



2009 STOCK USE AND GRAZING REGULATIONS

These area-specific regulations supplement the minimum impact regulations and guidelines. In the regulations "stock use" refers to travel and camping with stock (horses, mules, burros, or llamas) and grazing in designated forage areas. Areas "closed to grazing" are open to stock travel and camping with stock provided they remain confined on a hardened surface and are given substitute feeds. Areas "closed to stock" are closed to all stock access. Areas open to "day rides and pass-through travel only" are open to stock travel, but animals may not graze or stay overnight. Maximum party size is 20 head of stock, 15 people unless otherwise stated. Stock are restricted to within 1/2 mile of maintained trails unless in designated off-trail areas. If any of your stock dies in the wilderness, notify a ranger as soon as possible for help in properly disposing of the animal. **Dead stock must be removed at least 300 feet from trails, campsites, and water within 72 hours of death.** Carry a rake to fill in pawed-up areas and scatter all manure piles when you leave camp. Remove all manure from within 100 feet of the campsite to reduce odors and insect problems, and to maintain the appearance of the site. Tie trees only when packing or unpacking stock. **Never to tie to trees smaller than 6" in diameter.**

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Kings Canyon National Park

South Fork San Joaquin River

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| Upper Goddard Canyon | Day rides only from one mile above Hell-for-Sure Junction to Martha Lake |
| Hell-for-Sure Pass | Unmaintained trail open to stock use |
| Colby Meadow* | Temporarily closed to grazing |
| Darwin Meadow* | Temporarily closed to grazing in Darwin Meadow proper. Stock users are required to use the "pocket meadows" in the forested area to the north and west of Darwin Meadow |
| Lake 11,106 | Day rides only |
| Darwin Bench & Canyon | Closed to stock |
| Evolution Basin | Closed to grazing by horses and mules from Evolution Lake to Muir Pass; 1 night grazing for walking groups with burros or llamas |
| Mc Gee Canyon | Unmaintained trail below 10,400' open to stock use; closed to stock above 10,400' |

Middle Fork Kings River Drainage

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| Blue Canyon area | Unmaintained trail below 10,000' open to stock use; closed to stock above 10,000' |
| Goddard Creek Meadows | Closed to grazing from 10,200' to 10,400' |
| Big Pete Meadow | Upper, wooded portion of the meadow closed to grazing |
| Dusy Basin | Closed to grazing from lower lip of Basin to Bishop Pass, including Rainbow Lakes; special food storage requirements in effect Memorial Day weekend to October 31 |

Monarch Divide

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| Kennedy Canyon | Open to unrestricted off-trail stock use |
| Dougherty/Horseshoe Creeks | Open to unrestricted off-trail stock use except: 2 night grazing limit |
| Shorty's Meadow | Open to unrestricted off-trail stock use except: Closed to grazing |
| Granite Basin | Unmaintained trail open to stock use |
| Granite Lake | Traditional off-trail routes and forage areas open to stock use |
| Grouse Lake | |
| Hotel Creek | |

Woods Creek Drainage

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| Paradise Valley | Closed to grazing up to the Lower Castle Domes drift fence |
| Woods Lake basin | Closed to grazing around Woods Lake shore; trail to Sawmill Pass open to stock use |
| Castle Domes Meadow | 15 head per party maximum; 1 night grazing limit |
| Woods Creek Crossing | 2 meadows on south side of Woods Creek below camp area closed to grazing |
| Baxter Creek Drainage | Day rides and pass-through travel only from John Muir Trail to Baxter Pass |
| Sixty Lakes Basin* | Day use only; stock travel restricted to established trail to a point approximately 2 miles from the junction of the John Muir Trail with the Sixty Lakes Trail |
| Rae Lakes Basin* | Entire Basin closed to grazing, including Dragon Lake meadow; special food storage requirements in effect Memorial Day weekend through October 31 |

Bubbs Creek Drainage

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| Lower Bubbs Creek & Charlotte Creek Confluence | Closed to grazing by horses and mules below the lower Junction Meadow drift fence; 1 night grazing for walking parties with burros or llamas |
| Sphinx Lakes | Unmaintained trail open to stock use |
| Junction Meadow (Bubbs)* | 15 head per party maximum; 1 night grazing limit. Due to flooding, the lower portion of the meadow is closed to grazing. Grazing of the upper meadow is limited to private stock and 50 nights for the Cedar Grove Pack Station only. |
| East Lake | 1 night grazing limit; closed to grazing below the drift fence |
| Lake Reflection | Closed to stock |
| Vidette Meadow | Closed to grazing |
| Upper Vidette Meadow* | Temporarily closed to grazing; no grazing below the drift fence at 10,100' |
| Vidette Lakes | Closed to stock |
| Center Basin | Day rides only above the John Muir Trail |
| Kearsarge/Bullfrog Lakes | Closed to grazing; low trail through basin closed to stock except spot trips to Kearsarge Lakes from the upper trail junction |
| Charlotte Lake Meadows | Meadows immediately above and below Charlotte Lake closed to grazing |
| Charlotte Creek Meadow | 2 night grazing limit below the drift fence west of (below) Charlotte Lake |

Roaring River Drainage

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| Roaring River Drainage | Open to unrestricted off-trail stock use except for the following: |
| Roaring River Ranger Station | Closed to public grazing on the west side of Roaring River from the Ranger Station down to the drift fence |
| Scaffold Meadow-JR Pasture | Administrative pasture closed to public use |
| Scaffold Meadow-Tourist Pasture | 15 head per party maximum; 2 night grazing limit, including Lackey Pasture |
| Lackey Pasture* | 3 head per party maximum; 2 night grazing limit |
| Cement Table Meadow | 15 head per party maximum; 3 night grazing limit |
| Grave Meadow | 15 head per party maximum; 3 night grazing limit |
| Ellis Meadow | Closed to grazing |
| Tom Sears Meadow | Closed to grazing |
| Seville Lake | Closed to grazing |

Meadows with an asterisk () are temporarily closed to grazing or otherwise restricted for the 2009 season to allow for restoration

Sequoia National Park

Middle and Marble Forks, Kaweah River Drainage

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| Lakes Trail | Trail to Heather, Emerald, and Pear Lakes open for day rides only |
| Frontcountry Trails | Wolverton Cutoff, Alta, Panther Gap, and Seven Mile Trails open for day rides and pass-through travel only; High Sierra Trail closed to stock from Crescent Meadow to Wolverton Cutoff |
| Giant Forest/Lodgepole | All meadows within 5 miles of giant Forest Museum (includes Crescent, Cahoon, Willow, and Halstead meadows) closed to grazing; All paved trails closed to stock |
| Redwood Meadow* | Lower (northern) section only open to private and commercial use, 2 night limit; Upper (southern) section only open to administrative use |
| Granite Creek | Unmaintained trail from Redwood Meadow to upper Granite Creek open to stock use, probably impassible |
| Hamilton Lakes | Closed to grazing |
| Redwood Canyon | Closed to grazing (Kings Canyon National Park) |

Mineral King Area, East & South Fork Kaweah River Drainage

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| Mineral King Valley & Lake Basins | Closed to grazing by horses and mules; 1 night grazing for walking parties with burros or llama |
| Sawtooth Pass | Closed to stock from Monarch Lake to switchbacks below Columbine Lake |
| South Fork Kaweah River | Open to unrestricted off-trail use |
| Hockett Plateau | Open to unrestricted stock use except: |
| Hockett Pasture | Administrative pasture closed to public stock use |
| Mitchell Meadow | Closed to grazing |
| South Fork Meadow* | Temporarily closed to grazing |
| Summit Lake Meadow* | Temporarily closed to grazing |

West Kern Plateau

(Chagoopa, Funston, Big Arroyo, Rattlesnake, Laurel and Coyote Creeks)

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| West Kern Plateau | Open to unrestricted off-trail stock use except for the following |
| Big & Little Five Lakes | Closed to off-trail stock use; open to stock use within 1/2 mile of maintained trail |
| Little Five Lakes | Stringer Meadow southeast of ranger station closed to grazing |
| Forester Lake Meadow* | Temporarily closed to grazing |

Kern River Canyon

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| Junction Meadow (Kern) | 15 head per party maximum; 1 night grazing limit |
| Kern Hot Springs | Small meadow immediately adjacent to hot springs closed to stock |
| Lower Kern River Canyon | Open to unrestricted off-trail stock use below Kern Hot Springs except |
| Upper Funston Meadow | 2 night grazing limit; camp in designated sites if available. Special regulations in place to prevent the spread of Velvet grass. Ask for details when you pick up your wilderness permit |
| Lower Funston Meadow | Closed to grazing |
| Lewis Camp Large Pasture | Administrative pasture closed to public stock use |
| Kern Station Small Pasture | Administrative pasture closed to public stock use |

Upper Kern River

(Kern-Kaweah, Upper Kern, Tyndall, Wright and Wallace Creeks)

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| Milestone Basin | Special permit required; Permit requires: 1 party at a time; 8 head, 2 night grazing limit; grazing permitted only north of Milestone Creek. No stock travel above 10,800'. Contact Wilderness Office for details |
| Lake South America Col Meadow | Small lake south of Lake South America and large meadow farther south along trail closed to grazing; |
| John Dean Cutoff | Unmaintained trail from Tyndall Creek Ranger Station to Kern Canyon open to stock use |
| Shepherd Pass | Day rides and pass-through travel only within 1 mile of Shepherd Pass |
| Wright Creek Drainage | Unmaintained route below 11,200' open to stock use; day rides only above 11,200 |
| Wright Creek Closed Meadow | Side drainage in east-central Wright Lakes Basin closed to grazing |
| Wright to Wallace Creeks | Unmaintained route between Wright and Wallace Creek drainages open for day use and pass-through travel only |
| Wallace Creek Drainage | Unmaintained trail below 11,200' open to stock use; day rides only above 11,200 |
| Wallace Creek Waterfall Meadow | 6 head per party maximum; 1 night grazing limit |
| Wallace Creek Closed Meadow | Meadow 1 mile above Waterfall Meadow and 1/2 mile below Wallace Lake (at 11,140') closed to grazing |
| Kern Canyon Overlooks | Open for day rides on unmaintained side routes |

Whitney Creek

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| Mt. Whitney Trail | Open for day rides only from Timberline Lake to one mile above Guitar Lake |
| Guitar Lake | Closed to grazing by horses and mules; 1 night grazing for walking parties with burros or llama |
| Timberline Lake | Closed to grazing and camping |
| Crabtree Ranger Station Stringer | Meadow along Whitney Creek adjacent to the ranger station closed to grazing |
| Crabtree Meadows* | Parties larger than 15 head should contact the ranger in selecting campsites and grazing areas at Upper Crabtree; Lower Crabtree Meadow is temporarily closed to grazing |
| Crabtree Lakes | Closed to stock above hitchrail located 1/2 mile below lower lake |
| Lower Whitney Creek Meadow | Reopened for commercial and private grazing; consider using Sandy Meadow to aid further recovery |
| Kern Canyon Overlooks | Open for day rides on unmaintained side trails |

Rock Creek

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| Lower Rock Creek | Unmaintained trail below Lower Rock Creek Crossing open to stock use |
| Guyot Creek and Meadow | Large meadow southwest of JMT crossing of Guyot Creek at 10,400' closed to grazing |
| Forgotten Cyn to Funston Lake | Unmaintained trail open to stock use |
| Rock Creek Ranger Station Meadow | Wet meadow between ranger station and Pacific Crest Trail closed to grazing |
| Siberian Outpost | Unmaintained trail from Siberian Outpost to Boreal Plateau and Rocky Lakes Basin open to stock use |
| Upper Rock Creek | 2 night grazing limit for all of the Upper Rock area, Nathan's Meadow and above |
| Rock Creek Meadow #2 | Small meadow immediately above drift fence closed to grazing |
| Rock Creek Stringer & Lower | 2 night grazing limit applies for all of Upper Rock Creek |
| Rock Creek Lake Meadow | |
| Miter Basin | Unmaintained trail from Lower Rock Creek Lake to Primrose Lake outlet stream open to stock use; day rides only above Primrose Lake outlet stream |
| Kern Canyon Overlooks | Open for day rides on unmaintained side trails |
| Upper Soldier Lake | 2 meadows above Upper Soldier Lake are closed to stock |

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