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BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK SUPERINTENDENT'S 2008 COMPENDIUM PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD

The annual review and comment period for the Superintendent's compendium is now underway, with comments required to be received by March 16, 2009.

The Superintendent's Compendium is a supplemental document that addresses specific management needs and concerns of an individual national park area. The Big Bend National Park and the Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River 2007 Superintendent's Compendium is now being reviewed and updated. The compendium is authorized by Title 16, United States Code, Section 3, and Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 1 through 7; these regulations are established by the Park Superintendent. The Superintendent's Compendium is revised annually to continually address specific management needs of the park. 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.

The following represent changes or clarifications of note for purposes of public review and notification:

- Permits are required for all Day use groups of 40 or more persons on Chisos Mountain Trails
- Park residents possessing a valid Texas Concealed Handgun Permit may possess a loaded **handgun** while in the park provided they are in full compliance with the terms of the permit. Employees of the National Park Service **may not** carry a concealed weapon on their person while at work per NPS policy.
- Occupying a campsite at the Chisos Basin, Cottonwood, or Rio Grand Village campgrounds for more than 14 consecutive nights is prohibited. Occupying developed campsites for more than 14 nights from February 1 through April 15 is prohibited.

To see the full draft document please visit the park's website at the following address:
<http://www.nps.gov/bibe/parkmgmt/lawsandpolicies.htm>

Comments regarding the 2008 Compendium can be sent to:

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