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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 54 United States Code, Section 100751, the following provisions apply to all lands and waters administered by the National Park Service, within the boundaries of Great Basin National Park. 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.

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

(a)(1) The following visiting hours, public use limits, and closures are established:

Visiting Hours:

- The Lehman Caves Visitor Center, Great Basin Visitor Center, and Lehman Caves are closed to visitation on the following Holidays: Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Day.
- The Lehman Caves Visitor Center is open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm year round, with extended hours in the summer as posted at the Visitor Center.
- The Great Basin Visitor Center is open mid-May through September from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, with extended hours during the busy season as posted at the Visitor Center.

These facilities are closed during three federal holidays when park staff are not on duty. Hours of operation may be extended during peak visitation as staffing levels permit. Visitor Centers may open or close earlier or later in the year due to weather conditions or staffing levels

Public Use Limits -- Pursuant to §1.5(d) to implement a public use limit, the Superintendent may establish a permit, registration, or reservations system:

- The Lehman Caves public tour group size will be limited to no more than 20 people

Group size is limited in Lehman Caves public tours due to small spaces and to enable tour guides to maintain contact with all individuals on a tour. Groups of 20 or fewer people reduces the likelihood of parties being separated, accidents, resource damage, and provides for a higher quality visitor experience.

- The Upper Lehman Group Picnic Area located in the Upper Lehman Campground is available for group use from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm daily. Groups are limited to 50 people maximum without a permit. Larger groups can request a special use permit to reserve the area.

Group size is limited at the Upper Lehman Picnic Area to facilitate groups’ ability to utilize the area. Group size is limited due to limited parking, limited number of tables, a single cooking area, and to protect park resources.

- Grey Cliffs Campground occupancy limits are listed in the table below. Group sites, above the 8 person maximum, can be reserved during the summer season (normally Memorial Day weekend through September) when Baker Creek Road is open.

Grey Cliffs / Group Sites	Minimum 9 & Maximum 12 Persons	Maximum 8 Persons	Maximum 6 Persons
Loop A	Site 5	Sites 1-4 and 6-10	
Loop B	Sites 1 & 2		Site 3
Loop C	Sites 1 & 2		Site 3

Group size limits have been established for these areas to protect park resources and due to limited size and type of facilities available at each location.

- Back-country camping group size is limited to a maximum of 8 people without a Special Use Permit.

Group size is limited in the back country to protect park resources. Due to the creation of social trails and commonly used back country camping areas, size limits are imposed to reduce the impacts.

- With the exception to Lehman Caves, no more than one cave permit per week will be issued for each of the permitted caves. Groups entering caves through required permit are limited to a minimum of 3 and maximum of 6 people.

Cave group sizes are limited to reduce impacts to fragile park resources and preserve the wilderness character of those park areas. Minimum limits are imposed as common caving safety practices to allow for a higher level of safety.

Closures:

- Launching, landing or operating an unmanned aircraft from or on lands and waters administered by the National Park Service within the boundaries of Great Basin National Park is prohibited except as approved in writing by the superintendent.
 - Definition: The term "unmanned aircraft" means a device that is used or intended to be used for flight in the air without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the device and the associated operational elements and components that are required for the pilot or system operator in command to operate or control the device (such as cameras, sensors communication links). This term includes all types of devices that meet this definition (e.g., model airplanes, quad-copters, drones) that are used for any purpose, including for recreation or commerce.

Solitude and scenic values have been identified as fundamental resources and values of Great Basin National Park in the park's foundation document. Unmanned aircraft produce unreasonable noise and impacts to the view shed which are incompatible with these fundamental resources and values.

- All caves located within Great Basin National Park are closed to access without a cave permit. Entry into Lehman Caves is controlled under the existing permit system, administered at the Lehman Caves Visitor Center. Visitors to Lehman Caves are required to undergo decontamination if they have entered another cave or underground mine since May 1st, 2010. Entry is controlled under existing permit system for other caves within the Park.

Closure of caves within Great Basin National Park is required to protect sensitive resources in those caves and to assist in preventing the spread of White Nose Syndrome (WNS) in native bat populations. Decontamination requirements are in place to prevent the introduction of WNS. Little Muddy Cave is closed from April 1st to October 1st because atmospheric testing has shown that the oxygen level during that period is below the safe allowable limit. The safe oxygen limit of 19.5% is an established OSHA standard for respiratory protection and safety (29 CFR §1910.134)

- The operation of off road vehicles, commonly known as All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) or Off Highway Vehicles (OHVs), is prohibited within Great Basin National Park. "Off road motor vehicle" is defined by Executive Order Number 11644 (37 Federal Register 2887.)
- Off road motor vehicles may be allowed for administrative purposes, such as fire control, search and rescue, law enforcement, resource management activities, and maintenance when approved by the superintendent.

The superintendent has determined that the use of off-road motor vehicles within the park is inconsistent with the mission of the park and other visitor pursuits, and is further prohibited to protect the fragile resources of the park and ensure visitor safety.

- Bicycles, whether ridden or walked, are prohibited on all trails, bridle paths, or off roadways with the exception of the employee trail from the park housing area to the Lehman Caves Visitor Center and the trail from the Great Basin Visitor Center to the town of Baker.
- Bicycles are prohibited on any roads that are closed to public vehicular traffic

Bicycles are prohibited from the above mentioned areas due to the narrow and/or winding nature of the trails and off road areas within Great Basin National Park. Bicycles are prohibited in these areas to protect the fragile resources of the park and ensure visitor safety

- Within Lehman Caves, public pedestrian traffic is permitted only on constructed walk ways.

In order to protect fragile cave speleothems, public traffic needs to be confined to constructed walkways

- It is prohibited to burn, gather or possess any Bristlecone Pine (*Pinus longaeva*) wood within the park

Ancient Bristlecones pine trees are located throughout the park. They serve as important scientific tools, especially in paleo-climatological studies. Since the age of a piece of Bristlecone pine wood cannot be determined without scientific study, all wood must be protected in order to protect potentially important specimens.

- It is prohibited to climb on or hang from Bristlecone Pine trees

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The following areas are closed to public entry:

- All Park water tanks and treatment facilities.
- All Park Sewage treatment facilities.
- The Park boneyard, gravel pit, and hazardous material storage areas.
- The fenced spring collection areas for the public water systems.
- All roads leading into government housing areas except to authorized personnel.

- All service roads in the park so posted are closed to unauthorized access.

These closures are in place in order to protect government equipment, to protect the public water supply, and to protect the public from hazards. Roadways leading to government housing areas are closed as they are narrow and not designed for heavy traffic. Limiting traffic in these areas provides park residents with privacy and maintains a residential like area. It also provides a safer environment for resident's children who might be playing in the area.

Except for administrative use, the following roads are closed to public vehicular traffic during the winter months:

- The Wheeler Peak Scenic Drive, beyond the locked gate.
- Baker Creek Road, beyond the locked gate.

These closures are generally in effect during the winter months from late November through April. Closing and opening dates will be posted on the park website at www.nps.gov/grba. These roads are closed due to snow accumulations and/or muddy conditions, and there is no winter maintenance on these roads to keep them passable to vehicular traffic. Trash collection services, water and other visitor services are not available along these road corridors during winter months. Unlimited vehicular access on an unmaintained road during winter months can adversely affect the condition of the road surface, damaging it, and increasing both the time and cost needed to recondition the road in the spring

(a)(2) The following areas are designated for a specific use or activity and/or the following conditions or restrictions are imposed on a specific use or activity:

Areas Designated for a Specific Use or Activity:

Cave Tours

- It is prohibited to eat, drink, spit or chew any material during guided park cave tour while within a cave.
- All bags (including fanny packs, purses, and backpacks), camera stability devices (such as tripods, bipods and monopods, etc.), strollers, etc. are not allowed in a cave.
- It is prohibited to carry any food items or beverage containers, including water, on cave tours. Water may be allowed for medical reasons on a case by case basis at the discretion of the tour guide.

In order to protect the fragile cave environment, a ban on food and/or drink is necessary. It is impractical to observe every individual to ensure that food and drink items are not disposed of or dropped by accident in the cave. The trail in the cave is narrow and bulky items have been demonstrated to cause unintended damage to the fragile formations.

Camping

- Please refer to 36 CFR 2.10 within this compendium for detailed camping restrictions

Idling vehicles

- Vehicles must shut down their engines when not underway while in any parking area

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

Entry into caves through required permitting system

The following caves require a permit for entry:

- Little Muddy
- System's Key
- Ice
- Crevasse
- Halliday's Deep
- Snake Creek
- Wheeler's Deep
- Catamount
- Broken

All other caves in the park are closed to entry. No more than one permit per week will be issued for each cave. Individuals seeking to apply for a cave permit should contact the park at (775) 234-7331, or visit <https://www.nps.gov/grba/planyourvisit/caving.htm> for more information.

The following cave permit conditions are in affect to assist in the protection of the cave ecosystems:

- WNS decontamination protocols must be strictly adhered to. For more information please visit <https://www.whitenosesyndrome.org/static-page/decontamination-information>
- No alcohol or tobacco or other smoking products (including eCigarettes or vaporizers) are allowed in the caves.
- Liquid or solid human wastes may not be left in any cave. Leave no trace practices are required.
- No speleothem, cave fauna, plant, fungus, or other natural, historical, paleontological, or archeological artifact may be handled, damaged, or removed from any cave.
- No marks or writing of any kind may be left on any cave wall or feature.
- No carbide lamps or other carbide light products may be brought into the caves.
- No hammering or breaking of cave walls or formations.
- No camping or campfires are allowed in any cave.
- No domestic animals are allowed in park caves at any time.
- Installing bolts or digging in cave sediment is strictly prohibited.
- Cavers must remove all traces of food that they bring into caves. (where such is allowed)
- Clothing that may produce excessive lint is not allowed.
- All equipment, supplies, trash, and clothing that are taken into a cave must be removed by the cavers at the end of the trip. Of particular importance is the removal of all spent batteries due to the toxic nature of these items.
- All cave keys must remain on park premises, and must be returned to park staff within 24 hours after the cave trip.
- Any accident or violation of these rules must be reported immediately to park staff.
- Permission to enlarge a constriction or to dig through breakdown or cave fill must be obtained in writing from the park Superintendent. Alterations must have a strong justification and permission can only be granted upon demonstration that all impacts can and will be mitigated using proper NEPA documentation.

In order to protect fragile cave ecosystems, the number of people using the cave must be limited. In addition, items such as alcohol and tobacco products, carbide products, and lint-prone clothing must be prohibited to protect the fragile cave ecosystem.

Technical Rock Climbing

- The installation of climbing bolts, bolt hangers, pitons, and other permanently installed hardware is prohibited.
- Glue, epoxy, cement, or any other adhesive may not be used to attach or reinforce hand and/or footholds for climbing.
- Chipping or enhancing hand and/or footholds is not allowed while climbing.
- Vegetation may not be removed for the purpose of climbing.
- Climbing is not permitted within 100 feet of any archeological, cultural, or historical site.
- Fixed lines may not be attached to man-made structures.
- A fixed rope line may not be left unattended anywhere within the park.
- Cords, rope and climbing equipment may not be placed in a horizontal position from natural vegetation or park structures for purposes such as “slack lines”.

In order to protect geologic features and natural resources in the park, the installation of permanent hardware/adhesives or to alter the rock face or destruction of vegetation is prohibited

Slacklining is defined as walking or riding on a rope or other line that is anchored between trees or any other natural features. Height of the rope above the ground is immaterial.

36 CFR §1.6 – ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT

Activities requiring a permit are listed above under Public Use Limits and throughout this document under the specific 36 CFR Section that authorizes or requires the issuance of a permit.

§1.5(d) The following activities related to Public Use Limits:

- Groups larger than 50 people at Upper Lehman Group Picnic Area
- Entry into any cave, or any part or passage of a cave, or posted rock shelter requires a cave permit

§2.5(a) Specimen collection (taking of plants, fish, wildlife, rocks, or minerals). Permits are subject to the requirements set forth by the Superintendent

§2.10(a) The following camping activities:

- Use of Upper Lehman, Lower Lehman, Baker Creek, and Wheeler Peak campground sites.
- Use of Grey Cliffs Group Camp Sites in Loops A, B, and C.
- Non-designated backcountry campsites in which the group size exceeds 8 people, may request an exception to these limits from the Superintendent under the terms of a Special Use Permit

§2.12 Audio Disturbances:

- (a)(2) Operating a chain saw in developed areas, with the exception of use by park residents in the immediate proximity of their homes
- (a)(3) Operation of any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or 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

§2.17 Aircraft and Air Delivery

- (a)(3) Delivery or retrieval of a person or object by parachute, helicopter or other airborne means
- (c)(1) Removal of a downed aircraft

§2.23(b) The following special recreation activities (per 36 CFR Part 71)

- Group use of Upper Lehman Picnic Area for groups in excess of 50 persons
- Guided cave tours of Lehman Caves
- Access by commercial or special use photographers to Lehman Caves
- Entry into any cave for which there is allowable access through the permitting system

§2.37 Soliciting or demanding gifts, money or goods or services, (Pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit issued under 36 CFR §2.50, 36 CFR §2.51, or 36 CFR §2.51)

§2.38 Explosives:

- (a) Use, possess, store, transport explosives, blasting agents
- (b) Use or possess fireworks

§2.50(a) Conduct a sports event, pageant, regatta, public spectator attraction, entertainment, ceremony, and similar events

§2.51(a) Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions of views with groups in excess of 25 persons

§2.52(c) Sale or distribution of printed matter that is not solely commercial advertising with groups in excess of 25 persons

§2.60(b) Livestock use

§2.61(a) Residing on federal lands

§2.62 Memorialization:

- Erection of monuments (Requires approval from the Regional Director).
- Scattering ashes from human remains

§4.11(a) Exceeding of established vehicle load, weight and size limits.

§5.1 Advertisements – Display, posting or distribution

§5.2(b) Sale of intoxicants in certain park areas

§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)

§5.5 Commercial Photography/Filming

- Commercial filming of motion pictures or television involving the use of professional casts, settings or crews, other than bona fide news reel or news television
- Still photography of vehicles, or other articles of commerce or models for the purpose of commercial advertising

§5.6(c) Use of commercial vehicles on park area roads

§5.7 Construction of buildings, facilities, trails, roads, boat docks, path, structure, etc.

§6.9(a) Operation of a solid waste disposal site

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

(a)(4) Using or possessing wood gathered from within the park area is prohibited, except that dead wood on the ground may be collected for use as fuel for campfires within the park in the following areas:

- All areas below 10,000 feet elevation, except Bristlecone Pine (*Pinus longeave*) groves, which are closed to firewood collection at all elevations.

(a)(5) Walking on, climbing, entering, ascending, descending, or traversing an archeological or cultural resource, monument, or statute is prohibited, except in the following areas and/or under the following conditions:

- Technical rock climbing is prohibited within 100 feet of any archaeological, historic, or cultural sites, including pictographs, petroglyphs, and historic remains to protect these fragile resources.

(b) Hiking or pedestrian traffic is restricted to the trail(s) or walkway(s) listed in 36 CFR §1.5 of this document.

- Within Lehman Caves, all areas other than walkways are closed to public entry to promote safety and protect fragile cave resources

Under, §2.1(a) collecting natural materials from the park is generally prohibited. However, pursuant to §2.1(c), the following fruits, nuts, berries or unoccupied seashells may be gathered by hand for personal use or consumption, in accordance with the noted size, quantity, collection sites and/or possession and consumption restrictions:

- Pinyon Pine cones and nuts (*Pinus monophylla*) in the amount of 25 pounds of nuts or 3 bags of cones (each bag no larger than 2 ft. by 3 ft. when laid flat) per household per year.
- Fruit in the historic Lehman Orchard may be picked for in-site consumption. No picked fruit may be removed from the orchard. Fruit found on the ground may be removed from the orchard for personal consumption.
- Other fruits, nuts, and berries may be collected for non-commercial use subject to the following limits: 2 quart limit per family per day.
- Only freestanding ladders may be used for picking. Cutting, pulling, shaking or climbing trees to obtain fruits, nuts or berries is prohibited.

The Superintendent has determined that the gathering or consumption of these items will not adversely affect park wildlife or the reproduction potential of any plant species or otherwise adversely affect park resources. It has also been determined that limiting the amount of fruit removed from the trees will provide a harvest experience to the greatest number of visitors. Since fruit on the ground will not remain fresh for very long, it can be utilized outside the orchard. If future monitoring indicates that such gathering or consumption is likely to cause adverse effects to park resources, then the authorization for this consumptive use will be terminated. Use of these items for any purpose other than personal consumption is specifically prohibited

36 CFR §2.2 - WILDLIFE PROTECTION

(d) The following conditions and procedures for transporting lawfully taken wildlife through the park area are in place:

- Park residents may transport legally taken wildlife from the main park entrance (Highway 488) directly to their residence.
- Hunters using the Mount Washington Road can transport lawfully taken game when crossing park lands.

- Hunters traveling by foot or pack animal on the former Decathon Canyon Road, within the park, may transport legally taken wildlife by foot or pack animal only on the former road from the BLM immediately outside the park, across the park to the terminus of the Decathon Canyon Road within the BLM administered Highland Ridge Wilderness area. No vehicles are allowed on the former road within the park or beyond the terminus of the Decathon Canyon Road within the Highland Ridge Wilderness area.
- Wildlife must be properly tagged in accordance with state game laws.
- Any person transporting wildlife must possess a hunting license.
- Under no circumstances may illegally taken wildlife be transported within the park.

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

- All viewing of wildlife with artificial lights is prohibited on Great Basin National Park lands unless permitted by the Superintendent as an allowable condition of a research permit. This includes all light sources such as infrared, black lights, and flash photography.

36 CFR §2.3 – FISHING

(a) Fishing shall be in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State of Nevada within whose exterior boundaries the park area or portion thereof is located

(d)(2) Possessing or using as bait for fishing in fresh waters, live or dead minnows or other bait fish, amphibians, non-preserved fish eggs or roe is prohibited

36 CFR §2.4 – WEAPONS, TRAPS AND NETS

Within the park, the following buildings are designated as “federal facilities” and firearms are prohibited within:

- Great Basin Visitor Center
- Great Basin Resource Center
- Great Basin Wildland Fire Engine Bay
- Great Basin Wildland Fire Cache buildings
- Café and Gift Shop
- Lehman Caves Visitor Center
- Lehman Caves
- Great Basin Maintenance Complex Buildings
- Law Enforcement Protection Offices
- Structural Fire Engine Bay
- Search and Rescue Cache / Fitness Center
- Triple wide Offices and Museum
- Great Basin Administrative Offices
- Great Basin Heritage Area Office

36 CFR §2.10 – CAMPING AND FOOD STORAGE

(a) Camping is allowed in the following designated sites or areas and is subject to the following established conditions:

Designated camping is permitted only in the following areas:

1) Developed Campgrounds/Campsites

- Baker Creek Campground
- Upper Lehman Campground
- Lower Lehman Campground
- Wheeler Peak Campground
- Grey Cliffs Campground (Sites #1-4 and #6-10 in Loop A)
- Snake Creek Canyon
- Monkey Rock Group Campsite
- Pinnacle Group Campsite
- Squirrel Springs Campsites
- Eagle Peak Campsites
- Walk-in Sites at Snake Creek Trailhead

In developed campgrounds/campsites the following conditions apply:

- Individual sites are limited to 2 vehicles, 8 people and 3 tents per campsite, unless otherwise posted.
- Tents must be placed within 30 ft. of the sites picnic table and/or fire ring
- Quiet hours, including generators, are between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m., other specific rules may apply which will be posted at individual campsite information signs
- Campsite fees, where charged, must be paid within one-half hour of arrival
- Checkout time is 12:00 p.m.
- Maximum continuous stay in any campground or campsite is 14 days

2) Designated Group Campsites:

- Grey Cliffs Group Campsites (Loops B and C and site #5 in Loop A)

In group campgrounds/campsites the following conditions apply:

- Groups must be a minimum of 9 persons and cannot exceed a maximum group size of 12 persons per site or 24 persons per loop in sites #1 and 2 in Loop B and C (2 sites per loop when the entire loop is reserved by a single party)
- Site #5 in Loop A must be a minimum of 9 persons and cannot exceed the maximum group size of 12 persons
- Sites 3 in Loops B and C are limited to a maximum of 6 persons
- Sites are available for reservation through www.recreation.gov
- Generators may only be used between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
- Tents must be placed within 30 ft. of the site's picnic tables and/or fire ring
- Checkout time is 12:00 p.m.
- Maximum continuous stay in any campground is 14 days

Snake Creek Canyon Campsites:

- Group size is limited to 2 vehicles, 8 people, and 3 tents per site.
- Tents must be placed within 30 ft. of the site's picnic table and/or fire ring
- Generators may only be used between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
- There are currently no fees
- Checkout time is 12:00 p.m.
- Maximum continuous stay in any campsite is 14 days

3) Non-designated or backcountry camping is permitted with the following exceptions and restrictions or conditions

- No camping is permitted in any of the park's ancient bristlecone pine groves, within the Wheeler Peak Day Use Area, or the Lexington Arch Day Use Area as depicted on the Great Basin National Park Official Map and Guide which includes but is not limited to all areas within ¼ mile of the following trails:
 - Alpine Lakes Loops
 - Bristlecone Glacier
 - Wheeler Peak
 - Lexington Arch
- Camping in the backcountry is allowed except that campsites must be:
 - Located at least ¼ mile from the nearest public road, service road, building, water or waste-water treatment facility, designated campground or other developed area.
 - At least 100 feet from a flowing stream, spring, lake or other natural body of open water.
 - At least 500 feet from any cultural or archaeological site such as a historic mine site, cabin, rock shelter, or pictograph site.
 - At least 100 feet from the nearest designated trail.
 - Not otherwise posted as being closed.
- Camping is prohibited in all parking areas, at trailheads and on or along all other roads within the limits of the National Park boundary.
- Group size is limited to 8 persons. Larger groups must split up into smaller groups within these limits, and must camp at least ½ mile apart. Larger groups may also request an exception to these limits from the Superintendent under the terms of a Special Use Permit.
- Pets are not allowed.
- Maximum continuous stay at any campsite is 14 days. After 14 days, campers must relocate at least ½ mile from previous site.
- Backcountry campers are strongly encouraged to fill out a free backcountry registration form at park visitor centers to document their plans, provide for their safety, and assist the park in monitoring backcountry use.
- Backcountry campers are encouraged to follow Leave No Trace practices and properly dispose of trash, refuse and human waste. Pack it in, pack it out.

Other camping rules and regulations:

(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 prohibited, except in the following areas and under the following conditions:

- All developed campsites in Snake Creek Canyon and in Lower Lehman, Upper Lehman, Wheeler Peak, Grey Cliffs, and Baker Creek Campgrounds

(d) Conditions for the storage of food are in effect as designated below:

- All unattended food, garbage or cooking equipment must be sealed in a vehicle or a solid, non-pliable, animal-resistant container

36 CFR §2.12 – AUDIO DISTURBANCES

(a)(2) Operating a power saw in developed areas is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.

(a)(3) Operating any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine in non-developed areas is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.

(a)(4) Operating a public address system is prohibited, except in connection with a public gathering or special event for which a permit has been issued pursuant to §2.50 or §2.51.

36 CFR 2.13 – FIRES

(a)(1) The lighting or maintaining of fires is prohibited, except in the following areas and/or receptacles, and under the conditions noted:

Designated Areas:

- Open fires are permitted only in designated fire rings, grills, or grates in developed campgrounds, designated primitive campsites and employee residential areas. Self-contained gas and charcoal grills are allowed. Charcoal must be fully extinguished with water and removed from the park or disposed of in a garbage receptacle.
- Fires are prohibited above 10,000 feet. Backcountry users may only use portable stoves for cooking above 10,000 feet.

Receptacles Allowed:

- Where provided in developed campgrounds, designated primitive campsites and in picnic area fire rings, grates or grills must be used.
- The construction of new fire rings is prohibited throughout the park.
- In the backcountry, fires may only be constructed upon and in areas of bare soil with a diameter of at least 10 ft. or in a shallow snow pit clear of vegetation for a diameter of at least 10 ft. in order to prevent escape and damage to resources. Clearing of vegetation is prohibited. Metal fire pans or fire blankets may also be used in such areas for additional protection. Fires must not exceed two feet in diameter.

(b) Fires must be extinguished according to the following conditions:

- Upon departure all fires must be rendered completely out and cold by dowsing with water and all ashes must be widely scattered. Construction of stone fire rings is prohibited.

(c) During periods of high fire danger, the following areas of the park are closed to the lighting or maintaining of a fire.

- During high fire danger, fires may be restricted to developed campgrounds and picnic areas.
- During extreme fire danger, fires and smoking may be restricted throughout the park.

36 CFR §2.14 – SANITATION AND REFUSE

(a)(2) Using park refuse receptacles or facilities for dumping household, commercial or industrial refuse is prohibited, except under the following conditions:

- Residents in the park may use the provided dumpsters for household waste.
- Residents in the park may use the recycling containers and facilities for household recycling items.

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

- Human body waste must be bagged and carried out of any cave and disposed of in an appropriate receptacle.
- In the backcountry and other undeveloped areas, the disposal of human body waste should be buried in a hole 4-6 inches deep in mineral soil. Toilet paper must be packed out and disposed of in trash cans.
- Human body waste, other than toilet paper, is prohibited from being placed within park trash cans or dumpsters, and must be disposed of in park restroom facilities or the RV dump station located near the Lehman Caves Visitor Center.

36 CFR §2.15 – PETS

(a)(1) Possessing pets in public buildings, public transportation vehicles, swimming beaches, and the following structures and/or areas is prohibited:

- All caves and all trails, except the Lexington Arch Trail, the trail from the residence area to Baker Creek Road, and the trail from the Great Basin Visitor Center to the town of Baker. Pets are allowed on trails listed above provided they are controlled on a leash of not more than 6 feet at all times.
- All public buildings, including Visitor Centers, Gift Shops, and Café.
- Wheeler Peak and Upper Lehman Campground Amphitheaters, while interpretive programs are being conducted
- All backcountry areas to include primitive zones, protected natural areas, research natural areas, semi-primitive day use subzone and semi-primitive areas

(a)(3) Leaving a pet unattended and tied to an object is prohibited, except in the following areas and/or under the following conditions:

- Leaving a pet unattended in a vehicle under heat conditions that pose a significant risk to the health of a pet is prohibited. The Superintendent may impound or take custody of pets that are endangered in these heat conditions.

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

- Pet excrement in campgrounds, campsites, residential areas, lawns, walkways, access roads, and around public buildings must be disposed of in a trash bin by the person responsible for the pet.

(e) Pets may be kept by park residents under the following conditions:

- Seasonal employees in government housing cannot keep pets on the premises.
- Pet owners must comply with all pet requirements listed in the park pet policy (Office Order GRBA-2).
- Pet owners must comply with all applicable county and state regulations pertaining to pets.
- All pets must be inoculated per state and county regulations, and will wear tags identifying their owner when in public locations.
- Wildlife shall not be kept in violation of state or federal law.
- The keeping of wild animals native to the areas or dangerous pets is also prohibited.
- The keeping of exotic animals with potential to survive within Great Basin National Park should they escape is prohibited.
- The keeping of farm animals, which includes but is not limited to horses, cows, burros, goats, or potbellied pigs, is prohibited.
- Excessive noise or offensive conditions created by any pet are prohibited.

36 CFR §2.16 – HORSES AND PACK ANIMALS

(a) The use of animals other than those designated as “pack animals” for purposes of transporting equipment is prohibited. The following animals are designated as pack animals for purposes of transporting equipment:

- Horses
- Mules
- Burros
- Llamas

(b) The use of horses or pack animals is prohibited in the following areas:

- Paved roads
- Developed areas, including campgrounds, picnic areas, and Visitor Center areas
- Residential areas and maintenance areas
- Self-guiding interpretive trails
- Osceola Ditch trail, Lexington Arch trail, and the Lexington Arch day use area.
- Wheeler Peak day use area
- The Baker Lake to Johnson Lake Cutoff Trail

(g) Other conditions concerning the use of horses or pack animals:

- Up to 4 horses or pack animals are allowed per group for day or overnight use. Larger groups may request an exception to these limits from the Superintendent under the terms of a Special Use Permit.
- All feed transported, possessed and used in the park must be certified “weed free”. Information on “weed free” livestock feed can be obtained on the park website.
- Animals may not be picketed, hobbled, or allowed to graze within 100 feet of any spring, stream, lake, body of water, or riparian area.
- The tying of horses or pack animals to trees or other vegetation for more than 60 minutes or in a manner that causes damage to park resources is prohibited.
- Horses or pack animals may not be tied to or secured within historic structures such as cabins, mills or corrals.
- Horse trailers may not be cleaned out in the park.
- Manure piles dropped at trailheads or in overnight camping areas must be removed from the park.

36 CFR §2.17 – AIRCRAFT AND AIR DELIVERY

(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.

(c)(1) The removal of a downed aircraft, components, or parts thereof is subject to procedures established by the Superintendent.

36 CFR §2.19 – WINTER ACTIVITIES

(a) Skiing, snowshoeing, ice skating, sledding, inner tubing, tobogganing, and similar winter sports are prohibited on park roads and in parking areas open to motor vehicle traffic, except under the conditions below:

- Skiing, snowshoeing, sledding, tobogganing, and similar non-motorized winter sports are permitted elsewhere in the park, and on roads impassable to motor vehicles and closed due to snow. With the exception that skiing is allowed along the open portion of the Baker Creek Road from its junction with the main park road to the winter road closure. Skiers on this open road must yield to vehicular traffic.

36 CFR §2.20 – SKATING, SKATEBOARDS AND SIMILAR DEVICES

Using roller skates, skateboards, roller skis, coasting vehicles, or similar devices is prohibited, except in the following designated areas:

- On paved surfaces located in the park residential areas, only by park residents and their guests

36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING

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

- All government owned buildings and historic structures, including all restrooms.
- On the Mountain View Nature Trail and Island Forest Nature Trail.
- All government owned, rented, or leased vehicles.
- Within 25 feet of the entrance/exit to a public building or cave.
- Within all caves.
- All cabins, structures and ruins within the park.
- Within 50 feet of any above ground gasoline and propane dispensing or flammable storage area.
- Areas of the park as designated during extreme fire danger.

Smoking while hiking in the backcountry

- Persons who wish to smoke must stop and remain in one location until they have extinguished their smoking material. All smoking material must be packed out and disposed of in an appropriate trash receptacle.

36 CFR §2.22 – PROPERTY

(a)(2) Leaving property unattended for longer than 24 hours is prohibited, except in the following locations or under the following conditions:

- Visitors using the backcountry area are allowed to leave their vehicle unattended at trailhead parking areas while they are in the backcountry. It is recommended that visitors partake of the free backcountry registration at the Great Basin or Lehman Caves Visitor Centers for safety and tracking purposes
- Extra vehicles may be left in Visitor Center parking lots for persons on extended trips within the park with the prior approval of the Superintendent
- Caching of food and water supplies in the backcountry for use on extended backcountry trips may be permitted with prior approval of the Superintendent. All caches must be clearly marked with a date when they were deposited. Unmarked caches or caches left in excess of 30 days may be removed by park staff
- Official park maintained summit registers on various peaks within the park

(b)(1) Impoundment of property

- Any motor vehicle that is immobile because it is not capable of moving under its own power due to mechanical malfunction, or any vehicle which is inoperable because it cannot be operated legally on public roads because it is unlicensed or unregistered, may be impounded by the Superintendent when it has been left unattended for more than 24 hours, or it presents a hazard to or impedes normal park operations

36 CFR §2.23 – RECREATION FEES

(b) Recreation fees and/or permits, in accordance with 36 CFR part 71, are established for the following 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:

Daily Site Use Fee Areas:

- Lehman Caves guided tours
- Lower Lehman Campground
- Upper Lehman Campground
- Wheeler Peak Campground
- Baker Creek Campground
- Grey Cliffs Loop A and Primitive Group Campsites (Loops B & C)
- RV Dump station

36 CFR §2.35 – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

(a)(3)(i) The following areas and 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:

- Non-residential government buildings
- Visitor Center patios and lawns
- Caves

36 CFR §2.37 – NONCOMMERCIAL SOLICITING

Soliciting or demanding gifts, money, goods or services is prohibited except pursuant to the terms and conditions or a permit that has been issued under §2.50, §2.51, or §2.52.

36 CFR §2.38 – EXPLOSIVES

(a) Using, possessing, storing, or transporting explosives, blasting agents or explosive materials is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.

(b) Using, or possessing fireworks and firecrackers is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit or in designated areas under the following conditions:

36 CFR §2.50 – SPECIAL EVENTS

(a) Sports events, pageants, regattas, public spectator attractions, entertainments, ceremonies, and similar events are allowed, provided there is a meaningful association between the park area and the events, and the observance contributes to visitor understanding of the significance of the park area, and a permit therefor has been issued by the superintendent.

- A written application for a Special Use Permit must be submitted to the Superintendent at least 30 days prior to the date desired for the event.

36 CFR §2.51 -- DEMONSTRATIONS

(b) Demonstrations of more than 25 people are allowed within park areas designated as available under paragraph (c)(2) when the superintendent has issued a permit for the activity.

(c)(2) The following locations are designated as available for demonstrations:

- Great Basin Visitor Center in the circular concrete benches
- Lehman Caves Visitor Center parking area. The area designated is in the gravel area to the east of the parking lot, between the entrance road and the road to the picnic area.

36 CFR §2.52 -- SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATTER

(b) The sale or distribution of printed matter by more than 25 persons is allowed within park areas designated as available under §2.51(c)(2) (see above) when the superintendent has issued a permit.

36 CFR §2.61 – RESIDING ON FEDERAL LANDS

(a) Residing in park areas, other than on privately owned lands, is prohibited except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit lease or contract.

36 CFR §2.62 – MEMORIALIZATION

(a) The installation of a monument, memorial, tablet, structure, or other commemorative installation in a park area without the authorization of the Director is prohibited.

(b) The scattering of human ashes from cremation is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit, or in the following areas and according to the following conditions:

- The remains to be scattered must have been cremated and pulverized.
- Remains unable to be cremated cannot be included in the scattering.
- 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.
- The scattering of remains from the air must be at a minimum altitude of 2000 feet above the ground.
- No scattering of remains from the air is to be performed over developed areas, facilities, or bodies of water.
- All containers empty of remains must be removed from the park.

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

(a) 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:

- Wheeler Peak Scenic Drive past Upper Lehman Campground

36 CFR §4.21 – SPEED LIMITS

(a), (b) The following speed limits are established for the routes/roads indicated:

- 15 mph: Campgrounds, parking lots, picnic areas, residential areas and Pole Canyon Road

- 25 mph: Baker Creek Road, Snake Creek Road, and all other unpaved roads unless otherwise posted
- 35 mph: All paved roads, unless otherwise posted

36 CFR §4.30 – BICYCLES

(a) The use of a bicycle is prohibited except on park roads, in parking areas, and on routes designated for bicycle use. Park roads and parking areas that are closed to bicycle use are listed in §1.5 of this document.

The following additional routes, in developed areas or special use zones, have been designated for bicycle use:

- Bicycle use is allowed on the employee trail from the park housing area to the Lehman Caves Visitor Center and the trail from the Great Basin Visitor Center to Baker

36 CFR §4.31 – HITCHHIKING

Hitchhiking or soliciting transportation is prohibited except in the following designated areas and under the following conditions:

- Hitchhiking is permitted on park roads. Hitchhikers must use trailheads, parking areas, and turnouts and not stand on the road shoulder nor obstruct traffic

36 CFR §5.5 – COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

(a) Before any motion picture may be filmed or any television production or sound track may be made by any person other than bona fide newsreel or news television personnel, written permission must first be obtained from the Superintendent.

(b) Taking photographs of any vehicle or other articles of commerce or models for the purpose of commercial advertising without a written permit from the Superintendent is prohibited.

36 CFR §5.6 – COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

(b) & (c) Using commercial vehicles on government roads within park areas when such use is in no way connected with the operation of the park is generally prohibited, and requires permission or a permit from the Superintendent.

36 CFR §5.7 – CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS OR OTHER FACILITIES

Such activities are prohibited, except in accordance with the provisions of a valid permit, contract, or other written agreement with the United States.