GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK Superintendent's Compendium Summary of Changes

November 30th, 2023

The following items have been added, modified, or deleted since the previous edition of the Superintendent's Compendium. Changes are shown in red.

Minor changes such as formatting, spelling, and punctuation changes that do not change the meaning of the text are not recorded here.

CONTENT CHANGES:

ADDED:

Introduction

Closed Captioned Television (CCTV) Monitoring Policy

In accordance with National Park Service Law Enforcement Reference Manual 9 (RM-9), notice is hereby given that Grand Canyon National Park uses Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) security camera monitoring and recording in some locations within the park.

The park's use of CCTV is for law enforcement and security purposes, and is used to visually monitor public park areas and public activities where no constitutionally protected reasonable expectation of privacy exists.

CCTV is used to help ensure public safety and security; facilitate the detection, investigation, prevention, and deterrence of crime; help ensure the safety of citizens and officers; assist in the proper allocation and deployment of public safety resources; and to help facilitate the protection of the innocent and the apprehension and prosecution of criminals (RM-9, 26.1).

This policy does not restrict the use of audio and visual recording devices by the park's law enforcement officers (RM-9, 26.1). This policy also does not restrict the official use of CCTV in the government administrative areas, including administrative buildings, jail holding facilities, revenue collection sites, and locations where the government may record or monitor its facilities, such as entrance stations and visitor center counters.

Operation of CCTV cameras, maintenance of recorded images, and use of recorded images will be in accordance with National Park Service and Department of Interior policy and applicable laws and regulations (RM-9, 26.1-26.4).

No person will be targeted or monitored merely because of race, religion, gender, sex, disability, national origin, or political affiliation or views (RM-9, 26.4.2).

This section has been added as it was identified as a requirement during the park's law enforcement audit conducted in September of 2023.

36 FR Part 1: General Provisions 36 FR § 1.5: Closures and Public Use Limits

(13) 21-Gun Salutes Limited to Memorial Day and Military Internments Only: A 21-Gun Salute shall only be permitted on Memorial Day and for military interments. This activity requires a permit authorized by the superintendent. 36 CFR § 1.5, 36 CFR § 2.50, and RM 53 C8-1.

(21-gun salutes within the park require the assignment of a significant number of park personnel and park resources, and thereby take personnel and resources away from providing essential public services, to include emergency services. Therefore, this activity is limited to only these two occasions that have the most meaningful association to the park area, and whose observance contributes most to visitor understanding of the significance of the park area. 36 CFR § 2.50 and RM 53 C8-1.)

MODIFIED:

36 CFR Part 1: General Provisions

36 CFR § 1.5: Closures and Public Use Limits

- (8) Vehicles over 22 Feet in Length Restricted: Vehicles over 22 feet in length are restricted from the following North and South Rim roads and parking lots. This measurement reflects the total length of the vehicle from end to end, including anything towed. 36 CFR § 1.5 (a)(2)
 - (a) On the North Rim they are prohibited from using the W1, W1A, W4, Fire Point, and Cape Royal Roads, and they are prohibited from parking in front of the North Rim Visitor Center (except when actively loading or unloading passengers). At Tuweep they are prohibited in the Tuweep Area and Kanab Plateau roads.
 - (b) On the South Rim they are prohibited from parking 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 the Yavapai Geology Museum parking lot. Authorized school groups accessing Park Headquarters and Xanterra Tour Buses accessing the Yavapai Geology Museum are excepted.

DELETED:

36 CFR Part 1: General Provisions 36 CFR § 1.5: Closures and Public Use Limits

(11) Mask-Wearing Requirements:

When the COVID-19 Community Level is LOW or MEDIUM in the county or all the counties where the park is located based on data provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), individuals are not required to wear masks.

When the COVID-19 Community Level is HIGH in the county or all the counties where the park is located based on data provided by the CDC, all individuals over the age of two must wear masks, regardless of vaccination status, in all common areas and shared workspaces in buildings owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by the National Park Service such as park visitor centers and government administrative offices. This rule does not apply to park lodges, gift shops, restaurants, schools, and daycare centers.

Masks must cover the nose and mouth and fit snugly around the nose and chin with no large gaps around the sides of the face. Masks not designed to be protective, masks with ventilation valves, and face shields do not meet the requirement.

Regardless of the COVID-19 Community Level, individuals may wear masks if they choose to do so. Where a state, local, tribal, or territorial government where the park is located imposes more protective mask-wearing requirements than those indicated by the COVID-19 Community Level, individuals must follow those more protective requirements within the park. More protective state, local, tribal, or territorial mask-wearing requirements are hereby adopted as federal requirements in all units of the National Park System located within that state, locality, area subject to a federally recognized Indian tribe's regulatory jurisdiction, or territory, regardless of a particular park's jurisdictional status.

(On September 15th, 2022, the Safer Federal Workforce Task Force issued "Model Agency COVID-19 Safety Principles" which provides federal agencies with guidance on utilizing the CDC's COVID-19 Community Levels to determine the appropriate mask-wearing requirements for each federal facility at a given time.)

The most recent version of the United States Department of Interior Implementation Guidance for the COVID-19 Workplace Safety Plan, version 7.0, June 7th, 2023, does not contain any requirement or authorization for mask or COVID-19 related regulations to be contained in the Superintendent's Compendium.

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