



Accessible Wilderness

Concept 2

Compared to current conditions, the park provides a greater diversity of experiences in the entrance area, and emphasizes maintaining the integrity and quality of the wilderness character of the park.

Visitors of all ability levels will find recreational opportunities in the entrance area to suit their needs, and the entrance area can be a destination in and of itself. The shoulder seasons are geared toward independent visitors, with the possibility for increased guiding or commercial operations.

Changes from present conditions are focused on increasing the availability and accessibility of outdoor and wilderness recreation opportunities and encouraging visitors to experience wilderness.

Winter Road Plowing

- No plowing until spring road opening

Road Access

- Winter = non-motorized recreation
- Shoulder season
 - o Primarily private vehicles
 - o Commercial use of the road mostly, but not exclusively, focuses on serving existing uses (e.g., bike rentals and tours, transit service).
 - o Summer bus tours do not start until other park operations are at summer capacity ~May 15. Shorter tours to Primrose are possible during a portion of the spring season beginning ~May 10

Visitor Facilities

- Visitor center = Increased size of the MSLC (second story or other addition), upgrades to MSLC utilities, continued use of Murie Dining Hall as a secondary visitor space and indoor picnic area, possible use of the entire Murie Dining Hall building
- Additional emergency warm space established and advertised in the entrance area

Winter Public Use Shelters

- The park may choose to conduct a trial with a few shelters in the frontcountry and/or in the Mountain Vista – Primrose road corridor
- Possible public use of park patrol cabins adjacent to the park road
- Public access to existing commercially used quinzees may be considered
- Max = Shelters in the frontcountry, Mountain Vista – Primrose road corridor, and/or in the locations currently occupied by commercial use quinzees, possible public use of park patrol cabins adjacent to the park road

Trails

- Continue grooming the McKinley Station – Riley Campground loop
- Consider additional seasonal (February – March) grooming in the frontcountry area
- Non-groomed trails are user-maintained
- Park aufeis monitoring efforts may continue to informally provide a semi-maintained snow surface for non-motorized recreation on the park road
- Winter fat-tire biking on the park road

