

## 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.

<b>1. Regulation change:</b>  Beginning at 12:01 a.m. on May 5, 2008 and until further notice the Hurricane Ridge Road will be closed to bicycle use above the Heart O' the Hills campground.	
<b>2. Previous regulation(s) affected by this change:</b>  This is an emergency regulation change adopted for the Hurricane Ridge District within Olympic National Park. The previous regulations allowed bicycle use into these areas.	
<b>3. Date of Adoption:</b> May 5, 2008	
<b>4. Reasons for change:</b>  This emergency closure is necessary to protect the public from hazardous conditions caused by road construction above the Heart o' the Hills campground. Visitor safety during road construction is of utmost importance. Heavy machinery, limited visibility, uneven and unpaved road surfaces (up to four miles at a time), one-lane sections of road, frequent timed traffic delays and lack of guardrails will all pose risks during the upcoming construction season. These, combined with the road's typical mountain characteristics (steep grade, tight curves, limited sight distance, frequent fog), have led to the decision to restrict bicyclists from using the road during the construction project.	
<b>5. Effective Date(s):</b>  Beginning at 12:01 a.m. on May 5, 2008, and until further notice. This closure order will be withdrawn and cancelled when roadway conditions are safe for bicyclists.	
<b>6. Authority for adoption:</b> Code of Federal Regulations, 36 CFR, Part 1.5	
<b>Superintendent, Olympic National Park</b> <i>Dupan K McFee</i>	<b>Date:</b> <i>5/1/08</i>