



Department of the Interior    Wrangell-St. Elias National Park & Preserve  
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**ATTACHMENT C**  
**WRANGELL-ST.ELIAS NATIONAL PARK & PRESERVE**  
**Park-Specific Provisions – 2008**

These specific provisions are applicable to those commercial activities and areas authorized on your commercial use authorization.

1. Management fees paid for Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve are not refundable, nor will a credit be issued. **Holders who will not use their Authorization for any reason (from the effective date of the Authorization) and wish to cancel their Authorization may obtain a refund or credit of the management fee if the park service is notified by April 1.** After April 1, refunds or credits will be issued only under extenuating circumstances and on a case by case basis. Notification can be given via Phone: 907-644-3362, Fax: 907-644-3813, letter, or email: [brenda\\_coleman@nps.gov](mailto:brenda_coleman@nps.gov).

2. All representatives of commercial services who transport or lead clients in the backcountry must possess a current First Aid and CPR certification (new requirement). Suggested certifying agencies and courses include:

**American Red Cross**

*Basic First Aid*

*Community First Aid and Safety*

**American Safety and Health Institute**

*Basic First Aid and CPR*

**National Safety Council**

*Standard First Aid, CPR and AED*

**American Heart Association**

*Basic First Aid and CPR*

**National Ski Patrol**

*Outdoor First Care*

3. Commercial services representatives with clients in the backcountry must be equipped with a basic first aid kit appropriately-sized for the group (new requirement).

4. Throughout the park and preserve, all food (except legally taken game) and beverages, food and beverage containers, garbage, harvested fish and equipment used to cook or store food must be stored in an approved bear resistant container (BRC) (see Superintendent's Compendium for 2008, section 2.10(d) for criteria) (revised requirement) or secured—

- Within a hard sided building;
- Within lockable and hard sided section of a vehicle, vessel, or aircraft; or
- By caching a minimum of 100 feet from camp and suspending at least 10 feet above the ground and 4 feet horizontally from a post, tree trunk or other object on a line or branch that will not support a bear's weight.

Note: This does not apply to:

- Clean dishes and cooking equipment that are free of food odors. We strongly recommend that these items be securely stored; but clean and odor free items are not required to be stored in secure containers.
- Food that is being transported, consumed or prepared for consumption.
- The use of bait for trapping and hunting under the provisions of state and federal law.
- Food carried by persons climbing or traveling above the firm line on snow covered terrain.

5. Utilization of Park/Preserve landing areas/airstrips is at the pilot's discretion. The construction of new landing areas or the enlargement or expansion of existing landing areas and gravel bars, including brushing or clearing of vegetation is prohibited without prior written authorization from the superintendent.

6. Commercial float trips will be limited to a party size of 15 persons including guides and boatmen.

7. Mountaineering parties will not leave fixed pins, slings, cairns, registers or litter on routes.

8. CUAs for snowmobile activities may be granted in non-wilderness areas of WRST and that operators will use routes where sufficient snow cover exists to prevent vegetation damage and minimize personal safety hazards.

9. Aircraft involved in air taxi operations will display aircraft identification numbers on the fuselage of the aircraft, in 12 inch characters, in a color that significantly contrasts with the color of the fuselage.

10. The following provisions apply to dog sled trips:

- Dogs will be staked out on a picket cable or similar gangline, and not tied to individual trees
- Dog waste must be scattered
- Alcohol or gas stoves should also be used for heating dog food. When fires cannot be built on gravel bars or mineral soil, then a fire pan or fire cloth should be used to contain the fire.

11. The following provisions apply to Horsepacking and Horserides:

- When not in use, horses will be hobbled and released to distribute impact, or staked out on a cavalry picket, and not tied to individual trees. Individual lead ropes will be tied short to minimize stress on trees.
- Where trails are not well-defined, crossing of wet and otherwise sensitive areas will be dispersed to avoid making any visible trails.

- **Any feed brought in must conform to the Alaska Weed Free Forage Certification Program (revised requirement)**

12. Each representative of the business must have a copy of their Commercial Use Authorization on hand while in the field.

13. All fuel caches must have prior approval from the Superintendent. Approval can be obtained by telephone, in writing or in person.

- The exact location including a map, GPS coordinates (if available) and a verbal description must be provided.
- All fuel containers must be labeled with the name of CUA holder, address, telephone number, date cache was established and fuel type.
- Fuel caches will be limited to no more than thirty (30) gallons in one location.
- All fuel caches must be removed on or before October 1 of the current calendar year.
- Fuel caches left in violation of Authorization conditions may be removed by the NPS and the cost of such removal will be borne by the commercial operator.

12. All CUA's will report observed or suspected violations of park regulations to the National Park Service as soon as practical.

13. Accidents involving personal injury, minor aircraft damage, threatening incidents involving wildlife should be reported to the Superintendent within 5 days. Accidents involving serious injury, major aircraft damage must be reported to the Superintendent immediately.

14. All Licensed Big Game Transporters must submit a copy of their State of Alaska's Big Game Transporter Activity Report (Form #08-4349) to National Park Service, Concessions Division, 240 West 5th Avenue #114, Anchorage, AK 99501 by February 1<sup>st</sup> of each year for the preceding calendar year. The Report can also be faxed to 907-644-3813 or 644-3801 but must be received by February 1<sup>st</sup>. **The transporter must list GPS coordinates of drop off and pick up locations of all clients as well as list the minor drainage on the activity report.**

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15. **Air Taxi & Charter Boat Operators** must use the Air Taxi & Charter Boat Operators Activity Report to report their use. Any transportation provided to hunters, their equipment or game should be shown on the reverse side of the Air Taxi & Charter Boat Operators Activity Report. **Operators must list GPS coordinates of drop off and pick up locations of all clients as well as list the minor drainage on the activity report.** This dual report is should be postmarked no later than **November 15**. The report should be mailed to National Park Service, Concessions Division, 240 West 5th Avenue #114, Anchorage, AK 99501. The report can be faxed to 907-644-3813 but must be received no later than November 15th. **\*\*See definition below for Incidental Big Game Transporter).**

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Signature (Holder)

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Date

**\*\*Definition: Incidental Big Game Transporter** – taken from State of Alaska Statutes and Regulations for Big Game Guides and Transporters ( Sec. 08.54.790)

**“Incidental”** means transportation provided to a big game hunter by an air taxi operator or air carrier who does not charge more than the usual tariff or charter rate for the carriage of big game hunters, their equipment, or big game animals harvested by hunters; or advertise transportation services or big game hunting services to the public; in this subparagraph, “advertise” means soliciting big game hunters to be customers of an air taxi operator or air carrier for the purpose of providing air transportation to, from, or in the field through the use of print or electronic media, including advertising at trade shows, or the use of hunt broker services or other promotional services.