

## 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:

Beginning at 12:01 p.m. on January 24, 2008 and until further notice the following areas will be closed to all public access:

- 1) North Shore Road, from the gate at Clark's Spur, eastward to and including the Quinault River bridge;
- 2) South Shore Road, from the NPS boundary eastward to the Quinault River bridge;
- 3) Graves Creek Road, from the intersection with South Shore Road to the Graves Creek trailhead;
- 4) North Fork Road, from the intersection with North Shore Road to the North Fork trailhead.

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

This is an emergency regulation change adopted for the Quinault District within Olympic National Park. The previous regulations allowed public entry into these areas.

**3. Date of Adoption:** January 24, 2008

### 4. Reasons for change:

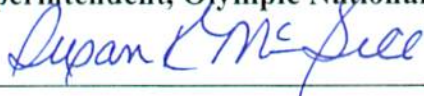
This emergency closure is necessary to protect the public from hazardous conditions caused by storm damage to the area. There is no safe access into this area by motorized vehicle or foot travel. Roads, campgrounds, buildings and facilities are closed until a damage assessment and necessary immediate 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 at 12:01 p.m. on January 24, 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

Superintendent, Olympic National Park



Date:

