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 November 15, 2021 and until further notice, the Carbon River Road, Carbon River Rainforest Nature Trail, Green Lake Trail, Chenuis Falls Trail, and the Ipsut Creek Campground is closed to all public entry (see attached map for specific location).

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

This is an emergency regulation change adopted for the Carbon River Road and associated trails and campground at Mount Rainier National Park. The previous regulations allowed public entry into this area.

3. Date of Adoption: November 15, 2021

4. Reasons for change:

This emergency closure is designed to protect the public due to heavy precipitation and rising water levels of local rivers to include the Carbon River cutting away and eroding the existing start to the Carbon River Road. The extremely unstable road condition at the present time and the rapidly flowing cold water of Carbon River creates a public safety hazard.

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

6. Authority for adoption: Code of Federal Regulations, 36 CFR, Part 1.5

Deputy Superintendent, Mount Rainier National Park

Date:
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