

Useful Information for Planning Your Climb

Trash Monitoring:

Mt. McKinley expeditions will have their trash weighed upon return to basecamp. All expeditions are required to transport trash in the “blue” bags (provided by the National Park Service).

Fuel Can Monitoring:

Fuel cans distributed from the Kahiltna Basecamp will be marked with the expedition’s permit number.

Human Waste Disposal:

If CMC’s are not available for use, all human waste must be deposited into biodegradable bags (provided by the National Park Service) and disposed of in a deep crevasse away from popular trails. All bags will be marked with the expedition’s name or permit number.

Tips for Proper Disposal of Human Waste:

In an effort to make sure that the snow is clean for future water supplies please follow these tips:

- Use Clean Mountain Cans (CMC) when available
- Consolidate pee holes away from camping areas
- Always use biodegradable bags when you do not have a CMC
- Dispose of your human waste bag in a deep crevasse
- Do not leave human waste on the snow
- The National Park Service has installed outhouses for public use at Kahiltna Basecamp and 14,200 feet on the West Buttress of Denali

Your cooperation in accepting these responsibilities will contribute significantly to our collective care for this special place, so that all may experience a pristine glacier environment, both now and in the future. The proper disposal of trash, fuel cans and human waste are not only the right thing to do, it is required. Failure to follow these requirements may result in the issuance of a violation notice, and/or additional legal actions.

Food Tips for International Climbers:

- Check with U.S. Customs regarding restricted food items (www.usda.aphis.gov).
- Custom Agents have discretionary power. It is not uncommon to have the majority of your food confiscated.
- Allow a few extra days in Anchorage to purchase food and repackage it before arriving at base camp.
- Check with Talkeetna ranger station regarding ethnic markets available in Anchorage.

For More Information:



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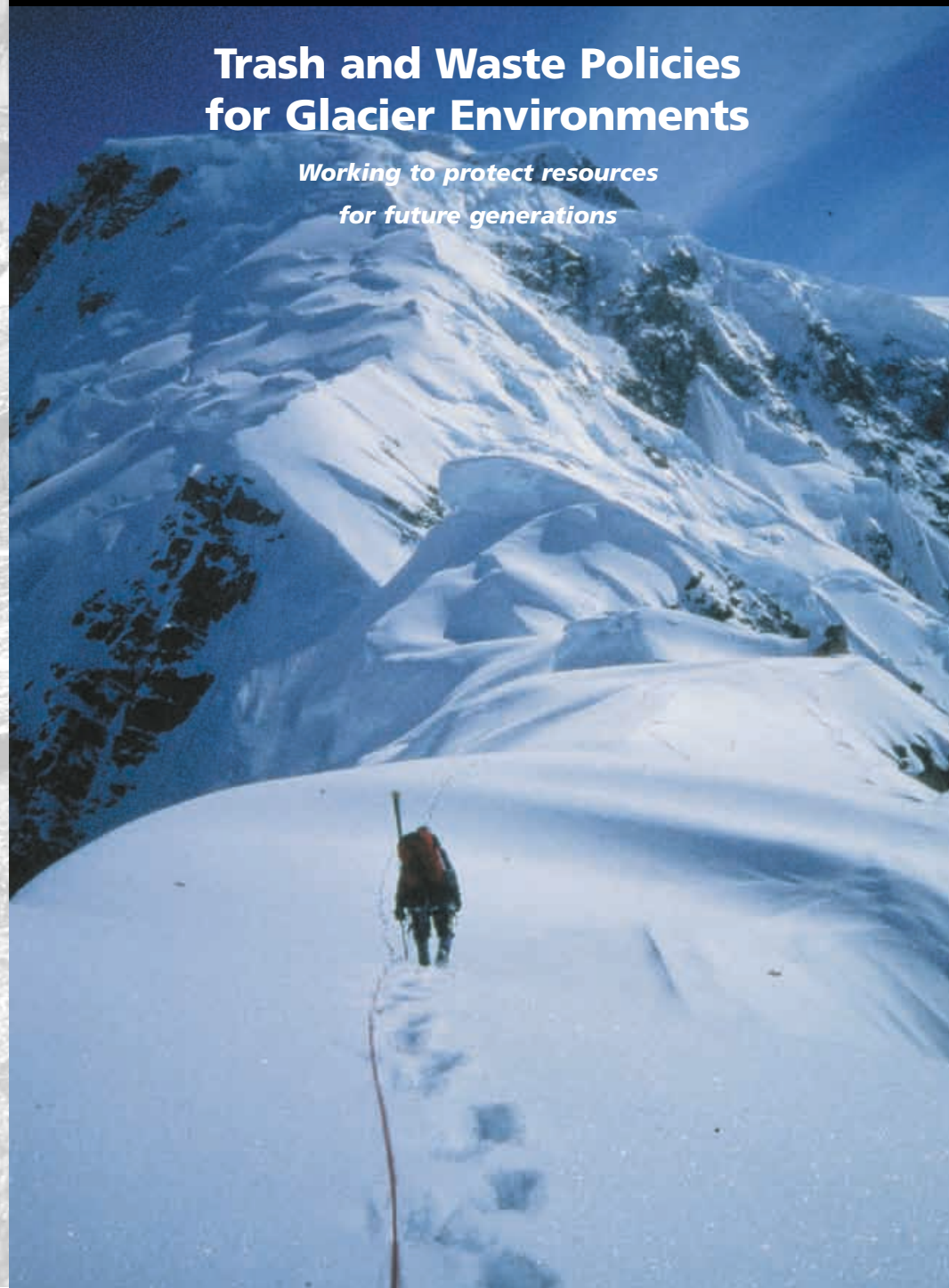
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Trash and Waste Policies for Glacier Environments

*Working to protect resources
for future generations*



Techniques to reduce trash and overall weight on your expedition



Remove all commercial packaging



Food with packaging removed takes up less space and reduces trash



Your trash may be inspected and weighed by Park Rangers

Tips for Repackaging Food:

- Buy in bulk
- Remove all commercial packaging (cardboard & some plastics can be recycled)
- Less packaging means less weight and less trash to carry
- Repackage group meals in plastic bags
- Add spices to repackaged meals ahead of time
- Label bags with contents and cooking instructions
- Consider pot size and fuel need when repackaging food
- Keep notes; what works and what does not

Burning Trash in Denali National Park and Preserve is Illegal

“Pack out what you pack in”

Clean Mountain Cans (CMCs) Protecting our Resources



Open Pit toilets are illegal



Making a deposit in the CMC



Toilet paper gets deposited in the CMC

Do Not Use Open Pit Toilets:

- They are unsanitary
- They produce large concentrations of human feces
- They create a higher risk of water contamination and dysentery
- Feces buried within one meter of snow surface will melt out during the climbing season

Clean Mountain Cans:

- Promotes “Leave No Trace” ethics in glacier environments
- Helps to keep drinking water clean for future parties
- Protects the environment for future generations
- They are lightweight, convenient, durable and reusable.

Locations of Park Maintained Toilets

- Kahiltna Glacier Base Camp
- Denali’s West Buttress 14,200-foot camp
- Ruth Glacier Airstrip

“Any person who becomes a wilderness mountaineer has a deep and abiding responsibility to help preserve the wilderness environment for present and future generations.”

Mountaineering Freedom of the Hills

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