



National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

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

**Redwood National and
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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 54 Section 100751(a), the following provisions apply to all persons entering, using, visiting, or otherwise within: (1) The boundaries of federally owned lands and waters administered by Redwood National Park; (2) The boundaries of lands and waters administered by Redwood National Park for public-use purposes pursuant to the terms of a written instrument; (3) Waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States located within the boundaries of Redwood National Park, including navigable waters and areas within their ordinary reach (up to the mean high water line in places subject to the ebb and flow of the tide and up to the ordinary high water mark in other places) and without regard to the ownership of submerged lands, tidelands, or lowlands. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7.

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

I. CLOSURES AND PUBLIC USE LIMITS

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:

Public Use Limits:

- Coastal Drive from High Bluff Road to West Klamath Beach Road and within the boundaries of Redwood National Park will be restricted to one way motor vehicle traffic.

Determination: Coastal Drive just south of the mouth of the Klamath River is a remnant of old Highway 101 that pre-dates the park. Recent road maintenance revealed that this section of road has degraded and narrowed to the extent that it can no longer support two way traffic. Vehicles that meet head on cause one or the other to leave the road surface. Without complex and costly engineered solutions there is no way to widen the roadway or install pull-outs because the old shoulder of the road has been consumed by coastal cliff erosion. In addition, the slope adjacent to the roadway falls off steeply several hundred feet to the ocean below, which presents a significant risk and hazard to the public. Creating a one-way vehicle traffic pattern will provide for reasonably safe traffic conditions. This restriction will remain in effect until such time as the situation no longer presents a risk to public health and safety.

- The Enderts Beach Road south of the intersection with the Crescent Beach Picnic area to the Nickel Creek Parking area at Crescent Beach Overlook, including the entire width of the paved road surface and shoulder on both sides are closed to visitor use from one half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise daily, except in emergencies. This area as described is closed to persons and vehicles from one half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise daily.

Determination: Redwood National Park experiences a chronic problem of automobile burglaries and illegal drug use at the Nickel Creek parking area at the end of Enderts Beach Road. During the summer of 2010 over 25% of all park automobile burglaries occurred at this location, with the majority of those during nighttime hours. Law enforcement staffing levels cannot provide 24 hour coverage and security of this area. This closure is needed to provide law enforcement staff the ability to focus their enforcement efforts to apprehend and discourage illegal activities. This action is called for in the 1999 Redwood National and State Parks General Management Plan/General Plan Final Environmental Impact Statement/Report (GMP/GP FEIS/R), as approved through the 2000 Record of Decision. The closure, and hence restriction of all activities, is needed to ensure visitor safety and security.

- All parking areas along Freshwater Lagoon Spit, including the entire width of the graveled road shoulder on both sides of Highway 101, from the Redwood National and State Parks Entrance sign at the south end of Freshwater Lagoon north to the turnoff to the Redwood Creek Picnic Area are open to visitor use from 6am-10pm daily. Except in emergencies, this area as described is closed to persons and vehicles from 10pm-6am daily.

Determination: This area of Freshwater Lagoon Spit was open to overnight camping prior to park expansion in 1978 and continuing through January 2004, when the area was closed to overnight camping as called for in the 1999 Redwood National and State Parks General Management Plan/General Plan Final Environmental Impact Statement/Report (GMP/GP FEIS/R), as approved through the 2000 Record of Decision. The closure, and hence restriction of all activities, not just camping, from 10pm-6am is needed to more effectively enforce the prohibition on camping. This nighttime closure of all use is intended as a temporary measure only until visitor use patterns change sufficiently to allow enforcement of camping restrictions alone.

- All areas within the park boundary on the north side of the mouth of Redwood Creek (Hidden Beach) are open to public use 6am-10pm daily. Except in emergencies and commercial fishing, this area as described is closed to persons and vehicles from 10pm-6am daily.

Determination: This closure is needed to provide law enforcement staff the ability to focus their enforcement efforts to apprehend and discourage illegal activities. Currently the north side of the mouth of Redwood Creek (Hidden Beach) experiences a high volume of wood poaching occurring between the hours of 10pm -6am. This action is called for in the 1999 Redwood National and State Parks General Management Plan/General Plan Final Environmental Impact Statement/Report (GMP/GP FEIS/R), as approved through the 2000 Record of Decision. The closure, and hence restriction of all activities, is needed to ensure protection of natural resources.

- The Tall Trees Access Road is limited to 65 vehicles per day. A permit is required (see §1.6).

Determination: The Tall Trees Access Road is a six-mile long dirt road that leads to the Tall Trees Grove Parking Area. Because of high visitor demand for this area and limited parking, restricting the number of vehicles is necessary to prevent public safety hazards and resource damage associated with unauthorized overflow parking along the roadway and the environs near the Tall Trees Grove Parking Area. In addition, the limit allows visitors to proceed down the long winding road with the knowledge that parking will be available when they arrive.

Otherwise, visitors could potentially reach the parking area, find no available spaces, and be forced to return to the Bald Hills Road six miles away.

- The use of a radio, smart phone, or other mobile device with an external speaker that generates music or amplifies noise at levels exceeding those of normal conversation (60 decibels) in, or within 500 feet of old growth forests, from February 1 through September 15 is prohibited. Old-growth forest is defined as a mature forest with a multi-species canopy dominated by large over-story trees.

Determination: This limitation is necessary to avoid disturbing nesting federally listed threatened bird and mammal species. Current research has shown that Marbled Murrelets, Humboldt Marten, and Northern Spotted Owls, both species of which nest/den almost exclusively in old-growth forests, are sensitive to noise disturbance during the nesting/denning season. Disturbance has been found to cause nest/den abandonment and/or failure in these species.

- 2-hour parking limit on motor vehicles parked in the Hiouchi Visitor Center parking lot. Exception is kayak tour program participants.

Determination: This limitation is necessary to increase available parking spaces for visitors seeking a brief orientation at the Hiouchi Visitor Center and to discourage long-term parking

Closures:

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

Definition:

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 types of devices that meet this definition (e.g., model airplanes, quad-copters, drones) that are used for any purpose, including for recreation or commerce.

Determination: This closure is necessary to maintain public health and safety in the park 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. The use of machine airborne or controlled devices, such as Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) or "drones" has the potential to interfere with public safety by posing an in-flight impact hazard to visitors in the park. UAS are prohibited in state parks within RNSP under posted order 2-265-31. This closure would keep regulations consistent across all RNSP parks. Also, this closure is necessary to avoid disturbing federally listed threatened bird species. Disturbance associated with UAS operations could cause nest abandonment and/or failure in these species. In addition, this closure will help prevent wildland fires resulting from the ignition of batteries on board crashed UAS (In August of 2013, a 3.5 acre wildland fire in the Bald Hills was caused by a UAS crash).

- The two horse/pedestrian fords on the Mill Creek Horse Trail are closed annually to protect active salmon spawning beds. Between October 15 and May 31 the south ford on the Mill Creek Horse Trail is closed to both pedestrian and horse crossings. Between October 15 and March 31 the north ford on the Mill Creek Horse Trail is closed to both pedestrian and horse crossings.

Determination: This closure to protect spawning fish was implemented as described in the Biological Assessment prepared by the NPS and Biological Opinion issued by National Marine Fisheries Service for the 2009 Trail and Backcountry Management Plan. Research has shown that trampling diminishes the survival of eggs and emergent fish (Roberts, B.C. and R.G. White. 1992). Field surveys of both Mill Creek Horse Trail fords have shown the presence of salmon "redds" (nests) and emergent fry, including federally protected Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast Coho salmon. Most Coho salmon spawning and incubation occurs in this watershed from October 15 through March 31 with all incubation completed by May 31 (SRAC 2002). If continued monitoring of Coho spawning and incubation in these particular locations indicates earlier or later starting or ending dates, the closure period will be adjusted accordingly. This determination is consistent with similar conservation measures enacted for recreational use on the Deschutes River in Oregon (USDC, 2002). Long-term solutions besides closure could include re-routing the trail through less sensitive areas or constructing permanent bridges capable of accommodating horse and pedestrian traffic. Both of these options are cost prohibitive at this time.

References available upon request.

- Waters of Redwood Creek that lie within the boundaries of Redwood National Park are closed to motorized vessel use.

Determination: The Redwood Creek Watershed has been identified in the park's General Management Plan as an area to be managed for a high degree of solitude "...isolated from the sights and sounds of traffic and developments..." In addition, a significant portion of Redwood Creek flows through or within one-quarter mile of old growth forest. Current research has shown that federally listed threatened Marbled Murrelets and Humboldt Martens nest/den almost exclusively in old-growth forests are sensitive to noise disturbance during the nesting/denning season. Disturbance can cause nest/den abandonment and/or failure in these species. Motorized vessel use in Redwood Creek is therefore inconsistent with General Management Plan, direction for the management of this area, and with the protection of federally threatened bird and mammal species during their nesting/denning seasons.

- Climbing any tree is prohibited without a research permit issued by the NPS that specifically authorizes this activity. During the spotted owl and marbled murrelet breeding season a United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) approved Section 10(a)(1)(A) permit is also required.

Determination: This limitation is necessary to avoid disturbing federally listed threatened bird species. Current research has shown that marbled murrelets and northern spotted owls, both species of which nest almost exclusively in old-growth forests are sensitive to human disturbance during the breeding season. Disturbance associated with tree climbing could cause nest abandonment and/or failure in these species. Section 10 of the Endangered Species Act authorizes the USFWS to issue permits for scientific purposes or to enhance the recovery of listed species. An applicant for this permit must therefore demonstrate that the need for climbing an old-growth tree during the breeding season is advantageous to the conservation and recovery of the threatened or endangered species for the activity to occur. Outside of the breeding season, nest substrates, particularly moss/lichen complexes used by marbled murrelets, are susceptible to damage by tree climbing activities.

- Except in those areas listed in Section 2.22(a)(2)(i) of this Compendium, overnight parking on a roadway or parking area in the park is prohibited.

Determination: Overnight parking of unattended vehicles is allowed in designated areas of the park that provide access to backcountry campsites while the occupants of the vehicle are using those backcountry campsites. Prohibiting all other overnight parking is necessary to prevent unauthorized camping in and around the parking lots themselves or in nearby areas not

designated for camping. Unauthorized overnight use of these areas results in sanitation problems, resource damage, illegal campfires, and user conflicts. Developed vehicle campgrounds are available throughout the parks and local communities.

- Public motor vehicle use on signed and/or gated park roads is prohibited without a permit.

Determination: The Park contains hundreds of miles of former logging roads and skid trails that were used prior to park acquisition. The park's General Management Plan calls for the removal and rehabilitation of all roads except those designated as park roads and/or trails. Only those roads within the park that are open to unrestricted public use, designated in the park's GMP as a transportation corridor, or designated in the park's 2003 Road Strategy as a Long Term Access Road and do not lie within a Non-mechanized Backcountry or Primitive Zone, are considered to be a Park Road. All other roads and skid trails are closed to public motor vehicle use.

- The following administrative areas are open to authorized persons only:
 - The enclosed area (fenced) at the South Operations Center Orick, CA
 - The enclosed area (fenced) at the North Operations Center Crescent City, CA
 - The access road from the gate to the end of the road and all areas within a quarter mile of the residence at the Old South Operations Center
 - The Former Redwood Hostel Site (aka DeMartin House)
 - The Hiouchi seasonal residential area
 - The Hiouchi wildland fire administrative facility
 - The Prairie Creek Fish Hatchery
 - Wolf Creek Fire Cache (fenced)
 - The enclosed (fenced) employee parking lot at the Northeast corner of the Headquarters facility in Crescent City, CA
 - Rogers Peak Telecommunication Site

Determination: These areas serve the administrative needs of the park and contain no cultural or natural resources critical to visitor use and enjoyment of the park. The closure helps prevent unlawful activity at those locations and better protects park resources. The closure will also allow for natural revegetation at certain sites. The Prairie Creek Fish Hatchery were vacated due to structural problems. The buildings are unsafe and unfit for occupancy.

- The following area is closed to public access to protect park resources. The closure includes the area to the west of Bald Hills Road beginning 100' from the road, including Airstrip Prairie, and including the Upper K&K Road past the second interior gate and as marked by signage in the proximate area. This includes all park areas inside the following five GPS points.

- 1)41°11.936N 123°56.571W southbound along Bald Hills Rd to -
- 2)41°11.393N 123°55.941W westbound to -
- 3)41°11.185N 123°56.616W northbound to -
- 4)41°11.401N 123°57.099W northbound to -
- 5)41°11.595N 123°57.112W eastbound back to #1

Determination: This area contains sensitive and unique park resources that require limited human exposure to protect these resources.

- The following area is closed to public access to protect park resources. The closure includes Tom McDonald Creek and the surrounding area upstream from its confluence with Redwood Creek". This includes all park areas inside the following five GPS points.

- 1)41°12.689N 124°1.343W eastbound to -
- 2)41°12.605N 124°0.889W southeast following the west side of the Redwood Creek streambed along the tree line to -
- 3)41°12.407N 124°0.492W southwest to -

4)41°11.879N 124°0.788W westbound to -
5)41°11.783N 124°1.302W northbound back to #1 following the G61 Road. The closure will follow the east side of the road at the tree line.

Determination: This area contains sensitive and unique park resources that require limited human exposure to protect these resources.

- Crescent City Headquarters surrounding grounds will be closed to the public from 9 pm-5 am.

Determination: This closure is necessary to ensure the safety of employees. This area has had continuous problems with transients and illegal drug use after the headquarters building has closed.

- During times when the facilities are in use by approved educational groups, the Howland Hill Outdoor School and the Wolf Creek Education Center are closed to all public use of the facilities, grounds, center associated trails, and parking areas. Howland Hill Outdoor School and the Wolf Creek Education Center grounds and facilities will be closed to the public when not in use by education groups.

Determination: This closure is necessary to ensure a safe orderly environment for children and instructors participating in approved educational activities at these locations. Recent vandalism and thefts of property have made the necessary closure when educational groups are not using the grounds and facilities.

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

Camping:

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

E-Bikes :

- The term “e-bike” or Electric bicycle means a two- or three-wheeled cycle with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of not more than 750 watts that meets the requirements of one of the following three classes:
 - (1) “Class 1 electric bicycle” shall mean an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.
 - (2) “Class 2 electric bicycle” shall mean an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle, and that is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.
 - (3) “Class 3 electric bicycle” shall mean an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 28 miles per hour.
- E-bikes are allowed on administrative roads within Redwood National Park where traditional bicycles are allowed.
- E-bikes are prohibited on park trails where traditional bicycles are allowed
- Except where use of motor vehicles by the public is allowed, using the electric motor to move an e-bike without pedaling is prohibited.
- A person operating an e-bike is subject to 36 CFR 4.30(i)

- A person operating an e-bike is subject to the following sections of 36 CFR part 4 that apply to the use of traditional bicycles: sections 4.12, 4.13, 4.20, 4.21, 4.22, 4.23, and 4.30(h)(2)-(5).
- Except as specified in this Compendium, the use of an e-bike within Redwood National Park is governed by State law, which is adopted and made a part of this Compendium. Any violation of State law adopted by this paragraph is prohibited.

Notes: The following is a list of approved administrative roads for E-Bike use.

- Geneva Road (Lost Man Creek)
- Holter Ridge Road
- West Side Access Road
- Davison Road
- Rock Fork Road
- C-Line East (Tall Trees Access Road)
- Wolf Creek Road
- Wolf Creek Spur Road
- B-Line North Road
- Lyons Ranch and Ranch Roads
- Hiouchi Flat Trail

Determination: E-Bike use within Redwood National Park is subject to the authority of 36 CFR 4.30(i). The park determined that certain safety concerns and user conflict concerns provide cause to limit E Bike use within Redwood National Park to administrative roads and not trails where traditional bikes are allowed. The trails where traditional bikes are allowed would present serious challenges to the increased speed of E-Bikes. These trails are single tracks, windy, and do not allow for decreased reaction times expected with E-Bikes. With Hikers and equestrian users also on these same trails the problem is exacerbated. The park's administrative roads are wide enough and are open with clear forward views that decreased reaction times and user conflict would not be of concern.

This determination also puts us in alignment with the California Department of Parks and Recreation's rules on E-Bike use. We cooperatively manage the lands within Redwood National and State Parks and this determination makes E-Bike rules consistent across the partnership.

Other Power Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMD) use by Mobility Impaired Persons

Other Power Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMD) such as the Segway ® PT, and similar devices are authorized for use by persons with mobility disabilities as defined in § 35.104 of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Use is only allowed under the following conditions:

Types of OPDMD

Any OPDMD operated in Redwood National Park under this rule shall meet the following standards:

- Size: OPDMD shall not be wider than 36" or longer than 48".
- Weight: The overall weight of the device and users(s) shall not exceed 550 pounds.
- Speed: OPDMD shall not be operated at speeds in excess of 5 miles per hour.
- Noise: OPDMD shall not produce noise levels in excess of 70 decibels.
- Emissions: OPDMD shall not exceed zero emissions during use.

Areas of Authorized Use

OPDMD which meet the above criteria are allowed in the following locations within Redwood National Park:

- Exterior routes of travel designed for pedestrian use within developed public use areas.
- Trails and pathways specifically designed and constructed to ADA standards.
- Park roads, parking areas, and trails where bicycle use is authorized.

Determination: The use of OPDMD's at indoor facilities would present a hazard to other pedestrian traffic due to limited space and maneuverability. Uses of OPDMD's in other areas of the park are more in line with revisions to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) published September 15, 2010. Although these new regulations do not directly apply to federal lands, facilities, or programs, the DOI, Office of the Solicitor, and the Director have concluded that allowing the use of OPDMD's is compelled by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the DOI regulations at 43 CFR Part 17, Subpart E. The above language reflects similar language in the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation Departmental Notice No. 2011-02 for Permissible uses of other power driven mobility devices.

All Filming Activity:

The following types of filming activities may occur in areas open to the public without a permit and without advance notice to the NPS:

- Outdoor filming activities (*outside of areas managed as wilderness*) involving five persons or less and equipment that will be carried at all times, except for small tripods used to hold cameras.

The organizer of any other type of filming activity must provide written notice to the Superintendent at least 10 days prior to the start of the proposed activity. Based upon the information provided, the Superintendent may require the organizer to apply for and obtain a permit if necessary to:

- maintain public health and safety;
- protect environmental or scenic values;
- protect natural or cultural resources;
- allow for equitable allocation and use of facilities; or
- avoid conflict among visitor use activities.

If the Superintendent determines that the terms and conditions of a permit could not mitigate the concerns identified above in an acceptable manner, the Superintendent may deny a filming request without issuing a permit. Superintendent will provide the basis for denial in writing upon request.

The NPS will consider requests and process permit applications in a timely manner. Processing times will vary depending on the complexity of the proposed activity. If the organizer provides the required 10 day advance notice to the NPS and has not received a written response from the NPS that a permit is required prior to the first day of production, the proposed filming activities may occur without a permit.

The following are prohibited:

(1) Engaging in a filming activity without providing advance notice to the Superintendent when required.

(2) Engaging in a filming activity without a permit if the activity takes place in areas managed as wilderness or if the Superintendent has notified the organizer in writing that a permit is required.

(3) Violating a term and condition of a permit issued under this action. Violating a term or condition of a permit issued under to this action may also result in the suspension and revocation of the permit by the Superintendent.

Park areas managed as wilderness by the NPS will require a permit for all filming activities, other than casual filming by visitors, no matter the group size or equipment used.

Determination: The NPS has a legal obligation to protect the resources within the National Park System and to provide for visitor enjoyment of the same. In recent years, the NPS has seen an increase in low impact filming activities within park areas. These activities involve minimal equipment and crews, such as individuals or small groups that film using smartphones or other handheld devices, in many cases with nothing more than a tripod for equipment. These types of productions are highly unlikely to need a permit because the potential for impacts to resources and the visitor experience is no greater than the potential for impacts from visitors engaged in casual filming. This is true whether or not the footage is used for commercial purposes, such as by posting footage online for profit.

However not all filming activities are low impact. Projects with multiple people or complex filming operations may adversely impact park resources and visitor enjoyment. 36CFR1.5(a)(2) allows superintendents to impose restrictions on activities within park areas when 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.

Filming activities may not violate the provisions of the Wilderness Act, including prohibitions on structures, installations, motor vehicles, mechanical transport, motorized equipment, motorboats or landing of aircraft in wilderness areas. 16 U.S.C. § 1133.

Face Masks:

When the COVID-19 Community Level is **LOW** or **MEDIUM** in the county or all the counties where the park is located based on data provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), individuals are not required to wear masks.

When the COVID-19 Community Level is **HIGH** in the county or all the counties where the park is located based on data provided by the CDC, all individuals over the age of two must wear masks, regardless of vaccination status, in all common areas and shared workspaces in buildings owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by the National Park Service, including, but not limited to, park visitor centers, administrative offices, lodges, gift shops and restaurants.

When the COVID-19 Community Level is **HIGH** in one or more, but not all, of the counties where the park is located based on data provided by the CDC, the superintendent will determine whether individuals are required to wear masks. The requirement, if any, will apply to all facilities within the park.

Masks must cover the nose and mouth and fit snugly around the nose and chin with no large gaps around the sides of the face. Masks not designed to be protective, masks with ventilation valves, and face shields do not meet the requirement.

Regardless of the COVID-19 Community Level, individuals may wear masks if they choose to do so. Where a state, local, tribal, or territorial government where the park is located imposes more protective mask-wearing requirements than those indicated by the COVID-19 Community Level, individuals must follow those more protective requirements within the park. More protective state, local, tribal, or territorial mask-wearing requirements are hereby adopted as federal requirements in

all units of the National Park System located within that state, locality, area subject to a federally recognized Indian tribe's regulatory jurisdiction, or territory, regardless of a particular park's jurisdictional status.

Additionally, all individuals must wear masks in or on public transportation conveyances and transportation hubs/facilities, to the extent required by current orders or directives issued by the CDC, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), or other federal agencies with jurisdiction over those conveyances or areas. As of March 4, 2022, CDC and TSA orders or directives require all individuals regardless of vaccination status to wear masks in indoor areas of all forms of public transportation conveyances, including busses, trains, and boats/ferries, and in the indoor premises of transportation hubs/facilities. Individuals are not required to wear masks while outdoors on conveyances or while outdoors on the premises of transportation hubs/facilities.

Determination: The above guidance is in line with current CDC guidelines for the use of face masks in respect to vaccinated and unvaccinated people. It is also in line with recent guidelines from the Safer Federal Workforce Task Force

II. PERMITS

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. Tall Trees Access Road and Backcountry Camping permits may be obtained online. All other permits must be obtained at Park Headquarters in Crescent City during business hours or via mail addressed to Chief Ranger, Redwood National and State Parks, 1111 Second Street, Crescent City, CA 95531.

- §1.5(d) The following activities related to Public Use Limits:
 - Vehicle Use of Signed and/or Gated Park Roads

- §2.5(a) Specimen collection, Scientific Research permits (Take plant, fish, wildlife, rocks or minerals) Scientific collecting is permitted through the Research Permitting and Reporting System (RPRS) at <https://irma.nps.gov/rprs/>

- §2.10(a) The following camping activities:
 - Backcountry Camping in all park locations
 - Refer to section 2.10 for conditions related to camping

- §2.12 Audio Disturbances:
 - (a)(3) Operation of any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine in non-developed areas
 - (a)(4) Operation of 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
 - No permits are issued for the delivery or retrieval of persons or objects by parachute, helicopter, or other airborne means, including Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) or “drones”.

- §2.23(b) The following special recreation activities (per 36 CFR Part 71):
 - Use of Outdoor Schools

- §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)

- §2.50(a) Conducting a sports event, pageant, regatta, public spectator attraction, entertainment, ceremony, and similar events
- §2.51(a) Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions of views (Groups of 25 persons or less may conduct these activities in designated areas without a permit. See attached map)
- §2.52(c) Sale or distribution of printed matter that is not solely commercial advertising (Groups of 25 persons or less may conduct these activities in designated areas without a permit. See attached map)
- §2.6 Gathering of plants or plant parts by federally recognized Indian tribes (pursuant to the terms and conditions of a §1.6)
- The superintendent may enter into an agreement with federally recognized tribes to authorize traditional gathering and removal of plants and plant parts for traditional purposes. The permit would designate enrolled tribal members who are authorized to gather within the park area.
- §2.62 Memorialization:
- (b) Scattering ashes from human cremation
- §5.3 Engaging in or soliciting any business (Requires a permit, contract or other written agreement with the United States, or must be pursuant to special regulations)
- §5.5 Commercial Still Photography:
- (b) Still photography of vehicles, or other articles of commerce or models for the purpose of commercial advertising
- (See section 1.5(a)(2) for information regarding when a permit is required for commercial filming)

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 in the following locations:

- Freshwater Beach South of Redwood Creek
- The Beach North of Redwood Creek.
- Crescent Beach from the NPS boundary at South Beach south to the cliffs below Enderts Beach Overlook
- Gravel bars of Redwood Creek
- Within ¼ mile radius of established backcountry campsites

Up to 50 pounds (the amount an average adult can carry in one armload) of dead and down wood per day per campsite or picnic site, including driftwood, may be collected by hand, without the use of mechanical means, for use exclusively as firewood within park campgrounds, backcountry campsites, picnic areas, and on beach wave slopes.

(a)(5) The following cultural and archaeological sites are open for entry by the public:

- Lyons Ranch Rural Historic District
- Bald Hills Archeological District
- Radar Station B-71
- Kelsey Trail

- Brush Dance Site (also known as Wehl-kwew)

(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:

- All species of berries (one gallon per person per day) and apples (five apples per person per day)
- Tanoak acorns (ten gallons per person per day)
- Hazel nuts (one gallon per person per day)
- Unoccupied seashells (one gallon per person per day) only below Mean High Water Line excluding effective limit of storm waves and storm surge

Determination: Because of the abundance of the listed berries, fruits, nuts and unoccupied seashells in and around the park and the limited pressure from persons collecting these items, there is currently little risk that limited personal collection will adversely affect the long-term integrity of these resources. If significant changes in visitor use patterns or measurable adverse effects to park resources are detected, these limits may be revised or the authorization to gather a particular item eliminated entirely.

36 CFR §2.2 - WILDLIFE PROTECTION

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

- Lawfully taken and tagged wildlife may be transported through the park on Highways 199 and 101, Bald Hills Road, Johnson Road, Klamath Beach Road, Robbers Gulch Road, and William's Ridge Road. Lawfully taken waterfowl may be transported by boat across Freshwater Lagoon to the public launch ramp near highway 101. All other roads and waterways within the park are closed to transportation of lawfully taken wildlife unless approved by a park ranger on a case-by-case basis.
- An animal, lawfully shot on neighboring lands, that runs into the park may be retrieved if the animal is dead or mortally wounded following notification and investigation by a park ranger. If the injured animal rises and moves away upon being approached by the park ranger, the animal will be considered healthy enough to survive and further pursuit will be prohibited. Park rangers may euthanize a severely injured animal and allow the properly licensed hunter to tag and claim the animal. No engine-driven mechanical equipment such as a winch, hoist, all-terrain vehicle, etc. may be used to retrieve the animal.

(e) The following areas are closed to the viewing of wildlife with the use of an artificial light:

- All areas of the park are closed to the viewing of wildlife with artificial light.

36 CFR §2.4 – WEAPONS, TRAPS, AND NETS

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

- Authorized tribal members engaged in commercial or traditional fishing activities on the Klamath River may possess nets, spears, and other implements used for authorized fishing activities at all times as allowed by California State law, and in accordance with §2.3
- Commercial Fishers on Redwood National Park beaches may possess nets and other implements used for authorized fishing activities at all times as allowed by California State law, and in accordance with §2.3

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 all backcountry camps and camping activities, and conditions for camping and camping activities are in effect as follows:

- Camping is limited to the designated campsites and to eight (8) persons per site.
- Group sites are limited to twenty (20) persons.
- All backcountry camping requires a permit and is done so by online reservation only
- Backcountry horse camping requires a permit and is only allowed at Little Bald Hills Camp and Elam Camp.
- Saving a campsite for another party is prohibited.
- Campsite overnight stay limits are 5 consecutive nights and 15 nights in a calendar year. Campers and all tents and other camping equipment must vacate at least 14 days between each multi-day (2-5 days) stay.

The following are the designated camping areas with the number of available sites where applicable:

- DeMartin Primitive (10 sites)
- Flint Ridge (8 sites)
- 44 Camp (4 sites)
- Elam Camp (Horse Camp) - (3 sites or a group camp) not to exceed 12 stock animals
- Little Bald Hills (Horse Camp) – (4 sites and a group site) not to exceed 12 stock animals
- Redwood Creek gravel bars upstream of MacArthur Creek (not to exceed 50 permits or 100 people per night)

(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:

- Redwood Creek gravel bars (upstream of MacArthur Creek) on Redwood Creek to the eastern park boundary. Camping is prohibited within a ¼ mile radius of the Tall Trees Grove. A camping permit is required for camping in the Redwood Creek drainage. Permits are available online.

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

- In all areas within the park, all food, lawfully taken fish, garbage and equipment used to store food (e.g., ice chests) must be stored in one of the following ways:
 - Inside a vehicle with all doors, windows and trunk lids closed, OR
 - Inside a camping unit that is constructed of solid non-pliable material, OR
 - Suspended at least 10 feet above the ground and 4 feet horizontally from a post, tree trunk or other object (Note: Climbing of trees is prohibited), OR
 - Inside a building, OR
 - Inside a commercially available portable bear-resistant food storage container that is specifically designed and constructed to prevent access by bears and other wildlife, OR
 - In developed campgrounds, inside a food storage locker where provided.
- For purposes of this section, food is defined as items to be consumed, drinks, pet food, toiletries and soaps. Garbage is defined as food wastes, empty food containers, trash and recyclables.
- This restriction does not apply to food that is being transported, consumed or prepared for consumption

36 CFR 2.13 – FIRES

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

- All fires are prohibited during periods of very high or extreme fire danger as posted according to the park's Fire Management Plan.
- Campfires are permitted in park-provided grills or designated sites in all campgrounds, picnic areas and backcountry campsites. Holders of a valid backcountry camping permit for Redwood Creek may build a fire only on the gravel bars, per conditions of the permit.
- Moving a grill or fire ring from its original location is prohibited.
- Where grills are provided, all burning material must be fully contained within the grill.
- The burning of trash or food waste is prohibited within the park.
- Fires may be built on beach wave slopes, but not on vegetation or in a location where they might ignite driftwood piles or other combustible materials.

Determination: Within the jurisdictional boundaries, Redwood National and State Parks have adjacent Federal, County, and State land beaches without signed boundaries. To avoid confusion and to provide as much consistency as possible where NPS, County, and State Park Beaches are adjacent, fires are prohibited or allowed on the beaches as described above.

36 CFR §2.15 – PETS

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

(Note: This subparagraph shall not apply to a service dog or service miniature horse [subject to certain limitations] that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. Other species of animals, whether wild or domestic, trained or untrained, are not service animals for the purposes of this definition.)

- All park buildings that are open to the public.
- All park roads that are closed to public motor vehicle use.
- All park trails except for the Hiouchi Flat Trail
- All undeveloped areas more than 100 feet from public roads and parking areas, except that pets are allowed on Crescent, Gold Bluff, and Freshwater beaches, and the beach North of the mouth of Redwood Creek, provided they are physically confined at all times by a crate, cage, or leash that does not exceed six feet in length.
- The Brush Dance site (also known as Wehl-kwe) *located on the South bank and near the mouth of the Klamath River.*

(a)(3) There are no designated areas or conditions for leaving a pet “service dog or service miniature horse” unattended. Pets may not be left unattended and tied to an object. (note: this does not apply to pet secured in enclosed motor vehicles)

(a)(5) Pet excrement must be picked up and properly disposed of in a trash receptacle.

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

- *Park residents may keep pets in accordance with park regulations and the park's housing management plan.*

(f) This section does not apply to dogs used by authorized Federal, State and local law enforcement officers in the performance of their official duties.

36 CFR §2.16 – HORSES and PACK ANIMALS

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

- Horses, ponies, mules, burros, goats, yaks, and llamas

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

- The Mill Creek and Rellim Ridge Horse Trails and the Little Bald Hills trail in Del Norte County.
- The established and marked Orick Horse trails on the west side of Redwood Creek and within the streambed of Redwood Creek up to the first footbridge/trail crossing of Redwood Creek.
- Crescent, Gold Bluff, Hidden (Humboldt County) and Freshwater Beaches.

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

- A horse or pack animal may not graze or otherwise eat park vegetation.
- A horse or pack animal must be picketed, properly tied to a hitching post or within a corral when unattended overnight.

36 CFR 4.17 Aircraft & Air Delivery

- The delivery or retrieval of a person or object by parachute, helicopter, or other airborne means is prohibited, exclusive of emergencies involving public safety, or pursuant to the terms and conditions of an authorized permit.

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:

- Smoking is prohibited in all government buildings and government owned or leased vehicles. Smoking is also prohibited where posted, and along trails during periods of high, very high and extreme fire danger as posted according to the park's Fire Management Plan.
- Smoking is prohibited at the curriculum based Education Centers except in specifically designated areas.
- Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) will be subject to the same restrictions as tobacco smoking (Director's Order #50)

Determination: Smoking is prohibited in all government buildings and vehicles to comply with government-wide health and safety policies, and local school district field trip regulations. Smoking is prohibited where posted and along trails during high fire danger in order to protect park resources and reduce the risk of fire.

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:

A person using a designated backcountry campground may park his or her unoccupied motor vehicle overnight at the owner's risk at the following locations:

- Kuchel Visitor Center parking lot. (NOTE: This parking lot is locked at night. Vehicles may not be removed until the gate is opened the next day.)
- Dolason Trailhead parking lot
- Tall Trees Trailhead parking lot
- Elk Meadow Trailhead parking (B-Mill deck)
- Skunk Cabbage Trailhead parking lot
- Flint Ridge parking lot (the gravel lot near the campground) and the parking lot at the junction of Alder Camp and Klamath Beach Roads
- Crescent Beach Education Center (subsequent to a valid backcountry camping permit. NOTE: This parking lot is locked at night. Lock access instructions are included in the camping permit.)

- Redwood Creek Trailhead parking lots
- Lost Man Creek Trailhead parking lot
- Lagoon Creek Trailhead parking lot
- Orick Horse Trail parking lot

Except for authorized residents of park housing, the dismantling, non-emergency repair, or routine servicing of a motor vehicle in the park is prohibited. Temporary, emergency repairs must be completed within twenty-four (24) hours. A park ranger must be notified, and permission granted, before a vehicle may remain longer than 24 hours.

36 CFR §2.35 – Alcoholic beverages and controlled substances.

(a)(3)(i)(A) The consumption of an alcoholic beverage or the possession of an open container of an alcoholic beverage is prohibited in the following locations:

- The Brush Dance site (also known as Wehl-kwew) located on the south bank and near the mouth of the Klamath River.

Determination: The consumption of alcoholic beverages at the Brush Dance site, also known as Wehl-kwew, is inappropriate and offensive to Yurok Tribal members who conduct sacred ceremonies here. The use of alcoholic beverages conflicts with and interferes with the spiritual purpose of the ceremony, which is to heal a sick child or adult, and which may occur at any time during the calendar year. Use of alcohol at the site may directly interfere with the ceremony as well as with maintenance of the site throughout the year; therefore open containers of alcoholic beverages are prohibited at this site at any time.

- Crescent City Headquarters Building and surrounding area parking lots and picnic area.

Determination: The consumption of alcoholic beverages at the Crescent City Headquarters building and surrounding area has been a chronic problem. The use of alcohol conflicts with and interferes with the purpose of the facility.

36 CFR §2.38 – EXPLOSIVES

(b) Fireworks and firecrackers may be possessed and/or used in the following areas, under the conditions noted:

- Freshwater Spit on July 4th, unless the presence of threatened and endangered species precludes the use of fireworks. Only California approved fireworks may be used. All fireworks-related trash and debris must be properly disposed of.

36 CFR §2.51 – DEMONSTRATIONS

(b)(1) Demonstrations involving 25 persons or fewer may be held without a permit in the following designated park areas within the provisions of §2.51:

- The paved walking area southwest of the Headquarters building where the walkway makes a large "X"
- The Southern loop of the parking area at the Lagoon Creek rest area facility
- The Northern end of the Freshwater Lagoon gravel pull-off and parking area
- See attached map

(c)(1) Designated available park areas for demonstrations under this section, and for the sale or distribution of printed matter subject to a permit under §2.51:

- All park areas are available for demonstrations and for the sale or distribution of printed matter, provided a permit is issued that meets the criteria listed in 36 CFR §2.51 (c)(1)(i) – (vi).

(c)(2) The superintendent must designate on a map, which must be available in the office of the superintendent and by public notice under §1.7 of this chapter, the locations designated as available for demonstrations and the sale or distribution of printed matter:

- See attached map.

36 CFR §2.52 – SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATTER AND OTHER MESSAGE-BEARING ITEMS.

(b)(1) Sale or distribution activity involving 25 persons or fewer may be conducted without a permit (provided it is done free of charge and without asking for payment or a donation) in the following designated park areas within the provisions of §2.52:

- The paved walking area southwest of the Headquarters building where the walkway makes a large “X”.
- The Southern loop of the parking area at the Lagoon Creek rest area facility.
- The Northern end of the Freshwater Lagoon gravel pull-off and parking area.
- See attached map.

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:

- There are no areas designated for the scattering of ashes from cremated human remains. All scattering of ashes from cremated human remains requires a permit.

36 CFR §3.12 – BOATING AND WATER USE ACTIVITIES

(a) The towing of a person by a vessel is allowed only in designated waters, and in accordance with conditions established by the superintendent under §§1.5 and 1.7 of this chapter.

- There are no waters designated for the towing of a person by a vessel.

36 CFR §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:

Vehicles and vehicles pulling trailers with a combined length over 24 feet are prohibited on the following roads and parking areas:

- Coastal Drive from the mouth of the Klamath River to its intersection with Alder Camp Road. This prohibition also applies to the High Bluff Overlook Road.
- Davison Road, West of the road access into Elk Meadow Day Use Area (B-Mill Deck).
- Lady Bird Johnson Grove Trailhead
- Redwood Creek Overlook
- Dolason Prairie Trailhead
- Lyons Ranch Trailhead
- Skunk Cabbage Access Road and Trailhead
- Red Alder Road (aka South Coastal Rd) from its intersection with Newton B Drury to the gate

36 CFR §4.30 – BICYCLES

(b) The superintendent has authorized bicycle use on the following administrative roads and trails:

- Geneva Road (Lost Man Creek Trail)
- Holter Ridge Road
- West Side Access Road
- Davison/Streelow Creek Trail
- Rock Fork Road
- C-Line East (Tall Trees Access Road)
- Wolf Creek Road
- Wolf Creek Spur Road
- B-Line North Road
- Rellim Ridge Trail
- Coastal Trail (Last Chance Section)
- Lyons Ranch and Ranch Roads
- Hiouchi Flat Trail

Determination: Under new regulation that became effective August 6, 2012, and amended this section of 36 CFR, the superintendent has determined that bicycle use of these roads is consistent with the protection of the park's natural, scenic and aesthetic values, safety considerations and management objectives, and will not disturb wildlife or park resources.

(f) The superintendent has imposed the following restrictions, conditions, limits, closures, for bicycle use on administrative roads.

The following park roads are closed to bicycle use:

- M-2 ½ (Bridge Ridge)
- M-Line
- Y-Line

Determination: 36 CFR §4.30(f) states that a superintendent may limit or restrict or impose conditions on bicycle use or may close any park road, parking area, administrative road, trail, or portion thereof to bicycle use.

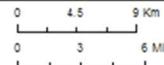
(h)(4) The superintendent has authorized the following areas where a bicycle may be operated abreast of another bicycle:

- All administrative roads listed in part (b) of this section.

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