

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 November 17, 2021 and until further notice, the Grove of the Patriarchs Trail 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 at Mount Rainier National Park. The previous regulations allowed public entry into this area.	
3. Date of Adoption: November 17, 2021	
4. Reasons for change: This emergency closure is designed to protect the public due to heavy precipitation and rising water levels of local rivers, including the Ohanapecosh River. In particular, the water level has risen approaching the foot bridge over the river and has damaged the trail and bridge infrastructure. These conditions in addition to the rapidly flowing cold water of the Ohanapecosh River create a public safety hazard.	
5. Effective Date(s): Until further notice.	
6. Authority for adoption: Code of Federal Regulations, 36 CFR, Part 1.5	
Deputy Superintendent, Mount Rainier National Park	Date: