

PROPOSED CHANGES
SUPERINTENDENT'S COMPENDIUM

2024

DENALI NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE

The Superintendent is seeking comment on proposed changes to the Superintendent's Compendium. A compendium is a written compilation of designations, closures, permit requirements and other restrictions adopted under the Superintendent's discretionary authority.

Information on how to submit comments is available at:
<https://www.nps.gov/locations/alaska/proposed-compendiums.htm>

After review and consideration of the need for annual updates, the following changes are proposed.

36 CFR 2.10(d) Food storage: designated areas and methods

Current language:

3. a. Food and beverages, food and beverage containers, garbage, harvested fish, and all other scented items must be stored in a bear resistant container at least 100 feet from camp in the following backcountry units from April 15 through September 30.
- b. In treeless areas where BRCs are not required, at a minimum food shall be stored in double wrapped plastic at least 100 feet downwind from campsite.
- c. In forested areas where BRC's are not required, at a minimum food shall be suspended at least 10 feet above the ground and four feet horizontally from a post, tree trunk, or other object, and at least 100 feet down-wind from tent sites.

Proposed New Language:

3. a. Food and beverages, food and beverage containers, garbage, harvested fish, and all other scented items must be stored in a bear resistant container at least 100 **yards** from camp in the following backcountry units from April 15 through September 30.
- b. In treeless areas where BRCs are not required, at a minimum food shall be stored in double wrapped plastic at least 100 **yards** downwind from campsite.
- c. In forested areas where BRC's are not required, at a minimum food shall be suspended at least 10 feet above the ground and four feet horizontally from a post, tree trunk, or other object, and at least 100 **yards** down-wind from tent sites.

Why Change is Warranted:

100 yards is the standard best practice for food storage distance from a campsite. We believe the original 100-foot designation was a typo and 100 yards will align with other park regulations and what we have been advising visitors.

36 CFR 5.4 Commercial passenger-carrying motor vehicles.

Current language:

- (a) The commercial transportation of passengers by motor vehicles except as authorized under a contract or permit from the Secretary or his authorized representative is prohibited in... Denali National Park and Preserve (prohibition does not apply to that portion of the Denali Park road between the Highway 3 junction and the Denali Park Railroad Depot)...

Proposed New Language:

- (a) The commercial transportation of passengers by motor vehicles except as authorized under a contract or permit from the Secretary or his authorized representative is prohibited in... Denali National Park and Preserve (prohibition does not apply to that portion of the Denali Park road between the Highway 3 junction and the Denali Visitor Center)...

Why Change is Warranted:

The railroad depot was the stopping point for commercial vehicles in the past before the hotel was removed and the new Denali Visitor Center built. Current traffic flow, parking capacities, and signage allow commercial vehicles to drive to the Denali Visitor Center.

36 CFR 13.930 Do I need a permit to operate a motor vehicle on the Denali Park Road west of the Savage River?

Current language:

A permit is not required for non-commercial use of the Park Road between Savage River and Teklanika Rest Area (1) from the conclusion of Road Lottery and closure of the road for the season due to weather or safety conditions, or (2) in spring when conditions allow for driving until initiation of the transit service.

Proposed New Language:

A permit is not required for non-commercial use of the Park Road between Savage River and Teklanika Rest Area (1) from the conclusion of transit service until closure of the road for the season due to weather or safety conditions, or (2) in spring when conditions allow for driving until initiation of the transit service.

Why Change is Warranted:

Road Lottery did not occur in 2021, 2022, or 2023 and is no longer a current reference to indicate when private vehicles are allowed between Savage River and Teklanika Rest Area without a permit.

36 CFR 13.976(a) Designated campgrounds for lighting or maintaining fires

Current language:

The following campgrounds are designated for the lighting or maintaining of fires in established receptacles: Riley Creek, Savage River, and Teklanika River Campgrounds.

Proposed New Language:

The following campgrounds are designated for the lighting or maintaining of fires in established receptacles within designated campgrounds or in portable smokeless self-contained fire pits within established campsites within designated campgrounds: Riley Creek, Savage River, and Teklanika River Campgrounds.

Why Change is Warranted:

This proposed change would allow portable smokeless self-contained fire pits to be used within established campsites within designated campgrounds in the park.