



SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF RESEARCH PERMITS FOR GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK

- In addition to the general and special conditions of your Research Permit, you must follow all park regulations or you may be subject to a fine and/or revocation of your permit.
- BEFORE beginning your research, *check in at the office of Science and Resource Management*, Grand Teton National Park, Moose, WY, for additional instructions/information, vehicle license notation, etc. You will be assigned a subject matter expert from the Science and Resource Management staff as your *primary park liaison*. Keep them informed of progress and any deviations from your original research plan and permit.
- At least a week before you plan to work, *contact the ranger in charge of the area where you plan to work*. Rangers are the first to respond if you are in trouble, so they need to know your schedule and locations. (See attached map of ranger districts and contacts).
- Be sensitive to the possibility that even after you contact the ranger, areas may be closed on very short notice for reasons such as safety, road construction, and other park management activities. These closures apply to researchers and may cause delays in your plans.
- Carry your Research Permit with you at all times; it serves as a gate pass for the duration of your field work. Please make copies of this document, your Research Permit, and the dashboard display card for each co-investigator and field assistant, and have them carry a copy of your Research Permit with them at all times in the park. Display your Research Permit dashboard card in your vehicle whenever you park at a trailhead.
- A Backcountry Permit is required for all overnight backcountry work. If you plan to use campgrounds, regular time limits and fees apply to researchers (see park newspaper).

SAFETY FIRST! Many of the natural wonders of this park may also be potential hazards, and there is no guarantee of your safety, but Grand Teton National Park believes that **all accidents are preventable**. Personal *safety and preservation of park resources* must *take priority* over your research project.

- Backcountry/wilderness travel involves considerable risks, especially in winter. Carry survival gear, be trained in and prepared for unexpected overnight stays. Establish and follow trip planning and check-in procedures for field crews. Consult park staff for advice or training in water safety, avalanche hazards, or other risks associated with field work.
- We recommend that you carry bear spray at all times in the backcountry, travel in groups, and make noise to warn bears of your presence. Do not approach animal carcasses; they may be under watchful protection by bears. Other dangerous wildlife include bison, moose, cougars, and elk that may aggressively protect themselves or their young if you get too close. A minimum of 100 yards must be maintained from bears, and a minimum of 25 yards from other wildlife. If you cause an animal to change its behavior, no matter how far away you are, you are in violation of park regulations.
- Weather conditions in this park may change very rapidly. Be prepared for sudden and heavy rains or snowfalls, even when not forecasted. Driving conditions can be extremely variable; in addition to changing weather conditions, other common hazards include wildlife in roadways and visitors who are not paying close attention to their driving.

- Prepare safety plans or job hazard analyses for your tasks before initiating field work. Ensure that all researchers have proper safety gear/personal protective equipment, and skills needed to perform their jobs safely
- *Promptly report any accidents or incidents of property damage* in the park to your primary park contact or a park ranger. If researchers are involved in accidents, the park may review and recommend changes in your permit or protocols to improve safety.

SHARE YOUR PROGRESS. Park staff and visitors are interested in learning more about park resources, and all of us can help share relevant information.

- By April 1, please submit your Investigators Annual Report (IAR) to the Grand Teton National Park Division of Science and Resource Management. Include a copy-ready one-paragraph summary (abstract) that can be included in the park's Science and Resource Management Annual Report, available on the park website at www.nps.gov/grte and also available in hard copy.
- At the conclusion of your project, submit your Final Report by April 1 of the following year.
- If one or more publications result from the research, please send 5 copies to the Division of Science and Resource Management, P.O. Drawer 170, Grand Teton National Park, Moose, WY 83012.
- We welcome special presentations of research progress or results to park staff and/or to visitors through the summer seminar series held at the UW-NPS Grand Teton Research Center at the AMK Ranch.

We hope that your research experience in Grand Teton will be both productive and enjoyable. If you have questions regarding your permit, please contact the Division of Science and Resource Management by phone at (307) 734-3480 or email your primary contact or Megan_Callahan@nps.gov .

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