

Determination to Change Pinnacles 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 Pinnacles National Park Regulations.

1. Regulation change:

Effective October 29, 2020, the area within the following boundary is once again open to public access:

- From this western point, the boundary arcs south and east to approximately 100 m south of the southern end of Machete Ridge (UTM E661080, N4040436).
- From the southern edge, the boundary arcs north and east around Machete Ridge (UTM E661132, N4040498) and then straight north (UTM E661109, N4040683) before turning back west to the northern boundary point.
- The southern portion of the Machete Ridge rock formation and access trails are closed to all climbing and off-trail hiking.
- All climbing routes on the western face of Machete Ridge from, and including, Pigeon Crack south and around the southern face to The Hideout are closed.
- The northern portion of Machete Ridge and Balconies Cliffs and Caves trails remain open (see attached map for specific locations).

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

This order rescinds the previous emergency closure of the afore listed areas of the park which prohibited public entry into and climbing.

3. Date of Adoption: October 29, 2020

4. Reasons for change:

The previous emergency closure to protect significant wildlife resources currently within this area is no longer necessary. The emergent conditions that prompted the closure no longer exist.

5. Effective Date(s): Until further notice.

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

Superintendent, Pinnacles National Park

Date: