ericaceae, fruits of western blueberry

§ 2.2 Wildlife Protection

[d] Transporting lawfully taken wildlife through the park is permitted under the following conditions;

- The carcass must be tagged in accordance with state law;
- Game must be kept out of sight;
- Wildlife must be declared at the park's entrance stations. If entrance stations are closed, wildlife must be declared at Park Headquarters in Mineral, Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center, or the Loomis Ranger Station at Manzanita Lake between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Transportation of wildlife through the park outside of these hours is prohibited.

[e] Use of an artificial light for purposes of viewing wildlife is prohibited.

§ 2.3 Fishing

[a] The following restrictions apply:

- Manzanita Lake is catch and release only.
- In Manzanita Lake, the method of take shall be limited to artificial lures with a single barbless hook.

§ 2.10 Camping and food storage

[b](9)The following conditions have been established for camping in the park:

- Camping in the park is limited to 14 days per year, per campground, except Summit Lake and Juniper Lake Campgrounds, which are limited to 7 days per year.
- All persons in campsites provided with a large metal food storage locker must store food, odor producing items and their containers in the storage lockers. Backcountry camp food storage shall be properly strung off ground or within bear-proof containers.
- Recreational vehicle waste water must be disposed of only at the Manzanita Lake Dump Station.
- Other, non-recreational vehicle waste water must only be disposed of at the Manzanita Lake dump station or comfort station utility sinks or vault toilets
- Clothes, dishes, and fish must not be cleaned at public water faucets. No personal bathing or hair washing at water faucets.
- Campsites must not be saved or pre-paid for another party.
- Generator use is allowed, sparingly, between the hours of 8am and 8 pm. Generators are not permitted in tent only loops.
- A maximum of two vehicles is allowed at each campsite, except designated group sites. Motorhomes, tow vehicles, any trailer, cars and trucks each count as one vehicle.
- Campsite capacity is limited to 6 persons and three tents.
- Group campsite capacity is 25 persons per site.
- Group campsite capacity at Juniper Lake campground 15 persons per site.
- Loop D at Manzanita Lake and Loop E at South Summit Lake are designated for tent camping only.
- Camping is prohibited within a ½ mile of any developed area or park road open to

- vehicular traffic, and/or within sight of same; except in designated campgrounds.
- Camping by stock groups is prohibited except at designated campgrounds.
- Camping is prohibited within ¼ mile, and/or within sight of the same, from ANY geothermal feature as well as the following:

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| Cascade Springs | Kings Creek Falls |
| Cinder Cone/Painted Dunes | Lassen Peak |
| Cliff Lake | Little Willow Lake |
| Crags Lake | Mt. Harkness Summit |
| Crumbaugh Lake | Hat Creek Cabin |
| Echo Lake | Trail from Summit Lake to Echo Lake |
| Kings Creek Meadow - Upper and Lower | |

NOTE: If a vehicle has bathroom facilities and/or, kitchen facilities, then it will not be allowed in a designated tent only camping area for sleeping purposes. Tent trailers are not tents, and should be treated as a recreational vehicle.

Tent camping in southwest Campground was previously allowed in the Southwest Campground. This activity is currently prohibited due to construction in the area. This closure is expected to extend to October 2008, but will continue until construction is completed and the parking lot is safe for vehicles.

§ 2.13 Fires

[a](1) The lighting of campfires is:

- Permitted in Government-provided grills or fire rings in established front-country campgrounds.
- Prohibited in all other areas of Lassen Volcanic National Park. This includes backcountry and wilderness sites.

§ 2.15 Pets

(a)(1)

- Pets are prohibited on all park trails, in park lakes and waterways, in non-developed areas of the park, visitor centers, and all government buildings.
- Pets are restricted to within 50 feet of all roadways, parking lots, campgrounds, and picnic areas.
- Pets are prohibited on the park road when covered by snow.
- Pet excrement must be either removed from the park or disposed of in a refuse container.

(e) Pets may be kept by park residents under the following conditions:

- Permanent park employees residing in the park may keep pets in accordance with Lassen Volcanic National Park policy found in the Lassen Volcanic National Park Housing Management Plan, Chapter 6.5.
- Pets must be kept on a leash and under owner control at all times.

§ 2.16 Horses and Pack Animals

[b] Horses and pack animals are allowed on designated trails except:

- Manzanita Lake Trail
- Lassen Peak Trail
- The portion of trail on the Cinder Cone
- Reflection Lake Trail
- Bumpass Hell Trail
- Trails within the Devil's Kitchen and Sulphur Works thermal areas.
- Stock animals must be kept at least 100 feet from lakes, *except* when passing lakes. At these locations, stock animals are not to be allowed to stop and obtain water.

[g] Additional conditions:

- Picketing and/or grazing of stock animals in the park is prohibited.
- Free trailing or loose herding of stock animals is prohibited
- Grazing of stock animals is prohibited
- Horses and pack animals are not permitted to travel cross-country while in the park.
- It is prohibited to ride or tie stock animals in campgrounds, picnic areas or within the immediate vicinity of eating or sleeping establishments or other areas of public gatherings, except where trails and facilities are designated for such use.
- Stock parties camping in the park overnight are limited to one of the following designated sites and limitations:
 - Summit Lake and Butte Lake Corrals: maximum of 8 animals and 10 people with parking limited to six wheeled vehicles.
 - Juniper Lake Corral: maximum of 8 animals and 10 people with parking limited to four wheeled vehicles.
- At times when trail and weather conditions warrant (such as trees across the trail or wet soil) additional stock use conditions (including closure of a trail to stock use) may be established.

§ 2.18 Snowmobiles

[c] Snowmobiles, all terrain vehicle (ATV) and universal terrain vehicle (UTV) use is allowed by permit only.

§ 2.19 Winter Activities

[c] Ramp and jump construction will not be allowed within 500' of the Southwest Parking Area.

§ 2.21 Smoking

[a] Smoking is prohibited:

- In the interior space of all NPS-owned, leased, or administered buildings;
- Within 25 feet of any entrance or exit primarily accessed by the visiting public.
- Within 25 feet of any entrance or exit not generally accessed by the public, where smoking would result in smoke traveling through doorways, windows, air ducts or other openings.

NOTE: It is the policy of the National Park Service to provide a smoke-free environment for its employees and members of the visiting public. [DO #50D: Smoking Policy]

§ 2.22 Property

[A](2) Property may be left unattended for periods longer than 24 hours in the following areas and under the following condition:

- Vehicles may be left at designated parking lots and trailhead parking areas.
- Visitors on backcountry/wilderness trips are permitted to leave vehicles unattended in designated parking areas for the period of time specified on their backcountry use permit.

§ 2.35 Alcoholic Beverages and Controlled Substances

[a] (3) Except when permitted by the superintendent, the Loomis Museum is closed to the consumption of alcoholic beverages by the general public.

§ 2.51 Public Assemblies, Meetings

[e] The following areas have been designated for use by the public for assemblies and meetings when authorized by permit:

- Manzanita Lake amphitheater
- Sidewalk leading from the headquarters visitor parking lot to the front of the headquarters

building.

- Visitor parking area adjacent to the Loomis Ranger Station
- Lassen Peak Trail parking lot
- Summit Lake amphitheater
- Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center Amphitheater

NOTE: Maps showing areas designated for public assemblies and meetings will be available in the office of the Superintendent for public review. Areas other than those designated above may be approved by the Superintendent on a case by case basis in accordance with the considerations found in 36 CFR 2.51 (e).

§ 2.52 Sale or Distribution of Printed Matter

[e] The following areas have been designated as appropriate for First Amendment activities when authorized by permit:

- Manzanita Lake: sidewalk adjacent to parking area across from the Camper Service Store.
- Southwest, adjacent to the entrance to the Kohm Ya-man-nee Visitor Center (when the Visitor Center is opened for public use).
- Mineral Headquarters, at the parking lot and front lawn near the front entrance to the Headquarters Building.
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NOTE: Maps showing areas designated for sale and/or distribution of printed matter will be available in the office of the Superintendent for public review.

NOTE: Pursuant to Special Directive 95-11 dated August 11, 1995 the sale of T-shirts and other message bearing merchandise at demonstrations and special events in the National Park system is not allowed. The sale of only printed matter, consisting of "textual printed material such as books, pamphlets, magazines, and leaflets whose primary purpose is the advocacy, definition, or explanation of a group's or individual's political, religious, scientific, or moral belief" is allowed.

§ 2.62 Memorialization

(b) Scattering of human ashes

- Scattering of human ashes is allowed by permit only. All remains must meet the appropriate state laws prior to dispersion.

§ 3.6 Boating Operations Prohibited

(h) Launch and recovery of vessels

- Boats, kayaks, canoes and other water craft or vessels may be put in and taken out of the following lakes only at the designated launch area.
 - Manzanita Lake
 - Butte Lake (approved administrative use excepted)
 - Juniper Lake

§ 4.11 Load, Weight, Length and Width Limitations

Designated limits are:

- Vehicles with widths in excess of 102" and trailers in of 45 feet in total length are prohibited from traveling on the Lassen Park Road, from the southwest boundary to the north boundary.
- Vehicles in excess of these limits are allowed by permit only.

§ 4.21 Speed Limits

(b) The maximum speed limit on all public roads in the park is as posted.