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Superintendent's Compendium of Designations, Closures, Permit Requirements and Other Restrictions Imposed Under Discretionary Authority.

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In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations ("36 CFR"), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, authorized by Title 16 United States Code, Section 3, the following provisions apply to all lands and waters administered by the National Park Service, within the boundaries of Chiricahua National Monument and Fort Bowie National Historic Site. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7.

Written determinations, which explain the reasoning behind the Superintendent's use of discretionary authority, as required by Section 1.5(c), appear in this document identified by italicized print.

I 36 CFR §1.5 – VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES, AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES

36 CFR §1.5(a)(1) The following visiting hours and public use limits are established for all or for the listed portions of the park, and the following closures are established for all or a portion of the park to all public use or to a certain use or activity:

Visiting Hours:

Visiting hours for certain facilities, offices and roads have been established for Chiricahua National Monument and Fort Bowie National Historic Site. All current designations are posted in the parks and on the park's website.

Fort Bowie NHS is open to the general public from sunrise to sunset. Visiting during closed hours requires the written permission of the Superintendent.

Public Use Limits:

1. All posted campground regulations in Bonita Canyon Campground will be enforced.
 - a. Quiet hours in the Bonita Canyon Campground are 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. During the quiet hours, the use of generators, portable or fixed motors or any type of noise producing machine, or any activity which creates unusual noise or unreasonably disturbs other visitors or residents, is prohibited
 - b. Camping in the Bonita Canyon Campground is limited to a maximum of eight people per site, a maximum of two vehicles per site when space is available and a maximum of two tents per campsite. All vehicles must be parked so as to not block or restrict traffic on campground or main road.
 - c. Camping in the Bonita Canyon Campground Group Campsite is limited to a maximum of 24 people. A maximum of eight tents in the camping area and five vehicles are allowed in the parking area.
 - d. Camping in Chiricahua by any person, party or organization between December 1 and May 31 shall not exceed 14 days, either in a single period or combined separate periods. Camping in Chiricahua NM by any person, party or organization during any calendar year shall not exceed 30 days total.
 - e. Livestock are not permitted in the Bonita Canyon Campground.
2. Stock parties shall not include more than 10 animals in one continuous group, with a maximum of twenty animals per party/organization daily, or fewer when so specified by specific permit restrictions.
3. Public Use Restrictions:
 - a. Overnight camping within the boundaries of the monument is restricted to the established campsites in the Bonita Canyon Campground. Camping or overnight parking in other locations is prohibited.
 - b. Camping in all parking areas, pullouts or undesignated places identified by either sign or regulation is prohibited.
 - c. Picnicking within the Bonita Canyon Campground is prohibited.
 - d. Parking of horse trailers and vehicles transporting stock is limited to the Faraway Ranch equestrian trailhead parking area. Faraway Ranch trailhead is the only designated stock trailhead at Chiricahua NM. Parking for stock vehicles at Fort Bowie NHS is limited to pullouts and parking lots large enough to accommodate stock vehicles while still leaving parking room for other vehicles.
 - e. All park structures, other than private residences, are closed to smoking.
 - f. The use of bicycles is prohibited except on park roads, parking areas and paved surfaces.
 - g. The use of bicycles in the designated Wilderness area at Chiricahua National Monument is prohibited.
 - h. Dogs (except for official service animals), cats and other pets are prohibited in Chiricahua NM and Fort Bowie NHS except in the locations specified below:
 - i. Parking areas, pull outs and inside of vehicles as long as they are properly restrained. Established trails within Fort Bowie NHS.
 - ii. The Bonita Canyon Campground, Faraway Ranch and Visitor Center parking lots, and the trails that link these three locations at Chiricahua NM. Included also is the residential areas of both parks.
 - i. Following Chiricahua NM trails are OPEN to pets on leash:
 - i. Silver Spur Meadow trail
 - ii. Interpretive trails within Faraway Ranch Historic District

4. Operating a vehicle which exceeds the physical limitations of the roadway and the operation of any commercial tractor/trailer on the road between the entrance station and Massai Point is prohibited without approval from the Superintendent.
 - j. Vehicle length restriction for Chiricahua National Monument is 29 feet or less beyond the Visitor Center. In addition a length restriction of 29 feet or less applies to the Bonita Canyon Campground. Fifth wheel and bumper pull trailers are also limited to 29 feet or less (the actual length of the trailer). Authorized school busses and tour busses are exempt from this regulation until an alternative transportation plan is implemented.

II 36 CFR §1.6 - ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT

See list as provided under 36 CFR 1.7(b)

III 36 CFR §1.7 (b) The following is a compilation of those activities for which a permit from the Superintendent is required:

1. 36 CFR §2.5(a) Specimen collection (Take plant, fish, wildlife, rocks or minerals)
2. 36 CFR §2.10(a) The following camping activities require a special permit:
 - (a) Camping outside designated campground
 - (b) Exceeding Bonita Canyon campground regulations such as length restrictions, camping length of stay, exceeding maximum allowable capacity.
3. 36 CFR §2.12(a) Audio Disturbances:
 1. 36 CFR §2.12 a(1) Operation of any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine in non-developed areas
 2. 36 CFR §2.12 a(2) Operating a chain saw in developed areas
 3. 36 CFR §2.12 a(4) Operation of a public address system in connection with a public gathering or special event for which a permit has been issued pursuant to 36 CFR §2.50 or 36 CFR §2.51
4. 36 CFR §2.17(a)(3) Delivery or retrieval of a person or object by parachute, helicopter or other airborne means.
5. 36 CFR §2.17 (c)(1) Removal of a downed aircraft must be completed by permit with conditions established by the Superintendent.
6. 36 CFR §2.37 Soliciting or demanding gifts, money, goods or services.
7. 36 CFR §2.38 (a) Use, possess, store, transport explosives, blasting agents or explosive materials.
8. 36 CFR §2.50 (a) Special events
9. 36 CFR §2.51(a) Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, or parades with more than 25 participants.

10. 36 CFR §2.52(b) Groups of 25 or fewer people may now demonstrate or distribute or sell printed matter in designated available areas without obtaining a permit. Small groups may still apply for a permit in order to guarantee their use of a particular area. Sale or distribution of printed matter with more than 25 participants are still required to obtain a permit.

The following areas have specific locations designated for public assemblies (printed map available in the Visitor Center and in compendium appendix) for activities involving the public expression of views. Other locations will be determined on a case by case basis. First Amendment areas:

- 20x20 foot area at east end of sidewalk at Bonita Canyon parking lot
- 20x20 foot area adjacent (south) of restroom facility Massai Point
- 20x20 foot area adjacent (west- end of sidewalk) of restroom facility Faraway Ranch 20x20 foot area adjacent (west on patio) to restroom Fort Bowie trailhead
- 20x20 foot area adjacent to southwest corner and end of Fort Bowie Visitor Center

To ensure protection of park resources, participants, and visitors, no objects may extend beyond or above the designated area. The permit may be obtained at the Visitor Center.

11. 36 CFR §2.62(b) Memorialization - (Scattering ashes from human cremation) See page 12, section 36 CFR §2.62 for more information.

12. 36 CFR §4.11(a) Exceeding established vehicle load, weight and size limits

13. 36 CFR §5.1 Advertisements - (Display, posting or distribution.)

14. 36 CFR §5.3 Engaging in or soliciting any business (requires a permit, contract or other written agreement with the United States, or must be pursuant to special regulations).

15. 36 CFR §5.5 Commercial photography when utilizing props, models or support crew

36 CFR §1.5(a)(1) The following restrictions and/or conditions are in effect for the specific uses or activities noted:

1. Roads gated and closed to motor vehicles in the winter, due to weather conditions, become backcountry use areas for management purposes.
2. Passenger Carrying Busses: Engines must be shut down when not immediately underway. Idling in excess of 5 minutes is prohibited

The idling of bus engines adds unnecessary exhaust fumes to the air and diminishes the enjoyment by visitors of the peace and tranquility of the park.

III GENERAL REGULATIONS

36 CFR §2.1 - PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

- (a)(5) The following conditions are in effect for walking, climbing, entering, ascending or traversing the listed archeological or cultural resource, monuments or statues:
- Climbing, ascending or otherwise traversing the rock pinnacles is prohibited.
 - Climbing, standing, sitting or otherwise being on top of ruin walls at Fort Bowie is prohibited.

36 CFR §2.2 - WILDLIFE PROTECTION

36 CFR §2.2(d) The transportation of lawfully taken wildlife through the park is permitted under the following conditions and procedures:

- Legally taken, properly tagged and identified wildlife (in accordance with State laws and regulations) may be transported through the park, only on Apache Pass road in Fort Bowie NHS. The possession of wildlife must be declared upon entering Chiricahua NM.
- Park boundary to park residences for park residents only.

36 CFR §2.2(e) The following areas are closed to the viewing of wildlife with the use of an artificial light:

- All areas of the park within the boundaries of Chiricahua NM and Fort Bowie NHS are closed to the use of artificial light or beam, visible or infrared and use of audio tapes or other recordings for the purpose of attracting and viewing wildlife.
- The Superintendent may, on a case by case basis, approve the use of artificial calling/lighting for the viewing of wildlife in accordance with Title 36 CFR §2.2(e), NPS 53 (Filming Guidelines/SUP's).

36 CFR §2.10-CAMPING and FOOD STORAGE

36 CFR §2.10(a) The sites and areas listed below have been designated for camping activities as noted. A permit system has been established for certain campgrounds or camping activities, and conditions for camping and camping activities are in effect as noted:

- Bonita Canyon Campground
- Backcountry of Chiricahua NM/Fort Bowie NHS by Superintendent permit only

36 CFR §2.10(b)(3) Camping within 25 feet of a fire hydrant or main road, or within 100 feet of a flowing stream, river or body of water is authorized by special permit only.

36 CFR §2.10(b)(7) Connecting to a utility system is prohibited, except as designated below:

- Use of utilities at the accessible site at Bonita Canyon Campground by persons with special needs.

36 CFR §2.10(b)(9) Camping conditions

- 1) Overnight camping within the boundaries of the Monument is restricted to the established campsites in the Bonita Canyon Campground. Camping or overnight parking in other locations is prohibited.
- 2) Camping in the Bonita Canyon Campground is limited to a maximum of eight people per site, a maximum of two vehicles per site when space is available and a maximum of two tents per campsite. All vehicles must be parked so as to not block or restrict traffic on campground or main road.
- 3) Camping in the Bonita Canyon Campground Group Campsite is limited to a maximum of nine to 24 people. A maximum of eight tents in the camping area and five vehicles is allowed in the parking area.
- 4) Camping fees are due within one hour of occupying a campsite. All campsites must be identified as occupied by placing receipt upon campsite post or by showing the campsite as occupied. Checkout time is 11:00 a.m.
- 5) The subletting of campsites or camping space is prohibited.
- 6) Campsites may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours without prior approval of the Superintendent.
Quiet hours in the campground are 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. During the quiet hours, quiet hours, the use of generators, portable or fixed motors or any type of noise producing machine, or any activity which creates unusual noise or unreasonably disturbs other visitors or residents, is prohibited.
- 7) The use of solar showers, hammocks and clotheslines is prohibited.

36 CFR §2.10(d) Conditions for the storage of food are in effect, as noted, for the following areas:

- Bonita Canyon Campground
- In all sites food, garbage, and equipment used to cook or store food must be kept sealed in a vehicle or in the provided food storage bins at the campsite or in a camping unit that is constructed of solid, non-pliable material, or suspended at least 10 feet above the ground and 4 feet horizontally from a post, tree trunk or other object.

36 CFR §2.11 - PICNICKING

Conditions for Picnicking:

- Certain areas have been closed to picnicking and are listed in 36 CFR §1.5(a)(1) "Closures".
- The use of handicap designated picnic sites is open for all but users must yield to persons with disabilities needing the use of the site.
- The use of grills and fires may be restricted by order of the Superintendent during periods of high/extreme fire danger.

36 CFR §2.12 AUDIO DISTURBANCES:

- (a)(3) Operation of any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor engine in non-developed areas.
- (a)(4) Operation of a public address system in connection with a public gathering or special event for which a permit has been issued pursuant to 36 CFR §2.50 or 36 CFR §2.51.

36 CFR § 2.13 - FIRES

36 CFR §2.13(a)(1) The lighting or maintaining of fires is generally prohibited, except as provided for in the following designated areas and/or receptacles, and under the conditions noted:

- Open fires are permitted only in government provided/established grills, grates or fire rings or in designated sites in the campground and picnic areas. Charcoal fires in self-contained grills are permitted. Charcoal must be cooled and disposed of in a designated receptacle. Fires in portable fire containers are subject to approval by park staff.
- Receptacles Allowed:
 - Charcoal grills constructed for cooking use
 - Free standing portable fireplaces that are elevated above ground surface and subject to inspection by staff
- Established Conditions for Fires:
 - Fires outside of designated campground and picnic areas are allowed only by permit from Superintendents' office.
- Firewood: Collecting firewood within Chiricahua NM is prohibited

36 CFR §2.13(a)(2) The following restrictions are in effect for the use of stoves or lanterns:

- Lanterns must not be hung from trees in a manner that damages/burns the tree.
- Stoves must be maintained so as not to create a fire hazard due to improper placement or being used for purposes other than what it was designed for.

36 CFR §2.13(b) Fires must be extinguished according to the following conditions:

- Upon termination of use, with a non-flammable liquid until it is cool to the touch

36 CFR §2.13(c) High fire danger closures will be in effect as noted:

- Seasonal fire restrictions may prohibit any fire use depending on severity of fire danger level.

36 CFR §2.14 - SANITATION and REFUSE

36 CFR §2.14(a)(2) The use of government refuse receptacles or facilities for dumping household, commercial or industrial refuse, brought as such from private or municipal property is prohibited.

36 CFR §2.14(b) Conditions for the disposal, containerization, or carryout of human body waste have been established as follows:

- Human waste may not be deposited less than 200 feet from surface water. Waste must be deposited in at least a 6 inch deep hole and buried. Pack toilet paper and refuse out as trash.

36 CFR §2.15 – PETS

Pet regulation closures do not apply to official service animals while in service.

36 CFR §2.15(a)(1) The following structures and/or areas are closed to the possession of pets:

- All public use buildings including visitor centers, public restrooms, park offices, workstations and storage facilities

36 CFR §2.15(a)(3) Leaving pets unattended and secured to an object is not permitted.

36 CFR §2.15(a)(5) Pet excrement must be disposed of in accordance with the following conditions:

- Pet owners must remove and properly dispose of all solid pet excrement

36 CFR §2.15(e) Pets may be kept by park residents under the following conditions:

Pets may be kept by individuals residing within Chiricahua NM or Fort Bowie NHS quarters in accordance with the NPS SEAZ Group housing policy.

36 CFR §2.16 - HORSES and PACK ANIMALS

36 CFR §2.16(a) The following animals are designated as pack animals for purposes of transporting equipment:

"Pack animal" means horses, burros, mules or other hoofed mammals.

36 CFR §2.16 (b) The use of horses or pack animals is allowed on the following trails, routes or areas:

Chiricahua National Monument

- Lower Rhyolite trail
- Upper Rhyolite trail
- Sarah Deming trail
- Big Balanced Rock trail
- Inspiration Point trail
- Mushroom Rock trail
- Hailstone trail
- Ed Riggs trail
- Echo Canyon trail
- Silver Spur Meadow trail

Fort Bowie National Historic Site

- Butterfield Stage Route
- Fort trail from trailhead to visitor center
- Overlook Ridge trail

36 CFR §2.16(g) Other conditions concerning the use of horses or pack animals:

- Stock parties shall not include more than 10 animals in one continuous group, with a maximum of twenty animals per party/organization daily, or fewer when so specified by specific permit restrictions.
- Parking of horse trailers and vehicles transporting stock is limited to the paved portion of the Faraway Ranch parking area. Faraway Ranch trailhead is the only designated stock trailhead at Chiricahua NM. Parking for stock vehicles at Fort Bowie NHS is limited to pullouts and parking lots large enough to accommodate stock vehicles as well as other visitors vehicles.
- All manure and animal waste in parking areas and trail heads must be properly disposed of and removed from the park by the animals owner/keeper.
- Stock parties are prohibited off trail (except for short term picketing, hobbling or highlining) or on the Heart of Rocks Loop Trail and the Massai Point Nature Loop.
- The use of stock is confined to the trail system of both park units. The use of stock is restricted from the Fort Bowie Ruins areas and confined to the trail system, hitching area near the Visitor Center and the Butterfield Stage Route. Stock use is not permitted on paved roads except in those areas designated as crosswalks.
- The tying of stock to any living or dead feature causing injury or damage to the feature or vegetation is prohibited. Picketed, highlined or hobbled animals shall not be kept so as to interfere with the use of the trail system by hikers.
- Pack animals are not permitted to be kept in the Bonita Canyon Campground.
- The feeding of hay or grain is permitted but only by feed bags or inside trailers used to haul the animals.

36 CFR §2.17 - AIRCRAFT and AIR DELIVERY

- 36 CFR §2.17(a)(1) The use of aircraft within Chiricahua NM and Fort Bowie NHS specifically as it relates to low level operations and landings are by special permit only.
- 36 CFR §2.17 (a)(3) Delivering or retrieving a person or object by parachute, helicopter, or other airborne means is prohibited, except in emergencies involving public safety or serious property loss or pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.
- 36 CFR §2.17 (c)(1) The removal of a downed aircraft, components, or parts thereof is subject to procedures established by the Superintendent through written authorization.

36 CFR §2.20 - SKATING, SKATEBOARDS and SIMILAR DEVICES

The use of roller skates, skateboards, roller skis, coasting vehicles, or similar devices are allowed in the following areas:

- No areas have been designated for this activity. Similar devices would include motorized devices such as battery or combustion engine devices, Segway type devices. Park residents may use devices in housing area only.

36 CFR §2.21 - SMOKING

(a) The following portions of the park, or all or portions of buildings, structures or facilities are closed to smoking as noted:

- All administrative buildings
- All public use facilities including restrooms, exhibit buildings and storage areas All designated work spaces and historic structures
- All areas of the Monument and Fort when deemed necessary due to high/extreme fire danger
- Multi-occupancy residences
- All government vehicles

36 CFR §2.22 - PROPERTY**36 CFR §2.22(a)(2) Property may be left unattended for periods longer than 24 hours in the following areas and under the following conditions:**

- Property may be left unattended only under prior arrangement with the Superintendent or their designee
- Geocaching or similar activity is not permitted, due to the elements of digging and abandonment of property if left for greater than 24 hours.
- Virtual geocaching, or keeping the cache in an approved area is permitted on a case by case basis. Written requests must be approved by the Superintendent. ?
- Due to the close proximity to the international border, under certain conditions, property may be considered abandoned if left for less than 24 hours.
- Unattended property will be impounded immediately if it is suspected of being involved in illegal activity, is considered to be a threat to life safety, or interferes with efficient operation of park areas.

36 CFR §2.23 - RECREATION FEES

36 CFR §2.23 Recreation fees, and/or a permit, in accordance with 36 CFR part 71, are established for the following entrance fee areas, and/or for the use of the following specialized sites, facilities, equipment or services, or for participation in the following group activity, recreation events or specialized recreation uses:

- 1) Entrance fees have been established for Chiricahua NM and are posted at the park's website and at the entrance to the park.
- 2) Camping recreation fees have been established for Bonita Campground and are posted on the park's website and at the entrance to the park.

36 CFR §2.35 - ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES and CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

36 CFR §2.35(a)(3)(i) The following public use areas, portions of public use areas, and/or public facilities within the park are closed to consumption of alcoholic beverages, and/or to the possession of a bottle, can or other receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage that is open, or has been opened, or whose seal has been broken or the contents of which have been partially removed except with the express permission of the Superintendent:

- All administrative buildings
- All public use facilities including restrooms, exhibit buildings and storage areas all designated work spaces and historic structures
- Alcoholic beverages may be consumed in picnic areas and Bonita Canyon Campground.

36 CFR §2.37 NON COMMERCIAL SOLICITING

- Soliciting or demanding gifts, money goods or services are prohibited except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit issued under 36 CFR §2.50, §2.51 or §2.52

36 CFR §2.38 - EXPLOSIVES

36 CFR §2.38(b) Fireworks and firecrackers may not be possessed and/or used at either Chiricahua NM or Fort Bowie NHS

36 CFR §2.51 - PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES. MEETINGS:

36 CFR §2.51(e) Public assemblies of more than 25 people require a permit from the Superintendent. Maps of these sites are available through the Visitor Center. Refer to section 36 CFR 1.6 of this document for description of locations.

36 CFR §2.62 - MEMORIALIZATION

36 CFR §2.62(a) Authorization from the Director of the National Park Service is required to install a monument, memorial, tablet, structure, or other commemorative installation in a park area.

36 CFR §2.62(b) A permit is required for the scattering of ashes from cremated human remains. The Superintendent has determined that the scattering of human ashes from cremation, without a permit, is allowed under the following terms and conditions:

1. The remains to be scattered must have been cremated and pulverized.
2. The scattering of remains by persons on the ground is to be performed at least 100 yards from any trail, road, developed facility, or body of water.
3. The scattering of remains from the air is to be performed at a minimum altitude of 2000 feet above the ground.
4. No scattering of remains from the air is to be performed over developed areas, facilities, or bodies of water.
5. No other items may be left such as flowers, urns, photos, crosses, or any other memorial items.

36 CFR §4.10 - TRAVEL ON PARK ROADS AND ROUTES

36 CFR §4.10(a) Park roads, open for travel by motor vehicle are those indicated below, and/or as indicated in the following park brochure.

- Bonita Canyon Road
- Sugarloaf Road
- Apache Pass Road

Note: Two, three and four wheel ATVs and golf carts must be in compliance with Arizona State laws when operated on park roads.

36 CFR §4.10 (a) The following routes and/or areas, designated pursuant to special regulations, are open for off-road vehicle travel under the terms and conditions noted:

- None designated

36 CFR §4.10(c)(1) Track-laying motor vehicles or other motor vehicles equipped with a similar traction device may be operated on the following routes under the terms and conditions noted:

- None designated.

36 CFR §4.11 - VEHICLE LOAD, WEIGHT AND SIZE LIMITS

36 CFR §4.11 The following load, weight and size limits, which are more restrictive than State law, apply to the roads indicated under the terms and conditions, and/or under permit as noted:

- 1) Bonita Canyon Road, from the campground up to Massai point – Maximum total length for any combination of vehicles 29 feet. This limit will not apply to school and commercial busses in park for tours.
- 2) Commercial vehicle use is prohibited

36CFR §4.30-BICYCLES

36 CFR §4.30(a) Park roads and parking areas that are closed to bicycle use are listed in section 1.5 of this document.

36 CFR §4.30(d)(3) Due to the narrow winding nature of the roads, riding a bicycle abreast of another rider is prohibited on Bonita Canyon Road.

Note: If a road is closed to vehicle traffic, that includes bicycle traffic.

END

Appendices to be added