

Determination to Change Olympic 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 Olympic National Park Regulations.

1. Regulation change:

Beginning at 12:01 a.m. on April 24, 2012, until further notice, the Mt. Tom Creek campsite along the Hoh River will be closed to camping until further notice.

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

This is an emergency regulation change adopted for the Hoh Sub-District within Olympic National Park. The previous regulations allowed camping at this site.

3. Date of Adoption: April 24, 2012

4. Reasons for change:

The emergency closure is designed to protect the public from the hazardous conditions caused by an elk carcass at the site which is being fed on by bears. In order to minimize human/bear interaction, a camping closure is necessary. Only a full camping closure will ensure human/bear interaction is minimized.

5. Effective Date(s): Beginning at 12:01 a.m. on April 24, 2012, and until further notice. This closure order will continue until the area is safe for visitors to return to camping at that site.

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

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Date:

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