

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 October 16, 2026 and until further notice, the Fryingpan Creek Trailhead Area, excepting the White River Road is closed to all public entry (See Map). White River Road through the construction area is closed to pedestrian traffic during the construction season. During winter, White River Road is open to snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and snowmobiling per the Superintendents Compendium. Road status is updated on the parks road status webpage. (see attached map for specific location).	
2. Previous regulation(s) affected by this change: This is a regulation change adopted for construction of a replacement bridge and parking area for Fryingpan Creek at Mount Rainier National Park. The previous regulations allowed public entry into this area.	
3. Date of Adoption: October 16, 2026	
4. Reasons for change: This closure is designed to protect the public due to construction of the replacement Fryingpan Creek Bridge and parking area. Construction work includes the use of heavy equipment and open ground work which pose a hazard to visitors.	
5. Effective Date(s): for the project duration, expected complete prior to 2030	
6. Authority for adoption: Code of Federal Regulations, 36 CFR, Part 1.5	
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Fryingpan Creek Trailhead Area Closure

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