

**PROPOSED CHANGES
SUPERINTENDENT'S COMPENDIUM
2023
WRANGELL-ST. ELIAS NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE**

Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve is seeking comment on proposed changes to the Superintendent's Compendium. A compendium is a written compilation of designations, closures, permit requirements and other restrictions adopted under the Superintendent's discretionary authority.

Information on how to submit comments is available at:
<https://www.nps.gov/locations/alaska/proposed-compendiums.htm>

After review and consideration of the need for annual updates, the following changes are proposed.

36 CFR 13.25(a) Closures and restrictions to camping

Camping is prohibited in the Slana Ranger Station parking area. A map depicting the boundaries of this closure is attached.

The reasons for this restriction are as follows:

- The Slana Ranger Station parking area is not designed or intended for camping.
- Camping in this parking area has contributed to sanitation issues with human waste and refuse being left behind by campers. This improper disposal of human waste and refuse is not only a violation of 36 CFR 2.14 but also creates a health and safety hazard for visitors and NPS employees.
- Public restrooms and refuse receptacles are located inside the ranger station, which is closed and locked after business hours.
- Parking space is limited and intended for those visiting the ranger station during normal business hours.
- Other drive-in camping opportunities exist nearby. The Slana area includes multiple public (state and federal) campgrounds as well as private campgrounds. Information about these campgrounds is readily available online or from NPS visitor center staff.

The reasons less restrictive measures will not be effective are as follows:

- Campers often arrive to the Slana Ranger Station after business hours and do not have the opportunity to speak with NPS staff before parking and camping for the night.
- Signage explaining that the parking area is closed to camping is necessary to address the issues explained above. Information about alternative camping areas nearby is available on the deck of the ranger station for afterhours visitors.
- A camping closure for this location is necessary to meet the management objectives of the area and is only enforceable if enacted in accordance with applicable regulation.



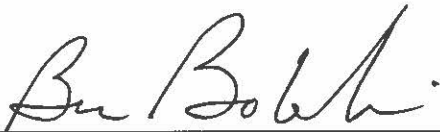
36 CFR 13.50 Closure and restrictions

The NPS is removing the interim language regarding commercial filming that was instituted in 2021.

In early 2021 the United States District Court for the District of Columbia issued a decision in the Price v. Barr case that invalidated existing laws for managing commercial filming in national park areas. The US Department of Justice appealed the District Court's decision and on August 23, 2022, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia issued a decision reversing the order of the District Court. The statute and regulations that governed commercial filming before the Price v Barr decision are once again in effect.

36 CFR 13.50

- Filming - Rescinded



Superintendent