

Draft Small Bridges for Subsistence Access Authorization¹

Draft Work Group Recommendation:

The following is authorized for the construction of small bridges to use for subsistence access:

The harvest of up to 5 live standing trees greater than 3 inches in diameter at ground height along with an unlimited number of standing dead or downed trees² is authorized without need for an individual permit. Additional materials not requiring a permit (live trees less than three inches in diameter at ground height) may also be harvested and used as part of the bridge construction, for example for decking/cross pieces.

After construction of the small bridge, the user must email a picture and GPS coordinates to wrst_subsistence@nps.gov.

The natural logs may be stored in proximity to the bridge site without the use of a permit.

These bridges are not considered installations, structures or facilities, and thus are not subject to the permit requirements of 36 CFR 1.6 and 36 CFR 5.7 if they are temporary as defined in 36 CFR 13.1 (not to exceed 12 months; not the 30-day limit for temporary facilities in §13.166) and provide access for subsistence uses.

¹ To be put in larger draft policy on subsistence log harvest, forthcoming.

² This is needed because current regulations require a permit for the harvest of standing dead timber for purposes other than firewood as well as for the harvest of standing live timber for any subsistence purpose.