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

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Under the provisions of 16 USC, Section 3 and Title 36CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, the following designations, closures, permit requirements and other restrictions imposed under the discretionary authority of the Superintendent are established for Curecanti National Recreation Area. Regulations listed in this compendium are a requirement in addition to those listed in Parts 1-7 of Title 36 unless otherwise note.

In addition to these regulations, written determinations, which explain the reasoning behind the Superintendent's use of discretionary authority, are required by 36 CFR 1.5 (c) and appear in this document as italicized print, or are available for review in the Chief Rangers Office.

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I. 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: (Not applicable)

Public Use Limits: (Not applicable)

Closures: The following areas are closed to all public entry during the periods indicated for public safety and administrative activities of the NPS and the Bureau of Reclamation.

Year-Round Closures:

- Elk Creek Maintenance Shop
- Elk Creek water treatment plant and sewer lagoons
- Elk Creek housing area (except guests)
- Lake Fork maintenance shop and yard
- Blue Mesa Dam and access road as posted
- Crystal Dam and access road as posted
- Cimarron Trestle including locomotive, tender, box car and caboose
- Rail cars at Cimarron Visitor Center as posted
- East Portal yard (fenced area and residences)
- East Portal Diversion Dam (area around the dam from the buoyed cable line Upstream of the dam to a point 100 feet downstream of the dam)
- Docks at Morrow Point and Crystal Dams
- Except as authorized, NPS and Marina dry storage area at Elk Creek
- Morrow Point dam and access road
- Blue Mesa dam downstream for approximately 225 yards
- Morrow Point dam downstream for 130 yards
- Crystal dam downstream for 200 yards

Seasonal Closures: From approximately December 15 to April 15, all developed areas will be closed to vehicular traffic due to snow, except the following:

- Elk Creek complex
- Iola boat ramp and access road
- Old Stevens picnic area and access road
- Middle Bridge-Dillon trail parking area
- Lake City Bridge pull-off
- Dry Creek picnic area/access road
- North Willow Creek access road
- Pine Creek
- Neversink
- Lake Fork

Specialized closures:

From March 15, 2015 through July 15, 2015, the following areas are closed to all public use: The Curecanti Needle and adjacent walls within one-half mile, including the landscape portions above the canyon wall(s) extending 50 feet from the rim edge. Developed trails and overlooks are excluded. Climbing routes along the north side of U.S. Hwy 50, one-half mile east and west of mile marker 149.

Determination: While the American Peregrine Falcon was delisted from the Endangered Species list in 1999, they continue to be protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, as well as other federal and state laws. The peregrine is a Colorado State Special Concern Species and a native Species of Management Concern for BLCA and CURE. Because American Peregrine Falcons are a species of special concern for the state of Colorado and the NPS, NPS has determined the continued monitoring to provide additional evaluation of the population recovery, particularly in light of continued presence and effects of persistent chemical compounds in the environment is warranted.

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

Hunting

- No hunting is permitted within 100 yards of any developed area including roads, parking areas, picnic areas, campgrounds or other structures, facilities, or trails.
- Trails may be used for access to hunting areas however, weapons may not be fired from, towards, or across a trail.

The following restrictions apply to the lands within the Curecanti NRA boundary:

From **Lake City Bridge west to East Portal: May 1-Sept 30**, **shotguns with shot only** for bird/small game; bows and muzzle loading rifles permitted for big game in accordance with state law. **Oct 1-April 30**, all legal methods permitted for all species in accordance with state law.

From **Lake City Bridge (Hwy 149) to Neversink: May 1-Sept 30**, **shotguns with shot only** for bird/small game; bows for big game. **Oct 1-April 30**, **shotguns with shot only** for bird/small game; bows for big game.

The discharge of a weapon **from, towards or across** the frozen surface of Blue Mesa Reservoir is prohibited. This restriction applies to the main body of the reservoir and portions of the lake arms. This restriction does not apply to the frozen surface area of lake arms upstream of the designated "no wake" buoys in soap creek, West Elk, Lake Fork, and Cebolla arms.

Determination: These restrictions are necessary to provide for public use and enjoyment of the Park in addition to ensuring visitor safety. The Blue Mesa reservoir has major facility development and receives heavy visitation during the main visitor use season. The restrictions are relaxed during large game season which coincides with a reduced visitor use season. In winter months, the frozen surface of the reservoir is very popular for ice fishing. Detecting individual fishermen on the ice can be difficult with variable winter conditions. The trajectory of a discharged round that hits the frozen water surface can be uncertain.

Boating and Water Use Activities

The following areas are closed to boating and shoreline entry:

- Blue Mesa Dam downstream for 225 yards
- Morrow Point dam downstream for 130 yards
- Crystal Dam downstream for 700 yards
- East Portal Diversion Dam upstream for 60 yards
- Buoyed barricade sections in vicinity of dams

The area upstream from Beaver Creek within the Gunnison river canyon is closed to all motorized vessels. The area downstream from the East Portal Diversion Dam is closed to motorized vessels.

NOTE: The administrative use of motorized vessels for creel surveys on the Gunnison River downstream from East Portal is authorized under conditions specified by the Superintendent.

Note: A map designating restricted areas for Blue Mesa reservoir is attached or available from the office of Superintendent.

Motorized vessels on Morrow and Crystal reservoirs:

- Limited to motors not in excess of 25 horsepower (or jet drive equivalent)

Note: An authorized concessionaire may operate motorboats in excess of 25 horsepower under conditions specified by the Superintendent. Administrative patrols by NPS and BOR personnel in excess of 25 horsepower are authorized for visitor and resource protection functions and dam maintenance.

Determination: Closures are necessary to restrict travel into areas closed by the Bureau of Reclamation for operation and security of the dams. Horsepower restrictions are necessary to preserve the quiet nature of the lower reservoirs which are designated as semi-primitive zones by the Park's General Management Plan.

ANS (Aquatic Nuisance Species) Interdiction

Prelaunch inspections conducted by a certified ANS inspector are required on specified watercraft launching at Curecanti NRA.

Complex Watercraft (Yellow tag required): Inspection is required before launch. Complex watercraft include but are not limited to: houseboats, cabin cruisers, pontoon boats, personal watercraft, ski boats, wakeboard boats, ballast sailboats, and most trailered/motorized fishing boats. Complex watercraft are required to launch from the established boat ramps at Elk Creek, Iola, Ponderosa, Lake Fork, and Stevens Creek. Inspection station and ramp hours and availability vary by season and water levels.

State Hand-launch List (Green tag optional): The following vessel types have low risk of carrying aquatic invasive species and these vessels can launch without an inspection and from any location on Blue Mesa Reservoir: Kayaks, float tubes, sail/windsurf and stand-up paddleboards, inner tubes canoes, belly boats,& rafts. **Trailers used to transport such vessels may not enter the water.**

Other watercraft (Green Tag required): Simple watercraft not on the hand-launch list may receive a green tag after assessment by inspection staff. **Trailers used to transport such vessels may not enter the water.**

All other vessels Capable of Holding Water (Pink Tag Required): This class of watercraft is capable of holding water and must be inspected before launch. Vessels include but are not limited to: Hobie Cat sailboats, small to medium-sized sail boats, some rowing shells, hand-launched vessels that are equipped with gas powered or water cooled motors. Many of these vessels cannot safely or practically be launched from the improved launch sites. Pink tag vessels may launch from the following and trailers **may** enter the water after receiving inspection: Iola Beach, Bay of Chickens, Dillon Pinnacles Beach. Pink tag vessels can launch from the following locations after inspection, but trailers **may not** enter the water: Old Stevens Beach, North Willow Beach and Sapinero Beach.

Determination: If invasive mussels infest Blue Mesa Reservoir, they will foul facilities like dock and ramps, encrust boats, clog engines and damage the fishery by disrupting the food chain. The invasive mussels from Eastern Europe are spreading at an alarming rate across the U.S.and are easily transported to new areas within vessels containing even small amounts of contaminated water.

Use of Unmanned Aircraft

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.

Launching, landing, or operating an unmanned aircraft from or on lands and waters administered by the National Park Service within the boundaries of Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Curecanti National Recreation Area is prohibited except as approved in writing by the superintendent.

Determination: The NPS recognizes that the increased use and popularity of unmanned aircraft has led to incidents in which public safety, environmental and scenic values, conflicts among different user groups and impacts to cultural and natural resources have occurred or have had a reasonable possibility of occurring. When confronted with a new park use, Superintendents are directed by agency policy to proceed with caution when determining the compatibility of the new use within the context of existing use and the values for which the individual park unit was designated. This closure is an interim measure pending potential regulatory action on a national-level. In June of 2014, all park Superintendents were required to insert the above language into each park's compendium. An agency-wide prescription prohibits individual Superintendents from promulgating less restrictive measures without approval from the NPS directorate.

Use of Segways and motor driven cycles

Definition: A Segway is two-wheeled, gyroscopically stabilized, battery-powered personal transportation device which operates at a top speed of 12.5 mph. A motor driven cycle such as a seated scooter or road scooter are designed to travel on no more than 3 wheels and has a cylinder capacity of less than 50 cc.

The use of Segways and motor driven cycles within park areas are permitted in accordance with state law. The operator must have a valid driver's license, the vehicle must have a DOR registration sticker and the vehicle is permitted to operate on public roads.

The use of Segways and motor driven cycles in park areas off of the established roadway by persons with disabilities may be allowed in accordance with an individual special use permit issued by the superintendent under 36 CFR 1.6.

Determination: The NPS recognizes the use of Segways and motor driven cycles are not designed and utilized solely by mobility impaired persons. For individuals without mobility impairments, the use of Segways and motor driven cycles are permitted to operate on public roads only. The use of Segways and motor driven cycles by persons with disabilities may be appropriate in other locations. Authorizing this use by permit gives the NPS the opportunity to insure users understand use limitations, potential hazards due to other visitor use activities, fluctuating water levels and additional safety concerns.

Possession of glass containers on certain beach areas:
The possession or use of glass containers from the water's surface to one-hundred (100) feet above the high-water line at Dry Creek and Old Highway 50 swim beach is prohibited.

Determination: The above mentioned areas are historically used as swim & sunbathing beaches by the public, broken glass presents a safety hazard to visitors enjoying the area.

ORV closures

The following areas have been closed to vehicle travel as indicated by carsonite markers:

- Dry Creek, from boat ramp west along shoreline at the approximate 7500' elevation mark
- Two track along north side of highway from MP 144 to Rainbow Lake road
- Two track on Sometime Island
- Two track access above high water line from Old Stevens
- Travel from North Willow restroom east to next drainage
- From South Willow west to Iola
- Along shoreline of Dillon Pinnacles where marked (during low water)
- Barricaded access from Hwy 149 to south shore
- Barricaded access from Soap Creek road to shore

Determination: In 2006, Curecanti National Recreation Area was sued for failing to promulgate a regulation to address off road vehicle use. Curecanti NRA has begun an environmental assessment to address off-road vehicle use and intends to subsequently promulgate a regulation if appropriate under the final agency action. In the interim, Curecanti NRA has developed an interim management plan to continue off-road vehicle use. This interim plan addresses the need to close appropriate areas to vehicle use for the protection of historical, cultural, archaeological or sensitive resources.

36CFR 1.5 (a) (2)

It is prohibited for any person to jump or dive off of rock cliffs, ledges, bridges, or man-made structures (excluding vessels) within the boundaries of Curecanti NRA, including Blue Mesa Reservoir. The National Park Service does not advocate or promote the activity of cliff jumping or diving regardless of the height from the water surface.

Definiton: For the purpose of this restriction, cliff, ledge, bridge, or man-made structure is defined to mean any formation of rock or soil, or engineered construction, or combination thereof having a height of 15' or more from the surface of the water.

Determination: This restriction is necessary for the maintenance of public health and safety. Due to the number of critical injuries sustained from cliff jumping and diving, Curecanti NRA is prohibiting this activity. Changing water levels and submerged hazards make cliff jumping and diving extremely dangerous. In addition, as cliff height increases, the speed at which one hits the water also increases, and the risk for serious injury goes up substantially. This speed is great enough to cause spinal compression, bone fractures, or concessions. Landing even slightly off center can be deadly.

II. <u>36 CFR 1.6 – ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT</u>

(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:

- 2.4 (d) Carry or possess a weapon, trap, or net
- 2.5 (a) Specimen collection (Take plant, fish, wildlife, rocks or minerals)
- 2.10 (a) The following camping activities: (Not applicable)
- 2.12 Audio Disturbances:
    - (a)(2) Operating a chain saw in developed areas

- (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:
  - (a)(3) Delivery or retrieval of a person or object by parachute, helicopter or other airborne means
  - (c)(1) Removal of a downed aircraft
- 2.38 Explosives:
  - (a) Use, possess, store, transport explosives, blasting agents
  - (b) Use or possess fireworks
- 2.50(a) Conduct a sports event, pageant, regatta, public spectator attraction, entertainment, ceremony, and similar events
- 2.23 Special recreation activities
- 2.37 Soliciting or demanding gifts, money goods, or services
- 2.51 (a) Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions of views
- 2.52 (c) Sale or distribution of printed matter that is not solely commercial advertising
- 2.60 (b) Livestock use
- 2.61 (a) Residing on federal lands
- 2.62 (b) Memorialization - (Scattering ashes from human cremation)
- 3.12 (b) Towing a person using a parasail, hang-glider or other airborne device
- 5.1 Advertisements – (Display, posting or distribution)
- 5.2 (b) Sale of intoxicants in certain park areas
- 5.3 Engaging in or soliciting any business
- 5.4 (a) Commercial transportation of passengers by motor vehicles within specific parks.
- 5.5 (a) Commercial filming of motion pictures or television involving the use of professional casts, settings or crews, other than bona fide newsreel or news television
  - (b) Still photography of vehicles, or other articles or commerce or models for the purpose of commercial advertising
- 5.6 (c) Use of 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 Construction of buildings, facilities, trails, roads, boat docks, path, structure, etc.
- 5.10 (a) Operation of eating, drinking, or lodging establishments
- 6.9 (a) Operation of a solid waste disposal site
- Part 7 Special Regulations

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 personal use in the following areas:

- Below the high water line of Blue Mesa, Morrow Point and Crystal reservoirs, and is permitted solely for personal use and not for commercial activities.
- BOR slash wood pile on East Portal road

(a)(5) The following conditions are in effect for walking, climbing, entering, and ascending or traversing the listed archeological or cultural resource, monuments or statues: (Not applicable)

(b) Hiking or pedestrian traffic is restricted to the trail tread or walkway on the following trails./walkways: (Not applicable)

(c)(1), (c)(2) Collection of edible fruits, berries, and nuts may be gathered by hand for personal consumption only and not for the purpose of sale or exchange.

36 CFR 2.2 - WILDLIFE PROTECTION

Hunting and trapping are authorized within the Park in accordance with federal and state law. Note specific closure and restrictions under Section 1.

36 CFR 2.3 – FISHING

Fishing is authorized within the park in accordance with federal and state law. Per state law:

Only portable ice fishing shelters are permitted and must be removed from ice at the end of each day.

Possession and use of dead minnows, dead bait fish, dead amphibians, non-preserved fish eggs or roe is permitted on Blue Mesa, Morrow Point and Crystal Reservoirs.

Use and possession of live bait is limited to worms and night crawlers.

36 CFR 2.4 – WEAPONS, TRAPS, and NETS

Section 512, of the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009, P.L. 111-24, 123 Stat. 1764-65, allows persons to possess firearms while in units of the National Park and National Wildlife Refuge Systems if they are in compliance with applicable federal and state law. Specifically, Section 512 (b) states:

The Secretary of the Interior shall not promulgate or enforce any regulation that prohibits an individual from possessing a firearm including an assembled or functional firearm in any unit of the National Park System or the National Wildlife refuge System if

(1) The individual is not otherwise prohibited by law from possessing the firearm; and
(2) The possession of the firearm is in compliance with the law of the State in which the unit of the National Park System or the National Wildlife Refuge System is located.

36 CFR 2.10 – CAMPING and FOOD STORAGE

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:

(a) Tent camping or the overnight occupancy within camper vehicles, such as pickup, coaches, trailers, and motor homes is restricted to designated, developed, campsites in the following areas:

- Elk Creek
- Red Creek
- Lake Fork
- Cimarron
- Gateview

- Dry Gulch
- Ponderosa
- Stevens Creek
- East Portal

Within the developed campgrounds, no more than two primary recreational camping units per site, (car, pickup, motorhome, van, pop-up trailer, in which people are sleeping).

Maximum of eight people per site. In addition, if space allows, the following may also be at the site: tent(s), boat trailer(s), vehicles not used for sleeping.

At **Elk Creek campground**, camping is limited to a visit of 14 consecutive nights during a 30 day period in Loops A & D (reserved sites). All other sites (first come first serve) are limited to 30 consecutive days.

At **Stevens Creek campground**, camping is limited to a visit of 14 consecutive nights during a 30 day period in Loop A. All other sites are limited to 30 consecutive days.

At **Lake Fork campground**, camping is limited to visit of 30 consecutive days.

At **Cimarron, Dry Gulch, East Portal, Gateview, Red Creek, and Ponderosa campgrounds**, camping is limited to a maximum stay of 14 consecutive days within a 30 day period.

- Campers reaching their consecutive days limits must move to another designated campground for a minimum of 14 days before returning to the same camp area.

- Registered sites must be occupied. "Occupied" implies the site has been used or slept in once within a 12-hour period.

The following sites can be reserved with the National Recreation Reservation System: Loop A & D of Elk Creek, Loop A at Steven's Creek and the upper and middle sections of Lake Fork.

Backcountry camping is limited to a visit of fourteen (14 day) consecutive nights for a total of 30 days during the calendar year.

Backcountry, boat and boat-in camping are permitted in the following zones/areas:

- Blue Mesa Reservoir:
  Cebolla Arm
  Lake Fork Arm
  West Elk Arm
  Soap Creek Arm up to Saddle Creek. Camping on either side of the arm north of Saddle Creek is prohibited.

- Along the South shore, and on Red Creek island except within ½ mile of any developed area, bridge, maintained public road or backcountry campsite.

- Overnight occupancy of vessels is permitted at rental slips at Elk Creek and Lake Fork marinas.

  - ✓ The use of portable generators by visitors in the Marina areas is prohibited

- Overnight boat camping is prohibited within the main channel and Iola, Cebolla and Sapinero basin, and within ½ mile from any developed area.

- Morrow Point Reservoir:
  Narrows (site 1)
  Blue Creek (site 2)
  Curecanti Creek (site 3)
  Nelson Gulch (site 4)
  "Deadman's Curve" (site 5)
  Hermits Rest (site 6 and 6A)

- Crystal Reservoir:
  Crystal Creek

Note: A map of designated camping areas/zones is available from the Superintendent's office.

2.10 (3) Camping closer than 100 feet to Blue Mesa, Morrow point and Crystal reservoirs and their tributaries is permitted.

2.10 (10)(d) Conditions for the storage of food are in effect, as noted, for the following areas:
Food storage regulations apply to all campsites where food storage containers are located

36 CFR 2.11 - PICNICKING

(not applicable)

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, under the conditions noted:

Designated Areas:

- Fires are permitted in provided grills or designated campfire sites at all developed campgrounds picnic areas and designated backcountry campsites.
- Ground fires are prohibited elsewhere within the Recreation area, except below the high water line of Blue Mesa reservoir.
- Container fires are permitted on the frozen surface of Blue Mesa Reservoir

Established Conditions for Fires:

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

- Open flame or gas/propane barbecues are prohibited within 100 feet of Marina areas.

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

- Fires below high water will be extinguished after use and the site restored to its original state. Fire rings shall be broken and dispersed. Charcoal will be removed and ashes dispersed.
- In designated areas fires must be extinguished until cold to the touch.

(c) High fire danger closures will be in effect as noted:

- The Superintendent may close all or a portion of the Park to the lighting or maintaining of a fire during periods of high fire danger.

36 CFR 2.14 - SANITATION and REFUSE

(a)(2) The use of government refuse receptacles or facilities for dumping household, commercial or industrial refuse, brought as such from private or municipal property may be allowed under the following conditions:

Not permitted

36 CFR 2.15 – PETS

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

- Morrow Point boat tours
- Marinas and docks, except to go directly to or from a boat.

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

- Must be disposed of in areas where trash receptacles are present.

(b) Where hunting is allowed, the following conditions apply for use of dogs for support of such activity in accordance with Federal and State laws:

- May be used in support of these activities in accordance with applicable Federal and State laws.
- Dogs must be leashed when not actively engaged in hunting activity.

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

- Under the terms and conditions established by the Superintendent's directive (Pet Policy)

NOTE: "Pet" means dogs, cat or any animal that has been domesticated. (36CFR 1.4)

36 CFR §2.16 – HORSES and PACK ANIMALS

(a) The following animals are designated as pack animals: Horses, burros, llamas, mules or other hoofed mammals.

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

- The signed portion of Dillon Pinnacles trail is designated for horses or pack animals.

(d) Free-trailing or loose-herding is permitted on the following trails/routes, subject to the conditions noted: (Not applicable)

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

- Overnight livestock use is permitted only where corrals have been established at Dry Gulch, and Ponderosa campgrounds. Portable corrals may be erected west of the creek in Dry Gulch and Red Creek campgrounds.
- Picketing, hobbling, or tying livestock to natural features such as trees is prohibited.
- All hay utilized in Curecanti National Recreation Area must be certified as weed free in compliance with Gunnison County standards.

36 CFR 2.17 - AIRCRAFT and AIR DELIVERY

(a)(1) The following areas have been designated pursuant to special regulations for operating or using aircraft:

- (Not applicable)

(a)(2) The operation or use of aircraft under power on water less than 500 feet from designated swimming beaches, boat docks, piers, or ramps is permitted in the following areas, under the conditions noted:

- (Not applicable)

(c)(1) The removal of a downed aircraft, components, or parts thereof is allowed, subject to written authorizations from the superintendent, under the following terms and conditions:

- Requires Special Use Permit

36 CFR 2.18 – SNOWMOBILES

(c) Snowmobiles may be operated only on the following routes, designated pursuant to special regulations:

- Designated access points are Lake Fork Marina, Sapinero Beach, Dillon Pinnacles boat ramp, Windsurf Beach, Elk Creek Marina, Dry Creek, North Willow, Old Stevens, and Iola Boat Ramp.
- Snowmobile use area is confined to the frozen ice surface of Blue Mesa Reservoir.
- Snowmobile and cargo gross weight may not exceed 1200 pounds.
- A map of designated snowmobile areas and access routes is available from the Office of the Superintendent.

Note: In addition to 36 CFR, Section 2.18, snowmobile use is also regulated under 36 CFR, Section 7.51.

36 CFR 2.19 – WINTER ACTIVITIES

(a) The following park roads and/or parking areas open to motor vehicle traffic may be used for skiing, snowshoeing, ice skating, innertubing, tobogganing, and similar winter activities under the conditions noted:

- Skiing, snow shoeing and sledding are permitted on park roads closed to motor vehicle traffic pursuant to winter conditions.
- Sledding on designated boat ramps, winter walkways or on any road open to vehicle traffic, is prohibited.

(b) The towing of persons on skis, sled or other similar device by motor vehicle or snowmobile is allowed in the following areas:

- Permitted on the frozen surface of Blue Mesa Reservoir.

36 CFR 2.20 – SKATING, SKATEBOARDS and SIMILAR DEVICES

The use of roller skates, skateboards, roller skis, coasting vehicles, or similar devices are allowed in the following areas:

- Residential areas and on any paved park roads that are closed to vehicular traffic.

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 and the use of e-cigarettes:

- In the interior of all NPS owned, leased or administered buildings, including shared government quarters
- Within 25 feet of any entrance or exit primarily accessed by the visiting public
- Within 25 feet of any entrance or exit not generally accessed by the public, where smoking would result in smoke traveling through doorways, windows, air ducts or other openings.
- Within any type of government owned or leased vehicle, including heavy equipment, watercraft, or aircraft.

36 CFR §2.22 – PROPERTY

(a)(2) The following describes areas where property may be left unattended for periods longer than 24 hours, and the conditions under which property may be left. Vehicles and boat trailers may be left unattended for a maximum of 14 days at:

- Elk Creek Visitor Center/Administration lot
  - ✓ Overflow parking of empty boat trailers, vehicles or loaded trailers are permitted to park in designated areas by permit only for a total of 14 days from April 1st until November 1st.
  - ✓ Permits may be obtained at the Elk Creek Visitor Center
  - ✓ Trailers and vessels needing to park longer than 14 days may rent a space from Elk Creek Marina LLC.
- Red Creek campground
- Dry Gulch campground
- Dillon trailhead
- Lake Fork storage area
  - ✓ At the Lake Fork fenced lot (intersection of Hwy 92 and Hwy 50), overflow parking is limited to empty boat trailers only for a total of 14 days until November 1st.
- Hermits Rest trailhead
- Curecanti Creek trailhead
- Crystal trailhead
- Pine Creek trailhead and trailer parking lot
- Mesa Creek trailhead parking lot
- East Portal walk-in campground parking lot
- Cimarron picnic lot

Vessels may be beached or anchored for periods longer than 24 hrs by registered campers within a designated campground or campers in designated backcountry camping areas only. Vessels may not be beached or anchored on shore in the Elk Creek marina area within the No Wake buoys.

When the Stevens Creek launch ramp closes for the season, vessels that have been inspected for mussels at an NPS mussel inspection station may be kept overnight or up to 14 days in the cove areas adjacent to Stevens Creek campground. Vessel operators must display the "MUSSEL FREE" inspection certificate on the dashboard of their vehicle while operating their vessel. Vessel operators must also display the NPS provided tag or sticker on their boat while it is beached.

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:

Fee Campground Locations:

- Stevens Creek $16.00
- Elk Creek $16.00
- Dry Gulch $16.00
- Red Creek $16.00
- Lake Fork $16.00
- Ponderosa $16.00
- Cimarron $16.00
- East Portal $16.00
- Loop D (electric) $22.00

Daily Site Use Fee Areas:

- Boat Permits:
  2 day $4.00
  14 day $10.00
  Annual $30.00

Special Recreation Permit Fee (Such as but not limited to, group activities, recreation events, and the use of motorized recreation vehicles): (Not applicable)

Group Campgrounds:

- East Elk Creek $50.00/night
- Red Creek Group $25.00/night

Note: All user fees are discounted 50% for Golden Age and Golden Access cardholders. A limited service fee (50%of full price) is charged for all campgrounds when water is unavailable.

(c) The collection of recreation fees will be suspended during the following periods: (Not applicable)

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:

- All Park Visitor Centers, NPS amphitheaters during formal programs and the tour boat are closed to the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages.

36 CFR 2.37—NONCOMMERCIAL SOLICITING

The solicitation or demand for gifts, money, goods or services requires a permit under 2.50, 2.52, or 2.52, and is subject to the terms and conditions specified therein.

36 CFR 2.60 – LIVESTOCK USE AND AGRICULTURE

(a) Absent a permit, the running-at-large, herding, driving across, allowing on, pasturing or grazing of livestock of any kind in a park area for agricultural purposes is prohibited. Additionally, a permit can only be issued in the following circumstances:

(a)(1) As specifically authorized by Federal statutory law: or

(a)(2) As required under a reservation of use of rights arising from acquisition of a tract of land; or

(a)(3) As designated, when conducted as a necessary and integral part of a recreational activity or required in order to maintain a historic scene.

36 CFR 2.61 – RESIDING ON FEDERAL LAND

Absent a permit, lease or contract, residing in park areas on other than private land, is prohibited.

36 CFR 2.62 – MEMORIALIZATION

(a) Authorization from the Director of the National Park Service is required to install a monument, memorial, tablet, structure, or other commemorative installation in a park area.

36 CFR 3.8 – PROHIBITED VESSEL OPERATIONS

(a)(2) Designated launch sites:

- Iola
- Stevens Creek
- Elk Creek
- Lake Fork
- Ponderosa

Unimproved launch sites are identified as follows:

- Wilson's landing
- Old Steven's
- Willow Creek
- Dry Creek
- Bay of Chicken's
- Dillon Pinnacles (Middle Bridge)
- Lake access areas from US Highway 149 at mileposts 116.6 and 116.5
- Lake access areas from US Highway 50 at milepost 149.5 and milepost 132.7

Note: Effective 2009 – Non motorized launch only at unimproved sites

Boat launching and access is restricted to hand-carried craft in the following areas:

- East Portal along the Gunnison River except for the ramp 1 mile east of the diversion dam.
- Pine Creek (for Morrow Point Reservoir)
- Curecanti Creek Trail (for Morrow Point Reservoir)
- Hermits Rest Trails (for Morrow Point Reservoir)
- Mesa Creek Trail (for Crystal Reservoir)

Note: Trailers or other wheeled devices maneuvered by hand may be used to assist in launching.

(4) Vessels must meet the following size, length or width restrictions:

- Vessels in excess of 65 feet are prohibited on Blue Mesa Reservoir

(b)(1) Areas designated as wakeless:

- Elk Creek and Lake Fork marinas
- Lake Fork, Soap Creek, West Elk and Cebolla arms (as marked)
- Dry Creek cove (as marked)
- Bay of Chickens (as marked)
- Iola boat ramp
- Steven's Creek ramp

Slow, 5 mph area:

- Upstream from Lake City bridge

36 CFR 3.12 – WATER SKIING

(a) The towing of persons by vessels is permitted in the following areas under the terms and conditions noted:

- The surface of Blue Mesa Reservoir is designated as open to water skiing in compliance with 36 CFR 3.12 and 3.1 (a), and Colorado state regulations.

36 CFR 3.16 – SWIMMING AND WADING

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

- Within 100 feet of marina, docks, anchorage's, and between the buoy line above the dams.
- Within 100 feet of Lake City, Middle and Lake Fork bridges.

36 CFR 3.18 – SCUBA AND SNORKELING

(a) SCUBA diving and snorkeling is permitted in the following swimming, docking, and mooring areas under the terms and conditions noted:

- Permitted only in waters open to powerboats.
- Prohibited within marina and docking areas, except in accordance with conditions which may be established by the Superintendent.

NOTE: NPS and BOR divers are permitted in closed areas for maintenance, SAR and training functions.

36 CFR 4.10 – TRAVEL ON PARK ROADS AND ROUTES

(b) The following routes and/or areas, designated pursuant to special regulations, are open for off-road vehicle travel under the terms and conditions noted:
- The area below the high water line

(a) Track-laying motor vehicles, or other motor vehicles equipped with a similar traction device may be operated on the following routes under the terms and conditions noted: (Not applicable)

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:

- Overall vehicle length with trailer may not exceed 22 feet on the East Portal road.
- Trailers are prohibited in the Pine Creek parking lot except for the purposes of loading and unloading.
- On the frozen surface of Blue Mesa reservoir a vehicle weight limit may not exceed 2000 lbs.

36 CFR §4.31 – HITCHHIKING

Hitchhiking is permitted in the following areas under the terms and conditions noted:

- On the portions of Hwy 50, 92, and 149, that traverses through the Recreation Area.