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**DENALI NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE
TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF
SPECIAL USE PERMIT with Denali Park Road Travel Permit**

These terms and conditions have been established for qualifying special use permittees who access the Denali Park road with a private vehicle under a Special Use Permit with a Denali Park Road travel permit provision. The terms and conditions of the road travel permit are authorized under Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.6(e). Violating the terms and conditions may result in current or future suspension or revocation of the permit, the issuance of a violation notice, or both.

1. Special Use Permittees are required to become familiar with and abide by park regulations and policies, including traffic laws and the park's [Rules of the Road information](#). Permittees are responsible for the conduct of their passenger(s).

2. Permittees will abide by the following to assist the park in meeting Denali National Park Vehicle Management Plan (VMP) standards for the desired conditions. Specifically, the permittee:

- a. Will not park within 0.1 of a mile of sheep crossing locations (sheep gaps) identified in the VMP and on the attached map.
- b. Will not contribute to exceeding the standards for number of vehicles at wildlife stops identified in the VMP. No more than one professional photographer or commercial filmer will be allowed to park their vehicle and be actively engaged in activities at individual wildlife stops.
- c. Will give buses and administrative traffic preferences if the standard for number of vehicles at a wildlife stop is exceeded, meaning the Permittee is expected to leave the area with their vehicle.
- d. Will not park their vehicle at any one location for a prolonged period of time, including in viewscapes (see attached map), rest stops, and at wildlife stops. In general this means that an individual will not remain in a single location for longer than necessary to complete a particular activity (obtaining photographs or filming, attending to personal needs, etc.) and will not contribute to excessive vehicle crowding.
- e. Additional restrictions related to the VMP or other park management action may be initiated at any time. This may include, but not be limited to, exclusion of periods of the day for road travel (i.e., no travel from 10 am – 4 pm), locations where Permittees may or may not stop and rest, locations or situations excluded from filming or photography activity, etc. These notices will be available at the time of permit issuance and/or at check-in at the Savage River Check Station.

3. Distances from wildlife: All park visitors including Permittees are required to adhere to these regulations:

Bears. The following is prohibited:

- (i) Approaching a bear within 300 yards; or
- (ii) Engaging in photography within 300 yards of a bear.

Other wildlife. The following is prohibited:

- (i) Approaching a moose, caribou, Dall sheep, wolf, an active raptor nest, or occupied den site within 25 yards; or
- (ii) Engaging in photography within 25 yards of a moose, caribou, Dall sheep, wolf, an active raptor nest, or occupied den site.

The prohibitions in this section do not apply to persons— (i) Within a motor vehicle or a hard sided building;

(ii) Within 2 yards of their motor vehicle or entrance to a hard sided building that are 25 yards or more from a bear.

4. Intentional harassing, disturbing, or feeding of wildlife is prohibited by Federal Regulation. "Harassment" is defined as "any human action that causes unusual behavior or significant change of behavior by an animal". "Disturbance" is defined as "to intrude upon, inconvenience or interfere with". A professional wildlife photographer is responsible for knowing the point at which human presence becomes harassment and must be aware if their presence is causing a disturbance. If you are disturbing or harassing an animal, you **must leave** the area immediately. While each individual encounter may seem inconsequential, the cumulative effects caused by repeated encounters may result in critical behavior change. Examples are missed feedings, failed attempts by ewes and lambs to cross the road, habituation, increased risk of predation, etc. Remember, the welfare of the subject is more important than the photograph.

5. Do not interfere with the visitors' enjoyment of the wildlife. When buses are in the area, be as inconspicuous as possible. Avoid parking your vehicle in places that congest or partially block the road. Parking or leaving any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, in a manner that interferes with the smooth flow of traffic or otherwise constitutes a hazard, is prohibited. While you may have many opportunities to view the wildlife, many of our visitors have just one day to view the wonders of Denali. That one grizzly may be the only live bear they will ever see. Be cognizant that visitors come to view the wildlife in a natural scene, not intermixed with vehicles and people between them and the animal.

6. Moving animals must not be blocked or pursued by vehicles or on foot.

7. Attracting animals with food, calls or scents, using blinds, or altering vegetation around photographic subjects is **strictly prohibited!**

8. Bears, wolves, foxes or other predators or scavengers will not be disturbed or chased from carcasses. Do not approach any animal feeding on a carcass.

9. Allowing a wolf, fox, or bear to approach you or investigate property (i.e., your gear, tripods, cameras, backpack, food containers, or water bottles) increases the potential for them to obtain human food and the risk of these animals developing unnatural behavior. Attempt to dissuade the animal by yelling, banging pots together, and/or stomping your feet. Report the incident to the Backcountry Information Center or any park ranger.

10. Do not leave gear and articles scattered around your vehicle as it may encourage curious animals to investigate. Keep your gear secured and stored as neatly as possible.

11. Beaver dams and lodges will not be disturbed, including walking or standing on the structures.

12. Backcountry permits are required for overnight backcountry use. As the shuttle bus system is designed to provide transportation for backpackers, private vehicles may not be used to access the interior of the park for a backpacking trip.

13. Do not enter wildlife closure areas. It is the Permittee's responsibility to be aware of the various wildlife closures and abide by these restrictions. Closures will vary from year to year, or in the case of emergency closures, from day to day. Updates on closures can be obtained from the park website, any park ranger, at the visitor centers, or Backcountry Information Center.

14. You must follow the lawful orders of park employees.

15. If in the Kantishna area, it is your responsibility to respect and comply with all private property and “No Trespassing” signs. Access to private property is available by permission only.

16. Report any wolf and bear encounters to the Backcountry Information Center or any park ranger. In addition, your observations often provide us with information to help better understand and protect park resources. Park wildlife biologists are interested in your observations of wildlife and in answering questions you may have about park resources.

17. If you wish to remain in the park overnight with your vehicle you must obtain a campsite in the Riley Creek, Savage, or Teklanika campgrounds. Use of the park utility areas at Igloo Pit (Mile 34), Toklat Rest Area (10 p.m.- 6 a.m. only), Eielson Visitor Center (10 p.m.- 6 a.m. only) the Mile 78 pit, and the Mile 88 boundary pit in Kantishna area is allowed for short rest periods if space is available.

18. For this system, a road travel permit allows travel with a private vehicle on the Denali Park road for a maximum of 7 days. An individual may receive road travel permits covering up to 14 days per year. The permit is valid for entry onto the restricted portion of the Denali Park road for each day authorized. Oversized vehicles are not allowed on the restricted portion of the park road under a road travel permit issued under the special use permit program. “Oversized vehicle” is defined as a vehicle over 8 feet wide, (excluding mirrors), or over 22 feet long (including bumpers), or over 12 feet high.

19. Photographers are limited to one additional person in his/her vehicle while using a road travel permit (total of two people in the vehicle). The photographer may not receive compensation from that person for this opportunity.

The Terms and Conditions of the Special Use Permit must be strictly followed and failure to comply may result in revocation of the special use permit, road travel permit, disqualification from future consideration in the program, and/or the issuance of violation notices.

I agree to abide by the above terms and conditions as a stipulation of my Special Use Permit (including Road Travel Permit) in Denali National Park.

Name (Print/Type) _____

Signature _____ Date_____

Parking and No Parking Locations Denali Park Road

Alaska Region
National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior



Temporary Parking Allowed

Monitoring Site - no parking

Viewscope - avoid parking

Monitoring sites and viewscopes are locations used to determine if Denali is meeting goals established to (1) provide wildlife's freedom of movement and migration opportunities unimpeded by road traffic and (2) ensure visitors experience landscape vistas free from parked vehicles. Failure to meet these goals could result in reduced or eliminated special permit programs.

Adherence to parking policies in these locations will aid management efforts.

