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USE OF AUTOMOBILES IN NATIONAL PARKS.

LETTER

FROM

U.S. Dept. of the Interior

THE ACTING SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

INFORMATION IN RESPONSE TO SENATE RESOLUTION OF MARCH 9, 1912, RELATIVE TO THE USE OF AUTOMOBILES IN NATIONAL PARKS UNDER CONTROL OF THE DEPARTMENT.

MARCH 15, 1912.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, March 13, 1912.

SIR: I am in receipt of a resolution of the Senate, dated March 9, as follows:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to submit to the Senate, as early as practicable, a statement giving the names of the national parks under the control of the Department of the Interior, if any, in which automobiles or other motor cars are permitted to be used, and the rules and regulations governing such use; also such plans, if any, as may have been or are under consideration by the Department of the Interior for permitting the use of automobiles or motor cars in the Yellowstone National Park; and the estimates of cost, if any have been made, which would be entailed by the possible construction of new roads or changes in the use of present roads should automobiles be admitted to said park.

In response thereto I have to state that automobiles and motor cycles are admitted to the Mount Rainier National Park, in Washington; the General Grant National Park, in California; and the Crater Lake National Park, in Oregon, under regulations in force during the season of 1911, copies of which are herewith transmitted. It is planned to reissue these regulations for the season of 1912.

Motor-driven machines are also admitted to the Wind Cave National Park, in South Dakota, and to the Platt National Park, in Oklahoma, the roads in these latter reservations being of such character and width that it has not been found necessary to issue special automobile regulations in relation thereto. Copies of the general rules for the government of said parks, however, are transmitted herewith.

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The Department has uniformly declined to allow automobiles or motorcycles in the Yellowstone National Park owing to the fact that in permitting them to be used on the roads in this reservation it would be dangerous to persons passing over the roads on horseback or in vehicles drawn by horses.

The appropriations made by Congress for the improvement of Yellowstone National Park, including the construction and repair of roads, are expended under the supervision of the Secretary of War, under whose supervision estimates of cost of construction of new roads, or changes in the present roads, would be prepared for submission to Congress. This department has no plans under consideration for permitting the use of automobiles or motor cars in the park.

Very respectfully,

SAMUEL ADAMS,
Acting Secretary.

The PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE ADMISSION OF AUTOMOBILES INTO THE MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK, WASH., DURING THE SEASON OF 1910.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., April 6, 1910.

Pursuant to the authority conferred by the act of March 2, 1899 (30 Stat., 993), setting aside certain lands in the State of Washington as a public park, the following regulations governing the admission of automobiles into the Mount Rainier National Park, during the season of 1910, are hereby established and made public:

1. No automobiles will be permitted within the metes and bounds of the Mount Rainier National Park unless the owner thereof secures a written permit from the superintendent, Edward S. Hall, Ashford, Wash., or his representative.

2. Applications for permits must show: (a) Name of owner, (b) number of machine, (c) name of driver, and (d) inclusive dates for which permit is desired, not exceeding one year, and be accompanied by a fee of \$5 for each machine.

Permits must be presented to the superintendent or his authorized representatives at the park entrance on the Government road. The permittee will not be allowed to do a transportation business in the park without a special license therefor from the Secretary of the Interior.

3. The use of automobiles will be permitted on the Government road from the western boundary of Mount Rainier National Park to Longmire Springs between the hours of 8 a. m. and 6.30 p. m., but no automobile shall enter the park or leave Longmire Springs in the direction of the western boundary later than 6 p. m.; the use of automobiles to be permitted on the Government road between Longmire Springs and the glacier between the hours of 9.30 a. m. and 4.30 p. m.: *Provided, however,* That the superintendent may, in his discretion, make rules for the regulation of automobiles on that portion of the Government road beyond Nisqually Glacier when it is safe to permit automobiles thereon. Until the making of such rules no automobile shall be permitted to go beyond Nisqually Glacier.

4. When teams approach, automobiles will take position on the outer edge of the roadway, regardless of the direction in which they are going, taking care that sufficient room is left on the inside for the passage of team.

5. Automobiles will stop when teams approach and remain at rest until teams have passed or until teamsters are satisfied regarding the safety of their teams.

6. Speed will be limited to 6 miles per hour, except on straight stretches where approaching teams will be visible, when, if no teams are in sight, this speed may be increased to the rate indicated on signboards along the road; in no event, however, shall it exceed 15 miles per hour.

7. Signal with horn will be given at or near every bend, to announce to approaching teams the proximity of an automobile.

8. Teams have the right of way, and automobiles will be backed or otherwise handled, as necessary, so as to enable teams to pass with safety.

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9. Permits issued under the regulations of March 12, 1909, which extend over a part of the season of 1910, will be subject to these regulations. All permits granted at any time when automobiles can enter the park will expire on December 31 of the year of issue.

All automobile regulations heretofore issued are canceled and revoked.

10. Violation of any of the foregoing rules, or the general regulations for the government of the park, will cause the revocation of permit; will subject the owner of the automobile to any damages occasioned thereby, and to ejection from the reservation; and be cause for refusal to issue a new permit to the owner without prior sanction in writing from the Secretary of the Interior.

R. A. BALLINGER,
Secretary of the Interior.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE ADMISSION OF AUTOMOBILES AND MOTORCYCLES INTO
THE GENERAL GRANT NATIONAL PARK, CAL., DURING THE SEASON OF 1910.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., August 17, 1910.

Pursuant to authority conferred by the act of October 1, 1890 (26 Stat., 650), setting aside certain lands in the State of California as a public park, the following regulations governing the admission of automobiles into the General Grant National Park are hereby established and made public:

1. No automobiles will be permitted within the metes and bounds of General Grant National Park unless the owner thereof secures a written permit from the acting superintendent or his representative. Permits may be obtained from the acting superintendent at Three Rivers, Cal., or his authorized representative at the rangers' headquarters on the Government road in the General Grant National Park.

2. Applications for permits must show: (a) Name of owner, (b) number of machine, (c) name of driver, and (d) inclusive dates for which permit is desired, not exceeding one year, and be accompanied by a fee of \$1 for a single round trip through the park, or a fee of \$5 for each machine per annum. Permits must be presented to the acting superintendent or his authorized representative at the rangers' headquarters on the Government road. The permittee will not be allowed to do a transportation business in the park without a special license therefor from the Secretary of the Interior. All permits granted at any time when automobiles can enter the park will expire on December 31 of the year of issue.

3. The use of automobiles will be permitted only on the Millwood Road, the Round Meadow Road, the North Road north of its junction with the north end of the Round Meadow Road, and the tourists' camp grounds and return between the hours of 6.30 a. m. and 10.30 a. m., and between the hours of 3.30 p. m. and 6.30 p. m.

4. When teams approach, automobiles will take position on the outer edge of roadway, regardless of the direction in which they are going, taking care that sufficient room is left on the inside for the passage of teams.

5. Automobiles will stop when teams approach, and remain at rest until teams have passed or until teamsters are satisfied regarding the safety of their teams.

6. Speed will be limited to 6 miles per hour, except on straight stretches where approaching teams will be visible, when, if no teams are in sight, this speed may be increased to the rate indicated on signboards along the road; in no event, however, shall it exceed 15 miles per hour.

7. Signal with horn will be given at or near every bend to announce to approaching teams the proximity of an automobile.

8. Teams have the right of way, and automobiles will be backed or otherwise handled, as necessary, so as to enable teams to pass with safety.

9. Violation of any of the foregoing rules or the general regulations for the government of the park will cause revocation of permit; will subject the owner of the automobile to any damages occasioned thereby, and to ejection from the reservation; and be cause for refusal to issue a new permit to the owner without prior sanction in writing from the Secretary of the Interior.

10. All persons passing through the park with automobiles should be required to stop at the rangers' headquarters and register their names.

11. These rules are also applicable to motor cycles, which may use only the roads herein mentioned on payment of a fee of \$1 for each machine per annum. Permits issued therefor shall expire on December 31 of the year of issue.

FRANK PIERCE,
Acting Secretary of the Interior.

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REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE ADMISSION OF AUTOMOBILES INTO THE CRATER LAKE NATIONAL PARK, OREG., DURING THE SEASON OF 1911.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., November 15, 1910.

Pursuant to authority conferred by the act of May 22, 1902 (32 Stats., 202), setting aside certain lands in the State of Oregon as a public park, the following regulations governing the admission of automobiles into the Crater Lake National Park during the season of 1911 are hereby established and made public:

1. No automobile will be permitted within the metes and bounds of the Crater Lake National Park unless the owner thereof secures a written permit from the superintendent or his representative.

2. Applications for permits must show: (a) Name of owner, (b) number of machine, (c) name of driver, and (d) inclusive dates for which permit is desired, not exceeding one year, and be accompanied by a fee of \$1 for a single round trip through the park, or a fee of \$5 per annum for each machine for personal use and not for hire.

Permits must be presented to the superintendent, or his authorized representative, at the rangers' headquarters on the Government roads. Permittees will not be allowed to do a commercial transportation business in the park without a special license therefor from the Secretary of the Interior. All permits granted at any time when automobiles can enter the park will expire on December 31 of the year of issue.

3. The use of automobiles will be permitted on the Government roads from the southern and western boundaries of the park between the hours of 6.30 a. m. and 10.30 a. m., and between the hours of 3.30 p. m. and 6.30 p. m.

4. When teams approach, automobiles will take position on the outer edge of roadway, regardless of the direction in which they are going, taking care that sufficient room is left on the inside for the passage of teams.

5. Automobiles will stop when teams approach and remain at rest until teams have passed or until teamsters are satisfied regarding the safety of their teams.

6. Speed will be limited to 6 miles per hour, except on straight stretches where approaching teams will be visible, when, if no teams are in sight, this speed may be increased to the rate indicated on signboards along the road; in no event, however, shall it exceed 15 miles per hour.

7. Signal with horn will be given at or near every bend to announce to drivers of approaching teams the proximity of an automobile.

8. Teams have the right of way, and automobiles will be backed or otherwise handled, as necessary, so as to enable teams to pass with safety.

9. Violation of any of the foregoing rules, or the general regulations for the government of the park, will cause revocation of permit; will subject the owner of the automobile to any damages occasioned thereby, and to ejection from the reservation; and be cause for refusal to issue a new permit to the owner without prior sanction in writing from the Secretary of the Interior.

10. All persons passing through the park with automobiles are required to stop at the superintendent's headquarters or the rangers' headquarters and register their names.

11. These rules are also applicable to motorcycles, which may use the park roads on payment of a fee of \$1 for each machine per annum; permits issued therefor shall expire on December 31 of the year of issue.

R. A. BALLINGER,
Secretary of the Interior.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE WIND CAVE NATIONAL PARK.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., June 10, 1908.

Pursuant to authority conferred by the act of Congress approved January 9, 1903, the following rules and regulations for the government of the Wind Cave National Park, in South Dakota, are hereby established and made public:

1. It is forbidden to remove or injure the specimens or formation in and around the wind cave, or to deface the same by written inscription or otherwise, or to injure or disturb in any manner or carry off any of the mineral deposits, specimens, natural curiosities, or wonders on the Government lands within the park.

2. No person shall be permitted to enter the cave unless accompanied by the superintendent or other park employe, or by competent guides.

3. It is forbidden to cut or injure any timber growing on the park lands, or to deface or injure any Government property. Camping parties will be allowed to use dead or fallen timber for fuel.

4. Fires should be lighted only when necessary and completely extinguished when not longer required. The utmost care must be exercised at all times to avoid setting fire to the timber and grass.

5. Hunting or killing, wounding or capturing any bird or wild animal on the park lands, except dangerous animals when necessary to prevent them from destroying life or inflicting an injury, is prohibited. The outfits, including guns, traps, teams, horses, or means of transportation used by persons engaged in hunting, killing, trapping, ensnaring, or capturing such birds or wild animals, or in possession of game killed on the park lands under other circumstances than prescribed above, will be taken up by the superintendent and held subject to the order of the Secretary of the Interior, except in cases where it is shown by satisfactory evidence that the outfit is not the property of the person or persons violating this regulation and the actual owner thereof was not a party to such violation. Firearms will only be permitted in the park on written permission from the superintendent thereof.

6. Fishing in any other way than with hook and line is forbidden. Fishing may be prohibited by order of the superintendent in any of the waters of the park, or limited therein to any specified season of the year, until otherwise ordered by the Secretary of the Interior.

7. No person will be permitted to reside permanently, engage in any business, or erect buildings, etc., upon the Government lands in the park, without permission, in writing, from the Secretary of the Interior. The superintendent may grant authority to competent persons to act as guides and revoke the same in his discretion. No pack trains will be allowed in the park unless in charge of a duly registered guide.

8. Owners of patented lands within the park limits are entitled to the full use and enjoyment thereof; such lands, however, shall have the metes and bounds thereof so marked and defined that they may be readily distinguished from the park lands. Stock may be taken over the park lands to patented lands with the written permission and under the supervision of the superintendent.

9. The herding or grazing of loose stock or cattle of any kind on the Government lands in the park, as well as the driving of such stock or cattle over the same, is strictly forbidden, except in such cases where authority therefor is granted by the superintendent.

10. No drinking saloon or barroom will be permitted upon Government lands in the park.

11. Private notices or advertisements shall not be posted or displayed on the Government lands within the reservation, except such as may be necessary for the convenience and guidance of the public.

12. Persons who render themselves obnoxious by disorderly conduct or bad behavior, or who violate any of the foregoing rules, will be summarily removed from the park and will not be allowed to return without permission, in writing, from the Secretary of the Interior or the superintendent of the park.

No lessee or licensee shall retain in his employ any person whose presence in the park shall be deemed and declared by the superintendent to be subversive of the good order and management of the reservation.

13. Any person who violates any of the foregoing regulations will be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, be fined not more than \$1,000, or be imprisoned not more than 12 months, or both, in the discretion of the court, as provided by the act creating the park.

14. The superintendent designated by the Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to remove all trespassers from the Government lands in the park and enforce these rules and regulations and all the provisions of the act of Congress aforesaid.

FRANK PIERCE,
Acting Secretary of the Interior.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE IMPOUNDING AND DISPOSITION OF LOOSE LIVE STOCK
FOUND IN THE WIND CAVE NATIONAL PARK.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., June 10, 1908.

Horses, cattle, or other domestic live stock running at large or being herded or grazed on Government lands in the Wind Cave National Park without authority therefor, will be taken up and impounded by the superintendent, who will at once give notice thereof to the owner, if known. If the owner is not known, notice of such impounding, giving a description of the animal or animals, with the brands thereon, will be posted in six public places inside the park and in two public places outside the park. Any owner of an animal thus impounded may, at any time before the sale thereof, reclaim the same upon proving ownership and paying the cost of notice and all expenses incident to the taking up and detention of such animal, including the cost of feeding and

caring for the same. If any animal thus impounded shall not be reclaimed within 30 days from notice to the owner or from the date of posting notices, it shall be sold at public auction at such time and place as may be fixed by the superintendent after 10 days' notice, to be given by posting notices in six public places in the park and two public places outside the park, and by mailing to the owner, if known, a copy thereof.

All money received from the sale of such animals and remaining after the payment of all expenses incident to the taking up, impounding, and selling thereof, shall be carefully retained by the superintendent in a separate fund for a period of six months, during which time the net proceeds from the sale of any animal may be claimed by and paid to the owner upon the presentation of satisfactory proof of ownership, and if not so claimed within six months from the date of sale such proceeds shall be turned into the Wind Cave National Park fund.

The superintendent shall keep a record in which shall be set down a description of all animals impounded, giving the brands found on them, the date and locality of the taking up, the date of all notices and manner in which they were given, the date of sale, the name and address of the purchaser, the amount for which each animal was sold and the cost incurred in connection therewith, and the disposition of the proceeds.

The superintendent will, in each instance, make every reasonable effort to ascertain the owner of animals impounded and to give actual notice thereof to such owner.

FRANK PIERCE,
Acting Secretary of the Interior.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE PLATT NATIONAL PARK.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., June 10, 1908.

Pursuant to the authority conferred by the acts of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stats., 656), April 21, 1904 (33 Stats., 220), and the Oklahoma statehood act of June 16, 1906 (34 Stats., 270), the following rules and regulations for the government of the Platt National Park (formerly Sulphur Springs Reservation), in Oklahoma, are hereby established and made public:

1. It is forbidden to injure in any manner any of the springs, mineral deposits, or natural features within the park.

2. It is forbidden to cut or injure any timber or plants growing on the park lands, or to deface or injure any Government property.

3. No camping shall be permitted within 1,000 feet of any spring, nor upon any land except such as may be specifically designated for that purpose by the superintendent. Fires shall not be lighted except by the express permission of the superintendent; when so allowed, campers shall use only dead or fallen timber for fuel, and the utmost care must be exercised at all times to avoid setting fire to the timber and grass.

4. It is forbidden for any person to deposit garbage or refuse upon the park lands, except at places designated for that purpose by the superintendent, or to contaminate any of the springs or streams therein, or to divert or conduct the waters of such springs or streams from the natural or regular course.

5. No person shall remove from any of the bromide, iron, or soda springs more than 1 gallon of water in any one day, nor remove from any of the other springs more than 5 gallons in any one day, nor shall any water be taken therefrom for commercial purposes, except in pursuance of a license issued by the Secretary of the Interior. Whenever in his judgment the circumstances warrant, the superintendent may prohibit the use of the waters of any of the springs in the park other than for immediate drinking purposes at such springs, the facts in such case to be reported to the Secretary of the Interior.

6. Hunting or killing, wounding or capturing any bird or wild animal on the park lands, except dangerous animals when necessary to prevent them from destroying life or inflicting an injury, is prohibited. The outfits, including guns, traps, teams, horses, or means of transportation used by persons engaged in hunting, killing, trapping, ensnaring, or capturing such birds or wild animals, or in possession of game killed on the park lands under other circumstances than prescribed above, will be taken up by the superintendent and held subject to the order of the Secretary of the Interior, except in cases where it is shown by satisfactory evidence that the outfit is not the property of the person or persons violating this regulation and the actual owner thereof was not a party to such violation. Firearms will only be permitted in the park on written permission from the superintendent thereof.

7. Fishing with nets, seines, traps, or by the use of drugs or explosives, or in any other way than with hook and line, is prohibited. Fishing for purposes of merchandise or profit is forbidden. Fishing may be prohibited by order of the superintendent in any of the waters of the park, or limited therein to any specified season of the year, until otherwise ordered by the Secretary of the Interior.

8. No person will be permitted to reside permanently, engage in any business, or erect buildings or other improvements in the park, without permission, in writing, from the Secretary of the Interior.

9. The herding, grazing, or otherwise trespassing of cattle or loose stock of any kind within the park is strictly forbidden. Stock or cattle may be driven across the park, but must be confined to the roads and kept in motion under competent care while in the reservation.

10. No vehicles will be permitted to travel through the park except upon the roads designated for such traffic by the superintendent, and driving or riding over roads or bridges at a high rate of speed is prohibited.

11. Private notices or advertisements shall not be posted or displayed within the park, except such as may be necessary for the convenience and guidance of the public.

12. The sale of intoxicating liquors in the park is strictly forbidden.

13. No gambling or game of chance shall be permitted within the limits of the park; nor shall any person use profane or obscene language, commit or maintain a nuisance, or be guilty of disorderly conduct or any act involving immorality therein.

14. Persons who render themselves obnoxious by disorderly conduct or bad behavior, or who violate any of the foregoing rules, will be summarily removed from the park and will not be allowed to return without permission, in writing, from the Secretary of the Interior or the superintendent of the park.

No lessee or licensee shall retain in his employ any person whose presence in the park shall be deemed and declared by the superintendent to be subversive of the good order and management of the reservation.

15. Any person who violates any of the foregoing regulations will be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and be subjected to a fine, as provided by the act of April 21, 1904, of not less than \$5 nor more than \$100, and may be imprisoned for a term of not more than six months for each offense.

FRANK PIERCE,
Acting Secretary of the Interior.







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