

Determination to Change Olympic National Park Regulations

Consistent with applicable legislation and Federal administrative policies, and based upon a determination that such action is necessary for the maintenance of public health and safety, protection of environmental or scenic values, protection of natural or cultural resources, aid to scientific research, implementation of management responsibilities, equitable allocation and use of facilities, or the avoidance of conflict among visitor use activities, the Superintendent makes the following changes to Olympic National Park Regulations.

1. Regulation change:

Effective April 1, 2008 the closure of North Shore Road and South Shore Road in the Quinault area is cancelled. *Until further notice, the following areas remain closed to all public access:*

- 1) Graves Creek Road, from the intersection with South Shore Road to the Graves Creek trailhead;
- 2) North Fork Road, from the intersection with North Shore Road to the North Fork trailhead.

2. Previous regulation(s) affected by this change:

An emergency Regulation Change was adopted January 24, 2008, closing North Shore, South Shore, North Fork, and Graves Creek Roads in the Quinault District of Olympic National Park. Prior to that emergency change, public entry was allowed into these areas.

3. Date of this Regulation Change: April 1, 2008

4. Reasons for change:

The Quinault Loop Road (North Shore and South Shore Roads) has been repaired and is reopened to public use. The emergency closure for North Fork and Graves Creek Roads is still necessary to protect the public from hazardous conditions caused by storm damage to the area. There is no safe access into this area by motorized vehicle or foot travel. Roads, campgrounds, buildings and facilities are closed until a damage assessment and necessary immediate repairs can be completed. Construction, repair activities and heavy equipment operation in these areas may also pose a threat to public safety.

5. Effective Date(s):

Beginning on April 1, 2008, and until further notice. This closure order will be continually re-evaluated, and areas re-opened as soon as conditions permit.

6. Authority for adoption: Code of Federal Regulations, 36 CFR, Part 1.5

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