



## United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site  
266 Warren Lane  
Deer Lodge, MT 59722



IN REPLY REFER TO:

2D Covid-19>GRKO  
Closure Order #21-001

June 22, 2021

Closures, restrictions and public use limits:

Restrictions and Public Use Limits: Under the authority provided to the Superintendent in 36 CFR §1.5 and §13.50, the following activities are restricted in Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Park, effective immediately, until further notice:

- Ranch house

Authority: 36 CFR §1.5(a)(1) and 36 CFR §13.50(a)

Notice: This administrative order applies to all individuals subject to the regulatory authority of the National Park Service within the boundaries of Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site including park visitors and stakeholders, except as follows:

- Park employees and contractors performing cleaning and maintenance activities.

Finding: The NPS issues this administrative order for the purposes of maintaining public health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic emergency. This order is consistent with the following federal public health directives:

[Reduced Occupancy Guidance Changes for National Park Service Facilities, May 14, 2021.](#)  
[Covid 19 Exhibtry Cleaning Guidance](#)

These directives require the NPS to take the actions identified above because:

- The Ranch House does not have adequate spacing to six foot distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19.
- Unlike restrooms, museum objects can not be cleaned or disinfected only isolated if contamination is suspected.
- Public health directors prohibit gatherings of more than 10 people. Allowing individuals to mingle and gather within the park increases the risk of disease introduction and spread.

This order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until further notice. The effectiveness of this order will be assessed on an ongoing basis and will be modified or removed when conditions warrant.

Approval

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jacqueline Lavelle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Jacqueline Lavelle  
Superintendent

July 23, 2021  
Date