

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMPENDIUM

2022

YUKON-CHARLEY RIVERS NATIONAL PRESERVE

The National Park Service is seeking public comment on a proposed change to the Superintendent's Compendium for Yukon-Charley Rivers National Preserve. The compendium is a written compilation of designations, closures, permit requirements and other restrictions adopted under the Superintendent's discretionary authority.

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<https://parkplanning.nps.gov/YUCH-Compendium-2022>

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After review and consideration of the need for annual updates, the following substantive change is proposed:

36 CFR 13.35(d): The Superintendent may authorize, with or without conditions, the collection of dead standing wood in all or a portion of a park area. Collecting dead or downed wood in violation of terms and conditions is prohibited:

- Standing dead trees may be cut from September through April for the sole purpose of heating public use cabins and temporary shelters within the preserve.
- Harvested trees may not be exported from the preserve.
- Trees will be harvested for immediate use only. Any excess wood left at public use cabins will be cut to an appropriate length and stacked no closer than 30 feet from structures. Any excess wood at temporary shelter sites must be dispersed. Caching firewood for future use is prohibited.
- Girdling live trees for future harvest as deadwood is prohibited.
- Commercial use of harvested trees is prohibited.
- Cutting and transport of harvested wood will be conducted in a manner that minimizes damage to the vegetative mat and underlying soils.
- Tree stumps will be flush cut at ground level at a height not greater than two (2) inches. All tree limbs, tops, or unremoved debris left from cutting will be lopped and scattered. Depth of debris will not be greater than eighteen (18) inches. All tree parts greater than three (3) inches in diameter must be used.
- Standing dead trees will be harvested no closer than three hundred (300) feet from existing structures and no closer than fifty (50) feet from roads, paths, and waterways. Trees will only be taken from areas outside of the normal view of the public and in areas where cutting will not impact other park users, wildlife or natural and cultural resources.

- A minimum of twelve (12) standing dead trees per acre will be left for wildlife habitat.
- Block or clear-cutting is prohibited. A minimum of fifty (50) feet will be maintained between harvested trees.
- Most areas of the preserve are managed as eligible wilderness. Chainsaw use is not permitted on these lands. Land status can be verified online (<https://www.nps.gov/yuch/planyourvisit/maps.htm>) or by contacting the preserve in advance.
- In areas where chainsaw use is allowed (i.e., non-eligible wilderness), chainsaws fuel and bar oil will be stored in approved containers. All precautions should be taken to prevent fuel spills. All chainsaws must have the appropriate spark arrestors meeting USFS specifications.

The reason for this action is as follows:

The Superintendent has authorized this change to the Superintendent's Compendium for Yukon-Charley Rivers National Preserve to ensure the public has means to provide heat at public use cabins and other temporary structures for visitor safety or comfort during times of year when ground wood may not be prevalent.

Superintendent Signature, Date