

Section 2.15 – Pets

These subparagraphs shall not apply to authorized service/guide dogs in performance of their duties or training, however leash requirements will apply to such dogs when applicable.

Authorized Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks search and rescue dogs are permitted on the following trails to provide preventative search and rescue education to the public:

- General Sherman Tree trail from the parking areas to the General Sherman Tree.
- General Grant Tree loop trail from the parking area to the General Grant Tree.

(a)(1) 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 open to the public, and are permitted within established campgrounds and picnic areas; dogs, cats, and other pets are prohibited in the wilderness and on established trails.

(a)(3) Park residents may leave their pets tied and unattended within the boundaries of their yards.

(a)(5) Pet feces in campgrounds, campsites, residential areas, lawns, and around public buildings must be properly disposed of by the person responsible for the pet.

(e) Pets may be kept by park residents under the following conditions:

Residents may keep pets in accordance with the current SEKI Pet Policy [Management Directive No. 46] approved by the Superintendent. Such document is, by this reference, made part of these regulations.

Section 2.16 – Horses and Pack Animals

(a) The following animals are designated as pack animals for the purposes of transporting equipment:

Horses
Mules
Burros / Donkeys
Llamas

(b) The use of horses or pack animals is allowed on the following trails, routes or areas:

1. Routes and areas designated for the use of horses and pack animals are all areas except designated campgrounds, picnic areas, amphitheaters, paved roads and paved trails and such closures as identified in the annual Stock Use and Grazing Regulation handout.
2. Stock Travel in Sixty Lakes Basin is restricted to the established trail to a point approximately 2.0 miles from the junction of the John Muir Trail with the Sixty Lakes Trail, and is only permitted as a day use activity.

(d) Free-trailing or loose-herding is allowed on the following trails/routes, subject to the following conditions noted:

Only as necessary for crossing steep rock passes or where exposure is great and there is danger of animals falling off the trail.

(g) Other conditions concerning the use of horses and pack animals:

Grazing is permitted in accordance with the terms and conditions of the annual **SEKI Stock Use and Grazing Regulations handout**, Stock Users Guide, and annual opening date's announcement. Specific meadow opening dates may change due to actual field conditions. It is the responsibility of the user to check on meadow status with the Wilderness Office before beginning a trip.

The maximum number of stock allowed per party is twenty (20). Some areas have lower limits as identified in the annual **SEKI Stock Use and Grazing Regulations** and in the Stock User's Guide.

When confinement of stock is necessary, use existing hitch rails or a picket line between two trees or rocks on a flat, hard, non-vegetated site at least 100 feet away from the trail, water, and camp.

All manure shall be removed and scattered from within 100 feet of campsites.

Dead stock must be moved at least 300 feet from trails, designated campsites, water and water sources within 72 hours. A park employee – preferably a ranger – must be notified of the location of the animal within 72 hours of death.

Reference: Stock Use and Meadow Management Plan, 1986.



IN REPLY REFER TO

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MANAGEMENT DIRECTIVE NO. 46

Subject: Pet Policy

INTRODUCTION

Pets shall be permitted within these Parks in accordance with 36 CFR 2.15 and under conditions that will not alter Parks' resources or endanger safety. The objective of the Parks' Pet Policy is to provide residents the opportunity to own pets while:

1. Assuring that pets do not detract from or impair the resources of these Parks;
2. Assuring compliance with applicable Federal, State, County, and local regulations;
3. Protecting visitors and employees from physical threat from pets and from persistent annoyance from noise or other offensive conditions.

The possession of pets is a privilege, not a right, and pet owners bear the responsibility of adhering to the established conditions and restrictions set forth in this Directive. Violation of any of these conditions or restrictions may result in legal action and/or constitute grounds for removal of the pet or pets from these Parks or eviction of the employee from government housing.

SCOPE

These guidelines apply to all NPS employees, concession employees, and contractors living within these Parks. Non-resident employees and Park visitors are regulated by 36 CFR 2.15.

CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

1. A permit must be obtained from the Superintendent's Office within 14 days after bringing a pet into these Parks. A copy of the permit is attached to this Directive and can be xeroxed for submission. Permit must be renewed annually during the month of January. A current veterinarian's certificate of vaccinations is required along with

the application for a permit. Dogs must have inoculations for rabies, distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis, and parvovirus. Cats must have inoculations for rabies, pan-leukopenia (feline distemper), rhinotracheitis, and calicivirus. An inoculation for feline leukemia is recommended. Permits are valid only for the pet described and are non-transferable. Owners are encouraged to obtain the permit prior to obtaining the pet to avoid the possibility of acquiring a pet which cannot be kept in these Parks.

2. Dogs and cats should wear a tag bearing the name of the owner. Free roaming pets found without such identification will be considered feral or abandoned after a reasonable attempt is made to identify the pet owner within the local community.
3. There is a limit of three cats or dogs, or any combination of the two. There is no limit on the number of other household pets (i.e., fish, birds, gerbils, etc.) a resident may keep as long as they do not result in problems with health and safety, maintenance or modification of residence, obnoxious odors, or noise.
4. Pet owners are responsible for preventing their pets from disturbing, menacing, or causing inconvenience to others. Owners are responsible and will be billed for damage to residences or other property.
5. Pets must be controlled in accordance with this Policy. They must be secured on a leash or "run," in an approved enclosure, or within the residence. However, dogs and cats may be temporarily unleashed in the owners unfenced yard provided that someone with direct control of the animal is present. To build any exterior structures for pets, the owner must obtain, in advance, approval from the Superintendent. Such structures must be constructed of quality materials and conform to appropriate standards. When away from the residence or yard area pets must be controlled in the same manner as required of visitors.
6. Employees who own pets shall be responsible for normal care, feeding, shelter, and health of their pets. Pet abuse is prohibited by California Law.
7. Pets are not allowed in shared seasonal housing (see Directive No. 13, Seasonal Housing Policy).
8. Pets are not allowed in the backcountry.
9. Pets are not permitted in offices or in Government vehicles.
10. Pet owners must keep pet food or pet food containers where they are not accessible to bears or other wildlife; small pets which might constitute prey shall not be left unattended, even where the yard is fenced or the animal is tied or caged.
11. Pet owners shall not allow pets to make noise that is unreasonable considering location, time of day or night, impact on other residents or Park users, and other relevant factors.

12. Persistent demonstration of aggressive tendencies by any pet may constitute grounds for the revocation of the permit, and the animal's removal from these Parks may be ordered by the Superintendent.
13. No pets may be released in these Parks, even if native to the area.
14. Pet Permits will not be issued for any of the following:
 - a. Threatened or endangered species (State or Federal listing), unless authorized by appropriate permits.
 - b. Wildlife captured or collected within these Parks.
 - c. Any animals obtained illegally.
 - d. Animals, which, if they escaped, could:
 - i contaminate these Parks' gene pools (e.g., native species from populations not represented in these Parks);
 - ii become established in these Parks' fauna as another alien species (e.g., European ferret); cats and dogs are exempt.
 - e. Farm animals such as pigs, chickens, geese, ducks, etc.
15. Horses, burros, llamas and mules may be boarded at commercial concession operated facilities.
16. A resident may petition the Superintendent for a variance to this Policy. Variances will be granted only when the resident can make an appropriate justification and demonstrate that granting the permit will not compromise Parks' resources, public safety, or cause a nuisance.

ENFORCEMENT

Failure to comply with conditions and restrictions in this Policy is a violation of Park Regulations. Title 36, CFR Section 2.15 (e) authorizes the Superintendent to identify conditions under which pets may be kept by residents, and prohibits violation of these conditions.

Individuals with complaints about another person's pet(s) are encouraged to speak directly to the owner of the offending pets. When that fails, or if the person does not feel comfortable confronting the owner(s), problems should be reported to the area Law Enforcement Rangers. Area Rangers will investigate the complaint and determine whether it represents a legitimate violation of this Policy or other regulations contained in 36 CFR 2.15. Actions taken by Law Enforcement Rangers will be based upon all circumstances involved in the

offense, and may range from verbal warning to a mandatory court appearance. Upon evidence of repeated violations the Superintendent may revoke the pet permit or require the employee to vacate government housing.

Park Rangers may impound pets that are running at large. Reasonable efforts will be made to notify the owner. Owners of impounded pets may be charged up to \$25.00 a day for food, care, and administrative costs. Pets or feral animals running at large and observed killing, injuring or molesting humans, livestock, or wildlife may be destroyed by an authorized person if necessary for public safety or protection of wildlife, livestock, or other Parks resources.



Michael J. Tollefson
Superintendent

Attachment (Pet Permit)

PET PERMIT

_____, a resident of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, is authorized, for one year from date, to keep the pet(s) described below, subject to the conditions outlined in **Management Directive No. 46, Subject: Pet Policy.**

() Cat () Dog

Breed _____ Sex _____ Age _____

Name, distinctive features (marks, color, weight), whether spayed or neutered:

Veterinarian's Certificate of inoculation must be attached.

Other Pets

Species*	Where Obtained	Number
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

*Generalize for aquarium fish.

I have carefully read and understand the conditions outlined in Management Directive No. 46, Subject: Pet Policy. I agree to abide by those conditions and I fully understand that any breach of the conditions shall be sufficient cause for the revocation of this permit and the removal of the pet(s) from the Parks or my vacating Government housing.

Employee-Owner _____ Date _____
(signature)

Housing Address _____

Mailing Address _____

Approved By:

Superintendent's Secretary _____ **Date** _____

Distribution (to be completed by Superintendent's Secretary):

- Original - Permittee
- Copy - Superintendent's Secretary
- Copy - () Kings Canyon District Ranger, or () Sequoia District Ranger



2010 STOCK USE AND GRAZING REGULATIONS

These area-specific regulations supplement the minimum impact regulations and guidelines. In the regulations stock use refers to travel and camping with stock (horses, mules, burros, or llamas) and grazing in designated forage areas. Areas closed to grazing are open to stock travel and camping with stock provided they remain confined on a hardened surface and are given substitute feeds. Areas closed to stock are closed to all stock access. Areas open to day rides and pass-through travel only are open to stock travel, but animals may not graze or stay overnight. Maximum party size is 20 head of stock, 15 people unless otherwise stated. Stock are restricted to within 1/2 mile of maintained trails unless in designated off-trail areas. If any of your stock dies in the wilderness, notify a ranger as soon as possible for help in properly disposing of the animal. **Dead stock must be removed at least 300 feet from trails, campsites, and water within 72 hours of death.** Carry a rake to fill in pawed-up areas and scatter all manure piles when you leave camp. Remove all manure from within 100 feet of the campsite to reduce odors and insect problems, and to maintain the appearance of the site. Tie to trees only when packing or unpacking stock. **Never tie to trees smaller than 6" in diameter (at breast height).**

Enjoy your visit to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks!

For additional information: Wilderness Office, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, Three Rivers, CA 93271 Telephone: (559)565-3766

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Kings Canyon National Park

South Fork San Joaquin River

Upper Goddard Canyon	Day rides only from one mile above Hell-for-Sure Trail Junction to Martha Lake
Hell-for-Sure Pass	Unmaintained trail open to stock use
McClure Meadow*	Temporarily <u>closed to grazing</u>
Darwin Meadow*	Temporarily <u>closed to grazing</u> in Darwin Meadow proper. Stock users are required to use the "pocket meadows" in the forested area to the north and west of Darwin Meadow
Lake 11,106	Day rides only
Darwin Bench & Canyon	<u>Closed to stock</u>
Evolution Basin	<u>Closed to grazing</u> by horses and mules from Evolution Lake to Muir Pass; 1 night grazing for walking groups with burros or llamas
Mc Gee Canyon	Unmaintained trail below 10,400' open to stock use; <u>closed to stock</u> above 10,400'

Middle Fork Kings River Drainage

Blue Canyon area	Unmaintained trail below 10,000' open to stock use; <u>closed to stock</u> above 10,000'
Goddard Creek Meadows	<u>Closed to grazing</u> from 10,200' to 10,400'
Big Pete Meadow	<u>Closed to grazing</u> by commercial stock (unless given written permission from superintendent).
Dusy Basin	<u>Closed to grazing</u> from lower lip of Basin to Bishop Pass, including Rainbow Lakes; special food storage requirements in effect Memorial Day weekend to October 31

Monarch Divide

Kennedy Canyon	Open to unrestricted off-trail stock use
Dougherty/Horseshoe Creeks	Open to unrestricted off-trail stock use except:
Shorty's Meadow	2 night grazing limit
Granite Basin	Open to unrestricted off-trail stock use except:
Granite Lake	<u>Closed to grazing</u>
Grouse Lake	Unmaintained trail open to stock use
Hotel Creek	Traditional off-trail routes and forage areas open to stock use

Woods Creek Drainage

Paradise Valley	<u>Closed to grazing</u> up to the Lower Castle Domes drift fence
Castle Domes Meadow	15 head per party maximum; 1 night grazing limit
Woods Creek Crossing	2 meadows on south side of Woods Creek below camp area <u>closed to grazing</u>
Woods Lake Meadows/Basin	<u>Closed to grazing</u> around Woods Lake shore; trail to Sawmill Pass open to stock use
Baxter Creek Drainage	Day rides and pass-through travel only from John Muir Trail to Baxter Pass
Sixty Lakes Basin*	Day use only; stock travel restricted to established trail to a point approximately 2 miles from the junction of the John Muir Trail with the Sixty Lakes Trail
Rae Lakes Basin*	Entire Basin <u>closed to grazing</u> , including Dragon Lake meadow; special food storage requirements in effect Memorial Day weekend through October 31

Bubbs Creek Drainage

Lower Bubbs Creek & Charlotte Creek Confluence	<u>Closed to grazing</u> by horses and mules below the lower Junction Meadow drift fence; 1 night grazing for walking parties with burros or llamas
Sphinx Lakes	Unmaintained trail open to stock use
Junction Meadow (Bubbs)*	15 head per party maximum; 1 night grazing limit. Due to flooding, the lower portion of the meadow is <u>closed to grazing</u> . Grazing of the upper meadow is limited to private stock and 50 nights for the Cedar Grove Pack Station only.
East Lake	1 night grazing limit; <u>closed to grazing</u> below the drift fence
Lake Reflection	<u>Closed to stock</u>
Vidette Meadow	<u>Closed to grazing</u>
Upper Vidette Meadow*	Temporarily <u>closed to grazing</u> ;
Vidette Lakes	<u>Closed to stock</u>
Center Basin	Day rides only above the John Muir Trail
Kearsarge/Bullfrog Lakes	<u>Closed to grazing</u> ; low trail through basin <u>closed to stock</u> except spot trips to Kearsarge Lakes from the upper trail junction
Charlotte Lake Meadows	Meadows immediately above and below Charlotte Lake <u>closed to grazing</u>
Charlotte Creek Meadow	2 night grazing limit below the drift fence west of (below) Charlotte Lake

Roaring River Drainage

Roaring River Drainage	Open to unrestricted off-trail stock use except for the following:
Roaring River Ranger Station	<u>Closed to public grazing</u> on the west side of Roaring River from the Ranger Station down to the drift fence
Scaffold Meadow-JR Pasture	Administrative pasture <u>closed to public use</u>
Scaffold Meadow-Tourist Pasture	15 head per party maximum; 2 night grazing limit, including nights in Lackey Pasture
Lackey Pasture*	3 head per party maximum; 2 night grazing limit
Cement Table Meadow	15 head per party maximum; 3 night grazing limit
Grave Meadow	15 head per party maximum; 3 night grazing limit
Ellis Meadow	<u>Closed to grazing</u>
Tom Sears Meadow	<u>Closed to grazing</u>
Seville Lake	<u>Closed to grazing</u>

Meadows with an asterisk () are temporarily closed to grazing or otherwise restricted for the 2010 season to allow for restoration

Sequoia National Park

Middle and Marble Forks, Kaweah River Drainage

Lakes Trail	Trail to Heather, Emerald, and Pear Lakes open for <u>day rides only</u>
Frontcountry Trails	Wolverton Cutoff, Alta, Panther Gap, and Seven Mile Trails open for day rides and <u>pass-through travel only</u> ; High Sierra Trail <u>closed to stock</u> from Crescent Meadow to Wolverton Cutoff
Giant Forest/Lodgepole	All meadows within 5 miles of Giant Forest Museum (includes Crescent, Cahoon, Willow, and Halstead meadows) <u>closed to grazing</u> ; <u>All paved trails closed to stock</u>
Redwood Meadow*	Lower (northern) section only open to private and commercial use, 2 night limit; Upper (southern) section temporarily closed to grazing
Granite Creek	Unmaintained trail from Redwood Meadow to upper Granite Creek open to stock use, probably impassible
Hamilton Lakes	<u>Closed to grazing</u>
Redwood Canyon	<u>Closed to grazing</u> (Kings Canyon National Park)

Mineral King Area, East & South Fork Kaweah River Drainage

Mineral King Valley & Lake Basins	<u>Closed to grazing</u> by horses and mules; 1 night grazing for walking parties with burros or llamas
Sawtooth Pass	<u>Closed to stock</u> from Monarch Lake to switchbacks below Columbine Lake
South Fork Kaweah River	Open to unrestricted off-trail use
Hockett Plateau	Open to unrestricted stock use except the following four areas:
Hockett Pasture	Administrative pasture closed to public stock use
Mitchell Meadow	<u>Closed to grazing</u>
South Fork Meadow*	Limited to 75 nights in 2010
Summit Lake Meadow*	Limited to 100 nights in 2010

West Kern Plateau

(Chagoopa, Funston, Big Arroyo, Rattlesnake, Laurel and Coyote Creeks)

West Kern Plateau	Open to unrestricted off-trail stock use except for the following three areas:
Big & Little Five Lakes	Closed to off-trail stock use; open to stock use within 1/2 mile of maintained trails
Little Five Lakes	Stringer Meadow southeast of ranger station <u>closed to grazing</u>
Forester Lake Meadow*	Temporarily <u>closed to grazing</u>

Kern River Canyon

Junction Meadow (Kern)	15 head per party maximum; 1 night grazing limit
Kern Hot Springs	Small meadow immediately adjacent to hot springs <u>closed to stock</u>
Lower Kern River Canyon	Open to unrestricted off-trail stock use below Kern Hot Springs except
Upper Funston Meadow	2 night grazing limit; camp in designated sites if available. Special regulations in place to prevent the spread of Velvet grass. Ask for details when you pick up your wilderness permit
Lower Funston Meadow*	Temporarily <u>closed to grazing</u>
Lewis Camp Large Pasture	Administrative pasture closed to public stock use
Kern Station Small Pasture	Administrative pasture closed to public stock use

Upper Kern River

(Kern-Kaweah, Upper Kern, Tyndall, Wright and Wallace Creeks)

Milestone Basin	Special permit required; Permit requires: 1 party at a time; 8 head, 2 night grazing limit; grazing permitted only north of Milestone Creek. No stock travel above 10,800'. Contact Wilderness Office for details
Lake South America Col Meadow	Small lake south of Lake South America and large meadow farther south along trail <u>closed to grazing</u>
John Dean Cutoff	Unmaintained trail from Tyndall Creek Ranger Station to Kern Canyon open to stock use
Shepherd Pass	<u>Day rides and pass-through travel only</u> within 1 mile of Shepherd Pass
Wright Creek Drainage	Unmaintained route below 11,200' open to stock use; <u>day rides only</u> above 11,200'
Wright Creek Closed Meadow	Side drainage in east-central Wright Lakes Basin <u>closed to grazing</u>
Wright to Wallace Creeks	Unmaintained route between Wright and Wallace Creek drainages open for <u>day use and pass-through travel only</u>
Wallace Creek Drainage	Unmaintained trail below 11,200' open to stock use; <u>day rides only</u> above 11,200'
Wallace Creek Waterfall Meadow	6 head per party maximum; 1 night grazing limit
Wallace Creek Closed Meadow	Meadow 1 mile above Waterfall Meadow and 1/2 mile below Wallace Lake (at 11,140') <u>closed to grazing</u>
Kern Canyon Overlooks	Open for day rides on unmaintained side routes

Whitney Creek

Mt. Whitney Trail	Open for day rides only from Timberline Lake to one mile above Guitar Lake
Guitar Lake	<u>Closed to grazing</u> by horses and mules; 1 night grazing for walking parties with burros or llamas
Timberline Lake	<u>Closed to grazing and camping</u>
Crabtree Ranger Station Stringer	Meadow along Whitney Creek adjacent to the ranger station <u>closed to grazing</u>
Crabtree Meadows*	Upper Crabtree Meadow is temporarily <u>closed to grazing</u> in 2010;
	Lower Crabtree Meadow is open, but limited to 47 nights in 2010.
Crabtree Lakes	Closed to stock above hitchrail located 1/2 mile below lower lake
Lower Whitney Creek Meadow	Open for commercial and private grazing; consider using Sandy Meadow to aid further recovery
Kern Canyon Overlooks	<u>Open for day rides</u> on unmaintained side trails

Rock Creek

Lower Rock Creek	Unmaintained trail below Lower Rock Creek Crossing open to stock use
Guyot Creek and Meadow	Large meadow southwest of JMT crossing of Guyot Creek at 10,400' <u>closed to grazing</u>
Forgotten Cyn to Funston Lake	Unmaintained trail open to stock use
Rock Creek Ranger Station Meadow	Wet meadow between ranger station and Pacific Crest Trail <u>closed to grazing</u>
Siberian Outpost	Unmaintained trail from Siberian Outpost to Boreal Plateau and Rocky Lakes Basin open to stock use
Upper Rock Creek	2 night grazing limit for all of the Upper Rock area, Nathan's Meadow and above
Rock Creek Meadow #2	Small meadow immediately above drift fence <u>closed to grazing</u>
Rock Creek Stringer & Lower	2 night grazing limit for all of the Upper Rock area, Nathan's Meadow and above
Rock Creek Lake Meadow	
Miter Basin	Unmaintained trail from Lower Rock Creek Lake to Primrose Lake outlet stream open to stock use; <u>day rides only</u> above Primrose Lake outlet stream
Upper Soldier Lake	2 meadows above Upper Soldier Lake are <u>closed to stock</u>

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