

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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2026 SUPERINTENDENT'S COMPENDIUM

of Designations, Closures, Permit Requirements and Other Restrictions Imposed Under Discretionary Authority



Lake Meredith National Recreation Area
and
Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument

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AUTHORITY

Authorized by Title 54 United States Code, Section 100751, and in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations, and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations ("36 CFR"), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, the following provisions apply to all lands and waters administered by the National Park Service, within the boundaries of Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument.

Written determinations, which explain the reasoning behind the Superintendent's use of discretionary authority, as required by 36 CFR, Section 1.5(c), appear in this document identified by italicized print.

This document and its contents shall remain in full force and effect until officially amended, superseded, or replaced.

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Superintendent

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Law Enforcement Ranger

COMPENDIUM

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INTRODUCTION

What is the Superintendent's Compendium?

The Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument Superintendent's Compendium is the summary of park specific rules implemented under the discretionary authority of the park Superintendent. It serves as public notice with an opportunity for public comment, identifies areas closed for public use, provides a list of activities requiring either a special use permit or reservation, and elaborates on those public use and resources protection regulations that pertain to the specific administration of the park. It does not contain those regulations found in 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and other United States Codes (U.S.C.) and CFR Titles which are enforced without further elaboration at the park level.

The regulations contained in 36 CFR Parts 1-7 are the basic mechanism used by the National Park Service (NPS) to preserve and protect the natural and cultural resources of the park and to protect visitors and property within the park. Parts 1 through 6 are general regulations applicable to all areas of the National Park System, and Part 7 contains special regulations specific to individual parks. Each of these Parts has many sections and subsections articulating specific provisions. Within some of these Part 1-7 sections and subsections, the Superintendent is granted discretionary authority to develop local rules to be responsive to the needs of a specific park resource or activity, park plan, program, and/or special needs of the general public.

As an example, 36 CFR 1.5(a) Closures and Public Use Limits provides the Superintendent certain discretion in allowing or disallowing certain activities. The authority granted by this Section, however, requires the superintendent to comply with the Administrative Procedures Act (5 USC §551) which requires public notice on actions with major impact on visitor use patterns, park resources or those that are highly controversial in nature. Another example is 36 CFR 1.6 Permits, which allows the Superintendent to require a permit for certain uses and activities in the park. This Section, however, requires that a list of activities needing a permit (and a fee schedule for the various types of permits) be maintained by the park.

This compendium should be used in conjunction with 36 CFR, Sections 1 -7 to more fully understand the regulations governing the use and enjoyment of all the areas of the National Park System.

A copy of 36 CFR can be purchased from the U.S. Government Printing Office or is available online at: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CFR-2024-title36-vol2/pdf/CFR-2024-title36-vol2.pdf>

What laws and policies allow the Superintendent to develop this Compendium?

The NPS is granted broad statutory authority in 54 U.S.C. Section 100101(a) et seq. (National Park Service Organic Act of 1916, as amended) to "...regulate the use of the Federal areas known as national parks, monuments, and reservations ... by such means and measures as conform to the fundamental purposes of the said parks...which purpose is to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wildlife therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment for future generations" (54 U.S.C. Section 100101). In addition, the Organic Act allows the NPS, through the Secretary of the Interior, to "make and publish such rules and regulations as he may deem necessary or proper for the use and management of the parks, monuments, and reservations under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service" (54 U.S.C. Section 100751).

In 1970, Congress amended the NPS Organic Act to clarify its intentions as to the overall mission of the NPS. Through the General Authorities Act of 1970 (54 U.S.C. Section 100101-101301), congress brought all areas administered by the NPS into one National Park System and directed the NPS to manage all areas under its administration consistent with the Organic Act of 1916.

In 1978, Congress amended the General Authorities Act of 1970 and reasserted system wide the high standard of protection defined in the original Organic Act by stating "Congress further reaffirms, declares, and directs that the promotion and regulations of the various areas of the National Park System, as defined by 54 U.S.C. Section 100101., shall be consistent with and founded in the purpose established by 54 U.S.C. Section 100101, to the common benefit of all people of the United States."

54 U.S.C. Section 100501 defines the National Park System as "...any areas of land and water now or hereafter administered by the Secretary of the Interior through the National Park Service for park, monument, historic, parkway, recreational, or other purposes." 36 CFR Section 1.7(b) requires the Superintendent to compile in writing all the designations, closures, permit requirement, and other restrictions imposed under discretionary authority. This compilation, called the Superintendent's Compendium, shall be updated annually and made available to the public upon request.

In addition to the above statutory authority, the Superintendent is also guided by established NPS policy as found in the NPS Management Policies (2006). As stated in this policy document, the primary responsibility of the NPS is to protect and preserve our national natural and cultural resources while providing for the enjoyment of these resources by visitors and other users, as long as use does not impair specific park resources or overall visitor experience. The appropriateness of any particular visitor use or recreational experience is resource based and will vary from park to park; therefore, a use of activity that is appropriate in one park area may not be appropriate in another. Each park Superintendent is directed to analyze overall park use and determine if any particular use is appropriate. Where conflict arises between use and resource protection, where the Superintendent has a basis to believe a resource is or would become impaired, then that Superintendent is obliged to place limitations on public use.

Does this Compendium comply with applicable Federal law and requirements?

The Superintendent's Compendium is not considered a significant rule requiring review by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866.

How are the requirements of the Superintendent's Compendium developed?

As outlined above, the NPS has broad authority and responsibility to determine what types of uses and activities are appropriate in any particular National Park System area. The requirements of the Superintendent's Compendium are developed through an analysis and determination process for that particular NPS area. The decision criteria used during this process are:

- Is the use or activity consistent with the National Park Service Organic Act and NPS policy?
- Is the use or activity consistent and compatible with the park's enabling legislation, management objectives, and corresponding management plans?
- Will the use or activity damage or impair the park's protected natural and cultural resources and other protected values?
- Will the use or activity disturb or be in conflict with wildlife, vegetation, and environmental protection actions and values?
- Will the use or activity conflict with or be incompatible with traditional park uses and activities?
- Will the use or activity compromise employee or public safety?
- Where does this Compendium apply?

The regulations contained in this Compendium apply to all persons entering, using, visiting or otherwise within the boundaries of federally owned lands and waters administered by the NPS as part of the Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument. This includes all water subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, including all navigable waters and areas within their ordinary reach (up to the ordinary high water mark) without regard to the ownership of the submerged lands or lowlands.

You can find this information on the park map or at the headquarters building in Fritch, TX.

Who enforces the requirements of this Compendium?

Only NPS Law Enforcement Park Rangers or a crossed designated Law Enforcement Officer can enforce the requirements of the United States Code, CFR Titles, and this Superintendent's Compendium. However, many Federal laws and regulations have similar statutes found in state and local laws. Many of the requirements of this Compendium complement existing state and local laws and regulations which are also in effect within the park and enforced by law enforcement officers.

Is there a penalty for not adhering to the requirements found in this Compendium?

A person who violates any provision of the regulations found in 36 CFR Parts 1-7, along with this Compendium, is subject to a fine as provided by law (18 U.S.C. 3571) up to \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment not exceeding six months (18 U.S.C. 3559), or both, and shall be adjudged to pay all court costs associated with any court proceedings.

How do I provide comment on this Compendium?

The park welcomes comments about its programs and activities at any time. Comments specific to the Superintendent's Compendium will be accepted anytime. Any changes to this Compendium recommended by the public or others, and accepted by the Superintendent, will be incorporated into this Compendium without further public comment and review.

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When will an updated compendium become effective?

Any updates to the Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument Superintendent's Compendium will become effective on the date signed and remain in effect until superseded.

Is there anything else I need to know about this Compendium?

Some of the terms used in this Compendium may be unclear to you. If you are unsure about a specific term please consult 36 CFR 1.4 Definitions. Terms that may be unique to this Compendium will be defined. You may access the 36 Code Federal Regulations at: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CFR-2024-title36-vol2/pdf/CFR-2024-title36-vol2.pdf>

Where may I find a copy of this Compendium once it is approved?

<https://www.nps.gov/lamr/learn/management/lawsandpolicies.htm>

36 CFR § Part 1 - General Provisions

36 CFR §1.4 – What terms do I need to know?

In addition to definitions found in 36 CFR § 1.4(a), the following definitions, created by the Superintendent, apply to all parts of this Compendium for park-wide consistency:

Bed - The bottom of a channel.

Channel - An area that contains continuously or periodically flowing water that is confined by banks and a streambed.

Night-vision optic - a weapon mounted optic used for hunting that enhances infrared or ambient visible light to display an area of view.

Off-road vehicle – any motorized vehicle (including standard automobile) designed for or capable of cross-country travel on or immediately over land, water, sand, snow, ice, marsh, swampland, or natural terrain. The term excludes:

- Nonamphibious registered motorboats.
- Military, fire, emergency, or law enforcement vehicles when used for emergency purpose.
- Any vehicle whose use is expressly authorized by the superintendent, or otherwise officially approved.
- Vehicles in “official use.”
- Electric bicycles or “e-bike”, as defined in 36 CFR while being used on roads and trails upon which mechanized, non-motorized use is allowed. That are being used in a manner where the motor is not exclusively propelling the e-bike and where the superintendent has expressly authorized.

Stream - A general term for a body of water flowing by gravity; natural watercourse containing water at least part of the year. In hydrology, the term is generally applied to the water flowing in a natural narrow channel as distinct from a canal.

Stream bank - The side slopes of a channel between which the streamflow is normally confined.

Streambed - (1) The unvegetated portion of a channel boundary below the baseflow level. (2) The channel through which a natural stream of water runs or used to run, as a dry streambed.

Toe - The break in slope at the foot of a stream bank where the bank meets the bed.

Thermal optic – a weapon mounted optic used for hunting that uses heat sensing imaging, instead of visible or infrared light, to display an area of view.

Unmanned aircraft - 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 element 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, quadcopters, drones) that are used for any purpose, including for recreation or commerce.

36 CFR §1 .5 - VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES

Consistent with applicable legislation and Federal administrative policies, and based upon a determination that such action is necessary for the maintenance of public health and safety, protection of environmental or scenic values, protection of natural or cultural resources, aid to scientific research, implementation of management responsibilities, equitable allocation and use of facilities, or the avoidance of conflict among visitor use activities, the superintendent may:

- Establish, for all or a portion of a park area, a reasonable schedule of visiting hours, impose public use limits, or close all or a portion of a park area to all public use or to a specific use or activity.
- Designate areas for a specific use or activity or impose conditions or restriction on a use or activity.
- Terminate a restriction, limit, closure, designation, condition, or visiting hour restriction imposed under paragraph (a)(1) or (2) of this section.

(a)(1) VISITING HOURS

Park Headquarters

- Summer Season (Memorial Day-Labor Day): 8:00 am-4:30 pm Monday-Friday. Closed federal holidays.
- Winter Season (Labor Day-Memorial Day): 8:00 am-4:30 pm Monday-Friday. Closed federal holidays.
- These hours may change at the discretion of the superintendent. See <https://www.nps.gov/lamr/> for most current information.

Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument Visitor Center

- Summer Season (Memorial Day-Labor Day): 9:00 am-4:00 pm 7 days/week.
- Winter Season (Labor Day-Memorial Day): 9:00 am-4:00 pm 7 days/week.
- Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas
- These hours may change at the discretion of the superintendent. See <https://www.nps.gov/lamr/> for most current information.

(a)(1) PUBLIC USE LIMITS

- The Stilling Basin below the Sanford Dam is closed to any vessel or device propelled by machinery. This includes all vessels using gas engines or electric motors.
 - *Determination: This area has been designated for swimming, scuba diving, paddle propelled watercraft, and fishing and has a public use limit imposed for public safety.*

- The Spring Canyon Wetlands Boardwalk is closed to fishing.
 - *Determination: This area has been designated for wildlife viewing, wetlands education and interpretation. Fishing would cause a user conflict.*

- During the Annual Small Fry Fishing Tournament fishing at the Stilling Basin will be restricted to registered participants only.
 - *Determination: This public use limit will ensure that the registered participants (children) have fish to catch, and the rules and regulations of the tournament are upheld.*

- The unapproved roads across the Canadian River, West of the Mullinaw Crossing, are closed to access by motor vehicle(s) except during the park's general mule deer hunting season as determined by the superintendent.
 - *Determination: The Mullinaw Crossing may be closed due to periods of high fire danger, periods of high water, inclement weather, impassability, and other conditions that threaten visitor safety during hunting season. To include, that a closure is necessary for the improvement of public hunting or to protect and improve resources and manage wildlife.*

- Areas in the park may be closed to public use for resource protection. These areas will be designated with fencing, barriers and/or signs stating that a closure is in effect.
 - *Determination: These closures will be based upon a determination that such action is necessary for the protection of environmental or scenic values, protection of archeological, cultural, or natural resources, and public safety.*

- Tying or mooring a vessel at public docks for longer than 20 minutes is prohibited.
 - *Determination: Time limits are necessary to allow for as many visitors as possible to have access to these convenience facilities.*

- The following areas are closed to the use of water jet devices (WJD), such as but not limited to Jetpaks™, Jetlevs™, Flyboards™ and other similar devices where individuals ride a hydro- powered apparatus above the surface of the water while connected to a personal watercraft (PWC) or other power source that supplies thrust to the WJD through a hose connecting the two devices:
 - Within 100 feet of any other vessel, structure, boat ramp, person in or on the water, or land while airborne.
 - *Determination: These areas are closed to WJD devices for the safety of the WJD users and other park visitors as well as to reduce conflict between user groups, particularly in high use areas.*

- The use of all-terrain vehicles, utility vehicles, golf carts, pit bikes, neighborhood electric vehicles, and go karts, is prohibited outside of the designated Off-Road areas within Lake Meredith NRA. An exception to this prohibition may be granted by the Superintendent through the issuance of a permit in support of a special event.

- *Determination: This prohibition is enacted to promote visitor safety by not having small, slow-moving vehicles in the same area as full-sized vehicles and is in accordance with Texas Transportation Code Sec. 551.352 and Sec. 551.4031.*

(a)(1) CLOSURES

- The Canadian River Municipal Water Authority's (CRMWA) critical structures and facilities including the Sanford Dam project.
 - *Determination: Closures of these areas will maintain integrity and security as mandated by the Bureau of Reclamation.*
- The waters of Lake Meredith within 750 feet of the intake tower.
 - *Determination: The Park's Superintendent and the Bureau of Reclamation have closed this area due to public safety, health concerns and to prevent clean water contamination.*
- The pond below the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority's pumping station located at N 35.71145, W -101.54502.
 - *Determination: The Park's Superintendent and the Bureau of Reclamation have closed this area due to public safety and health concerns.*
- Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument including Alibates Ruins and Petroglyphs except for NPS guided programs or by authorization of the Superintendent.
 - *Determination: Closure of this area is warranted due to the protection of concentrated sensitive archeological resources. This closure is in accordance with 36 CFR §2.1(a)(5).*
- McBride House except by authorized personnel.
 - *Determination: This closure will maintain the integrity of a cultural resource and is in accordance with 36 CFR §2.1(a)(5).*

Hunting and Fishing Closures

Hunting and fishing are permitted at Lake Meredith NRA in accordance with 36 CFR §7.57, 36 CFR §2.2 and applicable state laws. Areas of Lake Meredith NRA that are closed to hunting will be posted on the hunting maps located at headquarters or by special proclamation. Closed areas include:

- Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument and Alibates Ruins and Petroglyphs
 - *Determination: The closure is in place to protect sensitive cultural resources and is in conformity with Texas' prohibition on hunting at historic sites.*
- South side of Lake Meredith from day-board marker 15 (N 35.64358, W -101.64169) to Sanford Yake Road.
- South of the Canadian River in Rosita Meadows to Bull Taco Hill.
- Discharging a firearm or any other implement capable of taking human life, causing injury, or damaging property:
 - In or within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation site, or occupied area, or
 - Across or on a National Park System road or a body of water adjacent thereto, or in any manner or place whereby any person or property is exposed to injury or damage as a result in such discharge.
 - *Determination: These closures and public use limits are in place to ensure public safety and resource protection.*

Trapping

- No trapping is allowed at Lake Meredith NRA in accordance with 36 CFR 2.2 (b)(3) and 16 United States Code § 460eee-1.

Closed Seasons

- Fall Turkey Season as designated by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Outdoor Annual.
 - *Determination: Due to the overlapping of hunting seasons and areas, Lake Meredith National Recreation Area is closed to Fall Turkey Season for public safety.*
- Fall Turkey Special Youth Season.
 - *Determination: Due to the overlapping of hunting seasons and areas, Lake Meredith National Recreation Area is closed to Fall Turkey Special Youth Season for public safety.*

Unmanned Aircraft

- Launching, landing, or operating an unmanned aircraft from or on lands and waters administered by the National Park Service within the boundaries of Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument is prohibited except as approved in writing by the superintendent or during exigent circumstances as determined by law enforcement during the course of their duties.
 - *Determination: Pursuant to Section 8.2.2 of NPS Management Policies 2006 states that a new form of recreational activity will not be allowed within a park until a superintendent has made a determination that it will be appropriate and not cause unacceptable impacts. These closures will be based upon a determination that such action is necessary for the protection of environmental or scenic values, protection of archaeological, cultural, or natural resources, and public safety.*

(a) (2) SPECIFIC USE/ACTIVITY DESIGNATION, RESTRICTIONS AND CONDITIONS

The following areas have been designated for a specific use or activity, under the conditions and or restrictions as noted.

Swimming Areas

- The designated swimming beach at Spring Canyon is closed to fishing and rigid vessels/ paddlecraft propelled by oar. The swimming area is marked by ropes, buoys, and signs.
 - *Determination: A separate area for swimmers offers an environment free of hazards from vessels and fishing lines.*

Off-road Vehicle Areas

- Off-road vehicles may operate within the following designated areas when in possession and abiding by the restrictions of a permit issued in accordance with 36 CFR §1.6:
 - Blue Creek Off-road Vehicle Area
 - Approximately 133.5 acres of the unvegetated streambed within Blue Creek from the northernmost boundary to the southern boundary line located from N35.70112, W-101.64616 to N35.70435, W-101.64525.
 - Operation of off-road vehicles is restricted to the unvegetated areas between the toe of the left stream bank to the toe of the right stream bank on the streambed.
 - Rosita Flats Off-road Vehicle Area
 - Approximately 354.7 acres of unvegetated existing routes at the southwestern boundary of Lake Meredith NRA to the eastern ORV boundary line located from N35.48079, W-101.77245 to N35.47976, W-101.76010 near Chicken Creek.

Hunting and Fishing:

Shotgun and Archery ONLY Areas

- The following areas are closed to hunting by any means and methods other than shotgun and archery (including crossbows) as defined by Texas state law.
 - Bugbee area
 - North Canyon
 - McBride to Mullinaw on the South side of the road
 - South Canyon
 - Blue West area
 - Rosita Meadows to Tin Cup on the North side of the Canadian River
 - Bonita Creek
 - *Determination: These closures and public use limits are in place to ensure public safety and resource protection.*

Glass Bottles

- Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument are closed to glass beverage containers. The possession of glass beverage containers is prohibited except:
 - Within concession operated food and beverage service areas.
 - Stored within vehicles.
 - *Determination: The restriction on glass beverage containers is based on safety and environmental concerns. Glass beverage containers are not appropriate in a lake environment due to the injury risk involving broken glass on beaches and within campgrounds.*

Kite Tubing, Kite Boarding, and Parasailing:

- Kite tubing, boarding, parasailing and similar activities requiring a tow vessel or tow vehicle for the purposes of providing flight of participants and/or apparatus are prohibited within the boundaries of Lake Meredith National Recreation Area. Kite boarding, kite surfing, and similar tethered activities requiring a parasail, kite, wing, or similar tethered apparatus attached to the participant or flotation device, for the specific purpose of providing propulsion or air flight are prohibited.
- This recreation is not intended to limit or curtail activities associated with conventional recreational pursuits including sailing, sail boarding, water skiing, knee boarding, or wake boarding.
 - *Determination: Kite tubing and boarding represent a separate but similar set of risks and dangers to visitors at Lake Meredith National Recreation Area because of the basic uncontrolled nature of the apparatus. Kite tubes can rise up to 60' above the water surface and travel at speeds up to 35-40 mph. The operator may impact the water surface at high speeds,*

near vertical angles, and unusual body positions, significantly increasing the risk of injury. Kite boarders are dependent upon air movement and have little control over the general direction of travel, which interferes with other visitors engaged in traditional water recreation activities such as sailing, water skiing, fishing, etc. Parasailing also represents potential risks due to extremely long lines, often in excess of 1000', straight line travel, and large open spaces of shoreline, which increases the risk of interference or collision with other park visitors. The tow vessel requires sustained forward momentum, and it is extremely difficult for the tow vessel to maneuver or stop quickly to avoid vessels and water hazards.

36 CFR §1.6- ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT

When authorized by regulations set forth in 36 Code of Federal Regulations, the superintendent may issue a permit to authorize an otherwise prohibited or restricted activity or impose a public use limit. The activity authorized by a permit shall be consistent with applicable legislation, Federal regulations and administrative policies, and based upon a determination that public health and safety, environmental or scenic values, natural or cultural resources, scientific research, implementation of management responsibilities, proper allocation and use of facilities, or the avoidance of conflict among visitor use activities will not be adversely impacted.

The public will be informed of the existence of a permit requirement in accordance with 36 CFR§ 1.7.

- Seven days advance notice is required to request a special use permit.

The following is a compilation of those activities for which a permit from the Superintendent may be required:

- §2.5(a) Specimen collection (Take plant, fish, wildlife, rocks or minerals).
- §2.10(a) Camping
- §2.12 Audio Disturbances:
 - (a)(2) Operating a chainsaw in developed areas
 - (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 §2.50 or §2.51
- §2.17 Aircraft & 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 71.10):

- Fishing tournaments
- Boat races or regattas
- Sporting races or events
- Other special events
- §2.37 Soliciting or demanding gifts, money goods or services (Pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit issued under §2.50, §2.51 or §2.52)
- §2.38 Explosives:
 - Use, possess, store, transport explosives or blasting agents
 - Use of and/or possession of 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
- §2.52(c) Sale or distribution of printed matter
- §2.60(b) Livestock use
- §2.61(a) Residing on federal lands
- §2.62 Memorialization:
 - Erection of monuments (Requires approval from the Director)
 - Scattering ashes from human cremation
 - (Only if the request does not follow the established terms and conditions for this activity)
- §3.19 The use of manned or unmanned submersibles.
- §4.11(a) Load, Weight, and Size Limits
- §5.1 Advertisements - (Display, posting or distribution).
- §5.3 Engaging in or soliciting any business
- §5.5 Commercial Filming/Photography (See guidance below)

Commercial filming and still photography activities are subject to the provisions of 36 C.F.R. § 5.5 and [54 U.S.C 100905](#). The following types of filming or still photography activities are authorized without a permit in accordance with 54 U.S.C 100905:

- Involves fewer than 6 individuals and meets each of the following requirements:
 - A person conducts the filming or still photography activity in a manner that-
 - does not impede or intrude on the experience of other visitors to the applicable System unit;
 - except as otherwise authorized, does not disturb or negative impact a natural or cultural resource or an environmental or scenic value; and
 - allows for equitable allocation or use of facilities of the applicable System unit.
 - The person conducts the filming or still photography activity at a location in which the public is allowed.

- The person conducting the filming or still photography activity does not require the exclusive use of a site or area.
- The person does not conduct the filming or still photography activity in a localized area that receives a very high volume of visitation.
- The person conducting the filming or still photography activity does not use a set or staging equipment, subject to the limitation that handheld equipment (such as a tripod, monopod, and handheld lighting equipment) shall not be considered staging equipment for the purposes of this subparagraph.
- The person conducting the filming or still photography activity complies with and adheres to visitor use policies, practices, and regulations applicable to the applicable System unit.
- The filming or still photography activity is not likely to result in additional administrative costs being incurred by the Secretary with respect to the filming or still photography activity, as determined by the Superintendent.
- The person conducting the filming or still photography activity complies with other applicable Federal, State (as such term is defined in section 3 3 of the EXPLORE Act), and local laws (including regulations), including laws relating to the use of unmanned aerial equipment.
- All other filming or still photography requires a permit in accordance with 36 CFR 1.6.
- Any questions about permitting should contact the Lake Meredith / Alibates Headquarters at 806-857-3151.

§5.6(c) Use of commercial vehicles on park area roads (The Superintendent shall issue a permit to access private lands within or adjacent to the park when access is otherwise not available).

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

§7.48(e) Exemption from vessel noise level limitations in marine regattas or races.

36 CFR Part 7 Special Regulations

36 CFR Part 9 Minerals Management

36 CFR Part 14 Right-Of-Way

36 CFR Part 51 Concession Contracts

36 CFR Part 71 Recreation Fees

36 CFR § Part 2 - Resource Protection, Public Use, and Recreation

§2.1 PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

- (a)(4) The gathering of dead and down wood from the ground, including driftwood, may be collected for use as fuel for campfires within the park. This activity is prohibited when a fire closure is issued.
 - *Determination: The limited collection of firewood is a traditional use in this region and causes no significant detrimental effects to the resources.*
- (c)(1) The gathering of native fruits, berries, nuts, and unoccupied shells for personal use or consumption is permitted.
 - *Determination: The gathering of small amounts of native fruits, berries, and nuts will not adversely affect the reproductive potential of these species or otherwise adversely affect park resources.*

§2.2 WILDLIFE PROTECTION

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

- Lake Meredith National Recreation Area
- Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument

Equipment

- BLAZE ORANGE REQUIRED- All hunters are required to wear a minimum of 400 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange material, of which 144 square inches must appear on both the chest and back and a fluorescent orange hat. Exception: Migratory bird hunters on the waters of Lake Meredith National Recreation Area.
 - *Determination: The wearing of blaze orange for all hunters during these two seasons is for public safety and conforms with Texas public hunting regulations.*
- Use or possession of a night vision optic while hunting is prohibited within Lake Meredith.
- Use or possession of a thermal optic while hunting is prohibited within Lake Meredith.
 - *Determination: These closures are in place to ensure public safety and resource protection in response to new hunting technologies. Limiting the use of these optics can significantly reduce poaching by restricting the ability of offenders to locate and target wildlife under the cover of darkness on easily accessible public land. Firearm use at night in close proximity to campgrounds, multi-use trails, and offroad areas increase the risk of bystander injury.*

Baiting

- Baiting of wildlife is prohibited.
 - *Determination: This restriction is consistent with 36 CFR §2.2(a)(2) Wildlife Protection and Texas State law on public land.*

Rabbits and Coyotes

- Rabbits and Coyotes may be hunted during daylight hours from September 1 to February 28. Both have no bag or possession limit and may be taken by any lawful means in accordance with Texas state law.

Hunting of non-game and other animals

- The hunting of animals without an established season by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is not permitted within the park unless specifically allowed in this Compendium.
- All other animals are protected in accordance with 36 CFR §2.2 Wildlife Protection.

§2.3 FISHING

- (a) Except in designated areas or as provided in this section, fishing shall be in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State within whose exterior boundaries a park area or portion thereof is located. Nonconflicting State laws are adopted as a part of these regulations.

§2.4 WEAPONS, TRAPS, AND NETS

- (b)(1)(iii) Using a weapon, trap, or net is prohibited except in the below situations. Any other form of target practice, “plinking”, sighting in weapons, or other types of weapon discharge is prohibited.

- (b)(2)(i) Weapons, traps, or nets may be carried, possessed or used:

A. When fishing in accordance with §2.3.

B. When hunting in accordance with §2.2.

- *Determination: The Park does not have an approved area or facility for the public to use.*

Park visitors who can legally possess and carry firearms under federal, state, and local law are allowed to carry them in the park. The role of the responsible gun owner is to know and obey the federal, state, and local laws appropriate to the park they are visiting.

18 U.S.C. § 930 prohibits the possession of firearms in “federal facilities,” which are defined as

"buildings or parts thereof owned or leased by the federal government, where federal employees are regularly present for the purpose of performing their official duties." These places are marked with signs at public entrances.

§ 2.10 CAMPING AND FOOD STORAGE

The superintendent may require permits, designate sites or areas, and establish conditions for camping.

- No person shall be permitted to camp at any location within Lake Meredith National Recreation Area or Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument for more than 14 days within a 30 consecutive day period. This timeframe begins when a person occupies an area within Lake Meredith for the apparent purpose of camping as defined in 36 CFR §1.4. The 14-day limit may be reached either through several separate visits or through 14 days of continuous occupation. Total days camping within Lake Meredith may not exceed 60 days per calendar year. Exceptions:
 - Camping will be permitted between October 1 and December 31 for those engaged in hunting activities for up to 30 consecutive days.
- Camping is prohibited in all developed boat ramp parking lots. Exceptions:
 - Plum Creek and Alibates boat ramp parking lots will be open for camping during general deer hunting season.
- Camping and picnic sites shall not be reserved for future use. Sites will be occupied on a first come first serve basis. Campers and/or vehicles determined to be parked unoccupied in a manner that reserves the site for future use may be towed anytime at the owner’s expense.
 - *Determination: Unattended property that interferes with the safe or orderly management of the park area may be impounded at any time.*
- Camping within 20 feet of a flowing stream, river or body of water is prohibited.
 - *Determination: The limited amount of water access for campers has created a use conflict between visitors using RV/camper trailers and day use beach goers. Utilizing a 20ft buffer from the water allows for equal access to the resource.*
- Camping areas are separated into three categories and identified below:

- Developed
 - Sanford-Yake Campground
 - Fritch Fortress Campground
- Primitive
 - Bugbee Canyon
 - Harbor Bay
 - Cedar Canyon
 - Chimney Hollow
 - Blue West Campground
 - Plum Creek
 - Lower Plum Creek Campground
 - Middle Plum Creek Campground
 - Upper Plum Creek Campground
 - Windmill Campground
 - McBride Canyon Campground
 - Mullinaw Campground
 - Rosita Flats ORV Campground
 - Blue Creek ORV Campground
- Backcountry
 - All other areas within the park.

§2.13 FIRES

(a)(1) The following are prohibited:

- Lighting or maintaining a fire, except in designated areas or receptacles and under the below conditions established by the superintendent. Refer to § 2.10 CAMPING AND FOOD STORAGE regulations above to determine the specific campground designation.
 - Developed areas – Fires are prohibited except in provided fire grills and rings, portable stoves/grills, or personally owned elevated fire pits.
 - Primitive areas – Fires are prohibited except in provided fire grills and rings, portable stoves/grills, or personally owned elevated fire pits.
 - Backcountry areas – Any and all types of open pit/ring fires are prohibited. The use of portable camping stoves able to be quickly shut off is permitted.
- Conditions on Lighting or Maintaining a Fire
 - A fire may be ignited and maintained only by using fuel sources designed and commonly used for warmth or the preparation of food, such as charcoal briquettes or natural firewood. Lighting or maintaining a fire with other materials including, but not limited to, flammable liquids,

garbage, fireworks, plastics, aerosol canisters, batteries, or other manufactured or synthetic materials, is prohibited.

- *Determination: This action is necessary for the maintenance of public health and safety, protection of environmental or scenic values, protection of natural or cultural resources, and the implementation of management responsibilities. Materials other than approved combustibles – especially fire accelerants and substances prone to wind transport or explosion – creates serious risks when used to light or maintain fires. These combustibles can ignite or spread wildfires that directly threaten people and valuable resources and assets. The burning of manufactured or synthetic materials can contribute to air pollution, contaminate soil and water, and be toxic to humans and the environment. Less restrictive measures, such as an education campaign informing visitors of the risks of using certain materials to light or maintain a fire, would not be commensurate with the substantial risks associated with those activities and could lead to adverse outcomes that might be prevented by establishing an enforceable condition.*

- The following conditions apply to all fires.

- Building a rock fire ring is prohibited and a violation of 36 CFR §2.1(a)(1)(iv).
- Digging a pit/hole for a campfire is prohibited and a violation of 36 CFR §2.10(b)(1).
- The burning of garbage, refuse, and discarded materials regardless of the physical makeup of the items is prohibited. This includes the use of wood pallets as fuel unless all fasteners have been removed.
 - *Determination: Restrictions are necessary to limit the proliferation of fire rings and refuse which cause visitor injuries and damage to government equipment as the water covers or exposes beach areas.*

§2.15 PETS

- (a) The following are prohibited:

(1) Possessing a pet in a public building, public transportation vehicle, or location designated as a swimming beach, or any structure or area closed to the possession of pets by the superintendent.

- The following areas are closed to pets.
 - Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument
 - Fritch Fortress Amphitheater
 - Spring Canyon

(3) Leaving a pet unattended and tied to an object, except in designated areas or under conditions which may be established by the superintendent.

- Leaving a pet unattended and tied to an object in a humane manner (with adequate food, water and shade or shelter) is permitted within campsites provided the pet doesn't make unreasonable noise as prohibited in § 2.15(a)(4).
- Leaving a pet unattended in a vehicle when temperatures or conditions pose a risk of endangering the pet's health is prohibited.

(5) Failing to comply with pet excrement disposal conditions which may be established by the superintendent.

- a. In all developed and primitive areas (campgrounds, picnic areas, marinas, parking lots, boat ramps, etc.) pet excrement must be disposed of by the pet owner, either in the nearest trash receptacle, or carried out.
- b. In all backcountry areas (backcountry campsites, trails, etc.) pet excrement must be disposed of by the pet owner, either by packing it out or removing it to an area out of contact of other visitors and a minimum of 100 feet from any water source.
- c. Horses' or pack animals' excrement will be removed from campsites.

(b) In park areas where hunting is allowed, dogs may be used in support of these activities in accordance with applicable Federal and State laws and in accordance with conditions which may be established by the superintendent.

- Bird dogs are allowed to be used to support hunting activities. All dogs must be in compliance with §2.15 (a)(2) when not actively hunting or outside of a hunting area.

§2. 16 HORSES AND PACK ANIMALS

The following are prohibited:

(b) The use of horses or pack animals outside of trails, routes or areas designated for their use. The use of horses and pack animals are permitted in the following areas:

- Day Use Only
 - All of Lake Meredith National Recreation Area except for public roadways and the portion of the National Recreation Area beginning at Harbor Bay and extending northeasterly to and including Spring Canyon
- Overnight Use

- Plum Creek, Blue Creek ORV Area, Mullinaw Creek, McBride Canyon, and Rosita Flats ORV Area.

§2. 17 AIRCRAFT AND AIR DELIVERY

(a)(1) The entire water surface of Lake Meredith is designated a landing area, except as restricted in 36 CFR §2.17.

§ 2.20 SKATING, SKATEBOARDS, AND SIMILAR DEVICES

- The use of roller skates, roller skis, roller blades, skateboards, and coasting vehicles or similar devices is prohibited within Lake Meredith National Recreation Area.

§ 2.21 SMOKING

(a) The superintendent may designate a portion of a park area, or all or portion of a building, structure or facility as closed to smoking when necessary to protect park resources, reduce the risk of fire, or prevent conflicts among visitor use activities. Smoking in an area or location so designated is prohibited. The following areas are closed to smoking and the use of electronic smoking devices:

- All federally owned or leased buildings.
- Fritch Fortress Amphitheater seating area.
- Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument including Alibates Ruins and Petroglyphs.
- Comfort Stations and restrooms.
- Spring Canyon Wetlands Boardwalk
- The designated smoking area for employees at headquarters shall be in the back parking lot on the northwest side of the building and will be signed as such.

§2. 22 PROPERTY

(a) The following are prohibited:

(1) Leaving property unattended for longer than 24 hours, except in locations where longer time periods have been designated or in accordance with conditions established by the superintendent. Exception:

- A legally registered vehicle and attached boat trailer may be left unattended at approved boat ramp parking areas for 48 hours while the associated vessel is in use on the water.

(b) Impoundment of Property

- (2) Unattended property that interferes with visitor safety, orderly management of the park area, or presents a threat to park resources may be impounded by the superintendent at any time.

§ 2.23 RECREATION FEES

- (a) Recreation fees may be established as provided for in part 71 of this chapter.

The superintendent may, when in the public interest, prescribe periods during which the collection of recreation fees shall be suspended.

- Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument are not currently in the fee program.

§ 2.23 DEMONSTRATIONS AND DESIGNATED AVAILABLE PARK AREAS

- In accordance with 36 CFR §2.51(c)(2), information about designated locations for demonstration is available at park headquarters in Fritch, TX.

§2.62 MEMORIALIZATION

- (a) The scattering of ashes from cremated human remains are allowed throughout the recreation area, without a permit, in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

- The remains to be scattered must have been cremated and pulverized.
- The scattering of remains 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 is prohibited.
- The scattering of remains into the waters of Lake Meredith is prohibited.

36 CFR § PART 3 - BOATING AND WATER USE ACTIVITIES

§ 3.8 WHAT VESSEL OPERATIONS ARE PROHIBITED?

The following is prohibited:

- (a)(2) Launching or recovering a vessel, except at a launch site designated by the superintendent. The following areas/sites are designated for the launching of vessels and are subject to closure and or public use limits. Closures and public use limits will be posted by signs and/or public proclamation.
 - Developed Sites: Harbor Bay Boat Ramp, Fritch Fortress Boat Ramp, Cedar Canyon Boat Ramp, Sanford Yake Boat Ramp, Blue West Boat Ramp, Plum Creek Boat Ramp, Bates Canyon Boat Ramp and RR Boat Ramp.
 - Undeveloped launch sites: Bugbee, Chimney Hollow, and Dolomite Point for the sole use of duck boat and paddlecraft launching. "Duck boat" includes: Layouts, Sneak Boats, Marsh Boats, Duck Skiffs and Sculls.
 - Other areas may be designated as temporary launch sites depending on water levels and safe launching conditions.
- (a)(4) Operating a vessel in excess of a length, width, or horsepower restriction established by the superintendent in accordance with §§ 1.5 and 1.7 of this chapter. For the purposes of this paragraph, vessel length is measured according to criteria established in 46 CFR chapter I or 33 CFR chapter I.
 - Vessels must be under 72 feet in length. Total length will be determined by straight line measurement from the foremost part of the vessel to the aft most part of the vessel, measured end to end over the deck, and measured parallel to the centerline, with all appurtenances, (excluding gangplanks) in a fully extended position
 - Vessels must be less than 22 foot beam. Total beam will be determined by a straight-line measurement from the outer most sides of the vessel at its widest point with all appurtenances in a fully extended position
- (b)(3) Operating a vessel in excess of flat wake speed in designated areas.
 - Flat Wake areas are designated by buoys marked with "flat wake", "no wake", or similar markings.
 - The location of these buoys may be adjusted by the Superintendent based on reservoir water levels

§3.9 MAY I OPERATE MY PERSONAL WATERCRAFT (PWC) IN PARK WATERS?

(a) A person may operate a PWC only in park areas where authorized by special regulation.

36 CFR §7.57(g)- Personal Watercraft (PWC)

- (1) PWC may operate on Lake Meredith except in the following closed areas: stilling basin below Sanford Dam, within 750 feet of the Sanford Dam intake tower, and on the waters of the Canadian River.
- (2) PWC may operate on Lake Meredith under the following conditions:
 - (i) Fueling of PWC is prohibited on the lake, except at a marina fuel dock providing the fuel service, or onshore and out of the water.
 - (ii) Carrying of fuel in an external or portable container onboard a PWC is prohibited.
 - (iii) PWC may only be launched at designated launch sites established by the Superintendent in accordance with 36 CFR §1.5 and §1.7.
- (3) The Superintendent may temporarily limit, restrict or terminate access to the areas designated for PWC use after taking into consideration public health and safety, natural and cultural resource protection, and other management activities and objectives.

§3. 14 REMOVAL OF SUNKEN, GROUNDED OR DISABLED VESSELS

In accordance with 36 CFR §3.14 the superintendent establishes the following conditions:

- (a)(1) - Sunken or grounded vessels should be removed as soon as possible by the owner of the vessel and must not exceed 3 days from the date of the accident without written authorization from the superintendent.
- (a)(2) - The Superintendent may determine times and means of access to and from the vessel.
- (a)(3) - The Superintendent may specify the manner or method of removal.
- (b) - The Superintendent may waive the above requirements or prohibit the removal of the vessel, equipment, or cargo upon a written determination that the removal would constitute an unacceptable risk to human life, cause extensive resource damage, or is impractical or impossible.

Determination: The responsibility for the removal of sunken or grounded vessels lies with the owner of the vessel, however the NPS often has interest in the means by which the vessels are removed, and how long those operations take. Often there are concerns with the spilling of hazardous materials into the lake, and recovery operations can significantly impact visitor uses in the area.

§3. 16 MAY I SWIM OR WADE IN PARK WATERS?

Swimming and/or wading is allowed in waters, subject to closures or restrictions designated by the Superintendent in accordance with 36 CFR §1.5 and 1.7.

- The following areas are closed to swimming:
 - All boat launch ramps, courtesy docks, mooring areas, breakwaters, and fishing docks.
 - All waters within Spring Canyon with the following exclusions:
 - While within Spring Canyon Swim Beach area.
 - Scuba Diving in posted areas.
 - Unintentional entry from a paddlecraft.
- Any other area posted as closed to swimming or visitor use.

§ 3.17 WHAT REGULATIONS APPLY TO SWIMMING AREAS AND BEACHES?

(a) - The superintendent may designate areas as swimming areas or swimming beaches in accordance with 36 CFR § 1.5 and § 1.7.

- The following areas are officially designated swim areas:
 - Spring Canyon Swim Beach

(b) - Within designated swimming areas, the use of a surfboard or similar rigid device is prohibited.

§ 3.18 SCUBA AND SNORKELING

(a) Snorkeling and underwater diving is allowed in park waters, subject to closures or restrictions designated by the superintendent in accordance with 36 CFR §1.5 and §1.7.

- SCUBA diving and snorkeling is prohibited within locations designated as swimming, docking, or mooring areas, except in accordance with conditions established by the superintendent.
- SCUBA diving is permitted in the posted areas within Spring Canyon.
- Approved salvage or recovery operations under the provisions approved by the superintendent specifying purpose, exact location, time and conditions of the dive.

36 CFR § PART 4 - VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC SAFETY

§ 4.21 Speed Limits

(a) Park area speed limits are as follows:

- (1) 15 miles per hour: within all school zones, campgrounds, picnic areas, parking areas, utility areas, business or residential areas, other places of public assemblage and at emergency scenes.
- (2) 25 miles per hour: upon sections of park road under repair or construction.
- (3) 45 miles per hour: upon all other park roads.

(b) The superintendent may designate a different speed limit upon any park road when a speed limit set forth in paragraph (a) of this section is determined to be unreasonable, unsafe or inconsistent with the purposes for which the park area was established. Speed limits shall be posted by using standard traffic control devices.

- 10 mph areas:
 - Stilling Basin Loop Road
 - Cedar Canyon lower undeveloped area
 - All road areas approaching boat ramps
- 15 mph area other than areas under §4.21(a)(1)
 - All roads in the McBride Canyon area
 - All roads in the Mullinaw area
 - Sanford-Yake Loop
 - Fritch Fortress Picnic Areas
 - Rosita Area – The two main roads
- 25 mph areas other than areas under §4.21(b)
 - Sanford-Yake Road – Top of the hill entering developed areas
 - Fritch Fortress Road
 - Amphitheater Road
- 30 mph areas other than areas under §4.21(b)
 - Spring Canyon Road
 - Cedar Canyon Road
 - Water Authority Road
 - Blue West Loop Road
 - Bugbee Road
- 35 mph areas
 - Sanford-Yake Road
 - Plum Creek Road
 - Blue West Road

§4.30 BICYCLES

- (a) Park roads – The use of a bicycle is permitted on park roads and in parking areas that are otherwise open for motor vehicle use by the general public.
- (d) Existing trails - The superintendent may authorize by designation bicycle use on a hiking or horse trail that currently exists on the ground and does not require any construction or significant modification to accommodate bicycles. The following trails are open for bicycle use:
- Devils Canyon Trail
 - Harbor Bay Trail
 - Mullinaw Trail
 - South Turkey Creek Trail
 - Fritch Fortress Trail
- (i) Electric Bicycles - Electric bicycles are allowed on park roads, parking areas, and trails that are otherwise open to bicycles (see above) under the following conditions:
- Only Class 1 and Class 2 electric bicycles are permitted on trails.
 - Using the motor to move an e-bike without pedaling is prohibited except where motor vehicles are allowed.
 - All mechanical and electric bicycles are subject to the rules and regulations in 36 CFR § 4.30 and Texas Transportation Code Chapter 551.
 - Riders under 18 years of age must wear a proper helmet.

36 CFR § Part 5 - Commercial and Private Operations

§5.1 ADVERTISEMENTS

Commercial notices or advertisements shall not be displayed, posted, or distributed on federally owned or controlled lands within the park area unless written permission has been given by the Superintendent.

§5.3 BUSINESS OPERATIONS (COMMERCIAL USE AUTHORIZATION - CUA)

Engaging in or soliciting any business in park areas, except in accordance with the provisions of a permit, contract, or other written agreement with the United States, is prohibited. Business operations within Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument must be authorized under a contract or permit.

Exceptions to the written authorization requirement for all commercial visitor service operations are as follows:

- Vehicle tow services are considered emergency vehicles when requested by law enforcement and are on a rotational basis through each County Dispatch.
- Vendors entering the park to provide a delivery specifically to a concession facility, concessioner employee, or NPS employee are not required formal authorization.
- Vendors entering the park to provide a delivery for a park visitor must have a formal authorization.

Appendix A

Lake Meredith NRA Closed Circuit Television Policy Statement

In accordance with National Park Service Law Enforcement Reference Manual 9 (RM-9), notice is hereby given that Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument uses Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) security camera monitoring.

The park's use of Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) for law enforcement and security purposes will only be to visually monitor public park areas and public activities where no constitutionally protected reasonable expectation of privacy exists. Such CCTV use - which will have adequate privacy and First Amendment safeguards - will be to help ensure public safety and security; facilitate the detection, investigation, prevention, and deterrence of crime; help ensure the safety of citizens and officers; help assist in the proper allocation and deployment of law enforcement and public safety resources; and help facilitate the protection of the innocent and the apprehension and prosecution of criminals. (RM-9, 26.1)

This policy does not restrict the official use of CCTV in government administrative areas, including administrative buildings, jail holding facilities (RM-9, 26.3.7), revenue collection sites, etc., where the government may record/monitor its facilities. For example, the government may perform unrestricted video/audio recording at revenue collection points (entrance stations, visitor center counters, etc.). This policy does not restrict the use of an Audio/Visual Recording Device (AVRD) in patrol vehicles or officer-worn recording devices used by commissioned rangers.

(RM-9, 26.1).

Operation of CCTV cameras, maintenance of recorded images and use of recorded images will be in accordance with NPS and Department policy and applicable laws and regulations. (RM-9, 26.1-26.4) No person will be targeted or monitored merely because of race, religion, gender, sex, disability, national origin, or political affiliation or views. (RM-9, 26.4.2)

Nothing in this policy statement is intended to create any rights, privileges, or benefits not otherwise recognized by law.