## Determination to Change Mount Rainier National Park Regulations

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 makes the following changes to Mount Rainier National Park Regulations.

## 1. Regulation change:

Effective July 14, 2025, and until further notice, the eastern portion of the Sunrise Service Road (Sunrise area), access points at Wonderland Trail, Sunrise Parking Lot and Sunrise Picnic Area, including 50 yards on either side of the road(s) and picnic area connector trail, and the entire area between the connector trail and the service road are closed to all public entry.

## 2. Previous regulation(s) affected by this change:

The previous regulations allowed public entry into this area.

3. Date of Adoption: July 14, 2025

## 4. Reasons for change:

This emergency closure is designed to protect rearing habitat for rare, and State of Washington endangered, park wildlife. The Sunrise Service Road area is temporarily closed at access points at Wonderland Trail, Sunrise Parking Lot and Sunrise Picnic Area. The closure reduces human disturbance and increases the chances of successful rearing of the young. The area is monitored, and closure will be lifted as soon as rearing is complete.

**5. Effective Date(s):** Until further notice.

**6. Authority for adoption:** Code of Federal Regulations, 36 CFR, Part 1.5(a)(1)

Superintendent, Mount Rainier National Park

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