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Ross Lake National Recreation Area

Lake Chelan National Recreation Area

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Superintendent's Compendium
Of Designations, Closures, Permit Requirements and Other Restrictions Imposed Under Discretionary Authority.

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In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations ("36 CFR"), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, authorized by Title 16 United States Code, Section 3, the following provisions apply to all persons entering, using, visiting or otherwise within the lands and waters administered by the National Park Service, within the boundaries of North Cascades National Park Service Complex. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7.

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

I. 36 CFR §1.5 – VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES, AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES

(a)(1) The following visiting hours and public use limits are established for all or for the listed portions of the park, and the following closures are established for all or a portion of the park to all public use or to a certain use or activity:

Visiting Hours

- Visitor Center hours are as posted
- Wilderness Information Center hours are as posted
- Golden West Visitor Center hours are as posted

Justification: Park Visitor centers are open based upon personnel availability. Current hours of operation can be found by contacting Park Headquarters at 360-856-5700.

- Park pull-offs and spur roads are closed from sunset to sunrise

Justification: This is necessary to prevent unauthorized camping in areas not designated for camping, group gatherings in undeveloped areas, sanitation problems, vandalism and theft of natural resources.

Public Use Limits

- Maximum Group Size: 12 total party members for Day Use, Trailed/Established Camps and Cross country I Zones; 6 total party members for the Cross country II Zone.

- Stock party size: any combination of visitors and stock not to exceed 12 pairs of eyes per party, with the exception of 4-mile creek, Boulder Creek and Rainbow Creek drainages where parties are permitted any combination of visitors and stock not to exceed 6 pairs of eyes.

- Parties of up to 30 pairs of eyes, not to exceed 18 head of stock may request in writing approval to camp at the following locations: Devils Creek, Fireweed, Hidden Meadows, Rainbow Meadows, Grizzly Creek, Five-Mile and Reynolds.

- Camping in the North Cascades National Park Complex is limited to a total of not more than 30 days in a calendar year; provided however, that during the period from July 1st through September 1st, camping is limited to a total of not more than 14 days.

- Mooring Time Limits. Moorage is limited to a total of 14 days between May 1st and October 15th of each calendar year. From May 1st through October 15th a valid Lake Chelan Federal Dock Site Permit is required for mooring any vessel longer than 30 minutes at the Stehekin Marina, Purple Point, Flick Creek, Manley Wham and Weaver Point Campground Docks.

General Closures:

- The area around the approaches to the Gorge Creek Bridge as indicated by signs.

Justification: This is necessary to provide for visitor safety due to extremely hazardous terrain.

- The Hozomeen Lake Trail and the area within the ½ mile of Hozomeen Lake are closed to entry between the April 1 and May 31.

Justification: This is necessary to protect nesting loons during their annual breeding season.

- The embayment ditch at Falls Creek on Highway 20.
- Diablo Lake rock slide area is closed to boat and foot traffic as designated by signs.

Justification: These areas are very dangerous due to unstable rock and slide potential.

Mine Closures:

- The old Rainbow Talc Mine Pit.
- The two tunnels as the former Value Mines Property.
- Any mine tunnel signed as closed.

Justification: This is necessary to protect park visitors from the inherent dangers related to abandoned mining sites.

Wilderness Closure:

National Park wilderness, including trails, is closed to the possession or use of any contrivance for moving people or material in or over land, water, snow or air that has moving parts, that provides a mechanical advantage to the user, and is powered by a living or non-living power source for the preservation of wilderness character. This includes, but is not limited to, non-motorized wheeled vehicles, conveyances and devices, such as bicycles, Segways™ and other Electric Personal Assistance Mobility Devices (EPAMD), carts, game carriers, canoe dollies, wheel barrows, wagons, strollers, ski kites, sailboats/boards, hang gliders and paragliders. Wheelchairs as defined in Title V Section 507(c) of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) may be used by persons with disabilities.

Justification: The Wilderness Act of 1964 prohibits these uses in designated wilderness. Allowing such use would place the park in violation of the Wilderness Act.

Unmanned Aircraft Closures:

The term "unmanned aircraft" means 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 elements 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 the types of devices that meet the definition (e.g. model airplanes, quadcopters, drones) that are used for any purpose, including for recreation or commerce.

Launching, landing, or operating an unmanned aircraft from or on lands and waters administered by the National Park Service within the boundaries of the North Cascades National Park Complex is prohibited except as approved in writing by the superintendent.

Justification: This closure is necessary to maintain public health and safety and to protect park resources and values until the NPS can determine whether specific uses of unmanned aircraft on lands and waters administered by the NPS are appropriate and will not cause unacceptable impacts on park resources and values.

These closures by the superintendent implement Section 1.5 of NPS Management Policies 2006, which provides that a new form of park use may be allowed within a park only after a determination has been made in the professional judgment of the superintendent that it will not result in unacceptable impacts on park resources and values. This compendium closure is a necessary, interim measure until the NPS considers how to address this new use on a long-term basis. Allowing the use of unmanned aircraft before the park has properly evaluated whether this use is appropriate could result in unacceptable impacts to park resources, park values, and visitor safety.

Fishing Restrictions:

- Fishing in North Cascades National Park Service Complex is restricted by Washington State Sport Fishing Rules promulgated by Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Justification: This is necessary to conserve the fisheries resource for natural resource protection and recreational fishing opportunities.

Hunting Closures:

- Within ¼ mile of any trail signed as a nature trail.
- Within ¼ mile of the Thunder Creek Trail from the trailhead to the Thunder Creek Bridge.
- Within ¼ mile of the Happy Creek Boardwalk.
- Within ¼ mile of the Thunder Knob Trail from the trailhead to the summit of Thunder Knob.
- Within ¼ mile of the North Cascades Environmental Learning Center
- Within ¼ mile of the Hozomeen Road, Ross Lake Resort, Colonial Creek Campground, Newhalem Campground or Goodell Campgrounds (Upper and Lower)
- Within ¼ mile of the towns of Newhalem and Diablo, or within ¼ mile of Gorge Dam, Diablo Dam, and Ross Dam and their associated Powerhouses.
- Within ¼ mile of the Ross Dam Trail from Highway 20 to Ross Dam or the Ross Dam Haul Road upstream from the dam.
- Within ¼ mile surrounding the Buckner Homestead historic area (see appendix).
- Within ¼ mile surrounding any visitor center, ranger stations and concession facilities or the Environmental Learning Center.

Justification: This is necessary to protect park visitors within the National Recreation Areas who maybe unaware of hunting activities. Closing these areas to the discharge of firearms, even during hunting seasons, does not affect a person's ability to otherwise conduct successful hunting activities elsewhere in the recreational area.

Lake and River Closures:

- The Skagit River channel below the high-water line between Gorge Dam and the Gorge Dam Powerhouse.
- The Skagit River between the Gorge Dam Powerhouse and the mouth of Goodell Creek.
- Gorge Lake from the Gorge Dam upstream to the first log boom.
- Gorge Lake from the entrance of "Box Canyon" upstream to Diablo Dam.
- Diablo Lake from the Diablo Dam upstream to the first log boom.
- Diablo Lake from the Seattle City Light Boat house at Ross Powerhouse to the Ross Dam.
- Ross Lake from Ross Dam upstream to the first log boom.

Justification: This is necessary to protect park visitors from the inherent dangers of hydroelectric facilities.

- A motorboat closure of the Stehekin River above the designated and signed area. This demarcation runs from the downstream end of the Stehekin River Resort property across the river to the south bank as shown on the attached map. The intent is to allow motorboat access to the Resort from downstream.

Justification: Both WDFW and the Park Service are concerned about conservation of wild cutthroat trout. This point represents where the lake influence ends and typical river habitat begins.

- Ruby Creek is closed to fishing from "No Fishing" markers on Ross Lake upstream to the headwaters.
- Big Beaver is closed to fishing from "No Fishing" markers on Ross Lake upstream l/4 mile.

Justification: These closures required to protect fish resources in the reservoir environment and avoid over fishing to ensure continued recreational fishing opportunities.

Road Closures:

- All roads signed as closed.
- Road from the Environmental Center to Buster Brown Campground.
- Roads in the Hozomeen area below full lake level (elevation 1602') that are exposed during periods of Ross Lake drawdown.
- Upper Stehekin Valley Road – Car Wash Falls (MP 12.9) to Cotton Wood Camp (MP 22.8).

Justification: Finding of "No Significant Impact" documents the decision of the National Park Service to officially close 9.9 miles of the Upper Stehekin Valley Road from Car Wash Falls to Cottonwood. The road between mileposts 12.9 (Car Wash Falls) and 15.3 (near Bridge Creek) has been decommissioned and will be partially rehabilitated. The road between milepost 15.3 and Cottonwood Camp (milepost 22.8) will continue to be maintained as a non-motorized, non-mechanized trail. Bicycles are prohibited in this closure.

- The last three miles of the Cascade River Road will be closed to vehicle, bicycle and foot traffic from September 8 until late October, 2014. The closure will be between the Eldorado parking area near milepost 20 and the end of the road at Cascade Pass Trailhead. The closure will be in effect 24 hours a day, 7 days per week.

Justification: This temporary closure is necessary in consideration of visitor safety while this critical work is being done to help maintain long term access to the popular Cascade Pass area.

Bicycles Restrictions

- Unless otherwise designated, possession of bicycles on trails in Ross Lake National Recreation Area and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area is prohibited.

Range Restrictions:

- Stehekin Shooting Range, as described in the 36 CFR 7.62(c), is closed to the discharge of firearms from March 15th to June 15th.

Justification: The purpose is to protect endangered species using the area. The closure will be posted at the Stehekin Ranger Station and the shooting range.

- Newhalem Shooting Range is open only to NPS Law Enforcement personnel and other law enforcement personnel authorized by the Chief Ranger.
- Authorized personnel may use the Newhalem rifle range after sunset for required training.

Justification: The purpose is to protect NPS property from vandalism, improper disposal of refuse, and reduce the amount of lead released into the environment.

Camping Closures:

- All campgrounds that are signed as closed.
- Park Creek Pass.
- Easy Pass.

- Whatcom Pass, including basins East and West of the Pass.
- Cascade Pass and vicinity to include: Pelton Basin, Sahale Arm, Mix –up Arm, Doubtful Lake.
- Within ¼ mile of the high-water line of Ross Lake, Diablo Lake and Lake Chelan.
- All areas less than 1/2 mile from developed roads, or trails or less than one mile from designated camps.
- All sub-alpine meadows.

Justification: These conditions are necessary to reduce the impact to natural and cultural resources, prevent safety hazards and promote a satisfactory wilderness experience.

(a)(2) The following areas have been designated for a specific use or activity, under the conditions and/or restrictions as noted:

Camping areas

- Please refer to §2.10 for detailed camping area designations.

The following restrictions and/or conditions are in effect for the specific uses or activities noted:

(a)(3) The following restrictions, limits, closures, designations, conditions, or visiting hour restrictions imposed under 36 CFR §1.5 (a)(1) or (2) have been terminated:

- Possession of bicycles is prohibited on a park complex trails unless designed as a trail open to bicycles.

II. 36 CFR §1.6 – ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT

(f) The following is a compilation of those activities for which a permit from the Superintendent is required. To obtain a permit for any of the below activities contact Park Headquarters:

- §1.5(d) The following activities related to Public Use Limits
  - A valid permit issued by the Superintendent is required for stock parties of up to 30 pairs of eyes not exceeding 18 stock wishing to camp at: Devils Creek, Fireweed, Hidden Meadows, Rainbow Meadows, Grizzly Creek, Five-Mile and Reynolds.

- 1.6 (e) Christmas Trees
  - Each Stehekin Resident Household is allowed to cut one conifer for the winter holiday season. Trees may be up to 12 feet in height. Trees will be cut at ground level and the entire tree removed. Approved areas include under the power line, in the approaches of the airstrip, or in special project areas as approved by the Natural Resource Manager.
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(f) Fixed Anchors

No fixed anchors may be placed at any location on a natural feature within the Stephen Mather Wilderness of North Cascades National Park Service Complex. Fixed anchors are defined as those devices that require the drilling of a hole into the natural feature (rock) to install a bolt and hangers typically used to facilitate ascent or descent of the mountain.

Note: Temporary anchors that do not require the drilling and altering of the natural feature may be left in place.

Justification: Current National Park Service policy, Director's Order 41 (Wilderness) issued May 13, 2013, prohibits installation of new fixed anchors unless specifically authorized through a plan or through a permit system. Until the Park can meet this planning requirement or approves a permit, fixed anchors (bolts) remain prohibited.

- §2.1(a)(4) Firewood cutting permits
  - A valid permit issued to Stehekin residents is required to obtain firewood in the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area. Permits will be issued in accordance with the conditions published in the approved Stehekin Valley Firewood Management Plan. Wood may be cut or obtained from those areas identified in the approved Stehekin Valley Firewood Management Plan or through the provisions of a winter firewood permit. Permits must be obtained from the Natural Resource Manager's designee for a fee.

  - A valid Firewood cutting permit is required to gather firewood in the Ross Lake National Recreation Area. EXCEPT: the wood gathered by campers in accordance with 36 CFR 2.1 (a)(4).

- §2.4(d) Carry or possess a weapon, trap, or net
  - A valid permit issued by the Superintendent is required to carry or possess a weapon under the circumstances listed in 36 CFR 2.4(d).

- §2.5(a) Specimen collection (Take plant, fish, wildlife, rocks or minerals)
  - A valid specimen collection permit issued by the Superintendent is required for the taking of any plants, fish, wildlife, rocks, or minerals except, in accordance with other regulations of this chapter. Such a permit may be issued only under the conditions specified in 36 CFR 2.5 (b) through (h).

- §2.10(a) Camping activities
  - A valid Backcountry Use Permit is required for camping EXCEPT within designated auto access campgrounds accessible from State Highway 20; at Hozomeen campground, and at Weaver Point, Flick Creek, and Manly Wham Camps on Lake Chelan.
  - A valid front-country Campground Permit is required for camping at Colonial Creek, Gorge Creek, Newhalem Creek, Goodell Creek and Upper and Lower Goodell Campgrounds.

- §2.12 Audio disturbances
  - (a)(2) A valid permit issued by the Superintendent is required to operate a chainsaw except where authorized by a valid Firewood Permit.
  - (a)(3) A valid permit issued by the Superintendent is required to operate any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine in non-developed areas.
  - (a)(4) A valid permit issued by the Superintendent is required to operate 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) A valid permit issued by the Superintendent is required to deliver or retrieve a person or object by parachute, helicopter, or other airborne means.
  - (c)(1) A valid permit issued by the Superintendent is required to remove a downed aircraft.

- 2.22 Property
  - A valid permit issued by the Superintendent is required to park in permit designated parking lots in Stehekin.

- §2.23(b) Recreation activities (per 36 CFR Part 71)
  - A valid permit issued by the Superintendent is required for certain recreation 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)
  - A valid permit is required for any soliciting of gifts, goods or services.

- §2.38 Explosives
  - A valid permit issued by the Superintendent is required for any use, possession, storage or transportation of explosives, blasting agents or explosive material.

- §2.50(a) Special Events
  - A valid permit is required for any sports event, pageant, regatta, public spectator attraction, entertainment, ceremony, fireworks display or similar event.

- §2.51(a) Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions of views.
  - A valid permit is required for public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions of views. See the list of available sites in the General Regulations section 36 CFR §2.51.

- §2.52(c) Sale or distribution of printer matter that is not solely commercial advertising.
  - A valid permit is required for the sale or distribution of printed matter. See the list of available sites in the General Regulations section 36 CFR §2.52.

- §2.60(b) Livestock use
  - None

- §2.61(a) Residing on federal lands
  - A valid permit, lease or contract is required for residing in park areas, other than on privately owned lands.

- §2.62 Memorialization
  - (a) Erection of monuments
    Approval from the Regional Director is required for the erection of a monument.

  - (b) Scattering ashes from human cremation
    A valid permit is required for the purpose of scattering human remains ashes from cremation.

- §3.3 Use of a vessel
  - From May 1st through October 15th a valid Lake Chelan Federal Dock Permit is required for mooring any vessel longer than 30 minutes at the following areas.
    Stehekin Marina
    Purple Point
    Flick Creek
    Weaver Point Campground Docks

Manley Wham

- §3.23(a) Scuba and Snorkeling:
  - A valid permit is required for SCUBA diving and snorkeling around dock areas when necessary to effect a salvage operation.

- §4.11(a) Exceeding of established vehicle load, weight and size limits

- §5.1 Advertisements - (Display, posting or distribution)

- §5.3 Engaging in or soliciting any business
  - A valid permit, contract or other written agreement with the United States is required for engaging in or soliciting any business on lands administered by the National Park Service.

- §5.4(a) Commercial transportation of passengers by motor vehicles

- §5.5 Commercial Filming/Photography: A valid permit required for:
  - Commercial filming, defined as digital or film recording of a visual image or sound recording by a person, business, or other entity for a market audience, such as for a documentary, television or feature film, advertisement, or similar project.
  - Photography, defined as filming activity which uses model(s), sets(s), or prop(s) that are not a part of the location's natural or cultural resources or administrative facilities.

- §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.

- §5.10(a) Operation of eating, drinking, or lodging establishments in certain park areas

- §6.9(a) Operation of a solid waste disposal site

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- §9.32 Mine access
  - A valid access permit is required for surface access to and from any mining claims within the park complex unless access is by pack animal or foot.

III. GENERAL REGULATIONS

36 CFR §2.1 – PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

(a)(4) Dead wood on the ground may be collected for use as fuel for campfires within the park:

- Only outside of the limits of designated campgrounds, backcountry camps, and subalpine meadows and must not be over ten inches in diameter. This wood may be used as fuel in campgrounds and backcountry camps where fire grates are provided. Unless pursuant to

terms and conditions of a valid firewood cutting permit, wood may not be removed from the park Complex. Note: Firewood is allowed if packed in from outside the closed areas or collected as drift wood.

- Prohibited Firewood Gathering Areas:
  - Cat Island
  - Ten Mile Island
  - Cougar Island
  - Within ½ mile of Hidden Meadow Camp

NOTE: Firewood is allowed if packed in from outside the closure areas or collected as drift wood.

(a)(5) The following conditions are in effect for walking, climbing, entering, ascending or traversing the listed archeological or cultural resource, monuments or statues:

- None

(b) Hiking or pedestrian traffic is restricted to the trail or walkway as listed in Section 1.5 of this document.

- Shortcutting between switchbacks on all maintained trails is prohibited

(c)(1), (c)(2) The following fruits, nuts, berries or unoccupied seashells may be gathered by hand for personal use or consumption, in accordance with the noted size, quantity, collection sites and/or use or consumption restrictions:

- Blackberry — Rubus spp.
- Blueberry — Vaccinium spp.
- Blue Elderberry — Sambucus caerulea
- Chokecherry — Prunus virginiana
- Cranberry — Viburnum spp.
- Currant — Ribes spp.
- Dewberry — Rubus vitifolius, R. ursinus
- Gooseberry — Ribes spp.
- Hazelnut — Corylus cornuta
- Hawthorne — Crataegus douglasi
- Huckleberry — Vaccinium spp.
- Kinnikinnic — Arctostaphylos uva-ursi
- Mountain Ash — Sorbus spp.
- Oregon Grape — Berberis spp.
- Raspberry — Rubus spp.
- Red Elderberry — Sambucus callicarpa
- Salal Berries — Gaultheria spp.
- Salmonberry — Rubus spectabilis
- Serviceberry — Amelanchier spp.
- Strawberry — Fragaria spp.
- Thimbleberry — Rubus parvifloris

The gathering or possession of edible fruits and berries is limited to one liter (1.1 quart) per person per day. Unlimited amounts of apples may be gathered or possessed for non-commercial use.

36 CFR §2.2 - WILDLIFE PROTECTION

(d) The transporting of lawfully taken wildlife through the park is permitted under the following conditions and procedures:

- In accordance with state law wildlife may be transported on State Highway 20. For additional information consult Washington state hunting regulations.

(e) The following areas are closed to the viewing and/or hunting of wildlife with the use of artificial light:

- The entire North Cascades National Park Complex

Justification: Hunting during hours of darkness poses an imminent safety risk for visitors.

36 CFR §2.3 – FISHING

(a) The following State fishing laws and/or regulations, as noted, do not apply in the listed areas:

- None

(d)(2) Possession or use of live or dead minnows or other bait fish, amphibian, non-preserved fish eggs or roe is permitted in the following fresh water areas:

- Lake Chelan in accordance with Washington State Fishing Regulations

(d)(4) In accordance with federal statutory law, commercial fishing is authorized in the following areas, under the conditions noted:

- None

(d)(8) Fishing is allowed in or from the following otherwise prohibited areas:

- Motor road bridges
  - Stehekin Valley motor road bridges unless posted signs prohibit such activity.
- Public boat docks
  - Fishing is permitted unless posted signs prohibit such activity

36 CFR §2.4 – WEAPONS, TRAPS, AND NETS

(a)(2)(i) Weapons, traps, or nets may only be carried, possessed or used at the following designated times and locations:

- In areas open to hunting, during a legal hunt period, and in accordance with Washington state law. For additional information see Washington state hunting regulations.

(2)(ii) Weapons, traps, or nets may be used for target practice as provided for in Section §7.69 Ross Lake National Recreation Area and §7.62 Lake Chelan National Recreation:

- Newhalem Rifle Range, between the hours of sunrise and sunset, subject to applicable Federal, State and local laws (See restriction under section 1.5[a][1]).
- Stehekin Burrow Pit, between the hours of sunrise and sunset, subject to applicable Federal, State and local laws.

36 CFR §2.10 – CAMPING and FOOD STORAGE

(a) The sites and areas listed below have been designated for camping activities as noted. A permit system has been established for certain campgrounds or camping activities, and conditions for camping and camping activities are in effect as noted:

- Time limits: Camping in North Cascades National Park Complex is limited to a total of not more than 30 days in a calendar year; provided that during the period from July 1st to September 1st, camping is limited to not more than 14 consecutive days.
- Camping permits are required for overnight camping at all designated frontcountry, backcountry and boat-in campsites.
- Required to travel and camp 1 mile apart in backcountry zones.

- Payment of campsite fees in fee designated campgrounds is required within one hour of occupancy.
- Reservations are required for camping in Newhalem Creek Campground-Loop C, Upper Goodell Group Site, Lower Goodell Group Sites, Newhalem Creek Group Sites, Harlequin, and Bridge Creek.
- No more than two vehicles (including boat and camper trailers) or 8 people per site and 3 tents are permitted at Colonial Creek, Gorge Lake, Newhalem Creek, Goodell Creek, and Hozomeen Campgrounds except as noted at the campground. All camping activities must be conducted on bare ground and not on vegetation.
- All wheels of all vehicles must be parked on hardened or designated paved parking pads.
- In backcountry camp areas, campers must camp on delineated tent pads where provided.

(b)(3) Camping within 25 feet of a fire hydrant or main road, or within 100 feet of a flowing stream, river or body of water is authorized only in the following areas, under the conditions noted:

- Designated frontcountry, backcountry and boat-in campsites only.

(d) Conditions for the storage of food are in effect, as noted, for the following areas:

- In all front country, park housing and concession areas, backcountry and boat-in campsites, food and other items specified in 36 CFR 2.10(d) must be stored in accordance with the provisions of that section. Food and other items specified in 36 CFR 2.10(d) that is not properly stored is subject to confiscation and inventory.

- There are two approved and effective methods for storing food, litter, and scented items in the backcountry / wilderness of North Cascades National Park Service Complex:
  - Hanging the items a minimum 10 feet off the ground and 4 feet from any tree limb or trunk.
  - Using a hard-sided container.
- Use of an allowed hard-sided food storage canister is mandatory at the following designated camps within the trail zone: Desolation, Fisher, Hooter, Monogram Lake, Pierce Mountain, Sourdough, Sahale Glacier, Thornton Lakes, Thunder Basin, Trapper Inlet.
- Use of an allowed hard-sided food storage canister is mandatory in the following cross-country zones from June 1 – November 15: Boston Basin (portions), Eldorado (portions), Hidden Lake, Tapto Lakes, Sulphide Glacier (portions).

Justification: These areas have been chosen for one or more of the following factors: 1) Hanging food is either very difficult or impossible due to the nature of the vegetation or lack of trees entirely, 2) wildlife have obtained food that was stored using a method other than a container, 3) human-food-conditioned wildlife has become a nuisance and/or causing damage to tents and other gear, 3) the presence of bears is high, 4) visitor use is high.

36 CFR 2.11 – PICNICKING

Conditions for picnicking:

- Picnic areas are open from sunrise to sunset
- Camping is prohibited within marked picnic areas
- Picnicking is not allowed in front country campground sites

36 CFR 2.13 – FIRES

(a)(1) The lighting or maintaining of fires is generally prohibited, except as provided for in the following designated areas and/or receptacles, and under the conditions noted:

- Designated Areas

    - Open fires are permitted only in designated campgrounds or backcountry campsites where park provided fire rings or fire grates are installed.

- Receptacles Allowed
    - Park provided fire grates or fire rings.

- Established Conditions for Fires
    - All open fires must be attended at all times.
    - Fires must be maintained at a level that can be quickly controlled or extinguished.
    - Burning of toxic materials such as rubber, plastics, asphalt, petroleum products, plywood, painted or treated lumber, dead animals or garbage is prohibited.

(a)(2) The following restrictions are in effect for the use of stoves or lanterns:

- None

36 CFR §2.14 – SANITATION and REFUSE

(a)(2) The use of government refuse receptacles or facilities for dumping household, commercial or industrial refuse, brought as such from private or municipal property is allowed under the following conditions:

- None

(a)(9)(b) The Superintendent may establish conditions concerning the disposal, containerization or carrying out of human waste:

- The use of human waste dump stations by other than registered campers is prohibited.

36 CFR §2.15 – PETS

(a)(1) The following structures and/or areas are closed to the possession of pets:

- The areas designated as North Cascades National Park is closed to the possession of pets except within 50 feet of the Pacific Crest Trail, Cascades River Road and Stehekin Valley Road.

(a)(3) Pets may be left unattended and tied to an object in the following areas, under the conditions noted:

- None

(a)(5) Pet excrement must be disposed of in accordance with the following conditions:

- Owners or persons having custody or control of any animal(s) will immediately remove and dispose of excrement voided by an animal(s) under their control. Excrement will be properly disposed of in trash containers.

(b) The use of dogs in support of hunting must be in accordance with Federal and State laws and the following conditions:

- ***The use of dogs in support of hunting is prohibited.***

Justification: Allowing hunting with the use of dogs places the hunter in conflict with two federal statutes. 1) 36 CFR 2.15(a)(2) prohibits the possession of pets not crated, caged, or restrained on a leash not to exceed six feet in length. Hunting with dogs is performed by letting dogs loose to pursue a game animal; it is not practical to hunt with dogs on a six-foot leash. 2) This Compendium, through the authorization of 36 CFR 2.2(e), prohibits the viewing of wildlife with an artificial light. Hunting with dogs is normally done during hours of darkness, which necessitates the use of an artificial light.

(e) Pets may be kept by park residents under the following conditions:

- In accordance with the provisions of the parks' approved legal resident pet policy.

36 CFR §2.16 – HORSES and PACK ANIMALS

(a) The following animals are designated as pack animals for purposes of transporting equipment:

- Horses
- Mules
- Llamas

(b) The use of horses or pack animals is allowed on the following trails, routes or areas:

- On those trails classified as all-purpose trails in the Wilderness Management Plan unless they are posted as closed due to unstable or wet conditions. Such use is also permitted on the Ross Dam Trail from State Route 20 to the Ross Dam Haul Road, the Diablo Lake Trail, Thunder Creek trail from it's trailhead to the Thunder Creek Bridge and the Jack Mountain Trail.

- Are permitted off maintained trails in the Boulder Creek, Rainbow Creek, and 4-Mile Creek drainages under the following conditions:
  - Maximum number of party is 6 including stock.
  - A valid Backcountry Use Permit for cross country travel must be obtained.
  - Camping must be consistent with all regulations of 36 CFR 2.1 Preservation of Natural Resources; 2.10 Camping and Food Storage: 2.12 Audio Disturbances 2.13 Fires and 2.14 Sanitation and Refuse.
- Permitted on Stehekin Valley Road for access to or from trailheads or private property where there are no reasonable designated routes and when such use is compatible with historic, cultural and scenic values and safety considerations

(g) Other conditions concerning the use of horses or pack animals:

- The following are prohibited within the North Cascades National Park:
  - Hitching or tying any stock directly to any tree for an overnight period.
  - Hitching or tying any stock to any object, including high line, where point of hitch or tie is within 8 feet of any tree or, as to cause damage to the roots or bole of any tree.
  - Allow stock to graze unattended.
  - Grazing or browsing by horses and pack animals;
    - EXCEPT: At selected sites on Ross Lake and Lake Chelan National Recreation Areas as may be designated by the Superintendent and indicated by a valid Backcountry permit
  - Grazing closer than 200 feet from the lake shores.
  - Grazing or browsing by horses and pack animals in the designated Wilderness portion of the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area;
    - EXCEPT at Rainbow Meadow, Hidden Meadow and Juanita Lake basin ¼ mile or more from Juanita Lake.
- May be held overnight only at facilities in designated horse camps except for parties camping in the Boulder Creek, Rainbow Creek and 4 Mile Creek drainages or at the other sites specified on a valid backcountry use permit

36 CFR §2.17 – AIRCRAFT and AIR DELIVERY

(a)(1) Areas designated for operating or using aircraft are provided for in section §7.62 Lake Chelan National Recreation Area and §7.69 Lake Ross National Recreation Area

- Aircraft operating within the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area may use:

- The entire water surface of Lake Chelan
- Stehekin Landing Field

- Aircraft operating within the Ross Lake National Recreation Area may use:
  - The entire water surface of Ross Lake and Diablo Lake. EXCEPT: within 1000 feet of a dam or within an area closed for fish spawning.

(2) The operation or use of aircraft under power on water within 500 feet of designated swimming beaches, boat docks, piers, or ramps is permitted in the following areas, under the conditions noted:

- Aircraft operating within the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area may dock at:
  - Designated government docks on Lake Chelan and at private docks on Lake Chelan with consent of the dock owner.
  - All landing and docking operations permitted under special regulations and this compendium must be performed in such a manner as to not endanger or interfere with boaters or other recreational users using the lakes.

- Aircraft operating within the Ross Lake National Recreation Area may dock at:
  - Ross lake Resort
  - Overnight docking is prohibited at the Hozomeen boat docks

(1) The removal of a downed aircraft, components, or parts thereof is subject to procedures established by the Superintendent through written authorization.

<u>36 CFR §2.18 – SNOWMOBILES</u>

(c) Snowmobiles may be operated only on routes designated in section §7.62 Lake Chelan National Recreation Area §7.66 North Cascades National Park and §7.69 Lake Ross National Recreation Area

- After consideration of existing conditions the Superintendent may designate as open the following areas within the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area:
  - All open areas, designated trails or roadways on public land below the 1320-foot contour line within Stehekin Valley, except cross country trails within Buckner Orchard.
  - Those portions of the Stehekin Valley Road normally open to the use by motor vehicles from the 1320-foot contour line to the park boundary.
  - Snowmobile use on public lands or designated trails will be limited to permanent year round residents of Stehekin Valley.

- After consideration of existing conditions the Superintendent may designate as open the following areas within the North cascades National Park:
  - The Cascade River Road between the park boundary to the Cascade Pass Trailhead parking area.
  - The Stehekin Valley Road between the park boundary and Cottonwood Camp.

- After consideration of existing conditions and dependent on restrictions further imposed by the State of Washington, the Superintendent may designate as open the following areas within the Ross Lake National Recreation Area:
  - State Highway 20, that portion normally closed to motor vehicles during the winter.
  - Hozomeen Road from the international border to the East Landing.
  - Access and circulatory roads within the Hozomeen area normally open to motor vehicles.
  - Thornton Lake Road from State Highway 20 to the Thornton Lake Trailhead parking area.

- Newhalem Creek Road from its junction with State Highway 20 to its junction with the Down River Road on the south side of the Skagit River.
- Down River Road on the south side of the Skagit River from its junction with the Newhalem Creek Road to the end of the road across the Skagit River from the mouth of Sky Creek.

36 CFR §2.19 – WINTER ACTIVITIES

a) The following park roads and/or parking areas open to motor vehicle traffic may be used for skiing, snowshoeing, ice skating, innertubing, tobogganing, and similar winter activities under the conditions noted:

- Stehekin Valley road when such use is compatible with natural, cultural, scenic and aesthetic values, safety considerations, management objectives, and will not disturb wildlife or impair natural and cultural resources of the National Park and Recreation Area.

(b) The towing of persons on skis, sled or other similar device by motor vehicle or snowmobile is allowed in the following areas and/or routes:

- None

36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING

(a) The following portions of the park, or all or portions of buildings, structures or facilities are closed to smoking as noted:

- All public buildings to include: administrative offices, visitor centers, information stations, maintenance shops and restrooms.
- North Cascades Stehekin Lodge facilities EXCEPT: those designated and signed as "Smoking Permitted."
- All NPS leased and owned vehicles.

36 CFR §2.22 – PROPERTY

(a)(2) Property may be left unattended for periods longer than 24 hours in the following areas and under the following conditions:

- Visitors on authorized backcountry trips are permitted to leave their vehicles unattended in trailheads or launching ramp parking areas for the period specified on their backcountry permit.
- Vehicles may be parked at designated parking lots in the vicinity of the Stehekin landing in accordance with time periods established by the Superintendent.

36 CFR §2.23 – RECREATION FEES

(b) Recreation fees, and/or a permit, in accordance with 36 CFR part 71, are established for the following entrance fee areas, or for participation in the following group activity, recreation events or specialized event uses:

- There is no entrance fee for the North Cascades National Park Complex.
- Recreational activity fees: Charged for camping and commercial recreational activity including bicycling, hiking, climbing, rafting, kayaking and canoeing among others.
- Event fees: Charged for weddings and ash spreading ceremonies among others.

36 CFR §2.35 – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES and CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

(a)(3)(i) The following public use areas, portions of public use areas, and/or public facilities within the park are closed to consumption of alcoholic beverages, and/or to the possession of a bottle, can or other receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage that is open, or has been opened, or whose seal has been broken or the contents of which have been partially removed:

- None

36 CFR §2.51 – PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES AND MEETINGS

(a) The following locations, in accordance with the terms of a permit issued by the Superintendent are available for the public meetings and assemblies.

- Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades, and other public expressions of views require a permit when the activity involves more than 25 persons or is requested for a location outside the identified designated areas. The following locations have been identified for such purposes:
    - Bulletin board at Stehekin Landing
    - Jackson Memorial Park at Stehekin
    - Buckner Orchard at Stehekin
    - Off road area between the Skagit Ranger Station and the Wilderness Information Center in Marblemount
    - Off road area at the entrance to Newhalem Creek Road north of Skagit river bridge
    - In the west end of the parking area at the North Cascades Visitor Center in Newhalem
    - Boat trailer parking area at Colonial Creek Campground
    - Diablo Lake Overlook

36 CFR §2.52 – SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATTER

(a) The following locations, in accordance with the terms of a permit issued by the superintendent are available for the sale and distribution of printed matter.

- Bulletin board at Stehekin Landing
- Jackson Memorial Park at Stehekin
- Buckner Orchard at Stehekin
- Off road area between the Skagit Ranger Station and the Wilderness Information Center in Marblemount
- Off road area at the entrance to Newhalem Creek Road north of Skagit river bridge
- In the west end of the parking area at the North Cascades Visitor Center in Newhalem
- Boat trailer parking area at Colonial Creek Campground
- Diablo Lake Overlook

36 CFR §2.62 – MEMORIALIZATION

(b) A permit is required for the scattering of ashes from cremated human remains, or in the following designated areas without a permit, in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

- Pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit issued by the superintendent, human ashes from the cremation may be scattered, except within 500 feet of any developed area or established campsite.

36 CFR §3.8 – BOATING OPERATIONS PROHIBITED VESSEL OPERATIONS

b(4) Vessels may not create a wake or exceed 5 mph in the following areas:

- Diablo Lake South of State Highway 20 Bridge including Thunder Arm.
- The waters of Diablo Lake at the barge terminal south of Ross Dam as marked.
- The designated "No Wake" zone area surrounding Stehekin Marina
- The waters of Ross Lake at the middle boom south to the dam as marked.

(a)(2) The following sites are designated for the launching or recovery of vessels:

- Gorge Lake campground's designated boat launch

- Colonial Creek campground designated boat launch
- Hozomeen campground's designated boat launches
- Copper Creek launch area on the Skagit River
- Stehekin boat launch

36 CFR §3.9 – PERSONAL WATERCRAFT (PWC)

(a) Personal Water Craft are prohibited on:

- All waters of the North Cascades National Park Complex.

36 CFR §3.12 – TOWING/WATER SKIING

(a) The towing of persons by vessels is allowed in the following areas under the terms and conditions noted:

- None

36 CFR §3.16 – SWIMMING AND WADING

(c) The following areas are closed to swimming and bathing:

- None
- Jumping from Devils Creek Bridge or Lightning Creek Bridge is prohibited.

36 CFR §3.17 - REGULATION OF SWIMMING AREAS/BEACHES

(c) The use of floatation devices, glass containers, kites, or incompatible sporting activities is not permitted on the following swimming beaches, as noted:

- None

36 CFR §3.18 – SNORKEL/DIVING

(a) SCUBA diving and snorkeling is permitted in the following swimming, docking and mooring areas under the terms and conditions as noted:

- A valid permit is required for SCUBA diving and snorkeling around dock areas when necessary to effect a salvage operation on Ross Lake and Lake Chelan Conditions of the permit includes:
  - A diver's marker is displayed
  - A competent observer is on the dock watching and warning boaters
  - It is conducted at times of minimal boat use

- Recreational diving and snorkeling is allowed in North Cascades National Park Complex.

36CFR §4.11 – VEHICLE LOAD, WEIGHT AND SIZE LIMITS

(a) The following load, weight and size limits, which are more restrictive than State law, apply to the roads indicated under the terms and conditions, and/or under permit as noted:

- None

36 CFR §4.12 – Traffic Control Devices

- Parking at Stehekin will be according to the Stehekin Landing Parking Plan (Appendix F)

36 CFR §4.21 – SPEED LIMITS

(b) The following speed limits are established for the routes/roads indicated:

- 15 miles per hour from the Stehekin Boat Landing to west of Purple Point Campground and in signed areas around the Stehekin School.
- 25 miles per hour from west of Purple Point Campground to High Bridge.
- 20 miles per hour from High Bridge to Cottonwood Campground.
- 25 miles per hour on the Company Creek Road from Harlequin Bridge to the end of the road.
- 10 miles per hour from the Skagit River bridge in Newhalem to the Newhalem "Camptender."
- 15 miles per hour from Highway 20 to the Copper Creek Boat Launch.
- 25 miles per hour on the Cascade River and Thorton Lakes roads.
- 25 miles per hour from the Newhalem "Camptender" to the North Cascades National Park Visitor Center.
- 35 miles per hour from Highway 20 to Gorge Creek Campground.

36 CFR §4.30 – BICYCLES

(a) Park roads and parking areas that are closed to bicycle use are listed in section 1.5 of this document. The following additional routes, in developed areas or special use zones, have been designated for bicycle use:

- None

36 CFR §7.62, §7.66, §7.69 – SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Special regulations that allow for superintendents discretion have been inserted into this document and can be found in 36 CFR §7.62 for Lake Chelan National Recreation Area, §7.66 for North Cascades National Park, and §7.69 for Ross Lake National Recreation Area