

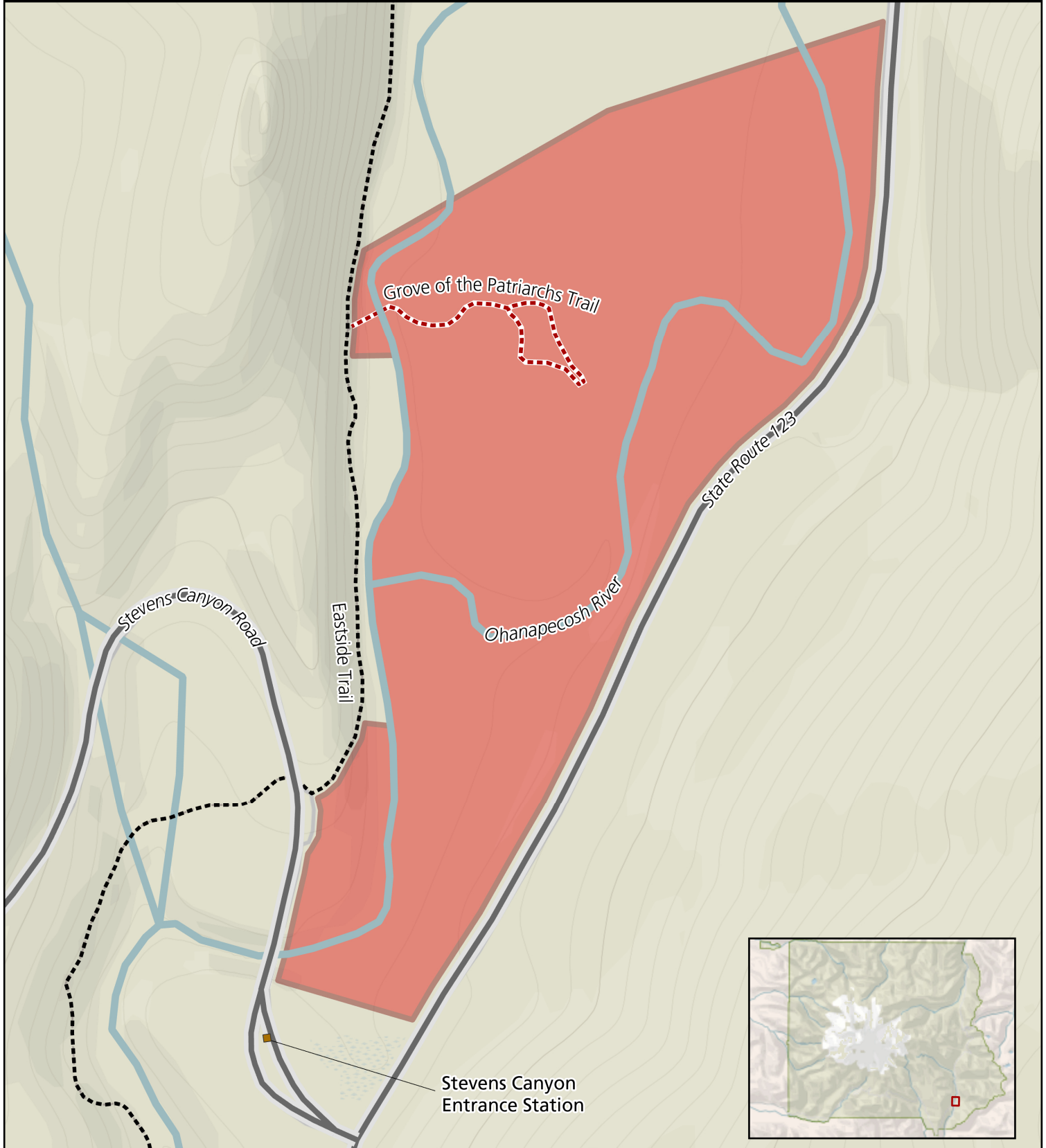
Determination to Change Mount Rainier National Park Regulations

Consistent with applicable legislation and federal administrative policies, and based upon a determination that such action is necessary for the maintenance of public health and safety, protection of environmental or scenic values, protection of natural or cultural resources, aid to scientific research, implementation of management responsibilities, equitable allocation and use of facilities, or the avoidance of conflict among visitor use activities, the Superintendent makes the following changes to Mount Rainier National Park Regulations.

1. Regulation change: Effective September 14, 2026 and until further notice, the Grove of the Patriarchs Trail and vicinity is closed to all public entry (see attached map for specific location).	
2. Previous regulation(s) affected by this change: This is an emergency regulation change adopted for the Grove of the Patriarchs Trail and vicinity at Mount Rainier National Park. The previous regulations only restricted public entry on to the trail itself.	
3. Date of Adoption: September 14, 2026	
4. Reasons for change: This emergency closure is designed to protect the public due to damage caused during and since the 2021 storm event. Due to this damage and construction of future public access, public entry into the Grove of the Patriarchs and the construction area is a public safety hazard. This area will remain closed for the duration of the construction.	
5. Effective Date(s): Until further notice.	
6. Authority for adoption: Code of Federal Regulations, 36 CFR, Part 1.5	
Superintendent, Mount Rainier National Park	Date:

Grove of the Patriarchs Closure

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Legend

--- Trails (Closed)

--- Trails

— River

— Roads

Closure Area



0 250 500 Feet
0 50 100 150 Meters

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Map Projection: NAD83 UTM Zone 10
Map Source: National Park Service
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