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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 lands and waters administered by the National Park Service, within the boundaries of YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK. 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. VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES, AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES

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:

Park Wide

- Yosemite National Park is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week except as noted elsewhere in this document.

Hetch Hetchy

- The Hetch Hetchy road is open to vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic daily, during the following hours:
 - 8:00am to 7:00pm April 1 to April 30
 - 7:00am to 9:00pm May 1 to Labor Day
 - 8:00am to 7:00pm The day After Labor Day to October 31
 - 8:00am to 5:00pm November 1 to March 31
- Elevated Threat Level - The Hetch Hetchy security gates will be open to vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian traffic daily, during the following hours and may be restricted further based on security needs:
 - 8:00am to 5:00pm
- Imminent Threat Level – See Closures.

Yosemite Valley

- The following picnic areas are closed, except for authorized administrative functions, from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise:
 - El Capitan Picnic Area
 - Cathedral Beach Picnic Area
 - Sentinel Beach Picnic Area

Public Use Limits:

Park Wide

- Possession of a glass container within 50 feet of any riverbank, lakeshore, on the water, or in a vessel is prohibited.
 - *This restriction is necessary for the protection of visitors who frequent these areas in bare feet.*
- Individuals with disabilities may use Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMD's) under the following conditions:
 - An OPDMD must be placarded and display a universal handicap decal (available at visitor centers)
 - Operators must be 16 years or older
 - Maximum speed while operating an OPDMD cannot exceed 5 mph.
 - The OPDMD utilized must not create emissions (must be a zero emission vehicle).
 - The OPDMD must be no greater than 36 inches in width at its widest point.
 - A person riding any mobility assisted device upon and along a sidewalk, while crossing a roadway in a crosswalk or on any other surface shall have all the rights and duties applicable to a pedestrian under the same circumstances, except that the mobility assistive device operator must always yield to pedestrians.
 - The only exception being elevator use – Users on any mobility assisted device will enter first, be allowed time to park and secure such device, and will be the last to exit.
 - Group size is limited to no more than four OPDMD's.
 - Use of OPDMD is prohibited in undeveloped and designated wilderness areas

- Using an OPDMD by persons without a disability is prohibited.
- Every OPDMD shall be equipped with the following safety mechanisms:
 - Front, rear, and side reflectors.
 - A system that enables the operator to bring the device to a controlled stop.
 - If the OPDMD is operated between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise, a lamp emitting a white light that, while the OPDMD is in motion, illuminates the area in front of the operator and is visible from a distance of 300 feet in front of the OPDMD.
 - A sound emitting device that can be activated from time to time by the operator, as appropriate, to alert nearby persons.
- *These restrictions are necessary due to safety considerations regarding the lack of a paved shoulder, bicycle lane or the presence of fog lines. The use of OPDMD's by able bodied person's is prohibited in the park as it meets the definition of a motor vehicle and off road travel is prohibited, with the only exception being those individuals who meet the criteria of a disabled persons as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act.*
- Passenger buses are subject to the following conditions/restrictions on all park roads within Yosemite:
 - Buses must shut down their engines when not underway; idling must not exceed 5 minutes; buses are allowed to idle up to 15 minutes to allow the driver to complete their legally required pre-trip vehicle inspection; Yosemite National Park shuttle buses are exempt.
 - Buses are prohibited in the parking area for Swinging Bridge and the Big Oak Flat Information Station.
 - Buses may not park in areas designated for automobile parking.
 - Buses are prohibited from parking in residential areas.
 - Buses over 45 feet in length and 102 inches in width are prohibited on park roads.
 - *These restrictions are necessary to eliminate additional exhaust fumes added to the air and to allow for the enjoyment of the peace and tranquility of the park. Bus size is restricted because buses over these dimensions cannot safely navigate many of the park roads and cause congestion at pullouts and parking areas. Bus parking is restricted in certain areas because it causes excessive congestion, parking problems, and traffic hazards; additionally, the large number of visitors cannot be accommodated by the existing restrooms and other facilities. Due to the nature of the service provided by the shuttle buses, they are excluded from the requirement.*
- Launching, landing, or operating an unmanned aircraft from or on lands and waters administered by the National Park service within the boundaries of Yosemite National Park is prohibited except as approved in writing by the superintendent.
 - Definition: The term "unmanned aircraft" means a device that is 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, quadcopters, drones) that are used for any purpose including for recreation or commerce.
 - *This restriction is necessary to protect the public from hazards and preserve the park's natural, aesthetic, and scenic values. The use of machine airborne or controlled devices, such as an Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) or drone, has the potential to interfere with public safety by posing as in-flight hazard to emergency helicopter use in the park. The use of these devices also has the potential to disrupt wildlife by interrupting migration, nesting, mating, and hunting activities to include, but not limited to, protected species such as the Peregrine Falcon. This restriction is in accordance with NPS Management Policy 8.2 which prohibits recreational uses that conflict with the scenic values and view sheds that the park was designated to protect and the associated activities in which individuals seek solitude and tranquility with an expectation of privacy. Furthermore, the use in designated Wilderness Areas violates the Wilderness Act, which prohibits motorized equipment. An interim measure*

may be put in to place at a later date after the park administration evaluates the appropriateness of this new use on a long-term basis.

Half Dome

- The public use limits apply to all persons ascending any part of the Sub Dome or any part of the Half Dome cables. (See the Sub Dome Map in the appendix.)
- The following permit restrictions are in effect:
 - Each person ascending Half Dome by way of the Sub Dome must have a permit when the cables are in place.
 - Permits are valid from 12:01am to midnight for the date specified.
 - Permits are single use.
 - Sale or duplications of permits is prohibited.
 - Up to 300 permits will be issued daily.
 - Permits issued by cooperating agencies are not valid for ascending the Half Dome cables unless the permit was issued by the Inyo National Forest beginning at the Cottonwood Lakes or the Cottonwood Pass trailheads.
 - *These restrictions are necessary to preserve the wilderness experience visitors to Yosemite's wilderness expect and protect the resources from over use. Higher visitation numbers would have significant impacts to the visitors and resources.*

Kerrick Canyon

- The following use limits apply to Upper Kerrick Canyon: (See the Upper Kerrick Canyon Meadow Closure Map in the appendix.)
- All hiking and stock traffic will be confined to the NPS trail system through closed meadow areas.
- When meadows are closed to grazing, the following conditions apply:
 - Stock must be held and fed with supplemental feed in the designated holding area during the duration of stay.
- When meadows are open to grazing, the following conditions apply:
 - Approved methods to prevent grazing in closed areas include hobbling, high lining, electric fence, hand grazing and any combination thereof.
 - Electric fences will be placed at least 100 feet from all avoidance areas.
 - Fences should not be placed in areas that have been previously used by earlier season stock parties.
 - Stock use is limited to designated access routes and stock holding areas when not grazing.
- The following apply to use by overnight stock groups:
 - Overnight camping is limited to the area immediately adjacent to the preferred fire ring. (See the Kerrick Canyon Overview Map in the appendix.)
 - Overnight use of the "Upper Kerrick – South" stock site (UTM: Y=4220757 X=282524 based on NAD 83 coordinates) is limited to one stock party per night.
- Additional restrictions apply to commercial operations utilizing Kerrick Canyon. (See the Special Park Conditions Section of the CUA Permit.)
- *These restrictions are necessary to reduce potential impacts to the federally threatened Yosemite toad (*Anaxyrus canorus*) and federally endangered Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog (*Rana sierra*) – both listed June 2014. The determination has been reached that some of the Kerrick Meadow closure can be reopened (on a trial basis) to allow grazing with certain precautionary measures remaining in place until the Wilderness Stewardship Plan and analyses are complete. A Meadow Grazing opening date will be established and posted on the Yosemite wilderness conditions web page at <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildcond.htm>*

Wawona

- The public uses limits for Glacier Point Road are as follows:
 - Vehicles over 30 feet and/or vehicles pulling trailers are prohibited beyond the Sentinel Dome parking lot.

- Buses with seating capacity of 26 passengers or more, and/or exceeding 30 feet in length are prohibited beyond the Badger Pass turnout.
- Park contractors and concessionaire vehicles are exempt.
- *These restrictions are necessary in order to protect other vehicles from the safety risk posed by large vehicles and vehicles pulling trailers traveling this section of steep, narrow, winding road.*

Wilderness

- The public use limits for overnight wilderness use are managed by a system of trailhead quotas and daily overnight entries will not exceed the established quota.
 - *This restriction is necessary to provide for public use while protecting natural and cultural resources.*
- The following group size limits are in effect:
 - Thirty-five (35) person limit per group for day-use travel on established trails.
 - Fifteen (15) person limit per group for overnight travel on established trails.
 - Fifteen (15) person limit on use of a campsite overnight.
 - Eight (8) person limit per group for all off trail travel (more the ¼ mile off established trails or roads) whether day or overnight use.
 - Twenty-five (25) head of pack stock and saddle stock per party on designated trails.
 - Twelve (12) head of pack stock and saddle stock on authorized cross-country routes.
 - Any group exceeding size limitation must split into sub-groups providing:
 - Adherence to the above size limitations.
 - Trips that begin in the park must start from separate trailheads or on separate dates.
 - The group travels and camps at least ½ mile apart at all times.
 - *These restrictions are necessary as groups that exceed these limits would negatively impact the use and enjoyment of wilderness areas by other smaller groups.*

Yosemite Valley

- Parking restrictions in Yosemite Valley are as follows:
 - Village Store, General Offices parking is prohibited from 12:00am (midnight) to 6:00am.
 - Church Bowl Picnic Area parking is prohibited from 12:00am (midnight) to 6:00am.
 - Yosemite Valley Lodge parking requires a permit from 12:00am (midnight) to 6:00am.
 - Yosemite Falls Parking Lot requires a permit from 12:00am (midnight) to 6:00am.
 - Camp 4 parking requires a permit 24 hours a day.
 - *These restrictions are necessary to provide for the orderly management of the park; administrative functions are exempt from this restriction.*
- All commercial buses visiting Yosemite Valley, not including vans, are required to unload and pick up their passengers, and park only in areas designated by their commercial use authorization.
 - *These restrictions are necessary due to the limited parking in Yosemite Valley and the need to control large groups disembarking in congested areas. In order to provide for the orderly management of the park, designated areas, as defined in a commercial use agreement, have been established.*
- Buses are prohibited from stopping at Fern Spring.
 - *This restriction is necessary due to the sensitive nature of the Fern Spring area, and the impact of large groups walking around the spring.*
- Visitors may enter Yosemite Valley until westbound traffic is backed up from Lower Yosemite Falls to Half Dome Village four way intersections or all day use parking spaces have been filled, and/or the 18,710 person capacity has been reached.

Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area

- Up to 2300 ski lift tickets may be sold in one day at Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area.
- *An analysis of the slopes at the Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area was done to determine optimum capacity without sacrificing skier safety. This analysis yielded the 2300 person limit.*
- Except for Administrative Activities, the uphill lane from Chinguapin to Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area will be restricted when the parking lot at Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area fills to capacity. This road may also be restricted to one lane during times of heavy snow or traffic.

- *This restriction is based on the physical capacity of the parking lot at Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area and to provide for public safety.*

Hetch Hetchy

- Vehicles or the combination of a vehicle and trailer exceeding 25 feet in length and/or 96 inches in width are prohibited on the Hetchy Road unless the vehicle has a commercial use authorization (CUA) and pilot vehicle or is a National Park Service vehicle with a pilot vehicle.
- *This restriction is required to provide for public safety because the road is narrow and oversize vehicles cannot safely negotiate the turns.*

Closures:

Park Wide

- All firearm ranges are closed to the public; ranges are for law enforcement use only.
 - *This restriction is necessary for the safety of park visitors, to ensure unfettered access for law enforcement training and in compliance with other National Park Service policies.*
- Areas within the park that are designated as construction and/or demolition zones are closed to the public. These areas will be identified by signage indicating the closure.
 - *This restriction is necessary to protect the public from the hazards associated with construction/demolition.*
- All lakes are closed to motorized vessels.
 - *These restrictions are necessary to preserve the natural characters of the lakes for public enjoyment and safety and to ensure that management of the park's lakes meets the needs of all park users, including but not limited to photographers, fishermen, and those wishing to see undisturbed sections of lakes. This restriction is in direct support of the Raker Act, water quality provisions and the Filtration Avoidance Regulation, and is necessary to maintain the high degree of water found in the Hetchy and Lake Eleanor Reservoirs as a clean municipal drinking water source free from microbial pathogens and other contaminants.*
- All free flowing , rivers, creeks, and streams within Yosemite National Park are closed to the use of any type of vessel, except that non-motorized vessels may be used in the following waterways under the conditions noted below:
 - Merced River:
 - From the headwaters to Little Yosemite Valley Campground.
 - From Clark's Bridge to Stoneman Bridge when flows are below 4.5 feet as measured at the Pohono Bridge river gauge at 8:00am on the day the river use is to occur.
 - From Stoneman Bridge to El Capitan Bridge when flows are below 7.0 feet as measured at the Pohono Bridge river gauge at 8:00am on the day the river use is to occur.
 - From El Capitan Bridge to the park boundary when flows are at least 3.4 feet as measured at the Pohono Bridge river gauge at 8:00am on the day the river use is to occur.
 - Tuolumne River from Pothole Dome to Pate Valley.
 - South Fork Merced River:
 - From the head waters to 100 yards upstream from the Wawona impoundment.
 - From downstream of the Wawona impoundment to the park boundary.
 - The following conditions must be met:
 - Vessels must be in good condition and rated for the classification of water users are intending to navigate.
 - Use of a trailer or wheeled device to launch or retrieve a vessel is prohibited.
 - Dragging vessels on vegetation is prohibited.
 - A personal flotation device must be worn while vessel is underway in accordance with state laws.
 - A personal flotation device is required to be worn for all boaters above Little Yosemite Valley, below El Capitan Bridge, on the Tuolumne River, and anywhere on the Merced River when the flow is above 4.0 feet as measured at the Pohono River guage on the day the river use is to occur.

- Boaters must take precautions to ensure their vessel is free of invasive species.
- Launching and retrieval is only permitted at the sites listed in the document under 36 CFR §3.8(a)(2).
- *These restrictions are necessary to preserve the natural characters of the rivers, creeks, and streams for public enjoyment and safety and to ensure that management of the park's rivers meets the needs of all park users, including but not limited to photographers, fisherman, and those wishing to see undisturbed sections of free flowing river. By partitioning the rivers and placing constraints on certain activities, each visitor group can be accommodated, while providing for both visitor and resource protection, and this action has been determined to be neither a major shift in policy nor a significant change to previous regulatory efforts.*
- The areas identified by cliff name in the Area Protection – Peregrine Nesting Areas Map in the appendix are closed from March 1 until July 15 of each year or until the young falcons of the current year have fledged.
 - *This restriction is necessary to protect peregrine falcon aeries and to assist in the successful reproduction of peregrine falcons.*
- The following areas are closed to swimming and bathing
 - At the pool of the Wawona Domestic Water Intake and that area within 100 yards upstream.
 - Hetch Hetchy Reservoir and one mile from the high water mark of the reservoir along any tributary directly flowing into the reservoir.
 - Lake Eleanor Reservoir, when posted.
 - Dana Fork of the Tuolumne River above the domestic water source intake.
 - Emerald Pool and the Silver Apron downstream to the brink of Vernal Fall.
 - *These restrictions are necessary to provide for visitor safety and to maintain the high levels of water purity for human consumption, in conformance with other laws (Raker Act).*
- The following areas are closed to picnicking
 - All closed Yosemite Valley campgrounds.
 - All open Yosemite Valley campgrounds except from October 15 and March 1st.
 - Wawona, Hodgdon Meadow, and Crane Flat campgrounds during reservation period when posted.
 - *These restrictions are necessary for the orderly management of the park, use of its resources, and to ensure availability of the campsite to registered campers.*

Hetch Hetchy

- Imminent Threat Level – The Hetch Hetchy Road and the entire area around the O'Shaughnessy Dam and the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir will be closed to public vehicle traffic and visitation when the Department of Homeland Security issues an imminent threat level warning to the nation or the O'Shaughnessy Dam and Hetch Hetchy Reservoir.
 - *This restriction is necessary for the orderly management of the park and the security of associated facilities.*
- The area between the O'Shaughnessy Dam and the administrative dirt road leading to areas below the dam is closed to public access.
 - *This restriction is necessary for orderly management of the park and the security of associated facilities.*
- The Hetch Hetchy boat dock is closed to public access.
 - *This restriction is necessary for orderly management of the park and the security of associated facilities.*
- Public access is prohibited below the high water mark of Hetch Hetchy Reservoir. (See the High Water Mark Map in the appendix.)
 - *This restriction is in direct support of the Raker Act, water quality provisions and the Filtration Avoidance Regulation, and is necessary to maintain the high degree of water found in the Hetchy and Lake Eleanor Reservoirs as a clean municipal drinking water source free from microbial pathogens and other contaminants.*

- Swimming, bathing, washing clothes or cooking utensils, and watering stock or in any way polluting waters within Hetch Hetchy Reservoir and within one mile of the high water line of the reservoir along the tributaries flowing into the reservoir is prohibited.
 - *These restrictions are necessary to maintain the high degree of water found in the Hetchy and Lake Eleanor Reservoirs as a clean municipal drinking water source free from microbial pathogens and other contaminants.*
- Lake Eleanor is closed to all motorized vessels.
 - *This restriction is in direct support of the Raker Act, water quality provisions and the Filtration Avoidance Regulation, and is necessary to maintain the high degree of water found in the Hetchy and Lake Eleanor Reservoirs as a clean municipal drinking water source free from microbial pathogens and other contaminants.*
- Hetch Hetchy Reservoir is closed to all vessels.
 - *This restriction is in direct support of the Raker Act, Water Quality Provisions and the Filtration Avoidance Regulation, and is necessary to maintain the high degree of water found in the Hetchy and Lake Eleanor Reservoirs as a clean municipal drinking water source free from microbial pathogens and other contaminants.*

Mariposa Grove

- All commercial buses without a reservation are prohibited in the South Entrance Grove parking lot.
- Vehicles pulling trailers must park in the designated spaces in the South Entrance Grove parking lot.
- Non-commercial vehicles over 25 feet in length must park in the designated RV spaces in the South Entrance Grove parking lot.
- The road between the South Entrance Grove parking lot and the Lower Grove parking lot is closed to all private vehicles and from 7:30 am -8pm. Private vehicles displaying a Accessible license plate or ADA Tag, may drive up the road and park in available ADA spaces at the Lower Grove and beyond at the Grizzly Giant ADA parking lot.

Roads

- The following roads are closed seasonally due to snow and ice:
 - Glacier Point Road, except between Chinquapin and Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area is open when the ski area is open.
 - Tioga Road, east of NatureBridge.
 - Chowchilla Mountain Road.
 - Mariposa Grove Road (when required due to conditions).
 - *These restrictions are necessary to provide for public safety and use, as winter conditions make for hazardous driving and facilities are only opened and maintained seasonally.*
- The Happy Isles Road from the Happy Isles trailhead parking area to the concession stables, including the Mirror Lake Road, is restricted to shuttle buses, vehicles displaying a handicap placard, pedestrians, and bicycle use.
 - *These restrictions are necessary to provide for visitor safety on a multi-use roadway that is heavily used by pedestrians, bicycles and stock.*
- The Tuolumne Grove Road, Eleven-Mile Road, Meadow Loop, Four Mile Road, signed service roads, and gated roads are closed to public motor vehicle traffic.
 - *These restrictions are necessary for natural resource protection and for public safety, as these roads are only maintained for fire and emergency access and not for public access.*
- From October 15 until the roads open to overnight use the following year, leaving vehicles unattended at any time from sunset to sunrise along the following roads or at trailheads or any other areas accessible from these roads is prohibited:
 - Tioga Road from the gate at NatureBridge to the eastern park boundary at Tioga Pass.
 - Glacier Point Road east of Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area.
 - *These restrictions are necessary to prevent the vehicles of overnight users from being buried deep in snow for the entire winter, since once these roads receive snow sufficient to close them, they may remain closed until the following spring.*

- During the seasonal road opening, Tioga Road is closed to overnight parking from sunset to sunrise, until the entire Tioga Road is determined opened to vehicular traffic from the gate at NatureBridge to the eastern park boundary at Tioga Pass.
- *This restriction is necessary to provide for the orderly management of the park and the opening of facilities.*

Wawona

- When the Big Trees Lodge Golf Course concession is operating, the course (including the apple orchard) is closed to all persons that are not with an authorized golfing party.
 - *This restriction is necessary as persons walking onto the course interfere with authorized commercial activities and put themselves at risk of injury from golf balls.*
- Summit Meadow south of Glacier Point Road is closed to public access when Glacier Point Road is open.
 - *This restriction is necessary to reduce impact to species of frogs and their habitat which, because of severe population decline, is a Federal Candidate Species for listing under the Endangered Species Act.*

Yosemite Valley

- The Mist Trail, John Muir Trail, and Four Mile Trail are closed when signed.
- Slopes along the Merced River, woodlands, and meadows are closed when they are fenced or signed.
 - *These restrictions are necessary to restore vegetation and protect natural resources.*

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

Park Wide:

- Smoking of cigarettes, cigars, use of e-cigarettes and similar devices are prohibited:
 - In all public buildings, including concession buildings.
 - Within 25 feet of any building, except those used as a single family residence.
 - Inside shared housing.
 - Other areas as posted.
 - *This restriction is necessary as smoke from burning tobacco and vapors from e-cigarettes may contain harmful substances (electronic cigarettes contain at least ten chemicals known to cause cancer or birth defects, according to a report from the California Department of Public Health) and restricting the use of e-cigarettes to areas where smoking is permitted is the least restrictive method of controlling while still allowing their use.*
- Wood cutting is permitted with a permit in the following park areas: The Wawona Wood lot, The Hodgdon Wood Lot, the Foresta Wood Lot and the Valley Wood Lot.
 - The use of chainsaws is restricted to daylight hours.
 - The Valley Wood Lot is closed from April 15-October 31 annually.
 - The use of the Valley Wood Lot will be restricted to 10:00am-6:00pm when it is open.
 - Administrative activities are exempt.
 - *This restriction allows for the reduction of fuels within the park, but also limits the sound disturbances that may affect park users.*
- The use of any audio or mechanical device to attract wildlife is considered a violation of 36 CFR § 2.2(a)(2)
 - *This restriction is necessary as audio or mechanical devices used to attract wildlife may induce stress and disrupt mating / nesting activities of wildlife.*
- Willfully approaching, remaining, viewing, or engaging in any activity within 50 yards of bears, or within any distance that disturbs, displaces, or otherwise interferes with the free unimpeded movement of wildlife, or creates or contributes to a potentially hazardous condition or situation.
 - *This restriction is necessary to ensure to the safety of both visitors and wildlife .*
- The entire park is closed to the viewing of wildlife with the use of an artificial light. 36 CFR § 2.2(e)

- *This restriction is necessary as the viewing of wildlife with an artificial light may induce stress and disrupt mating / nesting activities of wildlife.*
- The climbing or attempting to climb any giant sequoia tree (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*) is prohibited.
 - *This restriction is necessary to provide for the protection of natural resources.*
- Jumping or diving from any bridge or from O'Shaughnessy Dam is prohibited.
 - *This restriction is necessary for the safety of both jumpers and boaters (who are threatened by people jumping from bridges in areas with vessel use) and for the protection of fish and other components of aquatic ecosystems which experience the detrimental effects of water turbidity and shock waves which are caused by people jumping from bridges.*
- Camping, bivouacking, or sleeping overnight in the vicinity of the base of any cliff, mountain or route to be climbed, and which is located outside designated Wilderness, is prohibited. 36 CFR §2.10(a); 36 CFR §2.10(b)(10)
 - *This restriction is necessary for orderly management of the park and to provide for consistency with camping and wilderness permit requirements.*
- Affixing any rope, line, or other device to a bridge or structure is prohibited.
 - *This restriction is necessary to protect persons and structures from the hazards posed by ropes and lines.*
- The use of any motorized drilling device for the purpose of placing bolts or climbing equipment is prohibited.
 - *This restriction is necessary to protect the wilderness character of climbing routes and is in accord with the Wilderness Act which prohibits motorized equipment in all wilderness areas.*
- The possession of a motorized drill in a non-developed area is prohibited.
 - *This restriction is necessary to protect the wilderness character of climbing routes and is in accord with the Wilderness Act which prohibits motorized equipment in all wilderness areas.*
- The use of glue, epoxy, cement, or any other adhesive to attach, reinforce, or alter handholds and/or footholds for rock climbing is prohibited.
 - *This restriction is necessary to protect the natural features of various climbing routes.*
- Fixed or temporary rock climbing anchors, but not climbing ropes, whether used for ascents or descents, may be left in place indefinitely. 36 CFR §2.22(a)(2)
 - *This exception is necessary to allow safe rock climbing (a well-established visitor activity in the park) while minimizing the overall impact of rock climbing on the resource and other visitor groups. Unattended anchors may be removed and turned in as found property.*
- Installing or using any fixed tensioned ropes and webbing (slack lines), and other devices is permitted under the following conditions: 36 CFR §2.22(a)(2), 36 CFR §5.13
 - It does not create a hazardous condition or interfere with the orderly management of the park.
 - It does not cross a road or trail.
 - It does not cross over any lake or watercourse.
 - They must not be attached to oak trees.
 - Trees used as anchors must be padded so as to minimize damage to the trees.
 - Any unattended fixed line must be tagged with owner name, contact number and date fixed.
 - Fixed lines may be left unattended for greater than 24hrs when route is actively being worked.
 - Fixed lines in place for greater than 14 days must be approved by the NPS.
 - Slack lines may be left unattended in the following circumstances:
Park residents may leave slack lines unattended provided the slack lines are:
 - Approved by the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee
 - Installed within 200 feet of their housing unit

- Comply with all other slack line restrictions
- Park visitors registered in Camp 4 may leave slack lines unattended provided the slack lines are:
 - Tagged to identify the registered camper.
 - Installed within 200 feet of the boundary of Camp 4 for the period of their stay in Camp 4.
 - Comply with all other slack line restrictions.
 - *These restrictions are necessary as fixed or tension lines can present a significant hazard to other visitors and negatively impact the scenic value of the resource; however, the repeated installation of slack lines in the same area may cause more resource damage than lines left in place. Additionally, slack lines have caused significant damage to trees in the park while oaks are declining in parts of California and the groves in Yosemite Valley are not reproducing successfully.*
- The use of any soap, detergent, or shampoo (biodegradable or otherwise) is prohibited in all waters of the park. 36 CFR 2.14 (a)(6)
 - *This restriction is necessary to provide for the highest water quality standards and ecosystem health; the introduction of man-made products may alter water quality and adversely affect micro or macro organisms.*
- Kite flying is limited to kites measuring less than 1,300 square inches and which are tethered by string or similar material less than 150 feet in length. Ahwahnee Meadow, El Capitan Meadow, Big Meadow, and Tuolumne Meadows are closed to kite flying regardless of size.
 - *This restriction is necessary to ensure the safety of low flying aircraft being used in SAR, medical, fire, or other emergency situations.*

Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area:

- Non-concessions operated sledding, inner-tubing, and tobogganing is prohibited within the ski area boundary when Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area concession is operating.
 - *These restrictions are necessary as sledding is non compatible with downhill skiing and poses a hazard to sledders and skiers, as well as other ski area visitors.*

Yosemite Valley:

- The Ceremonial Round House, the Sweat House, and the Chief's House in the Indian Cultural Village are closed to public entry.
 - *These restrictions are necessary to protect the spiritual sanctity of these structures still used by the Miwok.*

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

Rivers

- Vessel use on portions of the following rivers is now permitted under specific conditions included in this document:
 - Merced River.
 - Tuolumne River.
 - The South Fork of the Merced River.

Kerrick Canyon

- Some of the Kerrick Meadow closure has been reopened to allow grazing under conditions that are identified in this document and on any commercial use authorizations.

II. ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT

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:

§1.5(d) The following activities related to Public Use Limits:

- Ascending any part of the Sub Dome or any part of the Half Dome cables on designated days as described in section I of the Compendium.
- Conditions of the permit:
 - Each person ascending Half Dome by way of the Sub Dome, if traveling during the time when the cables are up (approximately May-October) must have a permit.
 - Permits are valid from 12:01 am to midnight for the date specified.
 - Permits are single use.
 - Sale or duplication of permits is prohibited.

§2.1 Wood Cutting.

§2.4(d) Carrying or possessing a weapon, trap, or net.

§2.5(a) Specimen collecting (taking plant, fish, wildlife, rocks, or minerals.)

§2.10(a) The following camping activities:

- A permit is required to camp in Yosemite National Park.
- Permits may not be transferred, sold or purchased beyond initial issuance.
- Refer to Section III: General Regulations of the compendium for further designations and conditions related to camping.

§2.12 Audio Disturbances:

- (a)(2) Operating a power saw in developed areas.
- (a)(3) Operating any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine in non-developed areas.
- (a)(4) Operating 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) Delivery or retrieval of a person or object by parachute, helicopter or other airborne means.
- (c)(1) Removal of a downed aircraft or parts.

§2.23(a) Recreation Fees:

- Waiving fees for educational or scientific visits (pursuant to part 71.13(c) and 71.13(d)).
- Waiving fees for park employees or residents (pursuant to part 71.13(c) and 71.13(d)).

§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).

§2.38 Explosives:

- Using, possessing, storing, or transporting explosives or blasting agents.
- Using or possessing fireworks.

§2.50(a) Conduct a sports event, pageant, regatta, public spectator attraction, entertainment, ceremony, or similar event.

§2.51(a) Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions of views involving more than 25 people.

§2.52(a) Sale or distribution of printed matter involving more than 25 people.

§2.60(b) Livestock use.

§2.61(a) Residing on federal lands.

§2.62 Memorialization:

- (a) Erection of monuments (requires approval from Regional Director).
- (b) Scattering human ashes from cremation.

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

§5.1 Advertising (displaying, posting or distributing).

§5.2(b) Selling intoxicants on private land (requires approval from Regional Director).

§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).

§5.4 Commercial transportation of passengers by motor vehicles.

§5.5 Commercial Photography/Filming (see also 43 CFR 5.1):

- Commercial filming of motion pictures or television involving the use of professional casts, settings or crews, other than bona fide newsreel or news television.
- Still photography of vehicles, or other articles of commerce or models for the purpose of commercial advertising.

§5.6(c) Using 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 Constructing buildings, facilities, trails, roads, boat docks, paths, structures, etc.

§5.10(a) Operating eating, drinking, or lodging establishments in certain park areas.

§6.9(a) Operating a solid waste disposal site

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- (c) Powerless flight.
- (h)(1) Eating and drinking establishments and sale of food and drink.
- (j) Domestic water supplies and sewage disposal systems on private lands within Yosemite National Park.
- (l) Motor Vehicles operating exclusively in the park.
- (m) Trucking permits issued in emergencies.

Part 34 El Portal Administrative Site Regulations

§34.5 Activities listed above that require a permit, apply to the El Portal Administrative Site.

§34.6(c) Fires.

§34.8 Preservation of natural, cultural and archeological resources.

- (a) Cutting or removal of any tree, plant or shrub on non-leased land.
- (b) Cutting or removing any vegetation exceeding six inches on leased lands.

§34.10 Saddle and pack animals.

III. GENERAL REGULATIONS

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

(a)(4) Dead wood on the ground (other than giant sequoia wood) may be collected for use as fuel for campfires within the park when the wood is located:

- Below 9600 feet elevation.
- Less than 6 inches in diameter in undeveloped areas
- Outside Yosemite Valley.
- Within Yosemite Valley, firewood may be collected within the campground boundaries. Where the campground boundary is not marked, firewood may be collected within 50 feet of a campsite as measured from its food locker.

(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:

- Blackberries: 1 pint per person per day, wherever found, for immediate consumption.
- Himalayan blackberry: unlimited quantity.
- Raspberries: 1 pint per person per day, wherever found, for immediate consumption.
- Elderberries: 1 pint per person per day, wherever found, for immediate consumption.
- Strawberries: 1 pint per person per day, wherever found, for immediate consumption.
- Thimbleberries: 1 pint per person per day, wherever found, for immediate consumption.
- Huckleberries: 1 pint per person per day, wherever found, for immediate consumption.
- Fungi, Edible: 1 pint per person per day, wherever found, must be cut (not pulled).

The following may be gathered and transported from the collection site for non-commercial use:

- Apples.
- Pears.

36 CFR §2.2 - WILDLIFE PROTECTION

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

- The carcass must be tagged in accordance with state and federal law.
- Game must be kept out of sight as much as practicable.
- Legally taken game must be transported from the entrance gate to the exit gate on the public road system in the most direct route and are not allowed overnight in the park, except where lawfully taken game is possessed by a resident within the park.
- The transportation of wildlife is not allowed on any portion of the Yosemite trail system except the Kibbie Ridge to Boundary Lake Trail on the that segment between Sasche Springs and Styx Pass.

(e) The entire park is closed to the viewing of wildlife with the use of an artificial light.

36 CFR §2.3 – FISHING

(a) Except in designated areas or as provided in this section, fishing shall be in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State within whose exterior boundaries a park area or portion thereof is located. Non-conflicting State laws are adopted as a part of the regulations.

- Fishing from a bridge in developed areas is prohibited, including Wawona Swinging Bridge.
- Fishing from the top of O'Shaughnessy Dam is prohibited.

36 CFR §2.4 – WEAPONS, TRAPS, AND NETS

(d)(2) The carrying of weapons must be in compliance with state law. The Superintendent may issue a permit to carry or possess a weapon, trap, or net under the following circumstances:

- To persons in charge of pack trains or saddle horses, emergency use is meant solely for the use of dispatching injured stock.
- The weapon must remain unloaded until there is a circumstance in which an animal must be dispatched.

36 CFR §2.5 – RESEARCH SPECIMENS

(a) Taking plants, fish, wildlife, rocks, or minerals except in accordance with other regulations in this chapter or pursuant to the terms and conditions of a specimen collections permit, is prohibited.

- Qualifying researchers must be in compliance with the General Condition for Scientific Research and Collecting Permit as described under the National Park Service Research Permit and Reporting System.
- All environmental compliance issues (e.g. categorical exclusions), and minimum requirement analysis for research conducted in the wilderness, must be resolved prior to commencement of specimen collecting.

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:

- Camping is permitted for not more than a total of 30 days in any calendar year, provided that during the period from May 1 to September 15 inclusive, camping is limited to a total of 14 days. During the same period, camping in the Yosemite Valley and Wawona areas is limited to not more than a total of 7 days.
- Non-Wilderness
 - Camping in Non-Wilderness areas of the park is permitted only in the following designated camps:
 - Family Sites: Upper Pines, Lower Pines, North Pines, Wawona, Bridalveil Creek, Crane Flat, Hodgdon Meadow, Tamarack Flat, White Wolf, Yosemite Creek, Porcupine Flat, and Tuolumne Meadows.
 - Walk-in Campgrounds: Camp 4 and some sections of Hodgdon Meadow campground.
 - Backpacker Campgrounds: Yosemite Valley, Tuolumne Meadows, Hetch Hetchy, and White Wolf.
 - Group Campsites: Wawona, Bridalveil Creek, Hodgdon Meadow, and Tuolumne Meadows.
 - Horse Campsites: Wawona, Bridalveil Creek, Tuolumne Meadows, Hetch Hetchy.
 - When an individual pays a camping fee, occupies a campsite, or registers in a campground, the following conditions are in effect (under 2.10(c) violating these conditions is prohibited and the permit may be suspended or revoked);
 - Check-out time in all campgrounds is 12:00pm (noon) on the day the permit expires.
 - Camp only in established sites in designated campgrounds.
 - Camping wastewater must be dumped into utility sinks at restroom units when provided.
 - When sinks are not provided, wastewater must be dumped at least 100 feet from lakes, rivers, or creeks.
 - Campground parking permits must be displayed on all vehicles parked in campground parking areas with the campground name, site number, and valid dates visible through the windshield unless other requirements are posted at the campground kiosk.
 - A maximum of two vehicles or four motorcycles are allowed per site in Family Sites.
 - A maximum of two vehicles and two trailers are allowed per site in Horse Camps.
 - A maximum of five vehicles or ten motorcycles are allowed per site in Group Camps.
 - Groups are not permitted to park motorhomes, trailers, campers, or other recreational vehicles in group campsite parking areas.
 - Where parking pads are provided, vehicles must be parked with all wheels on the pad.
 - Except for administrative activities, vehicles are not allowed within the boundaries of walk-in or backpacker campgrounds.
 - A maximum of six occupants are allowed per site in Family Sites.
 - Between the hours of 10:00pm and 6:00am sites are to be occupied only by those registered with that site.
 - Each Walk-In and Backpacker Camp user must register individually.

- After check-out time, any unattended property remaining in a site may be impounded immediately. (See Section 2.22)
- Reserving or holding campsites for others in non-wilderness campgrounds operating on a first-come, first-served basis is prohibited.
- Campsite registration must occur within 30 minutes of arrival.
- Backpackers' campgrounds are intended for use by visitors in possession of an overnight wilderness permit or for visitors arriving in the park by foot, bicycle, or bus.
 - Wilderness permit holders may stay in a backpackers' campground the night prior to their hiking start date and the night after returning from each overnight Wilderness trip, but not between the start and end date.
 - Backpackers entering or leaving Yosemite and hiking through Tuolumne Meadows (e.g., John Muir Trail and Pacific Crest Trail through hikers) may stay in the backpackers' campground at Tuolumne Meadows for one night during their wilderness trip when the campground is open. If the Tuolumne Meadows Post Office is closed, such backpackers may stay for one night in the backpackers' campground in Yosemite Valley if resupplying in Yosemite Valley. Continuation of the wilderness trip must be on the specified conditions of the wilderness permit.
 - Users arriving in the park by foot, bicycle, or bus may stay in each backpackers' campground for a limit of one night.
- Generator use is permitted only between the hours of:
 - 7:00am to 9:00am
 - 12:00pm to 2:00pm
 - 5:00pm to 7:00pm
- Wilderness
 - Wilderness permit holders whose permit was issued by a cooperating agency and whose itinerary includes part of the Yosemite trail system, and who enter Yosemite from an adjacent wilderness or forest, are accepted as valid for wilderness travel within Yosemite.
 - With the exception of people on big wall climbs, all persons who wish to sleep overnight, camp, bivouac, or are in possession of equipment designed for overnight use in the wilderness/backcountry, must obtain and carry with them at all times a wilderness permit (one permit per group). The permit is valid only for the dates/trailheads indicated.
 - Washing and rinse water must be disposed of at least 100 feet from lakes and streams in the wilderness.
 - Camping is prohibited:
 - Any area within four miles of a trailhead in:
 - Yosemite Valley
 - Hetch Hetchy
 - Wawona
 - Glacier Point
 - Tuolumne Meadows
 - Within 100 feet of a trail unless terrain permits no other options.
 - Within 25 feet of a trail.
 - The top of Half Dome
 - Below the high water line at both Lake Eleanor and Hetch Hetchy.
 - In the watershed of the Dana Fork of the Tuolumne River.
 - Between Happy Isles and Little Yosemite Valley campground.
 - Any area within one mile of a public access road
 - Except camping is permitted at May Lake Backpackers' Campground, Inspiration Point, Poopenaut Valley, and the Lake Eleanor campground.
 - When Glacier Point Road is closed due to winter conditions, camping is prohibited in the following areas:
 - With 1½ miles of Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area boundary.

- Summit Meadow, Dewey Point and the Glacier Point area. (See Glacier Point Area Map in the appendix.)
 - Camping is restricted to designated campgrounds in the following areas: (See Designated Campground Map in the appendix.)
 - Little Yosemite Valley campground
 - Merced Lake High Sierra Camp
 - Sunrise High Sierra Camp
 - Vogelsang High Sierra Camp
 - Glen Aulin High Sierra Camp
 - May Lake High Sierra Camp
 - Camping is prohibited in the following areas: (See Prohibited Camping Area Maps in the appendix.)
 - Happy Isles to Little Yosemite Valley campground.
 - Between Little Yosemite Valley campground and Moraine Dome campground; including the area below 6,800 feet elevation from the east end of Moraine Dome to Grizzly Peak.
 - Between Little Yosemite Valley campground and the Sunrise trail junction.
 - In the Lost Lake basin, except camping is permitted at Snake Dike and the Diving Board.
 - Camping in the Mariposa Grove is prohibited, except from December 1 to April 15 only above the Clothespin Tree and if the Mariposa Grove Road is closed.
- **(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:**
 - An established campsite exists or terrain permits no other options.
 - Camping is prohibited within 25 feet of a stream, river or body of water at all times.
- **(c) The following camping conditions are in effect for wilderness use. Violating these permit conditions is prohibited.**
 - All persons who wish to sleep overnight, camp, or bivouac in the wilderness/backcountry must obtain and carry with them at all times a wilderness permit (one permit per group).
 - The permit is only valid for the trip leader, trailheads, dates, and number of people specified on the permit.
 - The first night's camping location must be on the same side of the road as the indicated trailhead.
 - The only exceptions to the wilderness permit requirement are for people on big wall climbs. However, once they have completed their route, they must exit the wilderness/backcountry within 12 hours.
- **(d) Conditions for the storage of food are in effect, as noted, for the following areas:**
 - Food includes any human food, beverage, pet food, grain or other sweet stock food, food tainted garbage, food tainted equipment, toiletries such as soap, toothpaste, and cosmetics, and any creams, ointments, or lotions. Food containers include any object designed to contain food such as ice chests, coolers, food packaging, and grocery bags whether or not they contain food, or any object that contains food such as a pack or stuff sack.
 - Non-Wilderness
 - When not stored as described below, all food and food containers must be within 6 feet of an awake person.
 - In a properly closed bear-resistant food locker provided by NPS or the concessionaire.
 - In a properly closed bear-resistant portable food container that is allowed for use in the park by the NPS.
 - In a properly closed bear-resistant dumpster provided by NPS or the concessionaire.
 - In the interior of a vehicle that is occupied and under the physical control of the operator or occupant; and occupants are not camping. (see 36 CFR 1.4 definition of camping)
 - During daylight hours in the interior of a vehicle which has all windows, vents, and doors closed and the food is out of sight.

- From sunset to sunrise, food must not be stored in the interior of a vehicle except in any of the following circumstances:
 - The vehicle is an occupied camping unit that is constructed of solid, non-pliable material and food is not visible and not odoriferous from the outside.
 - The vehicle is an unoccupied camping unit that is constructed of solid, non-pliable material with windows, vents, and doors closed, and food is not visible and not odoriferous from the outside.
 - The vehicle is unoccupied and is parked in an area outside of established lodging, camping, or residential areas and where bear-resistant food storage lockers are not available and the food is not visible or odoriferous from the outside.
- Inside a hard-sided building that does not restrict food storage and that is occupied or has windows and doors closed.
- Occupants of canvas-sided structures must store food in lockers; refrigerators fitted with latches that are properly latched, or other bear-resistant containers.
- If an NPS-provided food locker is full, the occupants of that site or unit may store a clean ice chest that is empty, or contains only plain water or ice, on top of or next to the full locker.
- Wilderness
 - When not stored as described below, all food and food containers must be within 6 feet of an awake person.
 - In a bear-resistant food storage container that is allowed for use in the park by the NPS
 - In a NPS-provided food storage locker.
 - When requested, any person camping, intending to camp, or permitted to camp within the Yosemite Wilderness must provide proof that they are in possession of a bear-resistant food storage container allowed for use in Yosemite.
 - Exceptions to this are backpackers only staying in a High Sierra Camp or Little Yosemite Valley.
 - An exception to the above requirements is granted for winter use (from December 15 of each year until March 30 of the following year) in designated areas within Yosemite Wilderness as noted below, unless otherwise designated by the Superintendent:
 - Overnight visitors traveling using skis or snowshoes in the following areas are not required to store food in bear-resistant food containers:
 - Above 7,200 feet in elevation.
 - Above 6,800 feet in elevation and within a ½ mile of a marked ski trail.
 - Overnight visitors are required to hang their food to protect it from wildlife or keep it within 6 feet of an awake person.

36 CFR §2.11 – PICNICKING

- Certain areas have been closed to picnicking and are listed in section 1.5(a)(1) “Closures”.
- Conditions for Picnicking:
 - Picnickers must yield campground sites to persons who wish to camp.
 - Food must be stored in accordance with CFR §2.10, above.

36 CFR §2.12 – AUDIO DISTURBANCES

- The following developed areas are open to the use of power saws with a wood cutting permit during daylight hours:
 - El Portal, Foresta, Hodgdon Meadow, and Wawona wood lots.
 - The Valley wood lot from November 1 to April 14 annually and is limited to between the hours of 10:00am-6:00pm.

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:

- Fires are permitted in the following designated areas or receptacles:

- Campgrounds.
- Picnic areas with fire grates.
- Residential areas.
- In Little Yosemite Valley and the High Sierra Camp Campgrounds (except Volgelsang High Sierra Camp), fires are allowed only in NPS-provided communal fire rings.
- Wilderness campsites below 9,600 feet, in existing fire rings, except they are prohibited:
 - Within 100 feet from a trail or body of water even if a fire ring exists.
 - On the top of Half Dome.
 - The Upper and Lower Cathedral Lake basins.
 - Within ¼ mile of the shoreline of Kibbie Lake.
- Beaches are not designated for fires; fires are prohibited on beaches.
- From May 1 through September 30, all wood fires are restricted in Yosemite Valley campgrounds, Housekeeping camp, and picnic areas, to between the hours of 5:00pm to 10:00pm.
 - From October 1 to April 30, wood fires are allowed anytime.
 - Administrative activities and the heating of buildings/residences are excepted from this restriction.
 - These conditions do not apply to wood stove fires used for heating buildings, residences, and/or administrative activities.
- As a condition of a permit or for administrative activities.
- At the discretion of the Superintendent, fires may be prohibited during some periods and at specified locations during extreme fire conditions or when poor air quality conditions exist.
- Established Conditions for Fires:
 - Fires may only be lighted in grates, grills, fire rings, cook stoves, or barbeque grills.
 - The construction of new fire rings is prohibited.
 - Burning of giant sequoia (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*) is prohibited.
 - The burning of leaves, tree needles, conifer cones, and wet or green wood is prohibited except in residential areas for the purpose of clearing for a defensible space against wildfire in Wawona, Foresta, and Aspen Valley. Burning must be in compliance with local county residential burning regulations.
 - Burning is not permitted during the fire season (fire season starts and ends as declared by the Fire Management Officer and posted on the Yosemite National Park website).
 - Burning is allowed only on permissive days as established by Mariposa County and the Air Resources Board. Call the Mariposa County burn day information line to check burn day status prior to burning.
 - The individual or home owner must notify park dispatch to include the start and end times and location of activity.
 - Maximum pile size is 4 foot in diameter.
 - Clear all flammable material and vegetation within 10 feet of the outer edge of burn pile.
 - An adult must remain in attendance with a shovel until the fire is dead out.
 - Keep 5 gallons water supply or a charged hose at the burning site.
 - No burning shall be undertaken unless weather conditions (particularly wind) are such that burning can be considered safe. No burning shall be undertaken when wind speeds or gusts in excess of 5 MPH are present or forecast.
 - Burn vegetation debris only.

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

- Cook stoves and lanterns are permitted.

(b) Fires must be extinguished according to the following conditions:

- All fires should be completely extinguished with no burning material remaining.

- If a portable barbeque grill is used, all ashes/coals must be thoroughly extinguished and cooled and then removed from the park or placed in a trash receptacle.

36 CFR §2.14 – SANITATION and REFUSE

(b) Conditions for the disposal, containerization, or carryout of human body waste have been established as follows:

- In non-developed areas, solid human waste and service animal waste must be buried at least 6 inches deep in the soil and at least 100 feet from trails, campsites and bodies of water.
- During winter use, snow should be removed and waste buried at least 6 inches deep in soil or waste should be carried out and disposed of in a vault toilet.
- Toilet paper and feminine hygiene products must be packed out.
- Solid waste excreted while on any climb in Yosemite National Park must be placed in a small container carried off the climb and disposed of in one of the vault toilets provided by the NPS.

36 CFR §2.15 – PETS

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

- All trails.
- Non-developed and designated Wilderness areas.
- Specific areas as posted by signs.
- O'Shaughnessy Dam
- Camp 4 and backpackers' campgrounds
- When snow depth is sufficient for skiing, pets are not permitted on unplowed roads.

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

- Any residential area and within any structure assigned to a permanent or term employee.
- When leashed, on fully paved roads, paved sidewalks, and bicycle pathways.
- When leashed, on Meadow Loop and Four Mile Roads in Wawona.
- When leashed, on Carlon Road and Big Oak Flat Road between Hodgdon Meadow and the Tuolumne Grove parking lot.
- When leashed, on Eleven Mile and Chowchilla Mountain Roads.

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

- Pet excrement must be removed immediately and disposed of in waste receptacles.

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

- Pet ownership is restricted to two (2) pets per household. This includes cats, dogs, and other normal non-intrusive small household pets. Farm-type animals will not be permitted as pets. Wild animals, native to the park, shall not be permitted as pets.
- Pets within Yosemite National Park must be contained within the residence, under physical restraint, or on a leash at all times. Under no circumstance may a pet be left unattended on a leash or zip wire unless a responsible person is available to monitor the activities of the pet.
- All dogs must be registered and licensed in accordance with county ordinances and state laws. Dogs must have two (2) current inoculations for rabies and DHL (distemper, leptospirosis, and hepatitis). Dogs shall bear a collar at all times. Cats must be inoculated for rabies and distemper.
- The breeding of pets is prohibited except by permit from the Superintendent. If a female is bred accidentally, the offspring shall be removed before they are three months old.

36 CFR §2.16 – HORSES and PACK ANIMALS

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

- Horses, mules, burros, and llamas

(b) The use of pack animals is permitted on all park trails, routes, and areas except:

- Bicycle paths and roads.
- The Mist Trail from Happy Isles to Nevada Fall, paved foot trails, and the Mirror Lake Road in Yosemite Valley.
- Gaylor Lakes Trail from Tioga Pass Entrance Station to Gaylor Lakes.
- Chilnualna Falls foot trail from the parking area in Wawona to the junction with the stock trail that starts at the intersection of Loop Road and Larke Avenue.

- All interior trails within the Mariposa Grove (stock is authorized on the perimeter trail).
- Other areas and trails as signed.
- Llamas are not allowed on the High Sierra Loop, the Vernal/Nevada Falls corridor, or the river trail from Nevada Fall to Merced Lake. Exceptions may be made for Pacific Crest and John Muir Trail users with written permission from the Superintendent.

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

- Off trail/cross country travel is prohibited. The following are exceptions:
 - Stock may travel up to ¼ mile off trail for purposes of watering, rest stops or camping.
 - Miwok Lake Route.
 - Avonelle Lake Route.
 - Mattie Lake Route.
 - Lyell Fork of the Merced Route.
 - Horse Thief Canyon Route.
 - Givens Lake Route.
- Establishing new trails and short cutting trails/switchbacks is prohibited.
- Stock parties must travel in single file whenever possible. On maintained stock routes, overnight wilderness users are limited to 15 people and 25 head of stock.
- On authorized cross country routes, overnight wilderness users are limited to 8 people and 12 head of stock
- Grazing is prohibited within four miles of trailheads and paved roads, immediately surrounding any High Sierra Camp, and in Mariposa Grove.
- Special conditions apply in Kerrick Canyon. See section 1.5
- Tying to trees or remaining in a campsite for periods longer than is needed to load and unload is prohibited.
- When picketed on a line, stock must be tied so they cannot chew on tree bark or eat the leaves of woody vegetation.
- Stock must be picketed at least 100 feet from any stream, lake or spring.
- Non-wilderness camping with stock is permitted only within designated areas of Tuolumne Meadows, Hetch Hetchy, Bridalveil Campgrounds and Wawona. The following conditions apply to these areas:
 - Grazing is prohibited.
 - Feed must be provided by the camper.
 - Sites must be cleaned of manure and uneaten food on a daily basis. Refuse must be raked, bagged and deposited into a dumpster.
 - Watering facilities must be used when they are provided.
 - Use of corrals is limited to the area directly under the provided highlines.

36 CFR §2.17 – AIRCRAFT and AIR DELIVERY

(a)(1) Areas designated for operating or using aircraft are provided for in section 7.16(c)

- Hang gliding is allowed by permit at locations and areas designated in the permit.

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

- A permit is required for the removal of any downed aircraft, components, or parts thereof.

36 CFR §2.20 – SKATING, SKATEBOARDS and SIMILAR DEVICES

- The use of roller skates, skateboards, roller skis, coasting vehicles, or similar devices are allowed only in the following areas:
 - Yosemite Village Mall
 - Bicycle paths in Yosemite Valley
 - Residential areas
 - Campgrounds

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 and public areas of concession buildings (including restrooms).
- Within 25 feet of any building, except those used as a single family residence.
- Other areas as posted.
- Smoking while traveling on trails is prohibited. Persons who wish to smoke must stop and remain in one location until they have extinguished their smoking material.

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 permitted overnight trips into or through wilderness areas may leave their vehicles unattended for the period specified by their wilderness permit. There is no overnight parking allowed in the Village Store, General Office, Church Bowl or other parking lots as signed.
- Visitors with overnight accommodation in lodges or campgrounds may leave their vehicles unattended for the period of their stay as long as permits are displayed.
- Any motor vehicle that is immobile because it is not capable of moving under its own power due to mechanical malfunction, or any vehicle which is inoperable because it cannot be operated legally on public roads because it is unlicensed or unregistered, may be impounded by the superintendent through the following process.
 - The owner of the vehicle will be notified of pending impoundment. Leaving a notice on or in the vehicle, or at the owner's residence, or issuing a notice directly to the owner, fulfills the notification requirement. Ten days after notification, the vehicle may be impounded.
- Unattended property or vehicles that contain improperly stored food or food containers located in any public areas may be impounded at the owner's expense.
- Items left in food lockers more than 14 days or past the checkout time for the campsite may be impounded.
- Individuals leaving pets unattended or in violation of California Penal Code 597.7(a) are subject to immediate impoundment of their property/pet.

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, and/or for the use of the following specialized sites, facilities, equipment or services, or for participation in the following group activity, recreation events or specialized recreation uses:

- Entrance Fee Areas:
 - Yosemite National Park collects entrance fees at the Arch Rock Entrance Station, South Entrance Station, Big Oak Flat Entrance Station, Tioga Pass Entrance Station, Valley Campground Office and the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station when these stations are open.
 - Employees or residents are not required to pay entrance fees. A permit (decal) must be displayed on their vehicle in the lower left hand corner of the driver's side windshield. The sticker must be removed if any of the following occur:
 - Sale or transfer of the vehicle
 - Expiration of the sticker
 - Termination of employment or residency.

(c) The collection of recreation fees will be suspended during the following periods:

- Periods of wildfire, power failures, or other emergencies as authorized by the Superintendent.
- Entrance fee-free days announced by the National Park Service Washington Support Office.

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:

- The following areas are closed to consumption of alcoholic beverages
 - Visitor centers and auditoriums unless a temporary permit to sell and/or consume alcoholic beverages has been issued by the Superintendent.
 - Amphitheatres and other sites designated for interpretive programs unless a temporary permit to sell and/or consume alcoholic beverages has been issued by the Superintendent.
 - Trams, park tour buses, and shuttle buses.
 - Any ski lift at Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area.
 - Stoneman Bridge, Clark's Bridge, and Housekeeping Camp Bridge.
- Other than during posted times of operation, the following areas are closed to the possession of open containers and consumption:
 - Degnan's Complex.
 - Village Grill.
 - Half Dome Village Pizza Deck, seating areas adjacent to the retail stores and courtyard benches.
 - Tuolumne Meadows Grill and Store.
 - Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area Lodge.
 - Big Tree Hotel Golf Shop.
 - Yosemite Valley Lodge plaza and patio.
 - The Majestic Yosemite Hotel patio and courtyard.

36 CFR §2.50 – SPECIAL EVENTS

- Permits are required for any special event utilizing park areas.
- Special events such as walk-a-thons, races, endurance runs, or competitive events, whether commercial or otherwise, will not be permitted in wilderness areas.
- Solicitation activities (per 36 CFR § 2.37) require a permit.

36 CFR §2.51 – DEMONSTRATIONS

(b) Demonstrations of more than 25 people are allowed within park areas designated as available under paragraph (c)(2) when the superintendent has issued a permit for the activity.

(c)(2) The following locations are designated as available for demonstrations:

- Yosemite Valley near park headquarters and the visitor center. (See Yosemite Valley Park Headquarters Map in the appendix.)
- Wawona next to the store. (See Wawona Store Area Map in the appendix.)
- O'Shaughnessy Dam by the day use parking area. (See O'Shaughnessy Dam Parking Area Map in appendix.)
- The following locations in Yosemite Valley between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm, when not being utilized for previously scheduled public or administrative purposes:
 - Yosemite Chapel.
 - Lower Pines Amphitheater.
 - Lower River Amphitheater.
 - Valley Theater.

36 CFR §2.52 – SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATTER

(b) The sale or distribution of printed matter by more than 25 persons is allowed within park areas designated as available under § 2.51(c)(2) (see above) when the superintendent has issued a permit.

36 CFR §2.62 – MEMORIALIZATION

(b) A permit is required for the scattering of ashes from cremated human remains, pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit as outlined below:

- The remains to be scattered must have been processed by pulverization after cremation.
- The scattering of human ashes by persons on the ground is to be performed out of sight of park visitors and at least 100 yards from any trail, road, walkway, parking area, developed facility, watercourse, or body of water.

- The scattering of human remains from the air is prohibited.
- Ashes must be scattered over an area large enough so that they will not accumulate in one place.
- No marker of any kind may be left to commemorate the event.
- No publicity is to be given to this activity.
- The use of commercial, for-profit ventures to distribute cremated remains in the park is prohibited.
- Except for the authorization to scatter cremated human remains, nothing in this permit shall be construed as authorizing an entry or activity otherwise prohibited or restricted by law or regulation.

36 CFR §3.8 (a)(2) – LAUNCHING OR RECOVERY OF A VESSEL

- Launching or recovery of a vessel is prohibited except at the following sites:
 - The Merced River
 - The shoreline of the Merced River from the headwaters to the Little Yosemite Valley Campground.
 - Non-vegetated areas downstream from Clark’s Bridge for approximately 100 feet or as signed.
 - Non-vegetated areas downstream from Stoneman Bridge for approximately 100 feet or as signed.
 - Non-vegetated areas of El Capitan Bridge for approximately 100 feet upstream and downstream or as signed.
 - Non-vegetated areas of shoreline downstream from Pohono Bridge.
 - Non-vegetated areas of shoreline at Sentinel Beach for approximately 100 feet or as signed.
 - The South Fork of the Merced River
 - Non-vegetated areas of shoreline from the headwaters to 100 yards upriver from the Wawona impoundment.
 - Non-vegetated areas of shoreline downriver from the Wawona impoundment.
 - The Tuolumne River
 - Pothole Dome area: downstream of the meadow.
 - Glen Aulin: within 100 feet of the bridge.
 - Pate Valley: the shore within 100 feet of the bridge.
 - Scouting rapids and bypassing obstacles is allowed for safety purposes.
 - The non-vegetated shore of the eastern edge of Tenaya Lake.
 - Non-motorized boats may be launched at wilderness lakes, except where otherwise prohibited

36 CFR §3.21 – SWIMMING AND BATHING

(a)(1) The following areas are closed to swimming and bathing:

- At the pool of the Wawona Domestic Water Intake and that area within 100 yards upstream.
- Hetch Hetchy Reservoir and one mile from the high water mark of the reservoir along any tributary directly flowing into the reservoir.
- Lake Eleanor Reservoir when posted.
- Dana Fork of the Tuolumne River above the domestic water source intake.
- Emerald Pool and the Silver Apron.

(a)(2) The following restrictions apply to all swimming and bathing activities:

- The use of any soap, detergent, or shampoo (biodegradable or otherwise) is prohibited in all waters of the park.

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:

- The following kingpin-to-rear-axle (KPR) distances are established for park roads:
 - The Wawona Road has a KPR of 40 feet.

- The Big Oak Flat Road has a KPRA of less than 30 feet.
- The Tioga Pass Road has KPRA of 40 feet.
- The El Portal Road has a KPRA of 32 feet.
- During periods when the road base of specific park roads is saturated, a weight restriction for vehicles of 14,000 pounds will be signed and enforced.
- California legal trucks must be no larger than 14 feet high, 102 inches wide, and 40 feet long if a single vehicle, and 65 feet long if a combination vehicle. An overall length exception to 75 feet is given for a truck, tractor, semi-trailer, trailer combinations (doubles) if each trailer is no more than 28 feet 6 inches long.
 - California legal truck with single trailer:
 - Semi-trailer = no limit
 - KPRA = 40 feet maximum (if two axels in rear)
 - KPRA = 38 feet maximum (if one axle in rear)
 - Combination length = 65 feet maximum
 - California legal truck with double trailer:
 - Semi-trailer = 28 feet 6 inches maximum
 - Trailer = 28 feet 6 inches maximum
 - KPRA = no limit
 - Combination length = 75 feet maximum
- or-
- Either trailer or semi-trailer = 28 feet 6 inches maximum; the other trailer has no limit
- KPRA = no limit
- Combination length = 65 feet maximum

36 CFR §4.21 – SPEED LIMITS

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

- The maximum speed on park roads is 35 mph unless posted otherwise.
- When and where chain controls are in effect, the maximum speed is 25 miles per hour.
- The speed limit approaching and leaving all entrance station areas is 20 miles per hour.
- When the Yosemite Valley special use lane is in effect, the maximum speed is 25 miles per hour on Southside Drive from El Capitan Crossover to Sentinel Crossover when posted.

36 CFR §4.30 – BICYCLES

(a) Bicycle use is permitted on park roads, parking areas, and on the following designated routes:

- Paved trails designated as “paved bikeways” on the official park brochure.
- Meadow Loop, Trimble Peak Road, Eleven Mile, and Four Mile Fire Roads in Wawona.
- Bicycles may be permitted on certain closed roads (such as the Tioga Road and Glacier Point road) during times in which no snow removal activities are underway, when the road is cleared of snow but not yet opened to vehicle traffic, and subject to any limits or restrictions set by the superintendent.
- The following routes are closed to bicycle use:
 - Mariposa Grove Road
 - The surface of the O’Shaughnessy Dam.
 - All dirt roads starting from the gate at the top of O’Shaughnessy Dam leading to areas below the dam.
 - The Hetch Hetchy Road when the road is closed.
 - Cyclists on rental bicycles are prohibited on the bicycle path between Mirror Lake and the bicycle racks at the base of the Mirror Lake Road.
 - Yosemite Falls paved trails where signed closed to bicyclists.

36 CFR §4.31 – HITCHHIKING

- Hitchhiking is permitted in the following areas under the conditions noted:
 - All areas of the park when the person is off the roadway surface and when public safety and traffic flow are not adversely affected.
 - When vehicles may safely pull off the main traffic lane into a turnout or safely onto the shoulder to allow for passengers to be received.
 - When not under the influence of alcohol or intoxicating drugs.
 - When hitchhiking behavior is safe and not a nuisance.
 - Except in residential areas where signs exist establishing the area as a residential area only.

36 CFR §7.16 – YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

(c) Powerless flight requires a permit from the Superintendent.