

Determination to Change Olympic 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 Olympic National Park Regulations.

1. Regulation change:

Beginning at 12:01 a.m. on March 8, 2012, until further notice, the exposed reservoir areas in the southern part of Lake Aldwell (as depicted on the attached map) are open to on foot visitor entry.

The northern portion of the Lake area (and exposed reservoir) remain closed, and boating is still prohibited on the lake as explained in the Determination to Change dated October 20, 2012.

2. Previous regulation(s) affected by this change:

This is an emergency regulation change adopted for the Elwha Sub-District within Olympic National Park. The previous regulations closed the area to all public entry.

3. Date of Adoption: March 8, 2012

4. Reasons for change:

The emergency closure is designed to protect the public from the hazardous conditions caused by the draining of Lake Aldwell and the removal of the Elwha Dam and associated structures. The southern portion of the exposed reservoir has been determined to be safe for foot travel.

5. Effective Date(s): Beginning at 12:01 p.m. on March 8, 2012, and until further notice. This amended closure order will continue until the construction is complete and it is safe for visitors to return to the area.

6. Authority for adoption: Code of Federal Regulations, 36 CFR, Part 1.5

Superintendent, Olympic National Park



Date:

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