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Authorized by Title 16, United States Code, Section 3, and Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 1 through 7, the following regulations are established by the Park Superintendent for the proper management, protection and public use of Big Bend National Park and Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River.

These regulations apply in addition to the criminal laws of the United States and the regulations contained in Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations. A person convicted of violating a provision of these regulations shall be punished by a fine as provided by law, or by imprisonment not exceeding 6 months, or both, and shall be adjudged to pay all costs of the proceedings.

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SECTION 1.5: CLOSURES AND PUBLIC USE LIMITS.

(a)(1) Closures.

The following areas will be closed to public entry from February 1 through May 31. These closures are for protection of the Peregrine falcon, currently classified by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as a Species of Special Concern.

- The Southeast Rim Trail and a portion of the Northeast Rim Trail from the Boot Canyon/South Rim junction to a point just north of Campsite NE-4.
- All Southeast Rim campsites as well as Northeast (NE) campsites 4 and 5 are closed during this period.
- Crown Mountain, Lost Mine Peak, and Toll Mountain.
- All areas within ½ mile of known Peregrine falcon nesting sites, including rock climbing faces, as posted.

Additional trail and/or area closures or use limitations may be implemented. The closures published in the Annual Peregrine Action Plan are hereby adopted. Violating these published restrictions is prohibited.

All caves within Big Bend National Park are closed to the public for recreational use. Researchers are allowed entry by obtaining a research permit, for administrative purposes, in advance through the Division of Science and Resource Management.

The Boquillas Port of Entry Crossing Road is closed to vehicles and pedestrian traffic beyond the intersection with Boquillas Canyon Road during non operational hours (winter and summer operational hours are posted at the park visitor centers).

The area surrounding the Boquillas Port of Entry facility is closed to the public. This closed area is defined by the road to the Barker house to the east and the contour line of 1800 feet to the west (this line can be seen on the USGS Boquillas 7.5 min maps). The west side of the closed area is marked with posted closed signs. The north boundary of the closure is delineated by the paved Boquillas canyon road. The south boundary of the closure follows the Rio Grande River.

The San Vicente Crossing Road is closed to vehicles beyond the intersection with River Road.

The Santa Elena Crossing Road is closed to vehicles beyond the gate.

Government housing areas are closed to all but residents, their guests, and persons with official business.

The Rio Grande within the boundaries of Big Bend National Park and Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River is closed to motor vehicle traffic, whether self-powered or under tow.

Motorized watercraft used within the park is limited to conventional boats with up to 60 horsepower inboard or outboard motors. Jet skis are not allowed in the park (see Title 36 CFR 3.24).

Gas-powered motorized watercraft will be prohibited on the following sections of the Rio Grande:

- Boquillas Canyon, from the entrance of Boquillas Canyon to the eastern Park boundary.
- Mariscal Canyon, from Talley to Solis, except for the month of October.
- Santa Elena Canyon, from the western Park boundary to the Santa Elena takeout, except for electric motors, which are allowed.

The Langford Hot Springs area, including the parking area, the loop trail, and the area from the mouth of Tornillo Creek to 1/2 mile downstream from the historic Hot Springs bathhouse on the Rio Grande is closed to the possession of glass bottles or containers.

(a)(2) Use Limits.

Use of the overhead lights at the Panther Junction tennis court is limited to the hours of 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Activating the overhead lights at any other time without written permission from the Park Superintendent is prohibited.

The use of portable electric drills to set anchors for climbing is prohibited.

The use of hand operated drills is allowed only with written approval of the Superintendent.

The use of oil based or colored climbing chalk is prohibited.

The idling of buses while loading, unloading, or waiting for passengers to re-board is prohibited. Drivers must turn the engine off before passengers disembark and turn the engine on only after all passengers have boarded.

The use of public potable water sources within the park is limited to a total of five gallons per day, per visitor.

The use of two-wheeled, gyroscopically stabilized, battery-powered personal transportation devices (i.e. Segway or similar devices) within Big Bend National Park by mobility impaired visitors is limited to the Window View Trail and the Rio Grande Village nature trail to the end of the boardwalk section. The speed of such devices shall not exceed the pace of a brisk walk.

SECTION 1.6: PERMITS.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 1.6(f), the following is a list of activities and applicable 36 CFR statutes for which a permit is required. Permits are issued by the Superintendent and may be subject to special requirements. Engaging in these activities without a permit, or violating the terms and conditions of a permit is prohibited.

Exploration of Caverns	1.5 (a) (2)
Fishing within park boundaries	1.5 (d)
Day use for organized groups of 40 or more persons on all hiking trails	2.1 (b)
Fishing in the Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River downstream of the eastern boundary of Big Bend National Park (state license required)	2.3 (b)
Research Specimen Collection	2.5 (a)
Campground Use(Developed campground fee receipt)	2.10 (a)
Backcountry Camping (Backcountry site fee receipt)	2.10 (a)
Livestock Use	2.16 (g)
Special Event	2.50 (a)

Public Assembly (Required for Groups greater than 25 persons)	2.51 (a)
Sale/distribution of Printed Material (Required for Groups greater than 25 persons)	2.52 (a)
Memorialization (scattering of human ashes)	2.62 (b)
River Use	3.3
Post or distribute commercial notices or advertisements	5.1
Commercial Use	5.3
Commercial Photography	5.5
Commercial Vehicle Use	5.6 (c)
Waiver of Fees	71.13 (d)

In all cases, the permit or letter of authorization must be in the permittee's possession at all times and must be exhibited to any authorized person upon request.

SECTION 2.1: PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES.

(a)(4).

Dead and down wood may be collected from the flood plain of the Rio Grande and used for campfires where permitted. Such campfires must be in accordance with Section 2.13(a) (1).

(b)(1).
Permits are required for all Day use groups of 40 or more persons on all Chisos Mountain Trails.

(c)(1).

Fruits, nuts, and berries may be collected by hand for personal consumption on site without a collection permit.

SECTION 2.2: WILDLIFE PROTECTION.

(d).

Wildlife lawfully killed outside the park may be transported through the park under the following conditions:

- Persons transporting animal carcasses will have in their possession a valid state hunting license.
- Animal carcasses shall display a valid state game tag when required.
- Animal carcasses must be covered and out of sight.
- Animal carcasses shall be subject to inspection at any time by authorized law enforcement personnel.
- Animal carcasses may be transported through the park only on Route 13 (Hwy 118), Route 11 (Hwy 385) and the North Rosillos road.
- Possession or transportation of live wildlife in the park is prohibited.

(e).

All areas of the park are closed to the viewing of wildlife with an artificial light.

Artificial light is defined as a flashlight, hand-held spotlight, headlights, exterior vehicle lights or other light, which is emitted from a non-natural source. This also includes any infrared or similar light used in connection with a scope or electronic viewing device.

SECTION 2.3: FISHING.

(a).

A State of Texas fishing license is required to fish the Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River downstream of the eastern boundary of Big Bend National Park.

A free NPS fishing permit is required by each person fishing in the park.

Jug fishing or free floating line fishing is allowed within Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River downstream of the eastern boundary of Big Bend National Park. Jug lines must be marked daily with the fisherman's name and that day's date.

Trotlines and throw lines must be marked with a gear tag and marked and dated daily.

If flagging is utilized to mark trotlines or throw lines, it may not be attached to vegetation. Nails or spikes may not be driven into rock walls, for attaching lines.

(d)(1).

Trotline fishing is allowed within Big Bend National Park, provided each end of the fishing line is anchored to the same river bank in a fashion that does not interfere with water vessels or swimmers.

(d)(2).

Possessing and using live bait minnows obtained locally from the Rio Grande is allowed for fishing in the Rio Grande. (See Big Bend National Park Special Regulations in Title 36 CFR 7.41)

SECTION 2.4: WEAPONS, TRAPS, AND NETS.

(a)(2)(ii).

Park residents may use the law enforcement firearms range at Panther Junction for target practice. This use is subject to the rules and restrictions of Appendix A. Violating these rules and restrictions is prohibited. Only frangible or "green" ammunition will be permitted for use on the firearms range.

SECTION 2.10: CAMPING.

Front country Camping.

(a).

Camping is allowed only in designated campgrounds. Campgrounds are designated by appropriate signing and by brochures and maps available to the public at ranger stations and visitor centers.

Recreational Fee Permits are required for overnight stays in developed area campgrounds, and will be issued by a self-registration system. The permit application requirement shall be met by completing the fee collection envelope, inserting the required payment into the envelope, and depositing the envelope in the security container at the registration station within 30 minutes of arrival in the campground.

Forty-three (43) sites at Rio Grande Village campground and twenty-six (26) sites at the Chisos Basin campground are reservable from November 15th to April 15th each year. Reservations for these campsites may be made up to 180 days in advance. Visitors may contact Reserve America (recreation.gov) year round to make reservations for these sites.

Reservations are required for the use of designated front country campground Group Campsites. Occupying a Group Campsite without a reservation is prohibited. A letter of authorization will be issued for use of Group Campsites. This letter must be in the possession of the group leader and must be displayed upon request to any authorized employee. (Group Campsite permits may be issued to those visitors without reservations if sites are available – Check with the visitor center to determine whether a site is already reserved).

Camping in any combination of front or back country campsites for more than 28 nights in a 12 month time period is prohibited. The 12 month time period is measured from July 1st through June 30th. Between February 1 and April 15, only 14 nights in any combination of front or back country campsites is allowed.

Exceeding two motor vehicles, one vehicle with trailer, one motor home with tow vehicle, or four motorcycles per campsite is prohibited. Vehicle(s) must be parked on pavement or designated area. In no case shall the number of vehicles exceed the designated parking area capacity.

Exceeding one wheeled camping unit and one tent, or four tents per campsite is prohibited.

Exceeding eight persons per campsite, except for designated group sites, is prohibited.

Exceeding the limit of persons in a group site, as listed below, is prohibited.

Basin Campground: Group Site – tents only
- Site L - 20 persons/10 tents
- Site M - 10 persons/5 tents
- Site N - 14 persons/7 tents
- Site O - 14 persons/7 tents
- Site P - 20 persons/10 tents
- Site Q - 20 persons/10 tents
- Site R - 20 persons/10 tents

Cottonwood Campground: Group Site- tents only
25 person maximum capacity/13 tents

Rio Grande Village Campground: Group Site – tents only
Site A - 20 persons/10 tents
Site B - 20 persons/10 tents
Site C - 40 persons/20 tents
Site D - 40 persons/20 tents

A minimum of 9 persons is required to occupy a group campsite.

Checkout time for all designated campsites park wide is 12 noon.

Occupied campsites may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours.

Quiet hours for all designated camping areas are from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

The following areas are closed to generator use:

- Rio Grande Village Campground sites 21 through 50 and 94 through 100
- Basin Campground sites 21 through 60

Generator use and the use of idling vehicles to generate power are allowed in designated areas between the hours of 8 a.m. -11a.m. and 5p.m. -8 p.m. in the Chisos Basin Campground and 8a.m.-8p.m. in the RGV Campground. All other use of generators is prohibited. Operating generators must be attended by a campsite occupant at all times.

The use of generators, or idling vehicles to generate power, is prohibited in Cottonwood Campground.

(d).

Within all campgrounds and the Chisos Developed Area, to include the Lost Mine Trail Parking Lot, any food, food product, cooking utensil, food garbage, used food containers, or other aromatic products (including soap, toothpaste, deodorants, etc.) must be stored inside a vehicle or container that will prevent bears or other wildlife from acquiring the items when not actually being transported, prepared, or consumed.

Backcountry Camping.

(a).

Backcountry camping Recreational Fee permits are required for overnight stays in the backcountry and primitive backcountry road campsites. Permits will be issued at Visitor Contact Stations park-wide. Recreational Fee Permits are required for overnight stays anywhere on the Rio Grande, both within the park and the Rio Grande Wild & Scenic River. Permits may be obtained at any Visitor Center within the park.

In addition, permits for *specific* reaches of the river may be obtained by self-registration at the following locations:

For Santa Elena Canyon *only*: The Big Bend Ranch State Park headquarters (Barton Warnock Center - Lajitas).

For the Lower Canyons (Heath Canyon Put-in) of the Rio Grande Wild & Scenic River *only*: The Persimmon Gap Visitor Center.

For **self-registration**, the permit and fee requirement shall be met by completing a blank permit and a fee collection envelope, inserting the required payment into the envelope, and depositing the carbon copy of the permit and the fee envelope in the drop safe provided at the registration station.

Solo hikers obtaining a backcountry backpacking permit are strongly advised to fill out and submit a Solo Hiker information sheet at the time they obtain their camping permit. Solo hikers who fill out the information sheet must return their permit at the end of their hike, or make notification to Big Bend NP within 12 hours of leaving the backcountry.

The permit must be in the camper's possession while in the backcountry and must be exhibited upon the request of any authorized employee.

Checkout time for all designated campsites park wide is 12 noon.

Within the designated backcountry camping areas, the following areas are closed to camping:

- Burro Mesa above 3400 feet elevation (Tule Mountain 7.5 minute USGS quadrangle).
- The North Chisos Backcountry Use Area: the area enclosed by a perimeter through Crown Mountain's highest points, to the south face of Casa Grande, to Ward Mountain summit; then north, making a 1/2 mile radius around Oak Spring and Cattail Falls; east along the north face of Pulliam Ridge at 5400 feet elevation, across Green Gulch to the west side of Smuggler's Gap; to the road terminus in Pine Canyon, to the eastern peak of Crown Mountain.
- Within 1/2 mile of any development areas and paved or unpaved roads, except in developed campgrounds or at designated backcountry road campsites.
- Within 100 yards of a historic structure, archeological site, trail, or non-river water source, unless camping in a designated site.
- From the upstream end of the Santa Elena Canyon Nature Trail to 3/4 mile downstream from Castolon.
- The river floodplain from 1/2 mile upstream from the mouth of Tornillo Creek to the Boquillas Canyon Trail terminus.
- A 1/2 mile radius around the refinery ruins of Mariscal Mine.
- A 1/2-mile radius around the San Vicente river crossing.

No single permit will be issued for more than 14 consecutive nights in the backcountry except for River Use Permits which will not exceed 28 consecutive nights.

(d).

Within all designated backcountry campsites, any food, food product, cooking utensil, food garbage, used food containers or other aromatic products (including soap, toothpaste, deodorants, etc.,) must be stored inside a vehicle or container that will prevent bears or other wildlife from acquiring the items, when the items are not actually being transported, prepared or consumed.

The caching of food by backcountry users is prohibited unless food is stored in a bear-proof container that is certified and approved by the National Park Service. The cache must be labeled with the owner's name and expected date of removal. Cached water must have the owner's name and expected removal date on the containers. Water and/or food must be cached at least 100 yards from historic structures and trails.

SECTION 2.13: FIRES

(a)(1).

Fires are prohibited in the park, except for:

- Charcoal fires in grills or firepans are allowed in developed campgrounds, picnic areas, backcountry road campsites and NPS residence areas.

- Wood and charcoal fires are allowed within the river corridor, must be located near the river's edge on cobble or sand beaches in areas that are open to camping, and must be contained in fire pans with sides at least 2 inches high. Only dead and down wood may be used. Wood fires in firepans are also allowed at NPS residence areas.

- All overnight river trips must have a fire pan.

Fire remains must be made cold and out, and must be disposed of in a trash receptacle or carried out of the park, except that non-floatable fire remains may be placed in the main current of the river.

SECTION 2.14: SANITATION AND REFUSE.

(a)(1).

In campgrounds with service sinks, disposing or dumping dish water and other gray water is prohibited except in the service sinks.

Food refuse at concessions and residences within the park must be secured so as to prevent wildlife from acquiring it.

(a)(6).

On the river, cooking liquids may be strained (including dishwater) and deposited in the river. Strained materials must be carried out and deposited in a solid waste refuse container.

(b).

In non-developed areas more than a quarter of a mile from restroom facilities, solid human body waste must be buried six inches deep and at least 100 feet from the river and one quarter mile from any spring or stream water source.

All overnight river trips will carry out their solid human waste with a dump station compatible waste system or NPS approved personal waste system. The approved personal waste systems are commercially produced dry chemical bag systems.

SECTION 2.15: PETS.

(a)(1).

Dogs, cats, and other pets, (except documented service animals used by persons with disabilities) are prohibited on any park land, river, or trail except in those locations identified below:

- On and within 30 feet of paved and unpaved park roads open for public vehicular use.
- Parking areas.
- Established picnic areas.
- Front country campgrounds.
- Established residential areas.
- Castolon Historic Compound.
- Within designated backcountry road campsites.

Pets are not allowed on the Boquillas port of entry crossing road or in the parking lot.

Pets may not be left unattended in vehicles if it creates a danger to the animal, or if the animal becomes a public nuisance.

(a) (5)

Pet owners are required to immediately remove and properly dispose of fecal matter deposited by pets in an appropriate refuse container.

(e).

Park residents and their guests shall control and maintain their pets consistent with the provisions of this section and in accordance with the provisions of the Management Directive no. 7: Big Bend National Park Pet Policy. That Management Directive is hereby adopted and made part of these orders. See Appendix C. Violation of the provisions of the Big Bend National Park Pet Policy is prohibited.

SECTION 2.16: HORSE AND PACK ANIMALS.

(a).

Only horses, mules, burros, and llamas are defined as pack animals.

(b).

The park is open to pack animals, with the exception of the following closed areas:

- The North Chisos Backcountry Use Area: the area enclosed by a perimeter through Crown Mountain's highest points, to the south face of Casa Grande, to Ward Mountain summit; then north, making a 1/2 mile radius around Oak Spring Trail and Cattail Falls; east along the north face of Pulliam Ridge at 5400 feet elevation, across Green Gulch to the west side of Smuggler's Gap, to the road terminus in Pine Canyon, to the eastern peak of Crown Mountain. The Lost Mine and Window Trails are within this area.

- The High Chisos Use Area: defined in the Backcountry Management Plan, except for the Laguna Meadow and Southwest Rim Trails (to the Southwest Rim hitch rack) and the Blue Creek Trail.

- The Boquillas Canyon Trail.

- All self guided nature trails.(Rio Grande Village Nature Trail; Hot Springs Nature Trail; Pine Canyon Trail; Grapevine Hills Trail; Oak Springs and Cattail Falls Trail; Sam Nail Ranch Trail; Lower Burro Mesa Pour-off Trail; Tuff Canyon Trail and Santa Elena Canyon Trail.)

- All paved roadways and their shoulders, except for necessary crossings. Stock may be used on backcountry roads.

- Within 1/2 mile of any development zone, except when using the designated access route from the Basin Amphitheater to the Laguna Meadow trail for access to the South Rim or Blue Creek trails.

- Within any developed or designated backcountry road or trail campsite, except those designated for stock use. See Appendix B.

- Crossing the Rio Grande.

- The Boquillas port of entry crossing road and parking lot are both closed to all stock.

(g).

Allowing stock to graze or browse in the park or picketing stock to any plant subject to grazing is prohibited.

Picketing or hobbling stock within 100 yards of a non-river water source is prohibited.

In backcountry roadside campsites where horses are permitted, and in parking areas where stock is unloaded and loaded, all manure, bedding, and feed remnants shall be removed from the park by the user.

SECTION 2.20: SKATING, SKATEBOARDS AND SIMILAR DEVICES.

Only park residents and their guests may use these devices, and only in the areas hereby designated for use of these devices:

- The Rio Grande Village residential road.
- All paved areas in the Panther Junction residential area.
- The Chisos Basin residential area.
- The Castolon residential area.

SECTION 2.21: SMOKING.

(a).

All government buildings and government vehicles are closed to smoking except those areas designated open in accordance with the Big Bend Management Directive no. 14: Smoking Policy. That policy is hereby adopted and made part of these orders. See Appendix D. Violating the provisions of this policy is prohibited.

Smoking is prohibited in all concession dining and lobby areas, stores, offices, and shops. "No Smoking" signs will be posted in these areas.

Smoking is prohibited on all trails in the Chisos, including the Lost Mine and Window Trails.

SECTION 2.22: PROPERTY.

(a)(2).

Leaving property unattended for longer than 24 hours is prohibited except for motor vehicles with displayed BC permit numbers parked at trailheads, along road side for zone camping, and river access points.

SECTION 2.35: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

(a)(3).

The following areas are closed to the possession of any open alcoholic beverage container or the consumption of any alcoholic beverage:

- All park-operated visitor centers and ranger stations, to include the areas within the structures and any related developed areas adjacent to the structure which are frequented by the visiting public. This does not include the Community Room between the hours of 5 p.m. and 2 a.m.
- The areas within all concessions buildings open to the general public (with the exception of the Chisos Basin Lodge Dining Room and patio), the stores, and parking areas immediately adjacent to the stores at Rio Grande Village, Castolon, the Basin, and Panther Junction.

- The Langford Hot Springs area, including the parking area, the loop trail, and the area from the mouth of Tornillo Creek to 1/2 mile downstream from the historic hot springs along the Rio Grande.

SECTION 2.51: PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES, MEETINGS.

(e).

The following are designated public meeting or assembly areas. Detailed maps of specific areas will be furnished upon request. See Appendix E.

- Rio Grande Village Group Campground and amphitheater.
- Castolon Group Campground and amphitheater.
- Basin Group Campground and amphitheater.
- Panther Junction Headquarters Community Room.
- The baseball diamond near the San Vicente School, except during school hours.
- The tennis court by the San Vicente School, except during school hours.
- Panther Junction Community Ramada located near San Vicente School.
- Other areas so designated by the Superintendent for special events.

SECTION 2.52: SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATTER.

(e).

The following areas are designated as acceptable for the sale or distribution of printed matter. Sale or distribution areas may not interfere with foot traffic or block any public entrance. Detailed maps of specific areas will be furnished upon request. See Appendix F.

- Beneath the Ramada at the Rio Grande Village Store, facing the parking lot, between the bulletin board and the south end of the store building.
- Beneath the Ramada at the Castolon Store, facing the parking lot, on the first six feet of the walkway on the western end.
- On the plaza in front of the Chisos Basin Ranger Station, in a six foot wide area between the flagpole and the southeast building roof corner, and within four feet of the rock retaining wall closest to the lodge.
- Beneath the Ramada at the Panther Junction Visitor Center on the six feet of the walkway to the west of the Visibility Display and no more than four feet in from the north edge of the walkway.

SECTION 3.3: BOAT PERMITS.

Permits are required for the use of any water vessel within the boundaries administered by Big Bend National Park and the Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River, except for day use boaters on the Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River downstream of the eastern park boundary, and day use floating on the river on inner tubes.

Recreational Fee Permits are required for overnight stays anywhere on the Rio Grande both within the park and within the Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River, and will be issued by a visitor center or a self-registration system for Santa Elena Canyon or the Lower Canyons. The permit application requirement shall be met by completing the fee collection envelope, inserting the required payment into the envelope, and depositing the envelope in the security container at the registration station located at the Barton Warnock Center for Santa Elena Canyon and Persimmon Gap for Boquillas and the Lower Canyons. Permits for the remainder of the Rio Grande may be obtained at Visitor Contact Stations within the park.

The following are special conditions of all river use permits:

- Each person shall have a wearable U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD) which is properly fitted, in serviceable condition, and immediately accessible while on the river. Type I, III, or V PFD's are required for Santa Elena, Mariscal, and the Lower Canyons. PFDs must be worn in Class II or greater difficulty whitewater. PFDs are recommended but are not required for people floating the river on inner tubes.

- Each group shall carry one extra type I, III or V PFD.

- Each vessel shall carry an extra paddle or oar; kayaks shall have an extra paddle per party.

- Each group using inflatable vessels, except air mattresses or inner tubes traveling with a support vessel through the major canyons, will carry an operable pump and a patch kit capable of making major repairs.

- No vessels shall carry more than a safe load (in persons or total weight) considering type of craft, intended use area, and water and weather conditions.

- Inner tubes are not allowed in Mariscal Canyon, Santa Elena Canyon, and Lower Canyons.

- A group, organization, or commercial operator may start no more than 20 persons per day, not including guides, on the Rio Grande within the Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River downstream of the eastern boundary of Big Bend National Park.

On the following river sections, group size for private trips is limited to 30 persons. Commercial operators may start no more than 30 persons per day, not including guides, on any one of the following sections:

- Western park boundary to the Santa Elena take-out

- Santa Elena take-out to Cottonwood Campground

- Cottonwood Campground to Talley

- Solis to Boquillas Canyon entrance

On the following river sections, group size for private trips is limited to 20 persons. Commercial operators may start no more than 20 persons per day, not including guides, on any one of the following sections:

- Talley to Solis
- Boquillas Canyon entrance to the eastern park boundary
- Individual river trips must travel, camp, and eat lunch separate from other groups.

SECTION 3.6: PROHIBITED OPERATIONS.

(h).

Using trailers to launch or recover vessels is prohibited, except at the following designated sites:

- Santa Elena Canyon take-out
- Blue Creek boat ramp
- Solis
- Rio Grande Village put-in/take-out

SECTION 4.21: SPEED LIMITS.

(b).

The following areas are designated as 15 miles per hour speed limits:

- Approaches to Maverick and Persimmon Gap Entrance Stations.
- Throughout the Basin developed area beginning on Route 14 (Basin Road), near milepost 6.0, where posted (Approximately .3 miles east of the main Basin parking lot intersection).
- Throughout the Panther Junction Housing area, beginning at the intersection of Route 12 (RGV Road) and Alsate Ave.
- San Vicente School Zone.
- Route 14 (Basin Road) near mile post 4.3, where posted, and continuing south, toward the Basin, over Panther Pass to the bottom of the "S" curves below Lost Mine (West bound) to where the change is posted to 25 mph near milepost 5.5.

The following areas are designated as 25 miles per hour speed limits:

- Daniels Ranch Road.
- Boquillas Canyon Road.
- RGV Campground Road from the RGV store to the campground.
- Santa Elena Canyon Road to parking area.
- All unpaved (gravel/dirt) roads.

The following areas are designated as 30 miles per hour speed limits:

- Route 12 (RGV Road) and Route 13 (Hwy 118) near the Panther Junction Headquarters.
- Route 12 (RGV Road) from the Tunnel to Rio Grande Village.
- Route 11 (Hwy 385) near Panther Junction.

The following areas are designated as 35 miles per hour speed limits:

- Route 15 from 1/2 mile north of Castolon Residential Area to Route 16 (Santa Elena Canyon Road).
- Route 16
- Route 14 (Basin Road) near mile post 2.5 to approximately mile post 4.3, where posted.

SECTION 4.30: BICYCLES.

In accordance with Section 4.2(a) adopting Texas Transportation Code Sections 541.201(8) and 551.003, all regulations applicable to bicycles apply to low speed electric vehicles.

(d)(3).

Operating a bicycle abreast of another bicycle is allowed only on unpaved roads and on paved parking areas.

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PANTHER JUNCTION SHOOTING RANGE
RULES FOR PRIVATE RECREATIONAL USERS

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PANTHER JUNCTION SHOOTING RANGE
RULES FOR PRIVATE RECREATIONAL USERS

Criteria for Sign Up (To be an "Approved Shooter")

1. Park Resident
2. 18 years of age or older
3. Proof of having completed an approved Hunter or Firearms Safety Training Course. (effective May 1, 1994)

Rules and Procedures

1. Private recreational use of the National Park Service shooting range is a privilege which may be revoked at any time by the Chief Ranger or the Superintendent.

2. Official use of the range for law enforcement training purposes will always take precedence over private recreational use.

3. You must be signed up in the Chief Ranger's Office (an "approved shooter"). Approved Shooter Forms will be maintained in the Big Bend Communications Center.

4. Shooters must check in with the Park Communication Center prior to using the range. This notification may be made via telephone.

5. Before shooting, fold-down both red signs along the access road which read "Do Not Enter - Firing Range in Use". Close gates across the road at both locations. After shooting, open gates and cover signs before leaving.

6. Private recreational use of the range is restricted to fixed target shooting with handguns, long guns and archery equipment. Firing at moving targets (i.e., trap and skeet shooting) is prohibited.

7. **ONLY FRANGIBLE OR "GREEN" AMMUNITION MAY BE FIRED ON THIS RANGE.**

8. All loaded weapons will be cased, holstered, or pointed down-range.

9. When shooting, no persons may be down-range of the shooters.

10. No more than two persons may fire at the same time. Recreational use is restricted to the two lanes on the east end of the range.

11. No "horseplay" on the range.

12. Ear and eye protection must be worn on the range.

13. Alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited on the shooting range. Confirmed violation of this rule will result in immediate revocation of shooting privileges.

14. Bottles, glass, or any targets made of a material which will shatter or which would be prone to creating ricochets, are prohibited.

15. Vehicles are not permitted down range.

16. Shooting may only take place during daylight hours, from 8 a.m. until official sunset.

17. Shooters are responsible for picking up their brass and for keeping the area neat and clean.

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BACKCOUNTRY CAMPING USE LIMITS

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BACKCOUNTRY CAMPING USE LIMITS

The attached pages indicate the official areas open or closed to camping; designated sites; use limits for numbers of people, tents, or vehicles; and camping limits for stock.

The official backcountry use area boundary map is kept at the front desk of the Panther Junction Visitor Center. The attached backcountry use area boundary map is an approximation.

PRIMITIVE ROADSIDE BACKCOUNTRY CAMPSITES

CAMPSITE	HORSES	ACCESS	SITE CODE	VEHICLES	PERSONS
Grapevine Hills 1	6	A	GH1	3	20
Grapevine Hills 2	0	A	GH2	2	6
Grapevine Hills 3	0	A	GH3	2	6
Grapevine Hills 4	0	HC	GH4	2	6
Grapevine Hills 5	0	HC	GH5	2	6
Paint Gap 1	0	A	PG1	1	4
Paint Gap 2	0	A	PG2	2	6
Paint Gap 3	0	A	PG3	1	4
Paint Gap 4	0	HC	PG4	2	6
Croton Springs 1*	0	A	CS1	2	6
Croton Springs 2*	0	A	CS2	2	6
K-Bar 1	0	A	KB1	2	6
K-Bar 2	4 (one 4- horse trailer)	A	KB2	2	6
Hannold Draw 1	8	A	HD1	3	20
Nine-Point Draw 1	4 (one 4- horse trailer)	A	NP1	2	8
Nugent Mountain 1	4 (one 4-horse trailer pulled by 4x4 veh)	HC	NM1	3	20
Pine Canyon 1	0	A	PC1	2	6
Pine Canyon 2	0	A	PC2	2	6
Pine Canyon 3	0	A	PC3	1	4
Pine Canyon 4	0	HC	PC4	2	6
Pine Canyon 5	0	HC	PC5	2	6
Chilicotal 1	0	HC	CC1	2	6
Rice Tank 1	0	HC	RT1	2	6
Robbers Roost 1	0	HC	RR1	2	8
Twisted Shoe 1	0	HC	TS1	1	4
Glenn Springs 1	0	4x4	GS1	2	8
Glenn Springs 2	4	HC	GS2	2	8

CAMPSITE	HORSES	ACCESS	SITE CODE	VEHICLES	PERSONS
Candelilla 1	0	HC	CA1	2	8
Camp de Leon 1	0	HC	CL1	1	6
Ernst Tinaja 1	0	HC	ET1	2	10
La Noria 1	0	HC	LA1	1	6
La Noria 2	0	HC	LA2	1	6
Ernst Basin 1	0	4x4	EB1	2	10
Willow Tank 1	0	4x4	WT1	1	8
Telephone Canyon 1	0	4x4	TC1	1	6
Telephone Canyon 2	0	4x4	TC2	2	12
Roy's Peak 1	0	4x4	RP1	2	6
McKinney Spring 1	0	HC	MS1	2	6
Gravel Pit 1	0	HC	GP1	2	10
Gravel Pit 2	0	HC	GP2	2	10
Gravel Pit 3	0	HC	GP3	2	12
Gravel Pit 4 (closed)					
La Clocha 1	4 (4-horse trailer)	HC	LC1	2	10
La Clocha 2	0	4x4	LC2	2	8
Solis 1	0	HC	SO1	2	12
Solis 2	0	HC	SO2	3	15
Solis 3 (closed)					
Solis 4 (closed)					
Fresno 1	0	HC	FR1	2	8
Elephant Tusk 1	0	4x4	EL1	1	6
Talley 1	0	HC	TY1	2	8
Talley 2	0	HC	TY2	2	8
Talley 3 (closed)					
Talley 4 (closed)					
Woodson's 1 (closed)					
Woodson's 2 (closed)					
Dominguez Trailhead 1	4	HC	DT1	2	8

CAMPSITE	HORSES	ACCESS	SITE CODE	VEHICLES	PERSONS
Jewels Camp 1 (closed)					
Jewels Camp 2 (closed)					
Loop Camp 1	4	4x4	LP1	3	12
Loop Camp 2	4	4x4	LP2	2	8
Johnson's Ranch 1	4	4x4	JR1	2	10
Johnson's Ranch 2	2	4x4	JR2	2	8
Gauging Station 1	0	HC	GA1	1	6
Black Dike 1	0	HC	BD1	2	10
Buenos Aires 1	4	4x4	BA1	2	10
Buenos Aires 2 (closed)					
Ocotillo Grove	0	HC	OG1	2	8
Terlingua Abajo 1	0	HC	TA1	2	8
Terlingua Abajo 2	0	HC	TA2	2	8
Terlingua Abajo 3	0	HC	TA3	2	8
Rattlesnake Mtns 1	0	HC	RM1	1	6

A-All vehicles HC-High clearance 4x4-Four wheel drive only

No wood fires allowed in any Primitive Roadside Backcountry Campsite.

* Both Croton Spring sites may be combined to form one group site with a 3 vehicle/20 person limit.

CHISOS MOUNTAINS BACKCOUNTRY CAMPSITES

CAMPSITE	SITE CODE	PERSONS	TENTS
Juniper Flat 1	JF1	4	1
Juniper Flat 2	JF2	6	3
Juniper Flat 3	JF3	6	3
Boulder Meadow 1	BM1	4	2
Boulder Meadow 2	BM2	4	2
Boulder Meadow 3	BM3	4	2
Boulder Meadow 4	BM4	4	2
Boulder Meadow 5	BM5	6	2
Pinnacles 1	PI1	4	1
Pinnacles 2	PI2	6	2
Pinnacles 3	PI3	15	5
Toll Mountain 1	TM1	4	1
Emory Peak 1	EP1	6	2
Boot Canyon 1	BC1	6	2
Boot Canyon 2	BC2	12	5
Boot Canyon 3	BC3	4	2
Boot Canyon 4	BC4	6	2
Colima 1	CO1	15	5
Colima 2	CO2	3	1
Colima 3	CO3	4	2
Juniper Canyon 1	JC1	6	2
Northeast Rim 1	NE1	5	2
Northeast Rim 2	NE2	6	2
Northeast Rim 3	NE3	6	2
Northeast Rim 4	NE4	10	5
Northeast Rim 5	NE5	6	2
Southeast Rim 1	SE1	6	2
Southeast Rim 2	SE2	6	2
Southeast Rim 3	SE3	10	5

CAMPSITE	SITE CODE	PERSONS	TENTS
Southeast Rim 4	SE4	6	2
Southwest Rim 2	SW2	3	1
Southwest Rim 3	SW3	10	4
Southwest Rim 4	SW4	4	1
Blue Creek 1	BL1	4	1
Blue Creek 2	BL2	4	1
Laguna Meadow 1	LM1	6	2
Laguna Meadow 2	LM2	10	5
Laguna Meadow 3	LM3	6	2
Laguna Meadow 4	LM4	6	2
Laguna West 1	LW1	4	2
Laguna West 2	LW2	4	1
Laguna West 3	LW3	4	1

NOTE: No horses or wood/charcoal fires are allowed in any Chisos Mountains Backcountry Campsite.

BACKCOUNTRY USE AREA (OPEN) CAMPING

USE AREA	CODE	CAPACITY
Lower Juniper	C03	30
Dodson	C04	40
Blue Creek	C05	20
Ward Spring	C06	10
Ash Spring	C07	40
Wright Mountain	C08	30
Hayes Ridge	C09	30
Mule Ears	S01	18
Upper Smoky	S02	35
Lower Smoky	S03	40
Dominguez	S04	40
Elephant Tusk	S05	40
Pettits	S06	25
Mariscal Mountain	S07	35
Talley Mountain	S08	30
Chilicotal	S09	50
Canyon Flag	W01	20
Bruja Canyon	W02	20
Mariposa	W03	20
Canyon Rim	W04	20
Terlingua Creek	W05	30
Chimneys	W06	25
Tule Mountain	W07	35
Slickrock	N01	60
Paint Gap	N02	40
Grapevine	N03	40
North Rosillos	N04	35
Nine Point	N05	35

USE AREA	CODE	CAPACITY
Tornillo Creek	E01	60
Dagger Mountain	E02	40
Sue Peaks	E03	50
Telephone Canyon	E04	40
Ore Terminal	E05	45
Strawhouse	E06	45
Arroyo Venado	E07	40
Marufo Vega	E08	40

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MANAGEMENT DIRECTIVE NO. 7

PET POLICY

Big Bend National Park

Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River

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June 27, 2000

MANAGEMENT DIRECTIVE # 7

Pet Policy

Purpose and Intention:

To establish guidelines governing the conditions of allowance and conduct of pets in order to prevent resource damage, expenses incurred from damage to park property, and public nuisance. This policy is intended to increase the morale of personnel employed at Big Bend National Park to compensate for the isolation and lack of recreational facilities experienced because of the locality of the park.

Scope:

Guidelines and conditions described herein are applicable to all permanent and nonpermanent employees, residents, volunteers, and guests of employees residing within Big Bend National Park, regardless of their employer.

Authority:

Under the provisions of Title 36 CFR § 1.5 & 2.15 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the Superintendent is granted the authority to enact this policy. No other agreements or legally binding contracts an employee or resident may have including concession permits, resource activity permits, or any other similar agreements shall take precedence over this Management Directive, regardless of issuing agency.

Definition of Terms:

Permanent Household – any residence (excluding apartments) occupied primarily by permanently appointed personnel including family, if applicable, regardless of employer, tour of duty, or work schedule.

Apartment – any park residence that is a part of a single complex consisting of two or more joined residences, to include duplex-type residences.

Dormitory – any residence occupied, or designated to be occupied, by two or more employees who are not members of the same family and who do not usually reside at the same address.

Resident – any person who is assigned to housing within the park, and who occupies housing on a regular basis.

Employee – any person who received compensation for services given, regardless of employer.

Guest – any person who is visiting a park resident but does not reside within the fixed housing on a regular basis.

Pet – for this policy, a "pet" will be defined as a domestic cat or dog.

Livestock – animals kept for production of food products such as meat, milk, cheese, eggs, etc., or for private recreational purposes (such as riding stock).

Policy or Procedure:

General Provisions:

- Possession of pets within National Parks is not a right. It is a privilege extended by the authority of the Superintendent under the conditions described herein and may be revoked at any time by his order. The continuation of this privilege is dependent upon each pet owner abiding by the rules set forth by this policy. The following provisions will apply to all pet owners within Big Bend National Park, except those defined as guests:

- Damage or destruction to any government property caused by a pet will be replaced or repaired at the pet owner's expense. Should this occur, the Board of Survey will advise/determine whether the property will be replaced or repaired in the best interests of the U.S. Government. Additionally, the expense for repair or replacement will be recouped through a National Park Service Bill of Collection.

- The general provisions of Title 36 CFR § 2.15 of the Code of Federal Regulations are applicable to all pet owners within the boundaries of Big Bend National Park. Under these provisions, any pet running at large and observed by an authorized person in the act of killing, injuring, or molesting humans, livestock or wildlife may be destroyed if necessary for public safety or protection of livestock or wildlife.

- Animals that become public nuisances through their actions (such as excessive barking and howling) will be removed form the park by order of the Superintendent.

Requirements:

- As required by Texas State Law, all pets will receive annual rabies vaccinations. Additionally, pets are required to wear a collar or harness displaying a rabies vaccination tag when outside the residence.

- Pets are required to be physically confined or on restraint when located at their residence and on physical restraint when away from their residence. Fence construction for pet confinement requires pre-approval from the Chief, Facility Management Division, to ensure compatibility with current structures.

- Pet owners are required to remove and properly dispose of fecal matter deposited by pets at locations other than the primary residence in an appropriate refuse container. Primary

residence areas will also be periodically cleaned to remove excessive fecal buildup that could become either a health hazard or an aesthetic distraction.

Restrictions:

- A maximum of three pets are allowed per permanent residence, excluding apartments, duplexes, and dormitories. In apartments or duplexes, a maximum of one pet is allowed per permanent residence. No pets are allowed in dormitory housing.

- Seasonal/temporary personnel (VIP's, SCA's, contractors, etc.) may not have pets in Government quarters unless they are living in other than park -owned quarters. If this should occur, the seasonal/temporary personnel are bound by the provisions of this Management Directive.

- In addition to domestic dogs and cats, reasonable numbers of domesticated aquarium fish, caged birds, reptiles, amphibians, and rodents are permitted at authorized residences, as described above, provided they are kept caged or otherwise appropriately confined.

The following actions are strictly prohibited:

- possession of wild animals or birds, native to the park, as a pet in any residence.
- possession of barnyard or other fowl.
- possession of livestock for any purpose.
- possession of privately owned riding or pack stock.
- farming, breeding, or raising animals or birds in connections with a commercial business, unless the business is permitted by a concessions permit and the business operations conform to all other provisions of this policy.

No person within the park may abuse or torture any animal. A signed complaint by any person witnessing such acts may be grounds for removing the pet from the park but only after a thorough investigation is performed by authorized personnel. Texas State law under "Cruelty to Animals" may also be applied, where appropriate, for further prosecution.

Exceptions and Waivers:

A written request will be submitted, through the appropriate chain of command and addressed to the Superintendent, for any exceptions to this Management Directive. The Superintendent will determine, on a case by case basis, if a waiver shall be granted. In the event a waiver is granted, a written memorandum signed by the Superintendent will be distributed to the requesting individual, the individual's chain of command, central files for record, and any other personnel or offices that require knowledge of the waiver for pertinent operations. All waivers and exceptions to this Management Directive will be granted only by the authority of the Superintendent.

Violations:

Each resident is strongly encourage to approach the pet owner FIRST regarding public nuisance

complaints prior to involvement of law enforcement personnel as this often alleviates the annoyance and is generally more appreciated by the owner.

All violations to this policy or Title 36 CFR §2.15 of the Code of Federal Regulations are to be reported to law enforcement officials, with the exception of resolved public nuisance complaints.

The following actions will be taken against violators of the provisions of this Management Directive:

- 1st violation: A written warning will be issued to the pet owner.
- 2nd violation: A citation will be issued and/or court hearing appearance will be required.
- 3rd violation: The-pet shall be removed from the park by order of the Superintendent.

The Superintendent retains the right to revoke the privileges of pet owners and have any animal removed from the park for violation of the provisions outlined in this Management Directive. Flagrant or deliberate violations of these provisions may result in immediate removal of the pet from the park without invoking actions outlined above.

Responsibilities:

The Superintendent will administer written action against any violation of the provisions of this Management Directive and review, approve, or disapprove any requests for exceptions to this Management Directive.

Law Enforcement Officers will respond to complaints about violations outlined by this Management Directive, 36 CFR § 2.15, or Texas State Law under "Cruelty to Animals" and perform any necessary documentation, including citations as appropriate, or investigation as mandated by law. Complaints regarding nuisance violations will be addressed AFTER all reasonable attempts to resolve the situation by residents have been exhausted.

Supervisors and managers will ensure all employees about the contents of this Management Directive regardless of work schedule, appointment, tour of duty, or employer.

Residents must ensure compliance and report any violations of this Management Directive, 36 CFR § 2.15, or Texas State Law under "Cruelty to Animals" with the exception of nuisance violations that may be resolved through discussion with the pet owner. Residents are also responsible for informing their guests and ensuring their compliance with the provisions of this Management Directive, should they bring pets to the park.

Pet owners are responsible for adhering to the provisions of this Management Directive.

Frank J. Deckert
Superintendent

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MANAGEMENT DIRECTIVE NO. 14

SMOKING POLICY

Big Bend National Park

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MANAGEMENT DIRECTIVE NUMBER 14

Smoking Policy

This directive is updated to address the smoking of any lighted tobacco product in all public use and government buildings, shared government quarters, and government vehicles in Big Bend National Park. The purpose of this directive is to protect employees and park visitors from the health hazards and annoyances associated with "second-hand" smoke exposure. This policy shall apply during and before/after work hours unless an exception is otherwise mentioned in this document. This directive shall apply to all Big Bend employees, volunteers, contractors, and visitors within National Park Service facilities and vehicles.

Regulations and guidelines for establishing this directive are Director's Order # 50D, the relevant wording of which follows, in part:

4. POLICY, REQUIREMENTS, AND RESPONSIBILITIES

For the purposes of this Director's Order, "smoking" is the use or carrying of a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, or other tobacco product. A "non-smoking area" is defined as one where smoking is prohibited, as are all by-products created by burning tobacco.

4.1 POLICY

4.1.1 Generally. It is the policy of the National Park Service to provide a smoke-free environment for its employees and members of the visiting public. To accomplish this, 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.

· Within any type of government-owned or leased vehicle, including heavy equipment, watercraft, or aircraft. AND

· In any area or facility designated by the site manager as closed to smoking. A site manager may, at any time, close an area or facility to smoking when necessary to (a) protect park resources, (b) reduce the risk of fire, (c) protect employees and the public from ETS [environmental tobacco smoke] exposure, or (d) prevent conflicts among employees or visitors.

4.1.2 Exceptions. Smoking is permitted in the following locations:

· Any non-shared residential accommodation for persons or families residing in a building owned, leased or rented by the Federal Government.

· Shared government housing, where permitted by the site manager.

· Outdoor parking lots or sidewalks (other than those covered by the provisions of §4.1.1 above).

· Space assigned in its entirety to other agencies, where such other agencies permit smoking.

· Such places as may be designated in writing by the regional director or center manager, upon a finding that the exception thus created does not (a) threaten park resources, (b) increase the risk of fire, (c) make it more likely that employees and/or the public will be exposed to ETS, or (d) create conflict among employees or the public.

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Non-designated Areas:

Smoking is prohibited in all concession dining and lobby areas, stores, offices, and shops so designated by "No Smoking" signs.

Offices, work areas, corridors, restrooms, and vehicle bays used for office functions within government buildings at Big Bend National Park are closed to smoking. Buildings will be marked with either "No Smoking" signs or with "No Smoking Except in Designated Areas" signs when appropriate. Facilities are considered to be non-smoking areas unless they are designated as smoking areas by a sign.

No offices in Big Bend National Park are considered to be "private" offices. Even when occupied by a single individual, they must be available for free access for other employees when necessary to conduct government business.

Smoking is prohibited in any GSA or Department vehicle.

Designated Smoking Areas:

Any outdoor area not in conflict with this policy

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Employees and visitors will not be allowed to walk through non-smoking work areas while smoking or carrying lighted tobacco products.

Smokers should not request permission to smoke of non-smokers when in areas or circumstances in which smoking is not allowed under this policy.

Smoking receptacles will be provided within all designated smoking areas.

In shared government quarters, every effort will be made to match smokers with smokers and non-smokers with non-smokers. In the rare event that this cannot be done, smokers will be allowed to smoke only in their private bedrooms with the door closed.

ENFORCEMENT OF POLICY

Employees who believe that smoking regulations are being violated should report such violations to their immediate supervisor, or, in the case of a supervisor violating the policy, to the next supervisory level. Resolution responsibility will be through informal procedures at the lowest supervisory level possible. Initial violations should be handled by verbal counseling. Recurring violations will subject employees to progressive disciplinary measures.

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DESIGNATED AREAS FOR PUBLIC ASSEMBLY

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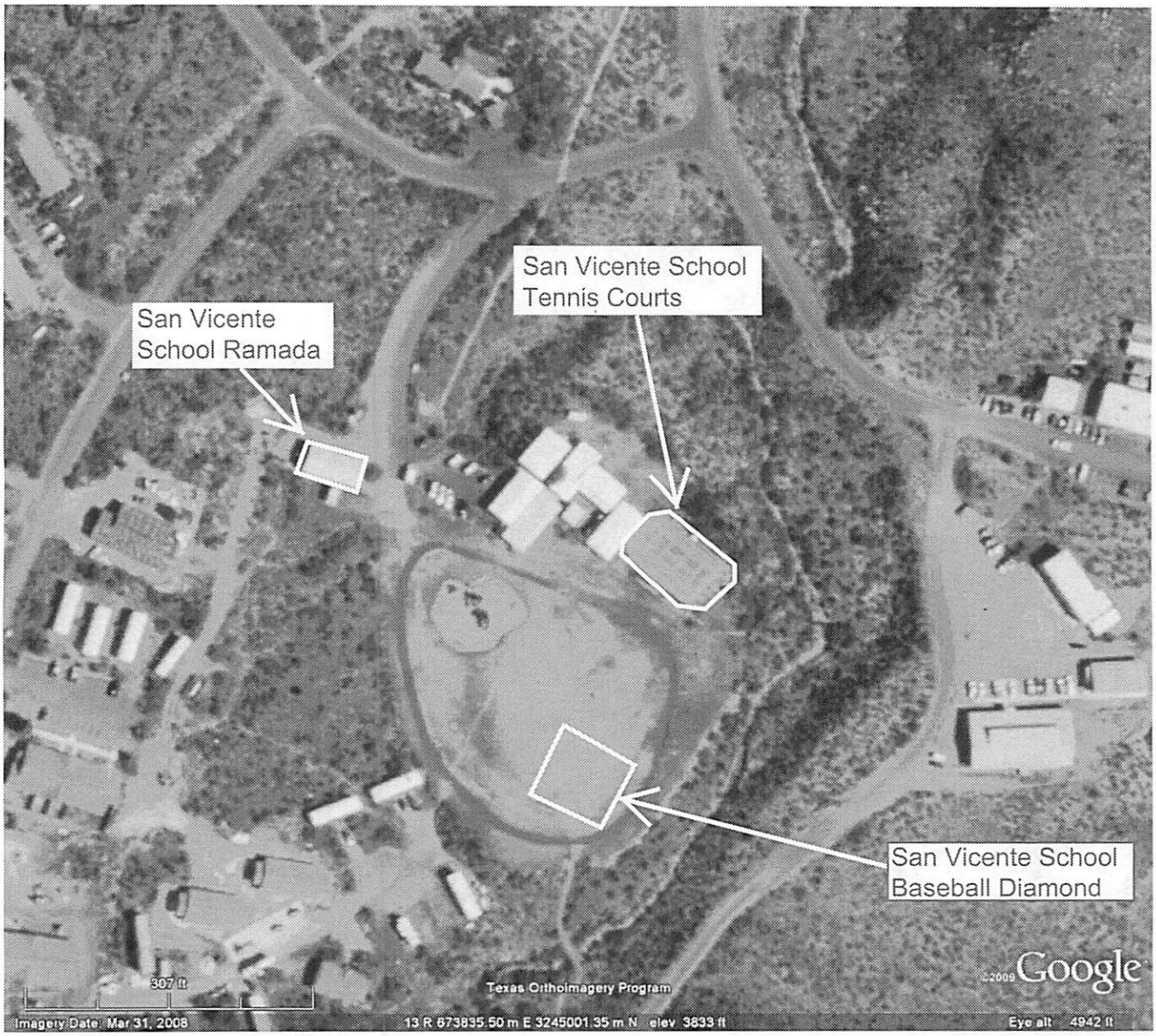
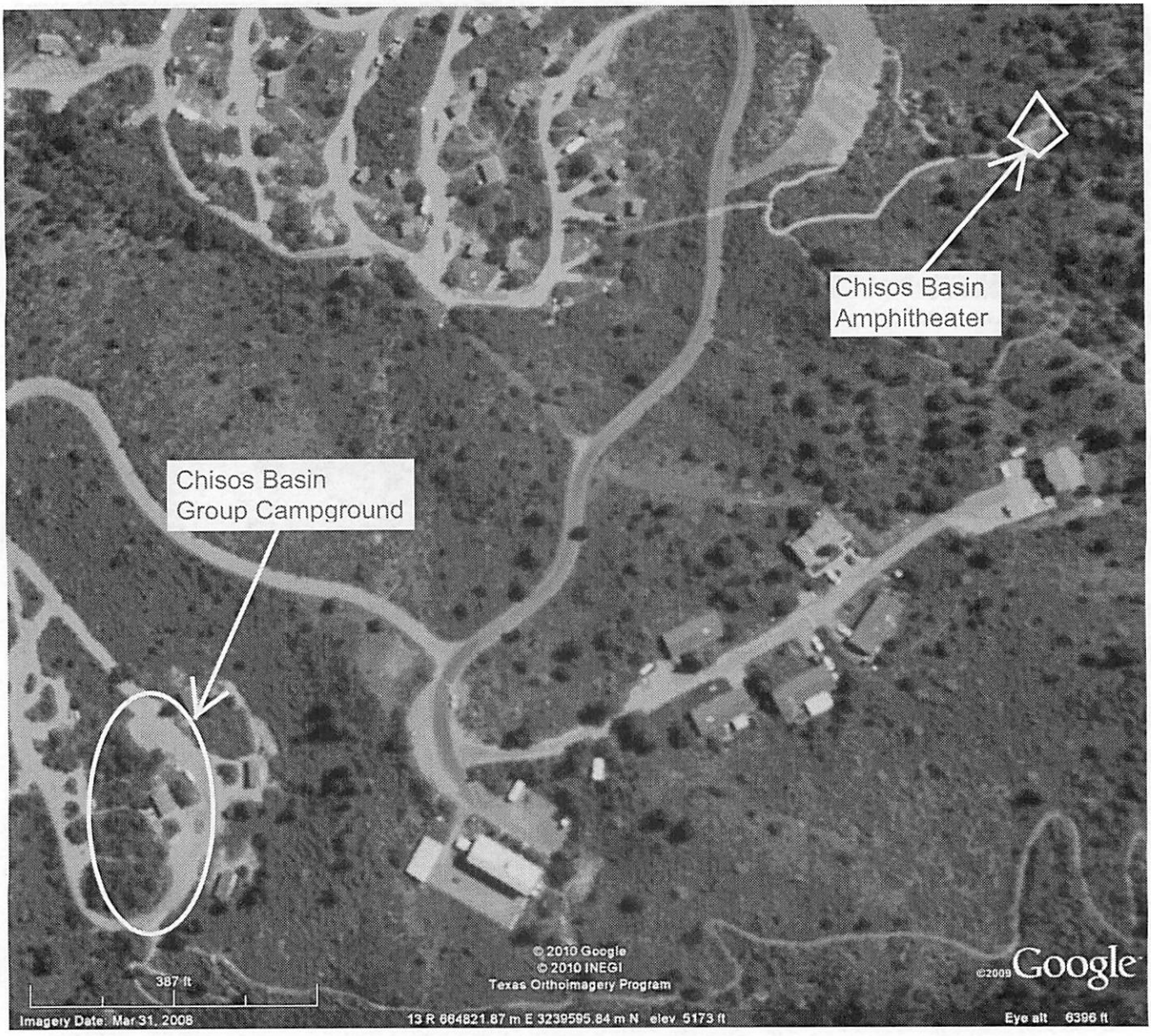
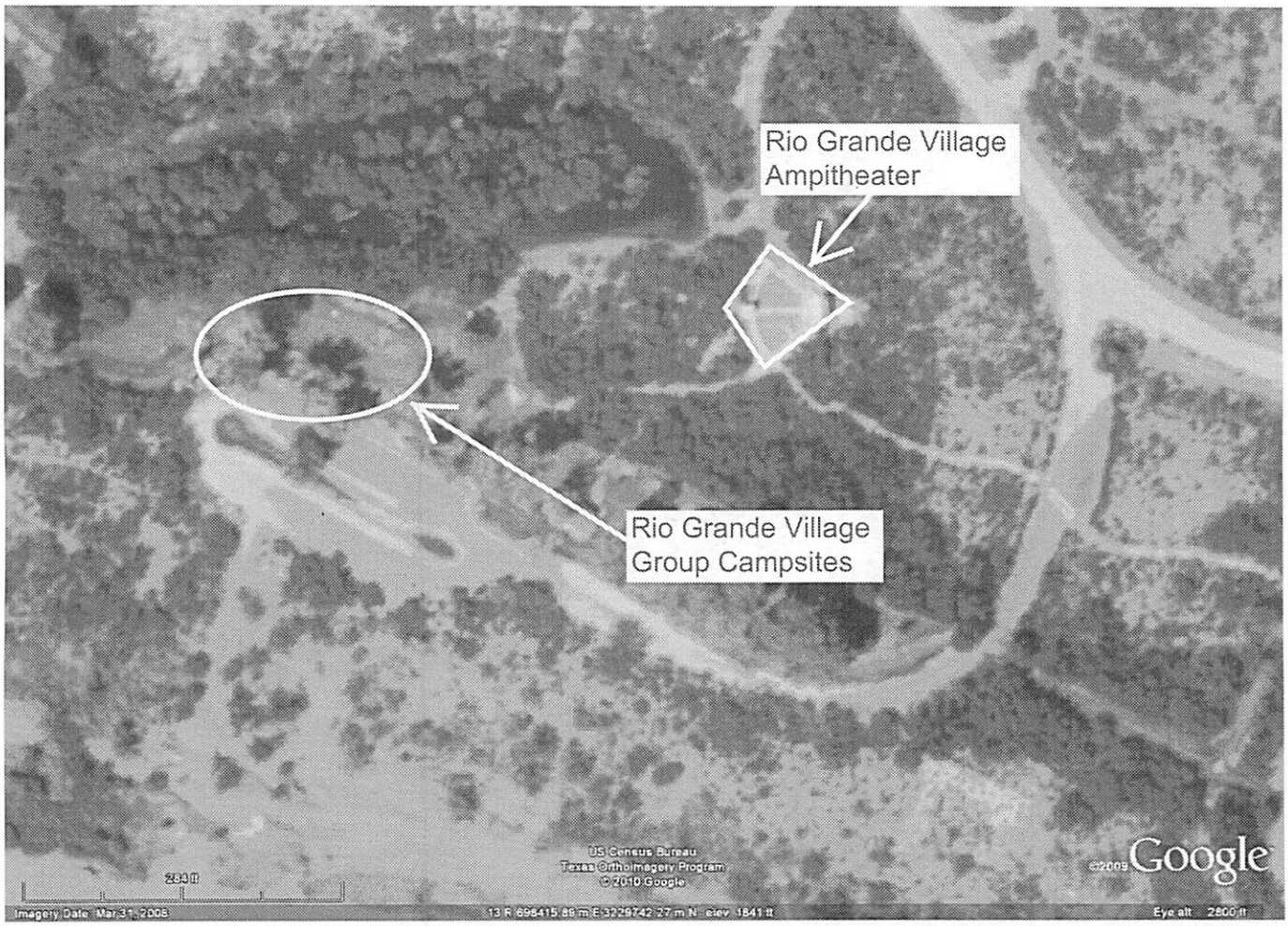
Panther Junction Headquarters Community Room Public Assembly Area



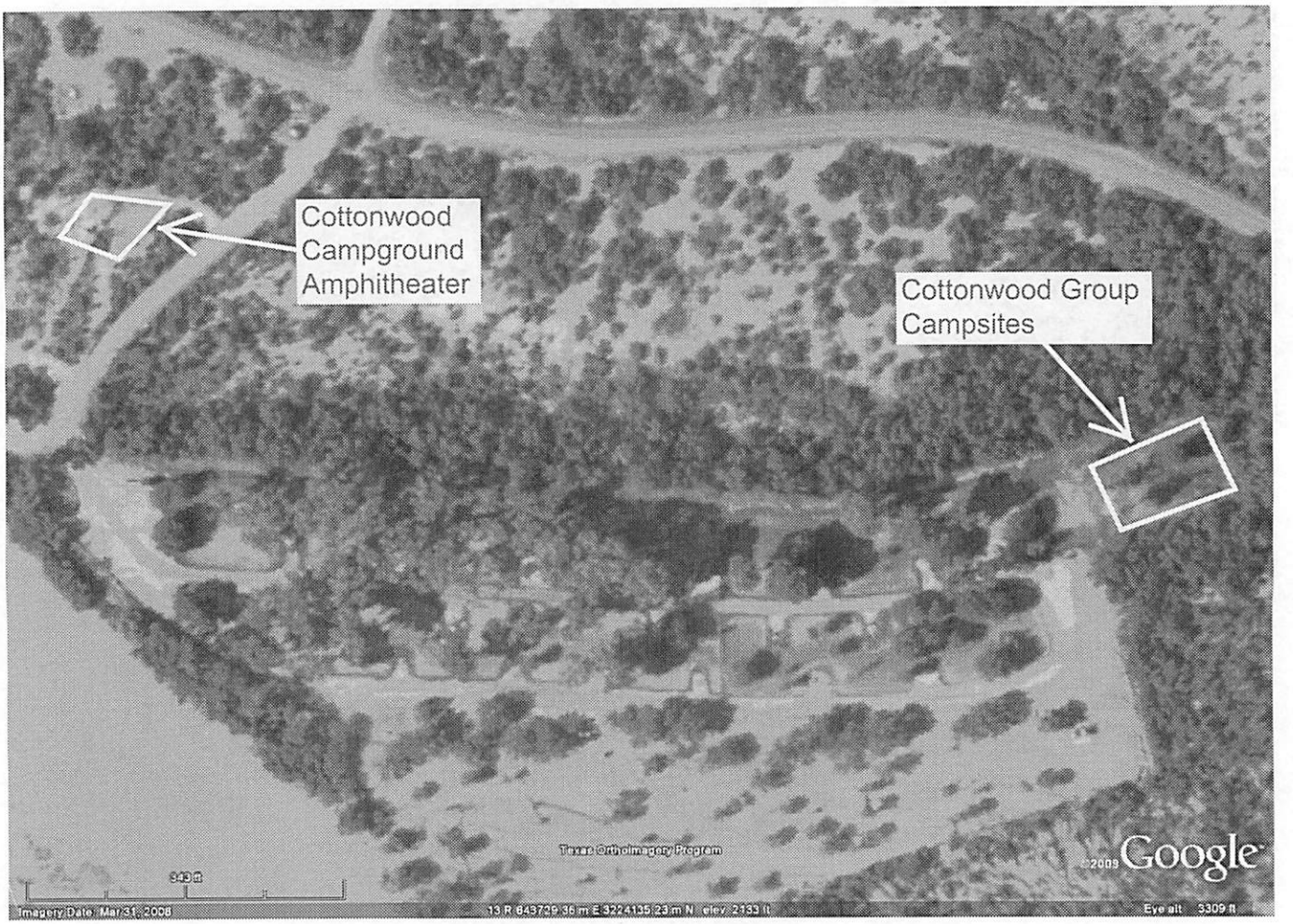
San Vicente School Public Assembly Areas



Chisos Basin Group Campground and Amphitheater Public Assembly Area



Rio Grande Village Public Assembly Areas



Castolon Group Campground and Amphitheater Public Assembly

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APPENDIX F

DESIGNATED AREAS FOR SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATERIAL

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Rio Grande Village Store Center Sale or Distribution of Printed Matter

Castolon Store Sale or Distribution of Printed Matter

Chisos Basin Ranger Station Sale or Distribution of Printed Matter

Panther Junction Visitor Center Sale or Distribution of Printed Matter