

Superintendent's Compendium 2017

Summary of Changes

The following items have been modified, added or deleted since the last approval.

A small number of minor changes, i.e. spelling, formatting, etc. that do not change the meaning of the text have been made and are not recorded here.

I. SECTION 1.5 CLOSURES AND PUBLIC USE LIMITS (A)(2)

Addition p 4

Hopi Point Repeater Site

The Hopi Point Repeater Site and access road, located on the south side of Hermit's Rest Road/West Rim Drive at Hopi Point, are closed to public entry.

(Public access of this area is restricted for public safety and protection of the integrity of operational communications equipment)

Addition p 7

North Rim Range and Range Road

Public use, access and presence on the North Rim Range Road are prohibited.

(Firearms training and qualifications can occur at any time of day or night. This closure protects the public from exposure to projectiles.)

Modification p11 The word 'temporary' was removed from the description of the Waldon Trailhead parking lot.

The trailhead parking is outside of the proposed Wilderness and is an established trailhead parking.

(a)(2) The following restrictions and/or conditions are in effect for the specific uses or activities noted:

Addition p 14

Parking

Vehicles over 22 feet in length are not allowed to park in parking lots "A", located at Park Headquarters, parking lot "4", located at the Grand Canyon Visitor Center adjacent to the bicycle rental shop, and at the Yavapai Geology Museum parking lot.

Authorized school groups accessing Park Headquarters and Xanterra Tour Busses accessing the Yavapai Geology Museum are excepted.

(This restriction is necessary due to limited space and parking lot configurations.)

II. SECTION 1.6 – ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT

Clarification p 15

Overnight users must follow all rules and regulations including those on the backcountry permit.

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Persons hiking in to camp with a river trip must for each night either:

- Be included on the river permit, or
- Be included on a backcountry permit for that use area.

Modification p 15 See Justification below in italics

River Assisted Backcountry Travel (RABT) is defined as the transient travel on the Colorado River using a portable, personal raft (typically packrafts) for the purpose of crossing the river to access a route or trail on the other side or to travel a limited distance to gain access to a route or trail. The primary purpose of the trip is land based, typically a backcountry hike or canyoneering trip, and the travel on the Colorado River is incidental. River Assisted Backcountry Travel is allowed under the following conditions:

- The group must have a backcountry permit with River Assisted Backcountry Travel designation regardless of duration of trip.
- A Type III or Type V PFD must be worn by each person while on the Colorado River.
- Multiple crossings/launches are approved if the permitted itinerary requires them.
- The distance travelled on the river is limited to 8 miles per backcountry permit, or approved exceptions.
- Any packraft or device used on the river for river assisted backcountry travel must be carried in and out by the person.
- The river travel does NOT occur within the following restricted areas:
 - Lees Ferry (River Mile 0) to the Navajo Bridge (RM4.5) and
 - Boat Beach (RM 88) to Pipe Creek (RM 89.5).

(The previous compendium regulation allowed for river crossings of less than 5 miles and only where walking was not possible. The amended regulation has been updated from lessons learned from current management practices)

III. GENERAL REGULATIONS

No changes.

