



Varied Experiences

Concept 3

Compared to current conditions, the park provides a wider array of experiences across a variety of locations, ranging from easy and comfortable activities to wilderness adventures. The entrance area encompasses this variety, and the opportunities afforded by Mtn. Vista and other portals into the park (e.g., Stampede, Windy Creek) lean more to the wild side of the spectrum. The plowed section of the road affords motorized sightseeing as well as access to the threshold of a vast wilderness.

The shoulder seasons are primarily focused on independent visitors, but shuttles and commercial opportunities may be present in the busy spring, and summer tours may bleed over into the edges of the spring and fall. Changes from present conditions are focused on increasing the diversity of off-season recreational opportunities and encouraging visitors to explore the park in whatever manner seems most appealing to them.

Winter Road Plowing

Road is plowed to Mtn. Vista beginning in mid-February

Road Access

- Winter
 - Non-motorized recreation prior to mid-February
 - Private vehicles and commercially-operated tours after plowing opens the road
 - Commercially-operated shuttles could be considered if demand is present
- Shoulder season
 - Primarily private vehicles
 - Commercial operations (shuttles, tours) may be possible
 - Summer tours may have minor spillover into the end of the spring season ~May 10

Visitor Facilities

- Visitor Center: The Denali Bus Depot (WAC) is the winter visitor center and remains the summer bus depot
- Possibility for a temporary, unheated, enclosed shelter at Mountain Vista when the road is open

Winter Public Use Shelters

- The park may choose to conduct a trial with a few shelters in the frontcountry and/or in the Primrose area road corridor
- Possible public use of park cabins adjacent to road
- Max = Public use of existing commercially-used quinzees or additional quinzees in the same locations (Sanctuary, Igloo, Toklat, Thorofare) as well as the trial areas in the frontcountry or Primrose area, possible public use of park patrol cabins adjacent to park road

Trails

- Continue grooming the McKinley Station – Riley campground loop
- Consider additional grooming in the frontcountry area
- Upgrades to the Spring Trail to allow for safe public use
- Mountain Vista trails may be wanded to safely separate uses, but trails are not formally maintained
- Ensure mushing access from Mountain Vista is adequate enough to safely pass teams
- Winter fat-tire biking on the road and Spring Trail

