

**RESPONSE TO COMMENTS
SUPERINTENDENT'S COMPENDIUM
2024
DENALI NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE**

The compendium is a list of designations, closures, permit requirements and other authorizations and restrictions adopted pursuant to authority in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) applicable to areas administered by the National Park Service (NPS). On January 19, 2024, the NPS published proposed changes for the 2024 compendium and invited public comment on those proposed changes through February 18, 2024. Six submissions were received (from five individuals and the State of Alaska); a summary of substantive comments and NPS responses is provided below. No response or summary is provided for general statements in support of or in opposition to a proposed change.

2.10(d) Food storage: designated areas and methods

Comment: One commenter questioned the change in food storage distance requirements and stated the inconsistency of this change with other park units.

NPS Response: In response to public comment, this reference has been examined more closely. No change to the compendium language will occur this year..

5.4 Commercial passenger-carrying motor vehicles

Comment: One commenter stated concern that the proposed change would prohibit commercial vehicle access to spur roads and facilities off of the Denali Park Road between the Highway 3 junction and the Denali Visitor Center.

NPS Response: The area between the Highway 3 junction and the Denali Visitor Center includes several spur roads, both public roads and facilities, and administrative roads and facilities not open to the public. The existing description has not been problematic for commercial access to these public roads and facilities. This prohibition does not apply to spur roads of the Denali Park Road between Highway 3 and the Denali Visitor Center, unless otherwise prohibited and posted.

Comment: One commenter expressed concern that the proposed change could be interpreted to restrict access to Kantishna businesses.

NPS Response: When Park Road access to Kantishna exists, Kantishna private property owners and businesses are authorized via Park Road Travel Permits to operate private and commercial vehicles past the Denali Visitor Center for the purpose of accessing their property. This permitted use is addressed elsewhere in the Superintendent's Compendium (13.934 (b) Denali Park Road Permits), and no changes to this access are proposed.

13.976(a) Designated campgrounds for lighting or maintaining fires

Comment: One commenter recommended the designation of a specific pad at each campsite and additional specific safety requirements for the use of portable smokeless self-contained fire pits.

NPS Response: The purpose of this change is to acknowledge the use of portable smokeless self-contained fire pits in campgrounds in a manner that is consistent with existing regulations. 36 CFR 2.13 identifies fire prohibitions to protect resources and public safety and applies to portable smokeless self-contained fire pits.