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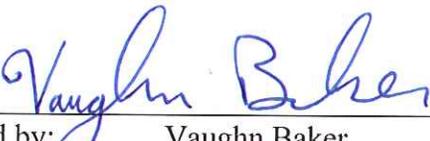
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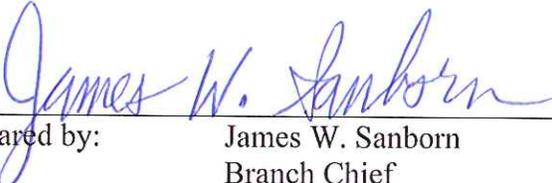
In accordance with the delegated authority contained within the regulations in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter I, as authorized by Title 16, United States Code, Sections 1, 3, and 198(c), the following regulatory provisions are established for Rocky Mountain National Park.

Unless otherwise noted, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the regulations contained in Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 1- Parts 1 through 7.

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Specific visitor information sheets are available at Beaver Meadows and Fall River Visitor Centers (Estes Park) and Kawuneeche Visitor Center (Grand Lake) that address the following activities found in the Compendium:

- Accessibility
- Auto camping
- Backcountry camping
- Fishing
- Pets
- Transportation of game/weapons
- Hunter access corridors
- Use of private saddle and pack stock
- Designated snowmobile routes

## Section 1.4 Definitions

***Bear Pepper Spray*** – Also known as bear deterrent, bear repellent or bear spray. Bear pepper spray is a chemical formula designed specifically to deter aggressive or attacking bears. It must be registered with the Environmental Protection Agency and individual states. It must be commercially manufactured and labeled as “Bear Pepper Spray”. Bear spray must contain between 1% to 2% of the active ingredients capsaicin and related capsaicinoids.

***Commuter*** – For purposes of non-recreational trips over Trail Ridge Road, a “commuter” must reside in Grand, Larimer, or Boulder counties, and their residence or property owned must be within 50 road miles of a park entrance station.

***Electronic Personal Assistive Mobility Device (EPAMD)*** - Also known as a Segway, is a device that has two non-tandem wheels, is self-balancing, and is designed to transport only one person with an electric propulsion system that limits the maximum speed of the device to 12-1/2 miles an hour. It is defined as a motor vehicle in 36 CFR 1.4.

***Firearm*** - A loaded or unloaded pistol, rifle, shotgun or other weapon which is designed to, or may be readily converted to expel a projectile by the ignition of a propellant.

***Forage*** - Includes hay, straw, or mulch.

***Noxious weeds*** - Those weeds, including any weed seed or propagative plant parts, designated by the Colorado Commissioner of Agriculture as noxious and which are prohibited pursuant to Title 35 Article 27.5-103.

***Unloaded weapon (excluding firearms)*** - Bows, crossbows, spear guns or any implement capable of discharging a missile or similar device by means of a loading or discharging mechanism, when that loading or discharging mechanism is not charged or drawn.

***Unmanned Aircraft*** – means a device that is used or intended to be used for flights 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, quadcopters, drones) that are used for any purpose, including for recreation or commerce.

***Weapon*** – A firearm, compressed gas or spring-powered pistol or rifle, bow and arrow, crossbow, blowgun, speargun, hand-thrown spear, slingshot, irritant gas device, explosive device, or any other implement designed to discharge missiles, and includes a weapon the possession of which is prohibited under the laws of the State in which the park area or portion thereof is located.

***Weed free*** - Free from propagative plant parts or weed seed from plants identified in state and regional lists of weeds published by Colorado Department of Agriculture Weed Free Forage Crop Certification Act, Title 35 Article 27.5-103, CRS (1993 Supp.) Sections 1.01 and 1.02.

***Weed free certification*** - Those crops inspected and certified as free of noxious weeds by a Commissioner of Agriculture from either Colorado or those states identified in Title 35 Article 27.5-103 C.R.S. Section 1.02 Regional List.

***Winter Road Status*** – Park roads that have been gated off in the winter months, not maintained, and closed to public motor vehicle travel, **but where leashed pets and bicycles are permitted.**

***Winter Trail Status*** - Park roads that have been gated off, not maintained, **but closed to pets and bicycles in addition to motor vehicle travel.**

## **Section 1.5 Closures and Public Use Limits**

(a)(1) The following park administrative areas are designated for **official use only**, where public use is restricted or prohibited, particularly after normal business hours (persons authorized to conduct business with the NPS, and guests of park residents and family members are considered authorized personnel):

- Beaver Meadows administrative and maintenance areas and facilities
- All park utility, storage, and water supply and treatment facilities
- All employee housing and residential areas
- Bighorn Ranger Station & adjacent structures
- Mill Creek Ranger Station & adjacent structures
- Moraine Park dump, Pontiac Pit, and Glacier Basin material disposal areas.
- Kawuneeche administrative area
- Colorado River District maintenance and utility areas.

(a)(1)(i) As necessary for the protection of persons and property, temporary short-term area, road, trail, and/or site-specific closures may be implemented in support of lethal reduction actions taken as part of the approved Elk and Vegetation Management Plan. Closures may include, but are not limited to, the following areas:

- Horseshoe Park
- Hondius Park
- Little Horseshoe Park
- Upper and Lower Beaver Meadows
- Moraine Park
- Hallowell Park
- Areas adjacent to the Bear Lake, Fall River, and Trail Ridge Road corridors.

Closures will be advertised through public notice and will be implemented by one or more of the following methods: signs, gates, barricades, other traffic control devices, vehicles and/or as directed by authorized persons.

To effectively manage and meet resource objectives identified in the Elk & Vegetation Management Plan, it has been determined through an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that removal of elk from park herd(s) may be necessary. As one conservation tool in helping to achieve the goals and objectives for herd reduction and distribution, lethal reduction (culling) with the use of firearms by qualified volunteers has been approved at times and locations to be determined necessary. To help ensure the safety of persons and property, temporary and short-term closures that would coincide with this activity will also occur.

(a)(1)(ii) All park roads, trails, and other facilities, are subject to temporary closure as indicated by signs or other means of notification during periods of construction, maintenance, adverse weather, natural disaster, emergency or other public safety concerns.

<b>Current Trail Closures to Stock Use due to 2013 Flood Event (Closures are subject to change based on conditions)</b>		
<b>Trail</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Aspen Brook	<b>-Public Stock Closure</b>	Trail is completely gone in some areas and extremely unstable in other areas from Lily Lake to Windcliff Housing Area.
Confusion Junction to Calypso Cascades	<b>-Public Stock Closure</b>	Trail is completely gone in some areas and extremely unstable in other areas due to landslide.
Dunraven Trailhead/North Fork	<b>Trail begins on National Forest lands; Closure- ALL Travel</b>	Unknown when U.S. Forest Service will open this trailhead
Lawn Lake	<b>-Public Stock Closure</b>	Trail is completely gone in some areas and extremely unstable in other areas. <i>- Stock can access Lawn Lake via Black Canyon Trail using the Lumpy Ridge Trailhead.</i>
North Longs Peak	<b>-Public Stock Closure</b>	Trail is completely gone in some areas and extremely unstable in other areas due to landslide and severe rutting.
Twin Sisters	<b>-Public Stock Closure</b>	Trail is completely gone in some areas and extremely unstable in other areas due to landslide.
Wild Basin (Ouzel Falls and above)	<b>-Public Stock Closure</b>	Bridge across Ouzel Creek by Ouzel Falls is not usable. Horses will not be able to access any areas above this bridge (including Thunder Lake, Ouzel Lake, Upper Ouzel Creek, etc.). <i>-Llamas may access this area via the Backcountry Site Unimproved Trail. Horses, Burros, etc. cannot use the Backcountry Site Unimproved Trail.</i>
Ypsilon Lake	<b>-Public Stock Closure</b>	Bridge over Roaring River is gone

**Permanent Trail Closures:**

East Shoreline social trail on Finch Lake in Wild Basin: For protection of Rocky Mountain capshells.

Gore Range Overlook: Social trail leading from the overlook to Forest Canyon Pass is closed for tundra rehabilitation.

(a)(1)(iii) The following roads are seasonally closed to motor vehicle traffic, including snowmobiles, **as posted:**

- Trail Ridge Road: from Many Parks Curve to Timber Lake Trailhead--approximately mid-October to Memorial Day Weekend.
- Old Fall River Road: from Endovalley Picnic Area to Fall River Pass approximately mid-October to July 4th Weekend.
- Endovalley Road: from West Alluvial Fan to Endovalley Picnic Area approximately mid-October to Memorial Day Weekend.
- Upper Beaver Meadows Road: entire length approximately mid-October to Memorial Day Weekend.
- Wild Basin Road: from winter parking area to Wild Basin Ranger Station approximately mid-October to Memorial Day Weekend.
- Twin Sisters Road: from Lily Lake Visitor Center to Twin Sisters Trailhead, approximately mid-October to Memorial Day Weekend.
- Fern Lake Road: from winter turnaround area (west of the Cub Lake Trailhead) to Fern Lake Trailhead approximately mid-October to Memorial Day Weekend.
- Inholder's Access Road: In the Colorado River District, near the Gaskil site, from Trail Ridge Road to gate.

(a)(1)(iii)(a) All service and administrative roads so designated by signs and/or locked gates.

(a)(1)(iv) After autumn seasonal road closures have taken effect, the following roads convert to **winter road status** (Ref. to Section 1.4, "Definitions") and are open to bicycles and pets beyond winter gate or road closures:

- Upper Beaver Meadows Road
- Endovalley Road
- High Drive
- Kaley Cottage Road
- All Park Campground Roads

(a)(1)(iv)(a) After autumn seasonal road closures have taken effect, the following roads convert to **winter trail status** (Ref. to Section 1.4, “Definitions”), and are CLOSED to bicycles and pets beyond winter gate or road closures:

- Trail Ridge Road\*\*
- Old Fall River Road\*\*
- Wild Basin Road
- Fern Lake Road
- Twin Sisters Trailhead Access Road
- Inholder’s Access Road (CRD)

\*\*Once the autumn seasonal road closures have taken effect on Trail Ridge Road and Old Fall River Road, they will remain open to bicycles and leashed pets from the closure date until November 30, re-opening on April 1, except during road maintenance operations and emergency closures as posted. Cyclists and pet owners may utilize the road at their own risk.

**(See Sections 4.30 and 7.7(d) for bicycle and pet exceptions.)**

(a)(1)(iv)(b) All roads which convert to winter road, trail, or snowmobile route status, are closed to dog sledding and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs).

The purpose of this closure is to maintain public health and safety and avoidance of conflict among visitor use activities on non-maintained winter road, trail, and snowmobile routes.

**(See Section 7.7(e)(1) for currently approved snowmobile routes.)**

(a)(1)(iv)(c) **Cycling Groups/Events:** In the interest of public safety and to manage for non-conflicting uses along narrow, steep, winding mountain roads, the Superintendent has determined that large groups of cyclists (defined as more than 25 riders) must be regulated by permit, with established conditions. A Special Use Permit is required when any of the following conditions exist:

- Group size exceeds 25 riders
- Aid stations are designated
- Traffic control is required
- Port-a-johns for human waste are necessary
- NPS involvement/oversight/management is necessary

For details related to cycling event permit applications, refer to the RMNP Special Use Permit criteria.

(a)(1)(v)

**WILDLIFE PROTECTION:**

To assist in avoiding wildlife habituation, to protect wildlife from injury or death, to minimize and prevent visitor injuries as a result of preventable wildlife encounters, and to provide a means to assist Park staff for determining acceptable wildlife viewing opportunities, the following activities are prohibited:

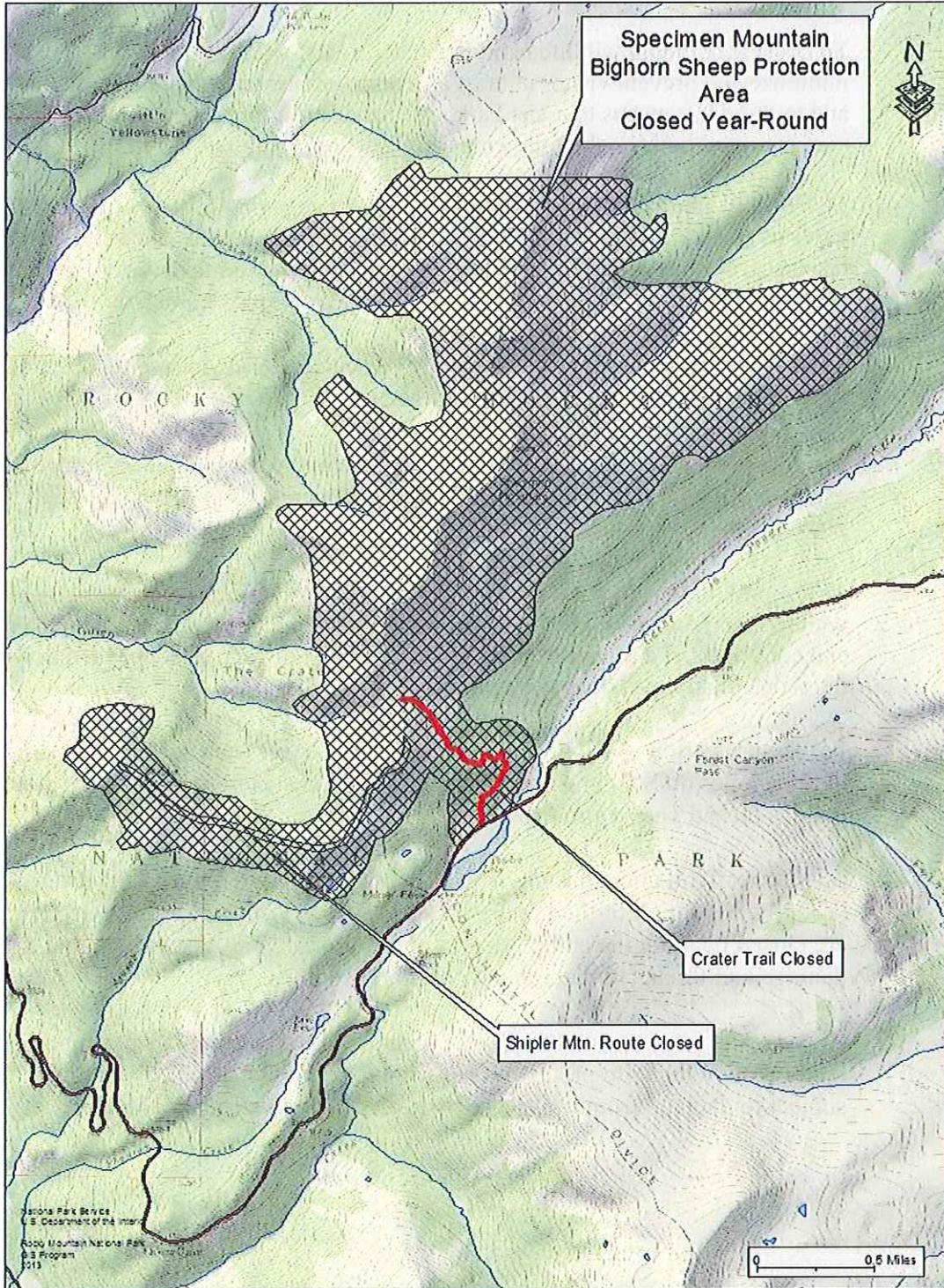
- 1) Willfully approaching, remaining, viewing, or engaging in any activity within 25 yards of any wildlife, including nesting birds; or within any distance that disturbs, displaces, or otherwise interferes with the free unimpeded movement of wildlife, or creates or contributes to a potentially hazardous condition or situation.
- 2) Failure to remove one self to prescribed distances during inadvertent, accidental, casual or surprise encounters with wildlife.
- 3) Failure to comply as directed by NPS staff (employees, volunteers, or agents) engaged in administering wildlife management operations or managing wildlife viewing opportunities.
- 4) The prohibitions in this paragraph do not apply to persons who are in compliance with written protocol approved by the Superintendent; in accordance with the terms and conditions of a permit from the Superintendent or park personnel acting within the scope of approved management activities.

(a)(1)(v)(a)

For the protection of Bighorn Sheep, the “The Crater” and surrounding open tundra slopes on Specimen and Shipler Mountains, as identified on the attached map, is **closed year-round** to all travel.

The Crater Trail and adjacent off-trail areas north and west of Trail Ridge Road (with the exception of the Poudre River Trail), on both sides of the Crater trail, are closed pending the completion of an Environmental Assessment that addresses damage and threats to natural and cultural resources.

Closures are implemented to protect bighorn sheep populations during the lambing period and to protect wet or snow-packed slopes when vegetation is subject to damage from heavy use by hikers (*See closure map below*).



(a)(1)(vi) Horseshoe Park and the West Alluvial Fan areas are *closed to the following acts*, annually from **April 15-August 31**:

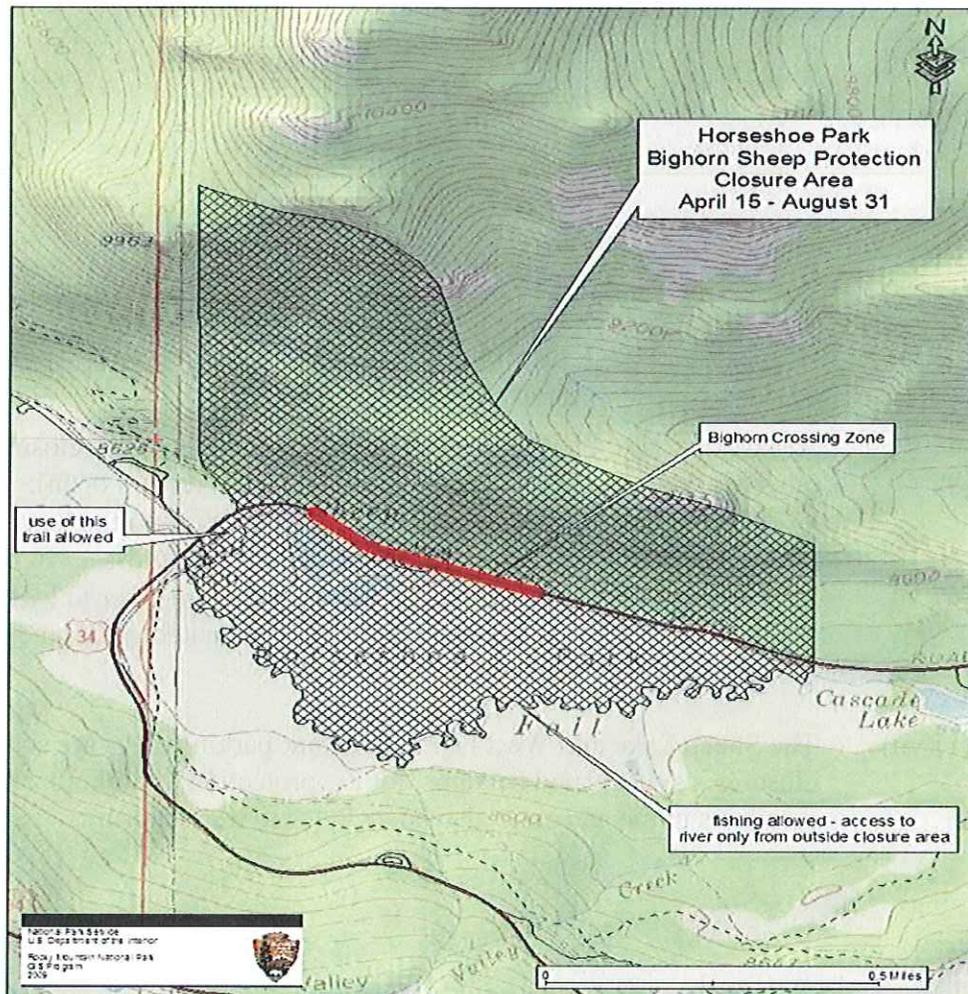
- Foot travel off established roadways or designated trails.
- Stopping or parking vehicles within the Bighorn Crossing Zone, unless otherwise directed by Park Staff.

The purpose of this closure is to prevent disturbance and harassment of wildlife, particularly bighorn sheep, while enroute to/from, or while using the natural mineral lick at Sheep Lakes, and to enhance visitor wildlife viewing opportunities.

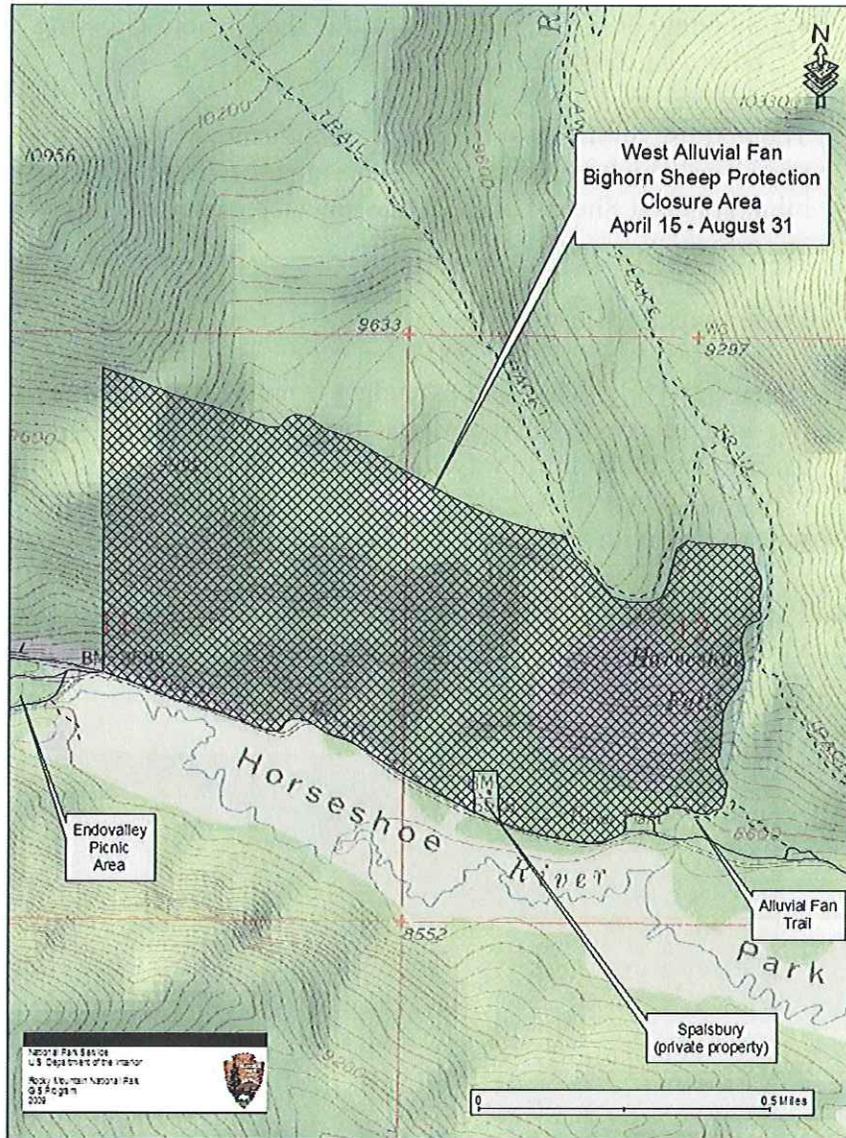
Definitions for Closure:

Horseshoe Park - That area extending from the westerly end of Highway 34 to one-half mile north of Highway 34 on the slopes of Bighorn Mountain; then eastward to the wildlife wayside exhibit which is three-tenths of a mile west of the Cascade Cottages Road; then to and along the north edge of the Fall River to its intersection with Highway 34, and as indicated by posted signs.

Bighorn Crossing Zone - That area which begins two-tenths of a mile east of the intersection of Highway 34 and the Endovalley Road and which extends eastward for one-half mile on Highway 34.



West Alluvial Fan - That area extending west of Roaring River to the entrance of Old Fall River Road; thence the Endovalley Road north one-half mile above the road.



**Areas Excluded from Closure** (Note - During periods of closure, unless otherwise noted here or signed, designated trails remain open):

- The short trail section which runs north-south from the loop parking area across from Endovalley Road to where the trail crosses Highway 34.
- Fishing on Fall River ONLY when accessed (to enter/to leave) from outside the closure and via the riverbed or via designated gates on elk exclosure fencing (river areas only).

(a)(1)(vii) The Sheep Lake and West Horseshoe Park parking areas are subject to temporary closures, as delineated by signs, for the protection of bighorn sheep. Trails and meadows in the area may also be included in these closures.

- (a)(1)(viii) Horseshoe Park, Moraine Park, Upper Beaver Meadows, Harbison Meadow and Holzwarth Meadow are *closed to the following acts* annually during the period of **September 1 through October 31:**
- Foot travel off established roadways and designated trails, **daily from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.**
  - Fishing in those sections of Fall River, Thompson River, or Colorado River within the areas listed, **daily from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.**

The purpose of the closure is to prevent disturbance and harassment of elk during the fall mating period and to enhance visitor elk-viewing opportunities. They are defined as follows:

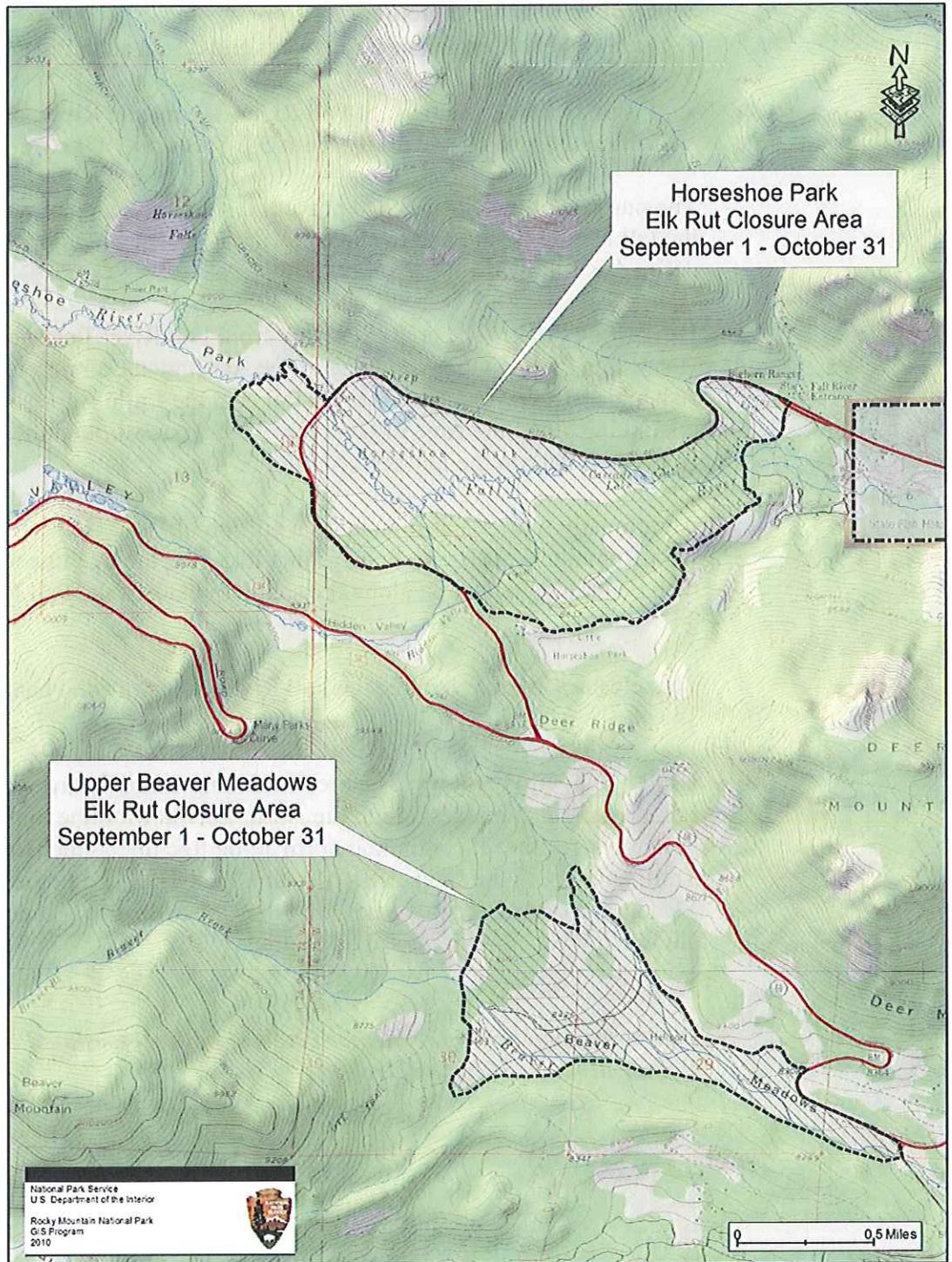
**Horseshoe Park:** The area extending from Fall River Entrance to Little Horseshoe Park via the west edge of the Aspenglen Campground Road, Aspenglen-Deer Mountain Cutoff Trail, and the Little Horseshoe Park Trail; continuing along the edge of Highway 34 and back around the north side of Horseshoe Park to the Fall River Entrance.

Additionally, the area also includes a portion of West Horseshoe Park – extending west from the West Horseshoe Parking lot along the tree line to the Fall River; then continuing back east along the southern bank of the Fall River to Highway 34.

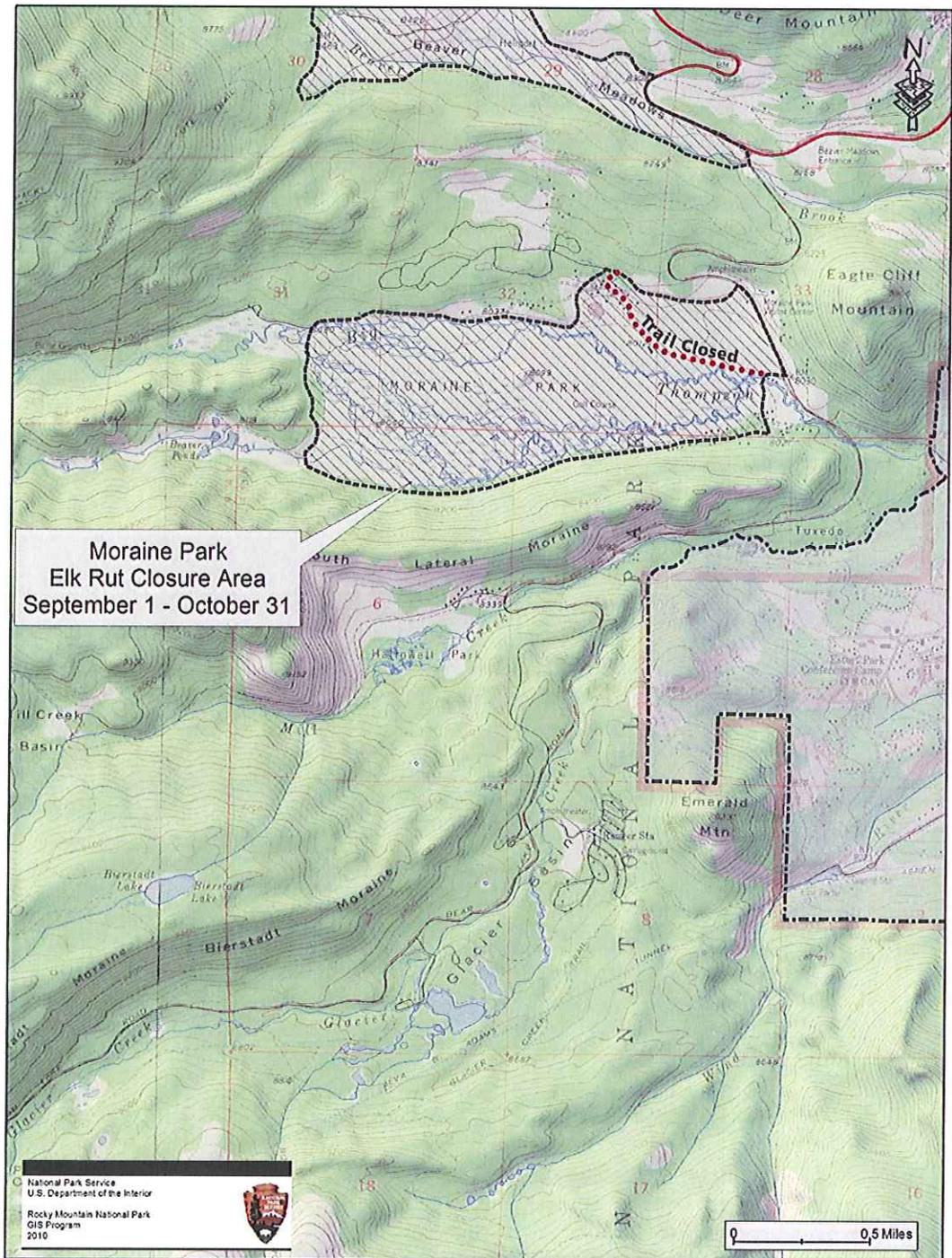
This closure does not include the Fall River waterway and bank west of Highway 34.

**Upper Beaver Meadows:** The area extending along the tree line from the Bear Lake Road Junction west along the North Lateral Moraine to the Upper Beaver Meadows Trailhead; continuing north along tree line to the Beaver Mountain Trail; and east to the Deer Park- Moraine Park Trail and to the Upper Beaver Meadows Road. Continue east along the Upper Beaver Meadows Road, then along Highway 36 to Bear Lake Junction.

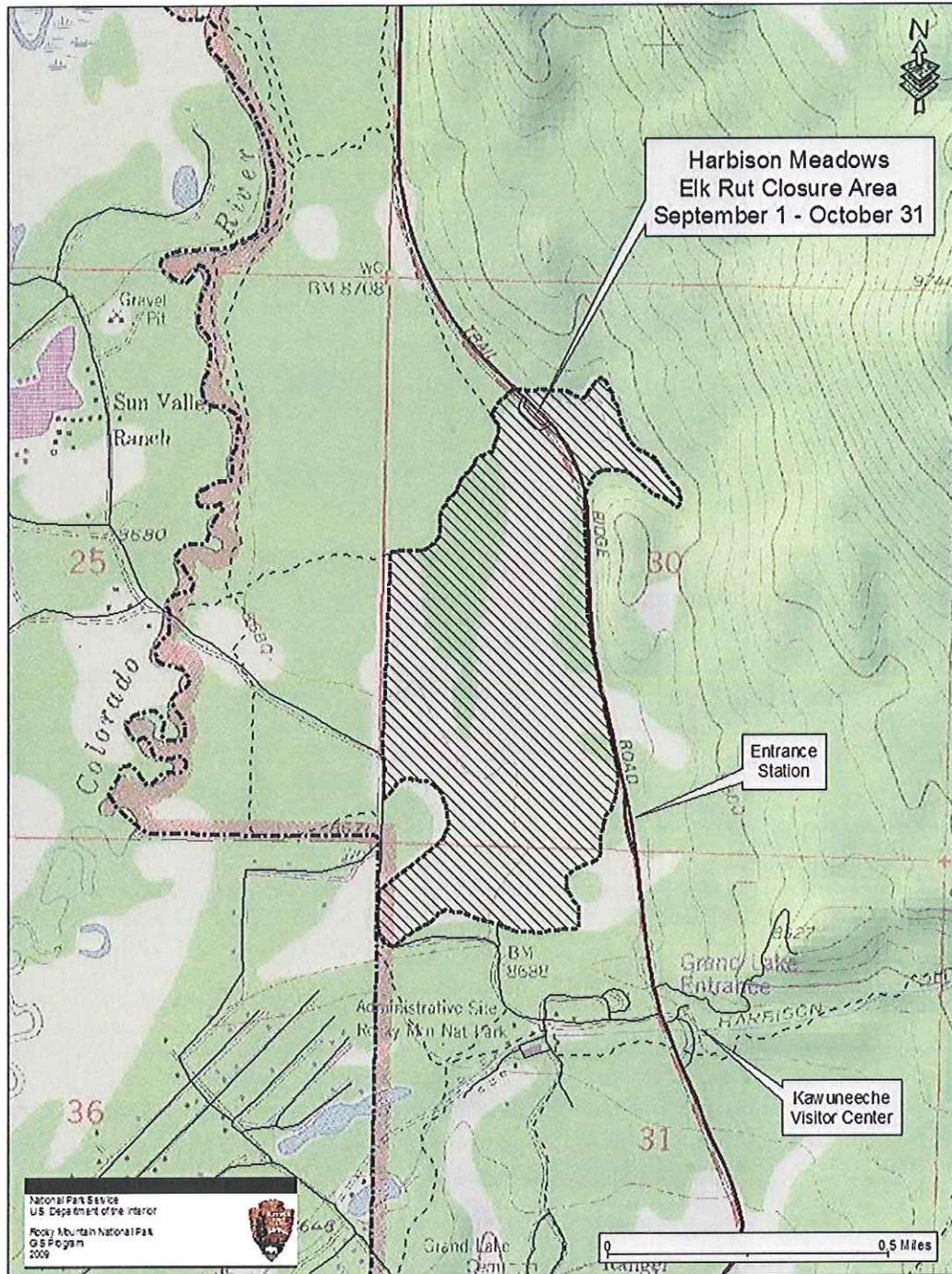
*Please see map below for further detail of both Horseshoe Park and Upper Beaver Meadows Closure Areas.*



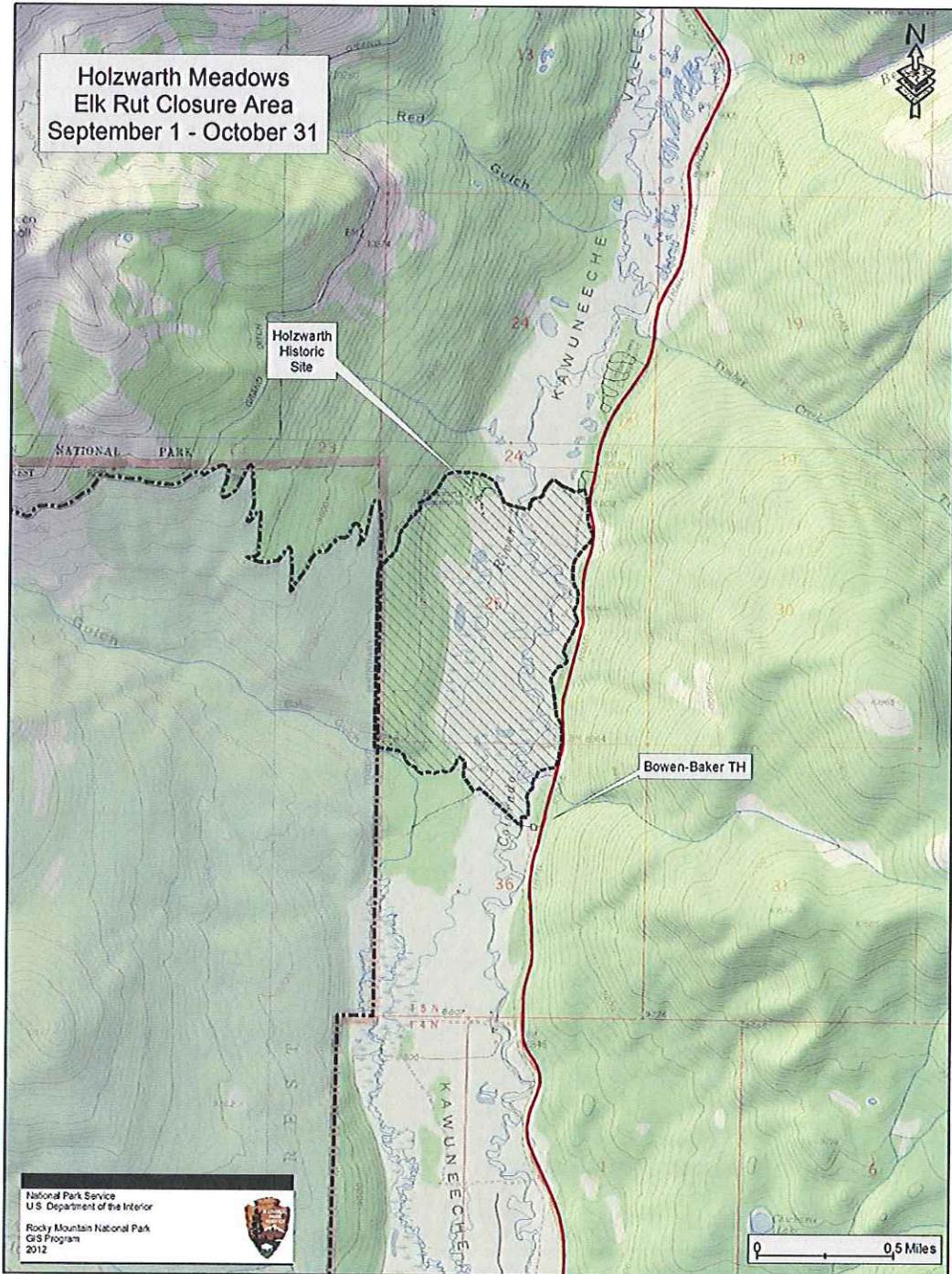
**Moraine Park:** That area extending from Bear Lake Road at the Fern Lake Junction west to Cub Lake Trailhead, excluding Moraine Park Campground; south along the east side of the Cub Lake Trail to the South Lateral Moraine; then easterly along the tree line of the lateral moraine, then North on Kaley Cottage Road to Mailbox Junction and Bear Lake Road; then north along Baer Lake Road back to Fern Lake Junction. The east/west trail from Mailbox Junction across to Moraine Park Campground is included in this closure.



**Harbison Meadow:** That area commonly known as Harbison Meadow; which is bordered by Harbison Meadow Picnic Area and the Valley Trail on the north; Trail Ridge Road on the east (except for the small portion of meadow directly west of Harbison Meadow Picnic Area, which *is* included in this closure); the tree line adjacent to and extending west of the Grand Lake Entrance Station on the south; and Sun Valley Road (Grand County Road #491) and the tree line adjacent to the section line between Range 76 West and Range 75 West on the west; and as indicated by posted signs.

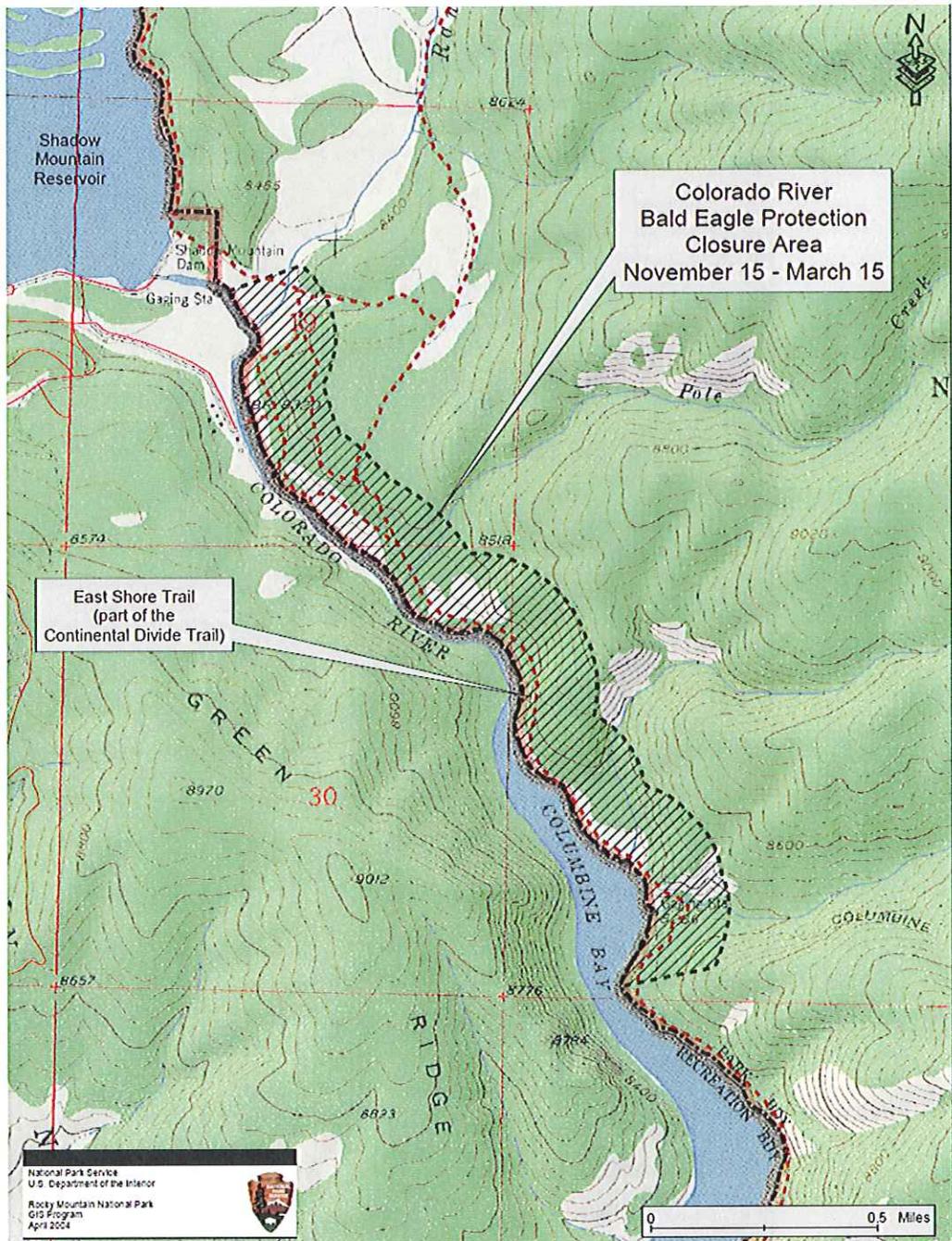


**Holzwarth Meadow:** That area commonly known as the Holzwarth Meadow, which is bordered by the southern edge of the Holzwarth Historic Site access road on the north (the access road itself is excluded from the closure); the tree line adjacent to Trail Ridge Road on the east; the northern edge of the Bowen-Baker Trail on the south; and the park's western boundary on the west, and as indicated by posted signs.



(a)(1)(ix) The following area is closed annually from **November 15 through March 15** for the protection of feeding and roosting bald eagles:

*Park lands 300 yards east of the Colorado River and Lake Granby, starting approximately 200 yards below Shadow Mountain Dam on the north, to the area known as the Narrows in Columbine Bay, and as posted by signs.*



(a)(1)(x) The following snowfields are closed to all public use and travel during the spring, summer, and fall visitor use seasons, to prevent visitor injury or loss of life where steep and unstable snow and/or avalanche hazards exist (most of these snowfields are located within Tundra Protection Areas and are therefore inaccessible):

- The snowfield adjacent to Trail Ridge Store and the Alpine Visitor Center on Trail Ridge Road as indicated by posted signs.
- The snowfields above Iceberg Lake in the Lava Cliffs cirque on Trail Ridge Road as indicated by posted signs. Access to Iceberg Lake is possible via the outlet.
- The snowfield east of Rock Cut on Trail Ridge Road as indicated by posted signs (e.g., "Alpine View Trail").
- Other snowfields, when necessary due to snow conditions, and as indicated by posted signs.

(a)(1)(xi) Seasonal closures of portions of trails, climbing routes or other areas, delineated by signs, may be placed in effect to protect the sensitive breeding areas of raptors and other sensitive bird species. Closures will be implemented and posted accordingly during the critical time periods concerning nesting, breeding and related activity and phenomena.

**Raptor Closures:**

- **Twin Owls, Rock One, Batman Rock, Batman Pinnacle, Sheep Mountain, Thunder Buttress, The Parish, Lightning Rock and Checkerboard Rock** are closed **March 1-July 31**. The closures include the named rock formations on all sides. This includes all climbing routes, outcroppings, cliffs, faces, ascent and descent routes and climber's access trails to the formation.
- **Alligator Rock** is closed **March 1-July 31**. The closure includes the named rock formation on all sides. This includes all climbing routes, outcroppings, cliffs, faces, ascent and descent routes and climber's access trails to the formation.

Areas not listed above are presumed to be open. These closures will be lifted or extended as conditions dictate.

Additional closures of other formations may be necessary if nesting raptor activity is observed. These will be announced if needed.



## Raptor Closures

The following formations are closed  
March 1st through July 31st

### Closure Areas Include:

Twin Owls

Rock One

Alligator Rock

Batman Rock, Pinnacle

Thunder Buttress - The Parish

Lightning Rock

Checkerboard Rock

Sheep Mountain

**Closures include all climbing, approach, and descent routes for the indicated formations on all sides of those formations.**

- Each year Rocky Mountain National Park initiates temporary closures in certain areas of the park to ensure birds of prey (raptors) will be undisturbed during their breeding and nesting seasons.
- Closure notices will also be posted at key access points in the park.
- As breeding and nesting data are collected, additional closures may be necessary, or closures may be lifted.

Areas not listed above are presumed to be open. These closures will be lifted or extended as conditions dictate. Check [nps.gov/romo](https://nps.gov/romo) for more information about raptor protection and closure updates.



When necessary park rangers will issue citations to persons violating the terms of this closure under the authority of 16 USC 3, 36 CFR 1.5 (f)



(a)(1)(xii) The use of baby strollers (including “jog strollers”) on front country trails is limited to:

- Lily Lake Trail
- Sprague Lake Trail
- Bear Lake Trail
- Alluvial Fan Trail
- Abandoned Beaver Colony Boardwalk
- Forest Canyon Overlook Trail
- Tundra Communities Trail (formerly Toll Memorial Trail)
- Coyote Valley Trail
- Lake Irene Trail
- Hidden Valley Trail
- Holzwarth Historic Site Access Road

The use of baby strollers on front country paved or hardened trails does not significantly degrade or impact natural resources and allows accommodation for the freest recreational use of those trails. These trails are located outside of Wilderness areas.

*Note: Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, wheelchairs are permitted on all trails (anywhere foot travel is allowed), including Wilderness, if the device is “designed solely for use by a person who has mobility impairment for their locomotion, and is suitable for use in an indoor pedestrian area.” This includes “mechanized” wheelchairs; e.g. battery-powered, as long as it is suitable for indoor use (gasoline powered would not be suitable for indoor use.)*

(a)(1)(xiii) Pursuant to instructions from the Director’s Office, National Park Service, the following interim policies and practices regarding the use of Segways™ and other Electric Personal Assistance Mobility Devices (EPAMD) are in effect as of July 2007.

Until such time as the NPS and Department of Justice provide additional guidance, EPAMD use by disabled visitors will not be permitted outside of the areas described below or by those not qualifying as disabled, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990. This decision is consistent with instructions provided in the May 24, 2007 memorandum from the Director and with the rulemaking process mandated by Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), § 1.5(b). Any regulatory changes regarding motorized vehicles or motorized wheelchairs should follow the rulemaking process, which includes public involvement.

**EPAMD use by persons without disabilities**

An EPAMD is described as a two-wheeled, electrically propelled human transport device. The rider stands on a platform mounted between the wheels and operates the device with the use of handlebar-mounted controls. The maximum operating speed normally does not exceed 12.5 miles per hour.

EPAMDs meet the definition of *vehicles* and *motorized vehicles* under Title 36 CFR, § 1.4, but because these devices are new technology, they are not specifically addressed in the CFR. These devices are not consistent with the CFR or United States Code Title 42 definitions of *wheelchair* or *motorized wheelchair* because they are not designed *solely for and used by a mobility-impaired person for locomotion, that is both capable of and suitable for use in indoor pedestrian areas.*

36 CFR, §4.2(a) states, “*Unless specifically addressed by regulations in this chapter, traffic and the use of vehicles within a park area are governed by State law. State law that is now or may later be in effect is adopted and made a part of the regulations in this part.*”

Currently, Colorado state law does not specifically define nor address EPAMDs, however, the Colorado State Patrol utilizes Titles 33 and 42 of the Colorado Revised Statutes to regulate Segways™ and similar devices. RMNP will assimilate these same statutes until regulations are promulgated that specifically address the use of Segways™ and other EPAMDs in units of the National Park System.

For purposes of traffic enforcement, the Colorado State Patrol has defined an EPAMD as a “motor driven cycle”, which is considered a street legal device. As such, the following regulations apply when being operated on public roadways:

- Vehicle must be equipped with the following:
  1. a minimum of one headlamp, a red tail light, and a red rear reflector (can be either separate or integrated into tail light), when operated between sunset and sunrise and/or under reduced visibility conditions
  2. a red stop (brake) light
  3. a horn or other audible warning device
  4. a minimum of one rear-view mirror
  5. emergency flashers or a triangular slow-moving vehicle emblem on the rear, since its maximum operating speed is under 25 miles per hour
- Vehicle is required to be registered with the state (renewed every 3 years) and display a license plate, unless it is being operated in areas with speed limits posted as under 30 mph
- Operator must possess a valid driver’s license
- Operator must wear goggles or eyeglasses with lenses made of safety glass or plastic
- No motor vehicle insurance is required

## **EPAMD use by persons with disabilities**

In addition to the requirements outlined for operating EPAMDs on public roadways, Segways™ and other EPAMDs are also permitted in the following areas when being operated as an assistance device by persons with mobility disabilities:

- Sidewalks and parking areas
- Roads closed to motor vehicles unless otherwise posted
- The following accessible park trails:
  1. Lily Lake Trail\*
  2. Sprague Lake Trail\*
  3. Coyote Valley Trail\*
  4. Holzwarth Historic Site Access Road\*

*\*Persons without disability are not authorized to use an EPAMD in these designated areas.*

Use of EPAMDs on park trail systems, other than those accessible trails listed above is prohibited because of increased potential for injury to visitors, damage to natural resources, increased hazard of surprising wildlife, and hazards to EPAMD operators in steep, loose, or slippery conditions that are consistently encountered on park trails. **EPAMDs do not meet the legal definition of a wheelchair.**

### **Verification of Disability**

Rangers may contact EPAMD users and inquire if the device is being used as an assistive device for a disability. No written verification of a disability will be required for the use of EPAMDs within permitted areas of the park.

The Park Superintendent reserves the right to close any or all of the above areas to EPAMD use for the protection of visitors and park resources, as authorized in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.5.

- (a)(1)(xiv) Seasonal closures of portions of trails or other areas, delineated by signs, may be placed in effect to protect the sensitive breeding areas, fragile egg masses, tadpoles, young and adult populations of the Boreal Toad, a State of Colorado Endangered Species, during critical time periods concerning breeding and related activities or phenomena. Spruce Lake is closed as posted to the public for Boreal Toad protection **from May 15 through September 30**, annually:



# Area Closure

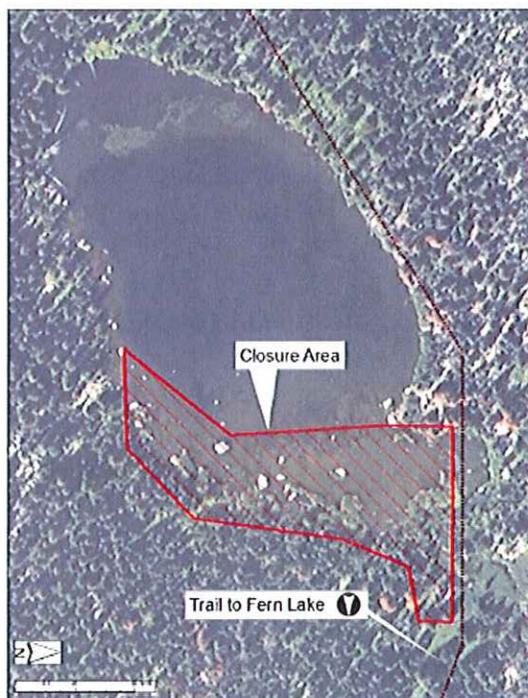
**May 15 through September 30**  
Closures will be lifted or extended as necessary

## Description of Area

### Spruce Lake

The wetlands on the east side of Spruce Lake provide seasonal breeding habitat for boreal toads. See map for detail of area. This closure does not include the Spruce Lake Trail, backcountry sites, or the western 3/4 of Spruce Lake, which will remain open to visitor use.

The boreal toad is a state endangered species with very few healthy populations.



When necessary, Park Rangers will issue court citations to persons violating the terms of this closure under authority of 16 USC 3, 36 CFR 1.5

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- (a)(1)(xv) Launching, landing or operating an unmanned aircraft from or on lands and waters administered by the National Park Service within the boundaries of Rocky Mountain National Park is prohibited except as approved in writing by the Superintendent.

The definition of “*unmanned aircraft*” can be found in section 1.4 of this document.

**Justification:** NPS Management Policies require caution when a park is confronted with a new park use such as unmanned aircraft. The majority of Rocky Mountain National Park is designated Wilderness where the use of motorized equipment is prohibited. Additionally, in 1998 Congress passed the Rocky Mountain National Park Overflights Act which prohibits commercial air tours over the park, the intent of which is to aid in the protection of park resources and values from such intrusions.

The 2013 park Foundation Document identifies fundamental resource values that are essential to achieving the purpose of the park and maintaining its significance. Among these are the protection of wildlife in a natural setting, maintaining wilderness character such as opportunities for solitude, prevention of unreasonable noise that might interfere with public enjoyment, and protection of outstanding scenic vistas. Accordingly, consistent with Service-wide interim policy and until the National Park Service can determine whether specific uses of unmanned aircraft are appropriate and will not cause unacceptable impacts, this closure will remain in place.

- (a)(2) For public safety reasons, the use of metal sleds (runner type or otherwise) is prohibited in the Hidden Valley Snow Play Area.
- (a)(2)(i) Portions of Specimen Mountain, West Creek, and Paradise Park are managed as **Research Natural Areas**; natural processes are allowed to predominate and act as baseline for man-caused changes measured elsewhere. Foot traffic is allowed but not encouraged. Only day use activities are authorized, with overnight stays and stock use prohibited.

**The three Research Natural Areas are:**

**Specimen Mountain:** Specimen and Shipler Mountains above 10,800 feet elevation and Willow Creek drainage to the northwest boundary of the park at about 9,880 feet; an area of approximately 9,056 acres. Specimen Mountain (12,489 feet) lies on the Continental Divide draining both directions, while Willow Creek drains into the Cache la Poudre River, which flows east.

**Paradise Park:** Paradise Park includes the drainage of Paradise Creek above the 10,000 feet elevation level and covers approximately 6,032 acres. Paradise Creek lies west of the Continental Divide in the southwest corner of the park and drains into a tributary of the Colorado River.

**West Creek:** This area includes West Creek and Fox Creek drainage on the east slope of the Mummy Mountain Range. Elevations range from 8,000 feet at the east boundary of the park to 13,425 feet on Mummy Mountain, an area of approximately 9,043 acres. These drainages flow into a tributary of the Big Thompson River.

(a)(2)(ii) **Bear Pepper Spray:**

The carriage of pepper spray for the strict purpose of defense against bodily harm from aggressive wildlife is permitted within Rocky Mountain National Park, per order of the Superintendent. It must be commercially manufactured and labeled as “Bear Pepper Spray”, and it must contain between 1% - 2% of the active ingredients capsaicin and related capsaicinoids. Carriage of “Mace” or other commercially made non-wildlife pepper sprays which contain a higher percentage of active ingredients is prohibited.

(a)(2)(iii) Day use picnicking is prohibited in the following campgrounds from the Friday before Memorial Day through the end of September:

- Aspenglen
- Glacier Basin
- Longs Peak
- Moraine Park
- Timber Creek

Any picnicking which interferes with overnight campers is prohibited at all times.

(a)(2)(v) The McGraw Ranch/Cow Creek Trailhead Parking Lot is designated as a first-come, first-served parking facility, which requires a parking permit for overnight parking associated with backcountry camping. No parking fee is charged.

The facility will accommodate 15 passenger vehicles and one horse trailer, parked parallel where posted signs allow, with all tires on the graveled roadway.

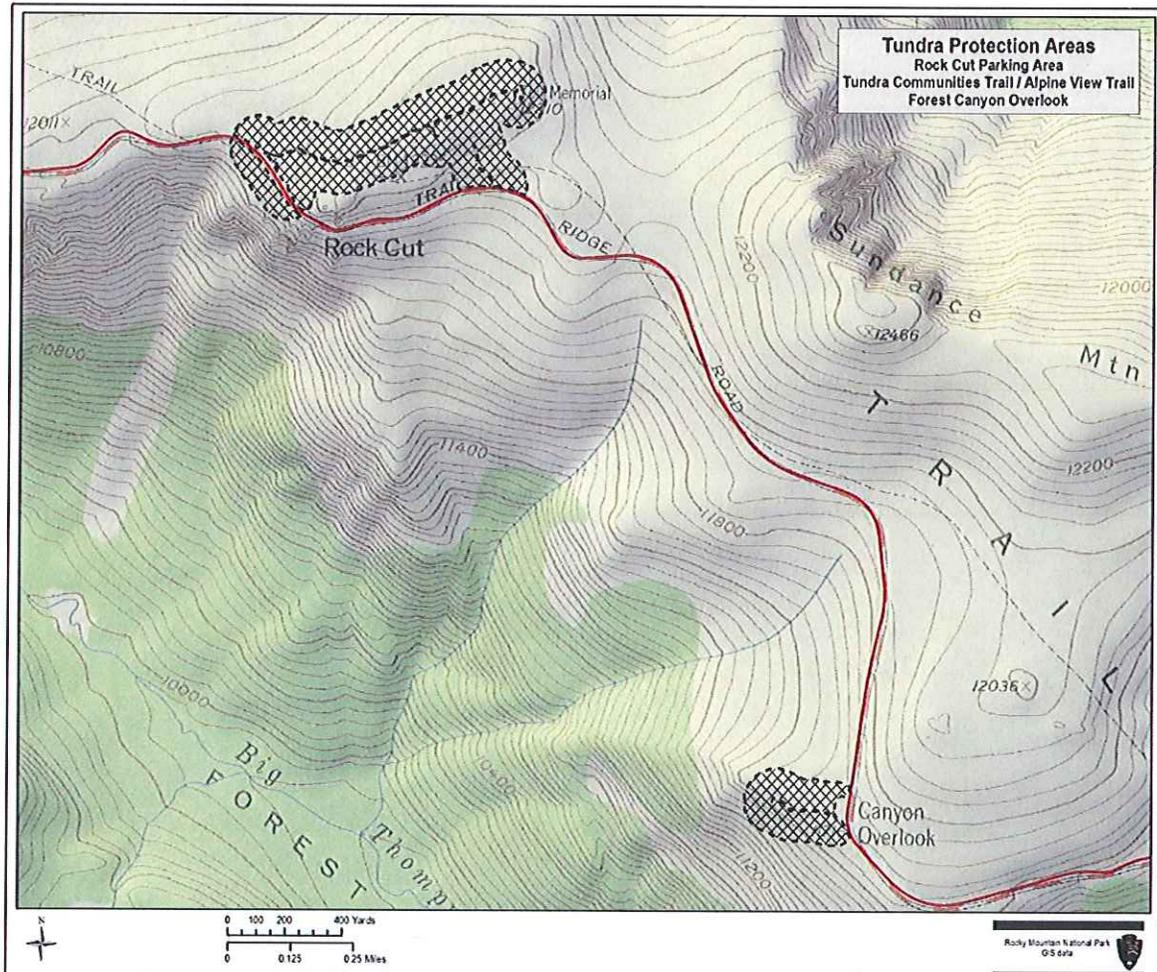
The purpose of this public use limit is to manage visitor use for an area accessed by a private road. The facility borders a major wildlife corridor and is adjacent to the Comanche Peaks Wilderness Area.

(a)(2)(vi) Idling a diesel engine or any vehicle engine which produces noxious exhaust is restricted to loading or unloading passengers. This does not preclude a vehicle from a *reasonable* warm-up period away from concentrated visitor use areas.

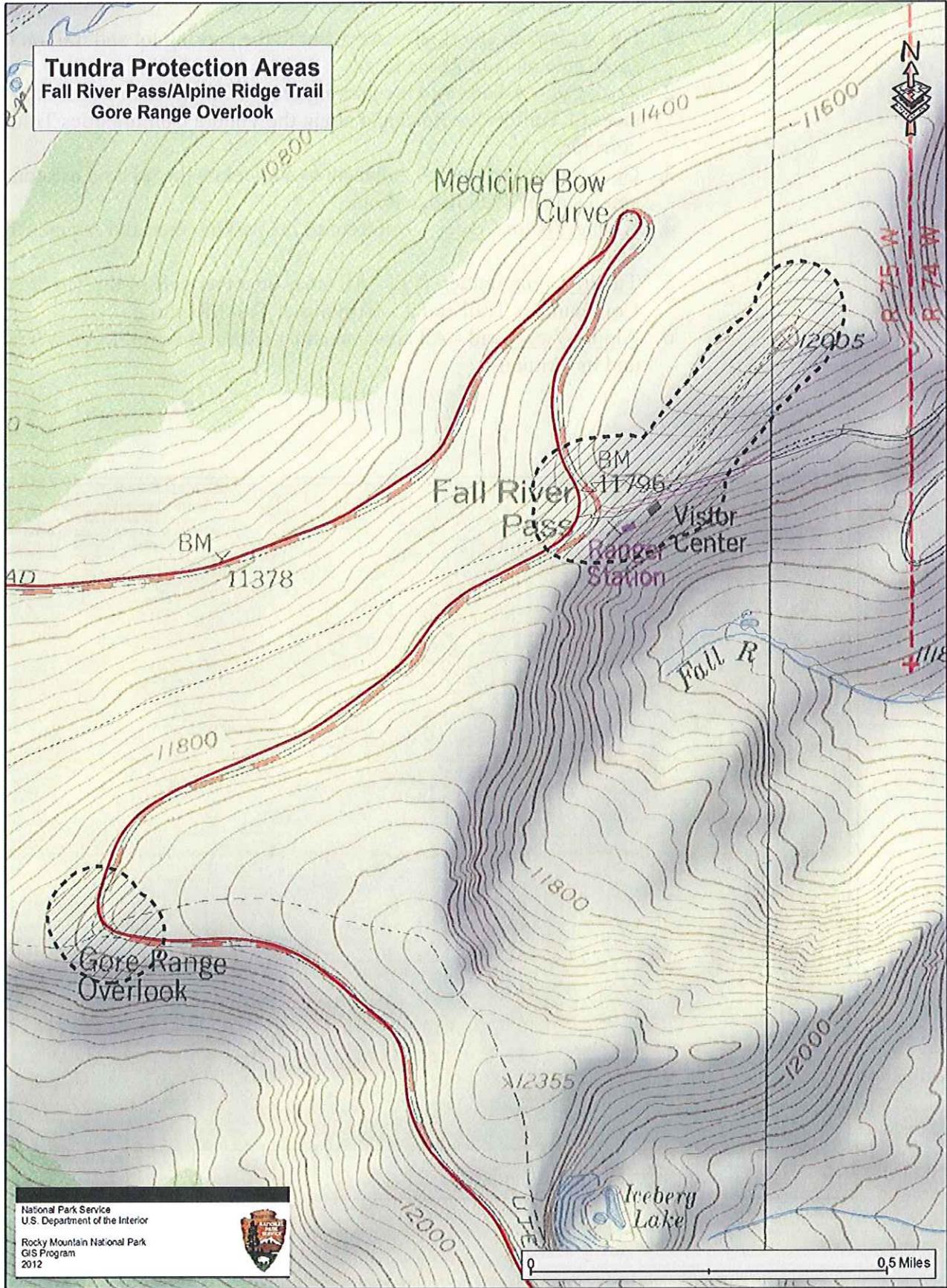
(a)(2)(vii) “Tundra Protection Areas” are designated in the following locations: Forest Canyon Overlook, Gore Range Overlook, Rock Cut, Tundra Communities Trail, Alpine View Trail, and the Alpine Visitor Center. The purpose of restricting use in these areas is to protect fragile alpine tundra from damage caused by heavy, concentrated foot travel. **Off-trail hiking is prohibited within 100 yards of the trails and parking lots in these areas unless otherwise designated.**

The six designated Tundra Protection Areas are described as:

1. Forest Canyon Overlook – Adjacent to the parking lot and trail on the south side of Trail Ridge Road
2. Rock Cut – Adjacent to the parking areas on both north and south sides of Trail Ridge Road and along the Tundra Communities Trail corridor.
3. Gore Range Overlook – Adjacent to and below the parking area on the south side of Trail Ridge Road.
4. Alpine Visitor Center – Adjacent to the parking area and Alpine Ridge Trail.
5. Tundra Communities Trail - All areas on either side of the Tundra Communities Trail and it's terminus at Toll Memorial.
6. Alpine View Trail - All areas on either side of the Alpine View Trail and its terminus.



**Tundra Protection Areas**  
Fall River Pass/Alpine Ridge Trail  
Gore Range Overlook



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## Section 1.6 Permits

- (f)(1) A compilation of those activities requiring a permit shall be maintained by the superintendent and be available to the public upon request. The following activities require permits:
- Auto Camping: Reserve America [ref 36 CFR 2.10(a)]
  - Backcountry Camping/Associated Overnight Parking: Backcountry Office [ref 36 CFR 2.10(a)]
  - Commercial Photography & Filming: Public Information Officer [ref 36 CFR 5.5]
  - Commercial Trucking: Chief Park Ranger [ref 36 CFR 4.11(b)(2) and 5.6]
  - Annual Commercial Vehicle Permit (Effective 7/15/2011) [ref 36 CFR 4.11]
  - Annual Commuter Vehicle Permit (non-commercial) (Effective 7/15/2011) [ref 36 CFR 4.11]
  - Collecting (research): Research Office [ref RMNP Enabling Legislation, 36 CFR 1.2 and 2.5]
  - Cycling Events: Chief Park Ranger [ref 36 CFR 1.5] (*also refer to specific requirements as outlined in Section 1.5*)
  - Business Operations: Management Specialist [ref 36 CFR 5.3]
  - Special Events/Public Assemblies: Chief Park Ranger [ref 36 CFR 2.50/2.51]
  - Sale/Distribution of Printed Matter: Chief Park Ranger [ref 36 CFR 2.52]
  - Ceremonies/Weddings: Chief Park Ranger [ref 36 CFR 2.50]
  - Memorialization: Chief Park Ranger [ref 36 CFR 2.62]
  - Transportation of Game and Weapons (*excluding firearms*): [ref 36 CFR 2.2 & 2.4]
  - Registration and Hunter Corridor Access: [ref 36 CFR 2.4]
  - Weapons, Traps and Nets: Chief Park Ranger [ref 36 CFR 2.4]
  - Wood Sales/Collection: Chief Park Ranger [ref 36 CFR 2.1]

## Section 2.1 Preservation of Natural, Cultural and Archeological Resources

- (a)(4)(i) Dead fuel on the ground may be collected for firewood ONLY within one-quarter (1/4) mile of designated backcountry campsites. All other park areas are closed to the collection of firewood unless authorized by special use permit.
- (b)(1) Within closed areas where vegetative restoration projects are in progress or have been completed, travel is restricted to designated, signed routes.
- (b)(2) Along the Trail Ridge Road corridor and in other areas, when temporary walkways or routes are provided to protect vegetation, pedestrian traffic is restricted to designated, signed walkways and routes.

(c)(1)(i) The following edible fruits and berries may be gathered with a limit of one quart per person per day to be used for personal consumption:

- Blueberries:
  - Sub-alpine blueberry (*Vaccinium cespitosum*)
  - Myrtleleaf blueberry (*Vaccinium myrtillus ssp orephilum*)
  - Broom huckleberry (*Vaccinium scoparium*)
- Chokecherries (*Padus virginiana ssp melanocarpa*)
- Red Elderberries (*Sambucus microbotrys*)
- Raspberries (*Rubus idaeus ssp melanolasius*)
- Rose hips:
  - Say rose (*Rosa sayi*)
  - Wild rose (*Rosa woodsii*)
- Strawberries:
  - Woodland strawberry (*Fragaria vesca ssp bracteata*)
  - Wild strawberry (*Fragaria Virginiana ssp glauca*)

**NOTE: Edible mushrooms are NOT permitted to be gathered or consumed, as they are protected under this section.**

## Section 2.2 Wildlife Protection

(a)(2) All Park areas are closed to the use of elk bugles, varmint calls, audio attractions or other artificial or natural means of attracting or disturbing wildlife, including rattling antlers or verbal imitations.

(d)(1) ***Conditions for retrieval of legally hunted and wounded wildlife which enters the park:***

- Under no circumstances may a hunter pursue and shoot wildlife in the park.
- Hunters must contact the park immediately if they wound an animal and it enters the park.
- If an animal dies inside the park as the result of being legally shot and wounded outside the park, a park ranger will determine if the animal's carcass can be tagged and removed from the park by the hunter.
- If a wounded animal enters the park, the hunter may be required to show a park ranger the location outside the park from which the animal was shot.
- Hunters must present their hunting license, carcass tag, and driver's license to a park ranger upon request.
- Hunters will be responsible for the removal of the animal as directed by a park ranger. In most cases, the entire animal must be removed from the park. In cases where the animal is field dressed within the park, no part of the animal will be left within 200 yards of a trail, foot path, water source, roadway, parking lot, campground or other developed area.

- With the exception of signed Federal facilities, such as visitor centers and other buildings open to the public where park employees conduct business, hunters may carry loaded firearms into the park. However, bows and other weapons are only permitted within Hunter Access Corridors pursuant to regulations and conditions of carry (Ref. to Section 1.4, “Definitions”).

(d)(1)(ii) Wildlife legally taken outside the park in accordance with Colorado hunting laws and regulations, and properly tagged and identified, may be transported through the park via the following:

- Highways 34 and 36
- Hunter Access Corridors, located at Twin Sisters Trail, North Boundary Trail via Cow Creek Trail (McGraw Ranch), Bowen Gulch/Continental Divide Trail, Baker Gulch Trail, and Holzwarth Historic Site Access Road.
- Commuter Hunter Access Corridors: Columbine Lake Road (Grand County Road No. 49) and Sun Valley Road (Grand County Road No. 491).
- Hunters must pay all applicable entrance fees.

(d)(1)(iii) ***Conditions of transport on Highways 34 and 36:***

- Hunters must obtain a ***Hunting Season Permit for the Transportation of Game*** at any park entrance station in order to transport legally taken game through the park by motor vehicle during normal work hours. No such permit is required during off-hours.
- Hunters must show their hunting license, carcass tag, and driver’s license when obtaining a Hunting Season Transportation Permit and/or when requested by a park ranger.
- Hunters must pay regular park entrance fees for cross-park transport. The entrance permit is valid for seven days from date of issuance.
- ***With the exception of firearms***, hunters must possess only weapons that meet the definition of “unloaded” during cross-park transport (Ref. to Section 1.4, “Definitions”).

(d)(1)(iv) ***Conditions of transport specific to Hunting Access Corridors:***

- Hunters must self-register for use of Hunter Access Corridors at the trailhead access points, including the transportation of weapons, excluding firearms. [See Section 2.4(d)(4)(i)]
- Hunters are not required to contact the park prior to transporting legally taken game through the park on the Hunter Access Corridors, provided self-registration as described above has occurred.
- Hunters must show their hunting license, carcass tag and driver’s license when requested by a park ranger.
- Hunters must pay applicable park entrance fees when required to pass through any park entrance gate to use hunter access corridors. Entrance Permit is valid for seven days from date of issuance.
- ***With the exception of firearms***, hunters must possess only weapons that meet the definition of “unloaded” during cross-park transport (Ref. to Section 1.4, “Definitions”).

- (d)(1)(vi) ***Conditions of Transport on Commuter Hunter Access Corridors:***  
The Columbine Lake (CR 49) and Sun Valley (CR 491) Roads traverse the park for a very short distance. No hunter access corridor signs are posted in these areas. The transport of game and weapons through these areas is authorized. No pre-registration or permit is required and no park entrance fees are applicable. Park rangers may contact any hunters on these road corridors within the park boundary.
- Hunters must show hunting license, carcass tags and driver's licenses when requested by a park ranger.
  - ***With the exception of firearms***, hunters must possess only weapons that meet the definition of “unloaded” during cross-park transport (Ref. to Section 1.4, “Definitions”).
  - Hunters must be able to explain exactly where and how the animal was taken.
- (e)(1) All areas within the bounds of the park are closed to the viewing of wildlife with an artificial light, including motor vehicle headlights.

## **Section 2.4 Weapons, Traps and Nets**

- (d)(4)(i) ***With the exception of firearms***, the Superintendent may issue a permit to carry or possess a weapon, trap or net within the Park in order to provide access to otherwise inaccessible lands or waters contiguous to the Park, when other means of access are impractical or impossible. Effective February 22, 2010, the carriage of loaded firearms is now permitted in park areas, in compliance with state and federal firearms laws.

***With the exception of firearms***, such possession is only permitted in park areas stipulated as Hunter Access Corridors and through a registration procedure rather than a formal permit issuance procedure. Hunter Access Corridors are established during, and for, Colorado Big Game Hunting Seasons (i.e., elk seasons), in cooperation with the Colorado Division of Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Forest Service. However, other legally taken game may also be transported through Hunter Access Corridors during this period.

Hunters must have a valid hunting license in possession. No fees are charged for Hunter Access Corridor registration. Park entrance fees must be paid where applicable. Permitted Hunter Access Corridors are designated as:

St. Vrain Sub-district:

- Twin Sisters Trail

Fall River Sub-district:

- North Boundary Trail via Cow Creek Trail

Colorado River District:

- Bowen Gulch /Continental Divide Trail
- Baker Gulch Trail
- Holzwarth Historic Site Access Road
- Columbine Lake Road/Grand Co. Road No. 49 (Commuter Hunter Access Corridor)
- Sun Valley Road/Grand Co. Road No. 491 (Commuter Hunter Access Corridor)

Signs posted during the active Colorado Big Game Hunting Season designate associated trailhead parking areas and all corridor areas. Columbine Lake and Sun Valley Roads are exempted from signing.

(d)(4)(ii)

Registration Procedures:

- Hunters who will be transporting game or weapons (*with the exception of firearms*) through the Hunter Access Corridors, must sign-in at the self-registration boxes located at the corridor trailheads.
- On the east side of the park, self-registration boxes are located at the corridor trailheads at McGraw Ranch and Twin Sisters trailhead.
- West of the Continental Divide, self-registration boxes are located at the corridor trailheads at Bowen Gulch/Continental Divide and Baker Gulch Trails, and Holzwarth Historic Site Access Road.
- Columbine Lake and Sun Valley Roads are exempt from registration requirements.

(h)

Notwithstanding any other provision in this Chapter, a person may possess, carry, and transport concealed, loaded, and operable firearms within a national park area in accordance with the laws of the state in which the national park area, or that portion thereof, is located, except as otherwise prohibited by applicable Federal law.

## **Section 2.10 Camping and Food Storage**

(a)(1)

The following camping activities require a permit with specific location or area, user nights, and number in the party limitations, for overnight camping:

- Designated and dispersed individual and group campsite camping
- Designated individual and group stock campsite camping (dispersed stock camping is NOT permitted)
- Cross-country area camping
- Winter area camping
- Bivouac camping (overnight stay in connection with technical climbing or ski mountaineering)
- All overnight parking

The purpose of this regulation is to implement the Backcountry and Wilderness Management Plan as it relates to ecological and carrying capacity concerns.

- (a)(1)(i) Self-registration for backcountry winter area camping permits is authorized at Wild Basin, Longs Peak, North Fork (Dunraven Glade trailhead), Fall River and Beaver Meadows Entrance annually between November 1 and April 30.  
*(NOTE: The bear container requirement for backcountry food storage is suspended for this time period.)*
- (a)(2) The following are designated as auto campgrounds with overnight use or camping permitted, and based on carrying capacity and ecological concerns:
- Aspenglen
  - Glacier Basin
  - Longs Peak
  - Moraine Park
  - Timber Creek
- (a)(2)(i) The following regulations apply to Aspenglen, Moraine Park, Glacier Basin and Timber Creek Campgrounds:
- Each camping site is limited to: one camping unit (i.e., a tent, RV, or trailer/tow vehicle) plus one additional tent. There is an eight (8) person limit per site. Parking is limited to two (2) vehicles per site. A vehicle is defined as one vehicle, one trailer, one RV, or one towed unit.
- Each vehicle must be parked on the gravel or paved parking pad causing no resource degradation or encroachment onto the paved access road. Some sites will accommodate only one vehicle on the graveled parking pad.
- (a)(2)(ii) Longs Peak Campground is closed to travel trailers, motor homes and recreational vehicles. Conversion vans, pickup trucks and other small passenger vehicles are permitted. Each site is limited to a maximum of two (2) vehicles (parked with all wheels on the gravel pad only) with no more than eight (8) persons and two (2) tents. Some sites will accommodate only one vehicle on the graveled parking pad. Due care must be given to vehicle parking, with no resource degradation incurred or encroachment onto the paved loop access road or obstruction of traffic.
- (a)(2)(iii) Glacier Basin Group Camping Area is closed to motor homes, travel trailers, tent trailers and cab-over campers. *Only tent camping is allowed.*
- Glacier Basin Group site occupancy limits are as follows: small sites, 10-15 people; medium sites, 16-25 people; large sites, 26-40 people.
- (a)(2)(iv) Five (5) vehicles per site are permitted at the Glacier Basin Group Camping Area.
- (a)(2)(v) The park camping limit for auto campgrounds is limited to 7 nights in total during the period June through September, with an additional 14 nights allowed from October through May. *Limits are on a park basis rather than on a per campground basis.*

- (a)(2)(vi) Check-out time is 12 noon for all auto campground and designated backcountry campsites.
- (a)(2)(vii) Park auto campgrounds and designated and dispersed backcountry campsites or areas are closed to hunter use as a base camp. Alternative facilities are available on private and other public lands outside the park.
- (a)(3) Backcountry campsites are either designated campsites or areas (dispersed, cross-country, bivouac or winter) with overnight use or camping permitted, based on carrying capacity and ecological concerns as specified by the park Backcountry and Wilderness Management Plan.
- (a)(3)(i) Current backcountry camping designated and dispersed campsites and cross-country, bivouac or winter area listings, maps, and seasonal permit conditions are maintained by the Backcountry Office Manager. Applicable park plans and Superintendent's directives are followed.
- (a)(3)(ii) Backcountry camping (including bivouacs) is limited to 7 nights per person during the months June through September, with an additional 14 nights allowed from October through May. *Limits are on a park basis rather than on a per campsite basis.*
- (a)(3)(iii) Backcountry camping at designated and dispersed individual and group campsites, including stock campsites, is limited to 3 consecutive nights at any one campsite.
- (a)(3)(iv) Cross-country area camping is limited to 1 night per campsite and 2 nights per area. Cross-country campers must move their site at least one mile each night.
- (a)(3)(v) Backcountry winter area camping is limited to 3 consecutive nights at one location; then the camp must be moved at least one mile.
- (a)(3)(vi) Backcountry winter area camps must be established within the designated winter area and on rock or on 4 inches or more of snow only.
- (a)(3)(vii) Backcountry winter area camping is prohibited as follows:
- Within one mile of any trailhead, road or developed area,
  - Within 200 feet (70 adult steps) of any water source, and
  - Within 200 feet (70 adult steps) of any backcountry designated site, which is covered by more than 4 inches of snow.
- (a)(3)(viii) Backcountry Camping party size is limited to 7 in designated individual campsites and 12 in designated group campsites. Winter area camping party size allows 12.

- (a)(3)(ix) Backcountry Stock Camping party size is limited to 6 people and 8 stock in designated individual stock campsites, and 12 people and 16 stock in designated group stock campsites.
- (a)(3)(x) Due to the current pine beetle infestation in the park's backcountry, set up camp safely away from standing dead trees as near as is possible to the silver metal arrowhead that marks the site.
- (a)(3)(xii) Overnight boat mooring at any high water mark area within the Park is considered camping and as such is prohibited.
- (a)(4) A bivouac is a temporary, open-air encampment established *between dusk and dawn*, and *closed* to the use of erected type shelters (i.e. tents and tarps) or any site manipulation.
- (a)(4)(i) A bivouac permit is issued to accommodate safe climbing and ski mountaineering practices, and to control environmental damage. The permit provides ski mountaineers with the ability to bivouac on long ski descents, and technical climbers with an advanced position on one-day climbs and/or climbs that require an overnight stay on the rock face.
- (a)(4)(ii) The permit is issued *only* to technical climbers and ski mountaineers. Any climbing party using a bivouac permit is limited to a maximum of 4 people, all of whom must climb.
- During the winter season (Oct.1 – May 15), skiers will comply with the backcountry winter camping regulations. During the summer season (May 16 – Sept. 30), skiers may receive bivouac permits if conditions permit, and must comply with the same general rules and regulations as climbers.
- (a)(4)(iii) BIVOUAC CRITERIA: A bivouac permit will be issued *only* if:
- The climbing or ski descent area/site is 3 ½ miles, or more, from the trailhead. There is no requirement for the length of ski descent.
  - The climb is 4 or more pitches, roped technical climbing.
- (a)(4)(iv) Climbers and ski mountaineers are both limited to *designated bivouac areas*, at or near the base of the route, or on the face of the climb. Maps of each of the designated bivouac areas are available at Headquarters Backcountry Office or Kawuneeche Visitor Center.
- (a)(4)(v) Within a *designated bivouac area*, a bivouac site need only be large enough for 1 person to roll up in a sleeping bag, bivy sack, or ground cloth.
- (a)(4)(vi) Bivouac sites must be off *all* vegetation and are restricted to rock and snow only.

(a)(4)(vii) Bivouac sites must be at least 200 feet (70 adult steps) from water.

(a)(4)(viii) RESTRICTED BIVOUAC AREAS: The following areas are restricted to the total numbers of climbers allowed to bivouac:

1. Longs Peak Area

- Broadway, below the Diamond-on the wall - 6 climbers
- Chasm View - 6 climbers
- Mills Glacier-for Longs Peak – 14 climbers
- Meeker Cirque-for Mt. Meeker - 8 climbers

2. Black Lake Area-Glacier Gorge

- McHenrys Peak-above Black Lake-base--6 climbers
- Arrowhead-above Solitude Lake-base--6 climbers
- Upper Glacier Gorge – Includes the Spearhead & Chief's Head-Pagoda, and extending to the NW, N & E of the Spearhead, excluding the lake areas - 12 climbers

3. Sky Pond Area-Andrews Glacier

- Sky Pond – 8 climbers
- The Sharktooth in The Gash—6 climbers

4. Notchtop Peak

- Base of Notchtop--8 climbers

(a)(4)(ix) NON-RESTRICTED BIVOUAC AREAS: The following designated climbing areas have no restrictions to the total number of climbers allowed to bivouac:

1. Wild Basin Area

- Mt. Alice - base of climb.
- Pilot Mountain - above Falcon Lake-base of climb.

2. Glacier Gorge and Bear Lake Areas

- Zowie and Wham-north side of Andrews Creek.
- Otis Peak-Chaos Canyon.

3. Odessa Gorge Area

- Little Matterhorn-base of climb.

4. Hayden Gorge (Forest Canyon) Area

- Hayden Pinnacle and East Pinnacle-base of climb.

5. Mummy Range Area

- Ypsilon Mountain-above Spectacle Lake-base of climb.
- Fairchild Mountain-above Crystal Lake-base of climb.

6. Colorado River District

- Ptarmigan Towers-base of climb.
- All other CRD bivy sites

- (b)(4) Generator use is **permitted ONLY in auto campgrounds** and is generally permitted within the hours of 7:30 am - 10:00 am and 4:00 pm - 8:30 pm. Generator use is *prohibited* in Loop "D" at Moraine Park Campground, Loop "C" at Glacier Basin Campground, Loops "A" and "B" at Aspenglen Campground, and in all other areas of the park.

**The operation of any generator which creates unreasonable levels of noise and/or noxious exhaust is prohibited at all times.**

- (d)(1) For the purpose of the following food storage restrictions, "food items" shall be defined as food, all drinks and drinking containers (including water bottles), cleaning supplies, toiletries, cosmetics, pet food and bowls, and odoriferous attractants. Garbage (including empty cans, food wrappers, etc.) must be stored or disposed of consistent with these regulations. Hummingbird feeders and bird feeders, which are attractants for raccoons, elk, deer, and bears, are not allowed in NPS permanent and seasonal housing areas or in established campsites in frontcountry campgrounds. Coolers, stoves, grills, tableware and cookware must be washed and clean, or stored in the same manner as food.

- (d)(2) Visitors parking overnight in the Wild Basin area and on the Fern Lake Road are *required* to use food storage lockers for storage of all food items. It is prohibited to leave food items or garbage within a vehicle when parking overnight in these two areas.

At all other trailheads, visitors parking overnight must store all food items and garbage by one of the following methods:

- Inside vehicle trunks.
- In vehicles with no trunk, such items may be placed as low in the vehicle passenger compartment as possible and covered from sight, with all windows and doors closed and locked.

Day use visitors parking at trailheads must store all food items and garbage by one of the following methods:

- Inside vehicle trunks.
- In vehicles with no trunk, such items may be placed as low in the vehicle passenger compartment as possible and covered from sight, with vehicle doors and windows closed.

In frontcountry campgrounds, if food storage lockers are full, the other food storage methods listed above are acceptable.

In residences and lodgings, including all NPS seasonal and permanent housing areas, such items must be stored in secure storage containers which are not visible from the exterior of the structure.

- (d)(3) **From May 1 through Oct. 31**, in park backcountry areas below tree line and in the Boulder Field on Long's Peak, due to recurring wildlife incidents, *all food items and garbage must be secured inside a commercially-made carry in/carry out bear-resistant food storage container*. Other methods of food storage are not permitted in the backcountry during this period.

Backcountry campers must provide the commercially-made carry in/carry out bear-resistant food storage container themselves, and possession of such a canister is also a condition of obtaining a backcountry camping permit.

**From November 1 through April 30**, while not required, it is recommended that food and garbage still be stored using wildlife-resistant methods, such as:

- Inside a commercially-made carry in/carry out bear-resistant food storage canister.
- Suspended at least 10 feet above the ground and 4 feet out horizontally from a tree trunk or other vertical support, using the counterbalance technique.

Year-round, backpackers or climbers camping in bivouac areas above tree line are exempt from this requirement, but are still required to maintain a clean, low impact camp.

- (d)(4) The foregoing food storage regulations do not apply to food, drink, or similar organic materials that are attended, being consumed, or prepared for consumption.

The primary purpose of these regulations is to maintain public health and safety, and to avoid conflict between visitor use activities and natural resources.

## Section 2.13 Fires

- (a)(1)(i) Campfires are permitted in auto campgrounds, backcountry campsites that are designated as open to fires, designated picnic areas, and at permanent and term employee housing and other residential areas as approved by the Superintendent, and only in metal fire grates provided by the park for such use.

The use of disposable or portable charcoal grills, wood fuel camp stoves, petroleum fuel/gas stoves, and gas grills is allowed for food preparation as adjuncts to fire grates provided by the park in auto campgrounds and picnic areas, and designated backcountry sites by permit only. Used charcoal and ash must be completely extinguished and disposed of in a trash receptacle.

(a)(1)(ii) Campfires and portable grills are permitted in the following areas:

Campgrounds

- Aspenglen
- Glacier Basin
- Longs Peak
- Moraine Park
- Timber Creek

Picnic Areas

- Beaver Ponds (In Kawuneeche Valley ONLY; Beaver Ponds Picnic Area EAST, below Hidden Valley, has been removed and rehabilitated)
- Bowen-Baker
- Colorado River
- Copeland Lake
- Endovalley
- Harbison Meadow
- Hidden Valley
- Hollowell Park
- Holzwarth Historic Site
- Lake Irene
- Lily Lake Picnic Area (ONLY self-contained cooking grills, and ONLY under the conditions of a special use permit.
- Sprague Lake
- Timber Lake
- Tuxedo Park
- Upper Beaver Meadows
- West Alluvial Fan
- Wild Basin Trailhead

Employee Housing Areas

- All Permanent, Term, and Seasonal employee housing areas where designated.

(a)(3)(i) The use of open flame torches (e.g., “tiki” torches) is prohibited due to the increased associated fire hazard.

## **Section 2.15 Pets**

(a)(5) Pet excrement must be picked up from all areas within Rocky Mountain National Park.

The primary purpose of this regulation is to avoid conflict between visitor use activities and natural resources, and to maintain public health and safety.

- (e)(1) Park employees residing in the park may keep pets in accordance with Rocky Mountain National Park Office Order No. 3.

## Section 2.16 Horses and Pack Animals

- (a)(1) Horses, mules, ponies, llamas, and burros are designated as “pack animals” and are permitted on park trails. Goats are not designated as pack animals and are therefore not permitted on park trails.
- (g)(1) Horses and other pack animals are not permitted on park roads, with the following exceptions:
- Fern Lake Road- between winter closure point and Trailhead - to reach Fern Lake Trail.
  - Upper Beaver Meadows Road – to reach Beaver Mountain, Beaver Meadows, Moraine Park, and Deer Ridge Trails.
  - Kaley Cottage Road
  - Wild Basin Road - to access trails open to horses in the Wild Basin area.
  - North Inlet Road to Summerland Park
  - Bowen-Baker Road from paved parking area to park boundary
  - Twin Sisters Trail Access Road
  - McGraw Ranch Road

- (g)(2) Horses and pack animals may be used *only* on park trails designated for stock use. However, llamas are permitted on the Jim’s Grove unimproved trail for purposes of administrative use, but only when emergency conditions warrant. Cross-country areas and Research Natural Areas are closed to stock and pack animal use.

Seasonal and emergency closures of trails to horse and pack animals may be in effect at various locations throughout the park when necessary for environmental or safety reasons. Guided horse concessions will be notified when these closures are in effect.

- (g)(2)(i) To prevent resource damage, as well as possible injuries to stock and riders/users, those portions of Flattop, Tonahutu Creek, and North Inlet trails which are above tree line are closed to all stock use annually **from October 15 to July 31**.

These trails may be opened to stock use **prior to or after August 1**, depending on environmental conditions and as announced by the Superintendent.

**Seasonal closures of any trail to horse and pack animal use may be in effect at various locations throughout the Park when necessary for resource protection or safety reasons. Such closures will be posted and published.**

- (g)(2)(ii) The following trails are *closed* to the use of horses and pack animals (exceptions are provided, as indicated, for use of llamas):

North Fork

- Lost Lake Trail - beyond hitch rail.
- Bridal Veil Fall - beyond the hitch rail.

Mummy Range

- Lawn Lake Trail - beyond hitch rail at east end of lake
- Ypsilon Lake Trail - beyond hitch rail at south end of lake
- Mummy Pass Trail - beyond Mummy Pass Creek Jct.
- Mirror Lake Trail - beyond Koenig hitch rail

Ute Trail

- Upper Beaver Meadows to Milner Pass (open to llama use from Upper Beaver Meadows to Ute Meadows campsites)

Fern Lake Area

- Spruce Lake Trail
- Odessa Lake Trail - from Fern Lake Trail Junction with Odessa Lake Trail

Bear Lake Area

- Bear Lake Nature Trail
- Emerald Lake Trail - including spur trails to Dream Lake and Nymph Lake
- Lake Haiyaha Trail and connection to The Loch-Mills Junction
- Loch Vale Trail - beyond Loch Mills Junction
- Mills Lake Trail - beyond the hitch rail, near the Loch Mills Junction

Sprague Lake Area

- Boulderbrook Primitive Trail
- Sprague Lake Nature Trail

Longs Peak

- Lily Lake and Lily Ridge
- Jim's Grove - from Battle Mtn. Junction to Granite Pass
- Chasm Lake - beyond hitch rail on Mills Moraine
- Boulder Field - beyond hitch rail
- N. Longs Peak Trail - from Boulder Brook Jct. To Glacier Gorge Trail
- Storm Pass Junction to Estes Cone Summit

Wild Basin

- Bluebird Lake – beyond the hitch rail at east end of lake
- Finch-Pear Lake Trail - beyond the hitch rail at east end of Pear Lake

- Lion Lakes - beyond the junction with Thunder Lake Trail
- Lookout Mountain - from Meeker Park, Sandbeach, Lookout Mtn. Trail Junction
- Ouzel Lake Trail - beyond the hitch rail near the northeast end of the lake
- Sandbeach Lake Trail - beyond the hitch rail at north end of lake
- North St. Vrain Fire Trail—Is open to llama use, but closed to all other stock animals
- Thunder Lake Trail - beyond the hitch rail in woods at the east end of lake

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- Specimen Mountain Trail
- Poudre River Trail - Chapin Creek to Milner Pass
- Chapin Creek Primitive Trail (cross-country route)
- Poudre River to Chapin Pass
- Mirror Lake Trail - beyond Comanche Peak Trail junction
- Haynach Lake Trail - beyond Tonahutu Creek Trail (open to llama use from Tonahutu Creek trail to Haynach Lake campsites)
- East Inlet Trail - beyond west end of Lake Verna
- Long Meadow-between Onahu Creek and Timber Creek Trails
- All trails above Grand Ditch except Thunder Pass Trail
- Willow Creek drainage to Long Draw Reservoir (unconstructed)
- Timber Lake Trail, due to a landslide in 2011

- (g)(3) Use of stock-drawn equipment is not permitted in the park.
- (g)(4) Horses and other stock are not permitted in auto campgrounds or picnic areas.
- (g)(5) The riding of horses and other stock at a speed greater than a trot is not permitted.
- (g)(6) Maximum number of animals permitted in one group ("string") is 20 for day use.
- (g)(7) Multiple strings must be separated by at least 15-minute intervals.
- (g)(8) Possessing, storing or transporting any hay, straw, mulch, or forage, which has not been certified as free of noxious weeds and seeds by a certified State or County Agriculture Officer, is prohibited within the boundaries of Rocky Mountain National Park (*Refer to Section 1.4 for definitions of weed free, noxious weeds, etc.*).
- (g)(9) Possessing, storing, or transporting *either* certified *or* non-certified weed free forage beyond any park trailhead is prohibited within the boundaries of Rocky Mountain National Park.

Exclusions:

- Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act.
- Any Federal, State or local law enforcement officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- Persons possessing or using pelletized feed, hay cubes, or grain products.

## Section 2.17 Aircraft and Air Delivery

(d)(1) Pursuant to an Act of Congress (1998 Omnibus Appropriations Act, Section 126, dated October 22, 1998) Commercial Air Tour operations are permanently banned in the vicinity of Rocky Mountain National Park. This prohibition is regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration.

"*Commercial Air Tour*" is defined as any flight conducted for compensation or hire in a powered aircraft where a purpose of the flight is sightseeing.

Determination factors include:

- Whether there was a holding out to the public of willingness to conduct a sightseeing flight for compensation or hire;
- Whether a narrative was provided that referred to areas or points of interest on the surface;
- The area of operation;
- The frequency of flights;
- The route of flight;
- The inclusion of sightseeing flights as part of any travel arrangement package; or
- Whether the flight or flights in question would or would not have been canceled based on poor visibility of the surface.

**\*\*NOTE – For guidance on the prohibition of Unmanned Aircraft or drones, refer to Section 1.5(a)(1)(xv).**

## Section 2.19 Winter Activities

(c)(1) Sledding, tubing, and/or use of snow saucers is restricted to the Hidden Valley Snow Play Area. Designated areas are delineated by posted signs. Sledding and/or tubing outside established areas and the use of metal sleds is prohibited in the Hidden Valley Snow Play Area (refer to Section 1.5(a)(2), "Closures & Public Use Limits").

The purpose of this designation is to focus winter snow-play activities (sledding, tubing, sliding) at the developed Hidden Valley area where amenities and area modifications have been established to enhance the visitor experience, improve safety, and limit resource impacts.

## Section 2.21 Smoking

- (a)(1) All non-residential federal buildings within Rocky Mountain National Park are designated as non-smoking areas. Effective in 2012, all government-furnished seasonal quarters are also designated as non-smoking units.

## Section 2.51 Public Assemblies/Meetings

- (b) Permits for public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions of views for groups of **26 persons or more** are required and will be issued by the Superintendent, through the Chief Park Ranger. Permit requests may be made for all areas of Rocky Mountain National Park. All requests are subject to denial based on criteria established in 36 CFR, Section 2.51 (b-c) and (e-j).
- (b)(1) Demonstrations involving **25 persons or fewer** may be held **without a permit** within designated 1st Amendment park areas, provided that conditions are met as established in 36 CFR, Section 2.51 (b)(1).
- (b)(3) The 25-person maximum for a small group permit exception for a designated available area may be reduced, provided that conditions are met as established in 36 CFR, Section 2.51 (b)(3).
- (c)(2) The following locations are designated and clearly posted as available for public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions of views with a permit issued under the terms of 36 CFR 2.51(b):

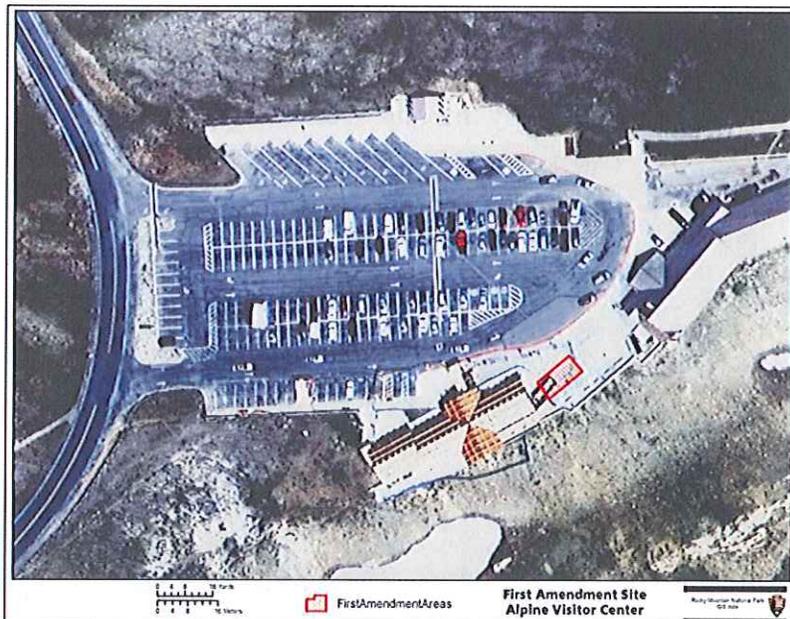
That portion of the sidewalk adjacent to the visitor parking area at the Moraine Park Museum/Visitor Center (visitor parking area and entrances to parking area not included) as specifically described to the permittee by the Chief Park Ranger (or designee).



That portion of the sidewalk adjacent to the visitor parking area at the Beaver Meadows Visitor Center (visitor parking area and entrances to parking area not included) as specifically described to the permittee by the Chief Park Ranger (or designee).



That portion of the sidewalk between the Trail Ridge Store and the Alpine Visitor Center (visitor parking area and entrances to parking area not included) as specifically described to the permittee by the Chief Park Ranger (or designee).



That portion of the sidewalk south of the public rest room and adjacent to the visitor parking area at the Kawuneeche Visitor Center (visitor parking area and entrances to parking area not included) as specifically described to the permittee by the Chief Park Ranger (or designee).



***(NOTE: ALL OTHER PARK AREAS HAVE BEEN DETERMINED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT TO BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR THESE ACTIVITIES)***

## **Section 2.52 Sale or Distribution of Printed Matter**

- (b) The sale or distribution of printed matter for groups of 26 persons or more requires a permit issued under the terms of 36 CFR 2.52(b). Permits will be issued by the Superintendent, through the Chief Park Ranger. Permit requests may be made for all areas of Rocky Mountain National Park. All requests are subject to denial based on criteria established in 36 CFR, Section 2.52 (b-c) and (e-j).
- (b)(1) Sale or distribution activity by **25 persons or fewer** may be held **without a permit** within designated 1st Amendment park areas, provided that conditions are met as established in 36 CFR, Section 2.52 (b)(1).
- (b)(3) The 25-person maximum for a small group permit exception for a designated available area may be reduced, provided that conditions are met as established in 36 CFR, Section 2.52 (b)(3).

The following locations are identified as designated as available under Section 2.51(c)(2):

- That portion of the sidewalk adjacent to the visitor parking area at the Moraine Park Museum/Visitor Center (visitor parking area and entrances to parking area not included) as specifically described to the permittee by the Chief Park Ranger (or designee). (Same location as described under Section 2.51, Public Assemblies/Meetings – see attached map on previous pages)
- That portion of the sidewalk adjacent to the visitor parking area at the Beaver Meadows Visitor Center (visitor parking area and entrances to parking area not included) as specifically described to the permittee by the Chief Park Ranger (or designee). (Same location as described under Section 2.51, Public Assemblies/Meetings – see attached map on previous pages)
- That portion of the sidewalk between the Trail Ridge Store and the Alpine Visitor Center (visitor parking area and entrances to parking area not included) as specifically described to the permittee by the Chief Park Ranger (or designee). (Same location as described under Section 2.51, Public Assemblies/Meetings – see attached map on previous pages)
- That portion of the sidewalk south of the public rest room and adjacent to the visitor parking area at the Kawuneeche Visitor Center (visitor parking area and entrances to parking area not included) as specifically described to the permittee by the Chief Park Ranger (or designee). (Same location as described under Section 2.51, Public Assemblies/Meetings – see attached map on previous pages)

***(NOTE: ALL OTHER PARK AREAS HAVE BEEN DETERMINED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT TO BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR THESE ACTIVITIES)***

### **Section 3.16 Swimming and Bathing**

- (a)(1) Bear Lake is closed to swimming and bathing.

### **Section 3.18 SCUBA Diving and Snorkling**

- (a) Bear Lake is closed to SCUBA diving and snorkeling.

### **Section 4.11 Load, Weight, and Size Limits**

- (a)(1) Old Fall River Road is closed to motor vehicles over 25 feet in length and *any* trailer use. Signs are posted which set limits.

## Section 4.21 Motor Vehicle Speed Limits

- (b) The Superintendent may designate a different speed limit upon any park road when a speed limit set forth in paragraph (a) of this section is determined to be unreasonable, unsafe, or inconsistent with the purposes for which the park area was established. Speed limits shall be posted by using standard traffic control devices.

## Section 4.30 Bicycles

- (a)(1) Determination has been made that bicycle use on designated roads within Rocky Mountain National Park is consistent with the protection of the natural, scenic and aesthetic values, safety considerations and management objectives and will not disturb wildlife or park resources. *REFER TO SECTION 1.5 FOR EXCEPTIONS ON CYCLING GROUP SIZE AND OTHER CRITERIA.*
- (b)(1) Bicycles are permitted on specific roads during that period of the year when the roads concerned are closed to motor vehicles and convert to **winter road status**. Bicycles are not permitted on roads that convert to **winter trail status**.
- (b)(1)(i) Roads that convert to winter road status and are *open* to bicycles beyond winter gate or road closures:
- Upper Beaver Meadows Road
  - Endovalley Road
  - High Drive
  - Kaley Cottage Road
  - All Park Campground Roads
- (b)(1)(ii) The following park roads convert to winter trail status and are *closed* to bicycles beyond winter gate or road closures (\*\*See exceptions below for Trail Ridge Road and Old Fall river Road):
- Wild Basin Road
  - Fern Lake Road
  - Twin Sisters Trailhead Access Road
- (b)(1)(iii) \*\*Trail Ridge and Old Fall River Roads are open to bicycle use from April 1 through November 30, except during road maintenance operations and emergency closures as posted.

## Section 4.31 Hitchhiking

- (a) Hitchhiking in the park is allowed and restricted to the road shoulder.

## Section 5.6 Commercial Vehicles

- (a)(1) An annual Commercial Vehicle Permit is required to operate local commercial vehicles within the park. This permit provides an alternative to the single trip “trucking permit” that is provided for in 36 CFR 7.7. Holders of this permit will meet the same requirements as an annual Commuter Permit holder. This permit is valid for one year and is valid for the business vehicle fleet (not specific to one vehicle.)

## Section 7.7 Fishing

- (a)(1) Fishing regulations, based on management objectives described in the park's Resource Management Plan, are established annually.
- (a)(1)(i) That portion of North Saint Vrain River outside the area of exclusive jurisdiction and within administrative jurisdiction will be managed in accordance with state regulations. Park regulations apply at Copeland Lake.
- (a)(1)(ii) "Artificial fly or lure" means devices made entirely of, or a combination of, materials such as wood, plastic, glass, hair, metal, feathers, or fiber, and designed to attract fish.

This definition does not include: (a) any hand moldable material designed to attract fish by the sense of taste or smell, (b) those devices less than one and one-half inch in length to which scents or small attractants have been externally applied, (c) molded plastic devices less than one and one-half inch in length, (d) foods, (e) traditional organic baits such as worms, grubs, crickets, leeches, minnows and fish eggs, or (f) manufactured baits such as imitation fish eggs, dough baits or stink baits.

- (a)(2)(i) Only artificial flies or lures with one (single, double or treble) hook with a common shank may be used for angling in park waters open to fishing. The Park allows for fly fishers to utilize a two-hook system, where one hook is utilized as an “attractant” and is usually a nymph.

Children 12 years of age and under may use worms or preserved fish eggs in all park waters open to fishing and not designated as catch-and-release areas.

- (a)(2)(ii) No person may have in their possession more than 18 trout, the combination of which must consist of one of the following:
- 18 brook trout (8 can be any size, but the remaining 10 must be 8 inches or less in size).
  - 16 brook trout (6 can be any size, but the remaining 10 must be 8 inches or less in size), **plus 2 additional trout species 10 inches or more in size**, which may include rainbow, brown, or cutthroat (other than greenback cutthroat).

(a)(2)(iii) *All park areas are closed to the possession of greenback cutthroat trout, a Federal and State Threatened Species. As such, when taken, this species must be immediately returned to the water unharmed.*

a)(2)(iv) CATCH-AND-RELEASE WATERS: The following waters support populations of greenback and Colorado River cutthroat trout and are open to catch-and-release fishing only:

Waters open all year –

- Adams Lake and outlet stream down to Paradise Creek
- Arrowhead Lake
- Bench Lake and Ptarmigan Creek above War Dance Falls
- Big Crystal Lake
- Boundary Lake
- Caddis Lake
- Cony Creek, above Calypso Cascades
- Dream Lake
- Fern Lake and Creek
- Fifth Lake
- Big Thompson River above the pool (Forest Canyon)
- Gorge Lakes (Rock Lake, Little Rock Lake and Gorge Stream from Arrowhead Lake to the confluence with the Big Thompson River)
- Hidden Valley Creek and Beaver Ponds –  
*A possession limit of brook trout may be retained, but greenback cutthroat trout must be immediately returned to the water unharmed.*
- Hutcheson Lakes
- Lake Husted
- Lake Louise
- Lawn Lake
- Loomis Lake
- Lost Lake –  
*A possession limit of brook trout may be retained, but greenback cutthroat trout must be immediately returned to the water unharmed.*
- North Fork of the Big Thompson above Lost Falls -  
*A possession limit of brook trout may be retained, but greenback cutthroat trout must be immediately returned to the water unharmed.*
- Odessa Lake
- Ouzel Creek above Ouzel Falls -  
*A possession limit of brook trout may be retained, but greenback cutthroat trout must be immediately returned to the water unharmed.*
- Ouzel Lake -  
*A possession limit of brook trout may be retained, but greenback cutthroat trout must be immediately returned to the water unharmed.*
- Paradise Creek Drainage
- Pear Lake and Creek
- Roaring River

- Sandbeach Lake and Creek
- Spruce Lake (**partial shoreline closure due to Boreal Toad protection area**)
- Timber Lake and Creek
- Upper Hague Creek
- Upper Onahu Creek
- West Creek
- Ypsilon Creek
- Ypsilon Lake

(a)(2)(v) Barbless hooks must be used to protect and maintain the fish populations found in the above waters designated as catch-and-release.

(a)(2)(vi) CLOSED WATERS:

- Bear Lake, including the inlet and outlet streams (extending 200 yards above and below Bear Lake)
- Hunters Creek
- Kettle Tarn
- Lake Nanita outlet downstream 100 yards
- Shadow Mountain Reservoir below the spillway and to the southern park boundary, including Columbine Bay, is closed from Oct. 1 through Dec. 31.
- South Fork of the Cache la Poudre River, above Pingree Park
- Upper Columbine Creek, above 9,000' elevation, indicated by barrier structure on creek.

## Section 7.7 Trucking Permits

(b)(1) Definition: A “truck” refers to any motor vehicle equipped with a body designed to carry property and which is generally and commonly used to carry and transport property. This includes two axle pick-ups, trucks (two or three axle, able to carry 36,000-54,000 pound loads) and semi-tractor trailers (more than three axles, able to carry up to 85,000 pound loads).

## Section 7.7 Dogs, Cats and other Pets

(d) In addition to the provisions of §2.15 of this chapter, dogs, cats, and other pets on leash, crated, or otherwise under physical restraint are permitted in the park only within 100 feet of the edge of established roads or parking areas, and are permitted within established campgrounds and picnic areas; dogs, cats, and other pets are prohibited in the backcountry and on established trails.

(d)(1) Leashed pets are permitted on specific roads during that period of the year when the roads concerned are closed to motor vehicles and convert to **winter road status**. Pets are not permitted on roads that convert to **winter trail status**. Signs are posted to indicate seasonal closures to pets (Ref. to Section 1.4 “Definitions”).

- (d)(1)(i) Roads that convert to **winter road status** and are *open* to leashed pets beyond winter gate or road closures:
- Upper Beaver Meadows Road
  - Endovalley Road
  - High Drive
  - Kaley Cottage Road
  - All Park Campground Roads
- (d)(1)(ii) The following park roads convert to **winter trail status** and are *closed* to pets beyond winter gate or road closures (\*\*with the exception of Trail Ridge Road and Old Fall River Road – see specific guidelines below):
- Wild Basin Road
  - Fern Lake Road
  - Twin Sisters Trailhead Access Road
- (d)(1)(iii) \*\*Trail Ridge and Old Fall River Roads are open to leashed pets from April 1 through November 30, except during road maintenance operations and emergency closures as posted.
- (d)(1)(iv) During combined rifle season, when Bowen-Baker Road is open to vehicles, leashed pets are permitted on the road as far as the Bowen-Baker trailhead parking area. After the hunting season the road reverts to trail status and is closed to pets.

## Section 7.7 Snowmobiles

- (e)(1) All parts of Rocky Mountain National Park are closed to recreational snowmobile use except for the following:
- North Supply Access Trail, which enters the south Park boundary adjacent to U.S. Highway 34 from the town of Grand Lake and travels north to Sun Valley Road (Grand County Road 491)
  - The trail adjacent to Sun Valley Road (CR 491) as delineated by orange pylons to the park's western boundary (west bank of the Colorado River).
- (e)(3) The maximum speed limit on all designated snowmobile routes is **25 M.P.H.**, unless changed by posted signs.

