

Juneau Ranger District

Tongass National Forest

Chatham Area

FOREST ORDER**Special Motorized Vehicle Closure
Mendenhall Glacier Recreation Area
Order No. JRD-97-001**

Pursuant to Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations 261.50(a), the following is prohibited on the lands administered by the Forest Service within the Tongass National Forest in the Mendenhall Glacier Recreation Area as identified on the attached map in 'Attachment A' to this order. The primary objectives of this order are to promote safety of users and minimize resource damage.

Prohibitions

The following acts are prohibited:

36 CFR 261.56 Possessing or using a motorized vehicle off forest development roads.

Definitions

36 CFR 261.2 Definitions.

Motorized Vehicle means any vehicle which is self-propelled or any vehicle which is propelled by electric power obtained from batteries, but not operated on rails.

Vehicle means any device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported, including any frame, chassis, or body of any motor vehicle, except devices used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

- (1) Any Federal, State, or local law officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- (2) Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
- (3) Persons actively setting groomed ski tracks for public use under a volunteer agreement.
- (4) Persons operating motorized vehicles through Forest Service designated entrance points to and on frozen surfaces of Mendenhall Lake as identified on 'Attachment B' to this order.
- (5) Persons operating model airplanes in the Driedge Lakes and West Lakeshore Units of the Mendenhall Glacier Recreation Area.

These restrictions are in addition to those stated in Subpart A, Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations 261, and become effective immediately and will remain in effect until revoked.

Signed at Sitka, Alaska, this 10 day of October, 1997.


GARY MORRISON
Forest Supervisor

Violation of this order is punishable by a fine of up to \$5,000.00 or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months or both. (16 U.S.C. 551)

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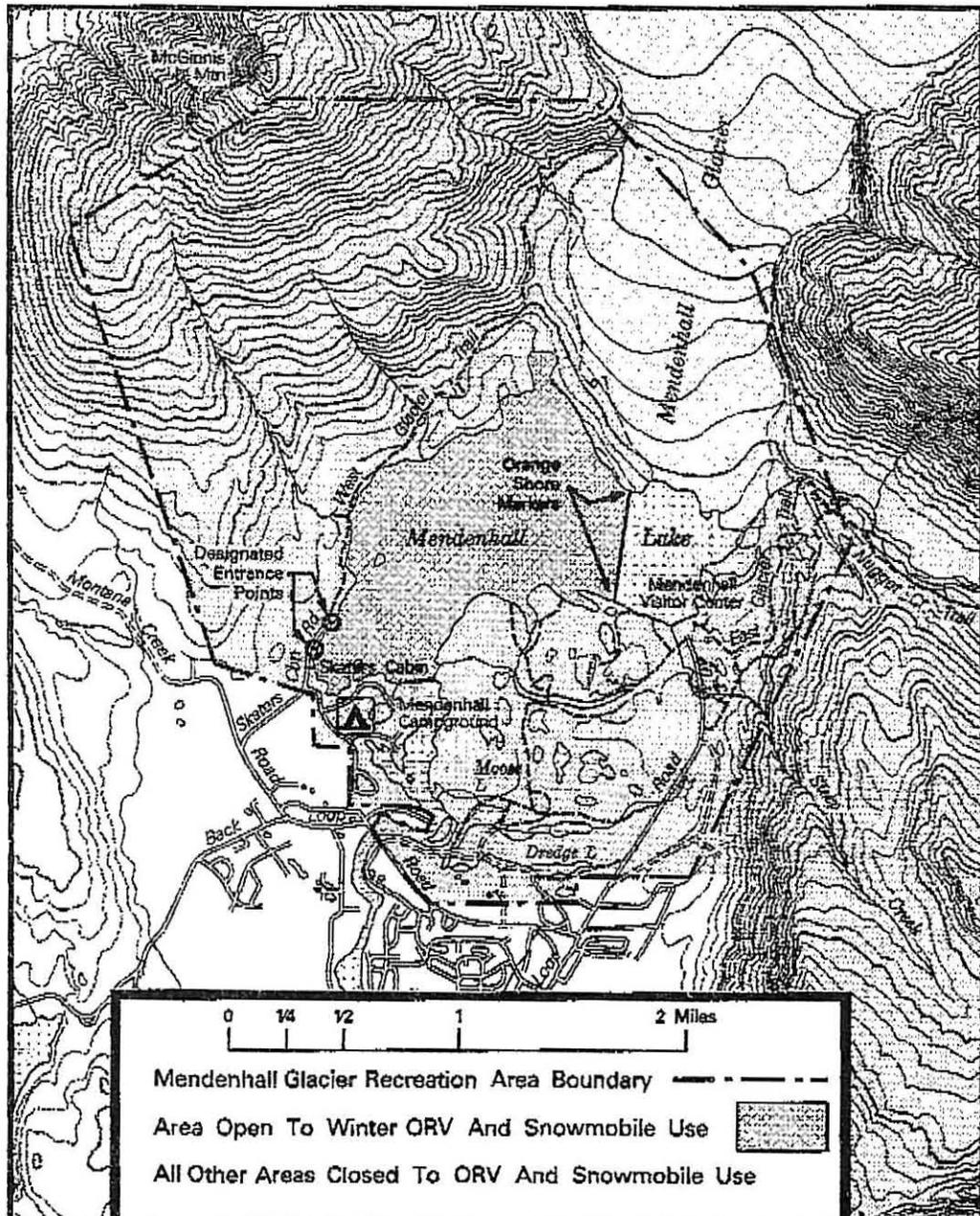
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ATTACHMENT A

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MAP



**ORDER
ENFORCED
BEGINNING
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WARNING

FREEZING AND THAWING CONDITIONS, IN ADDITION TO CALVING GLACIER ICE, CAN CAUSE DRASTIC AND DANGEROUS LAKE AND RIVER CHANGES IN THE STABILITY OF FROZEN SURFACES. RECREATION ACTIVITIES SUCH AS SNOWMOBILING, ORV RIDING, SKIING, SKATING, SLEDDING, HIKING, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES CAN BE EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

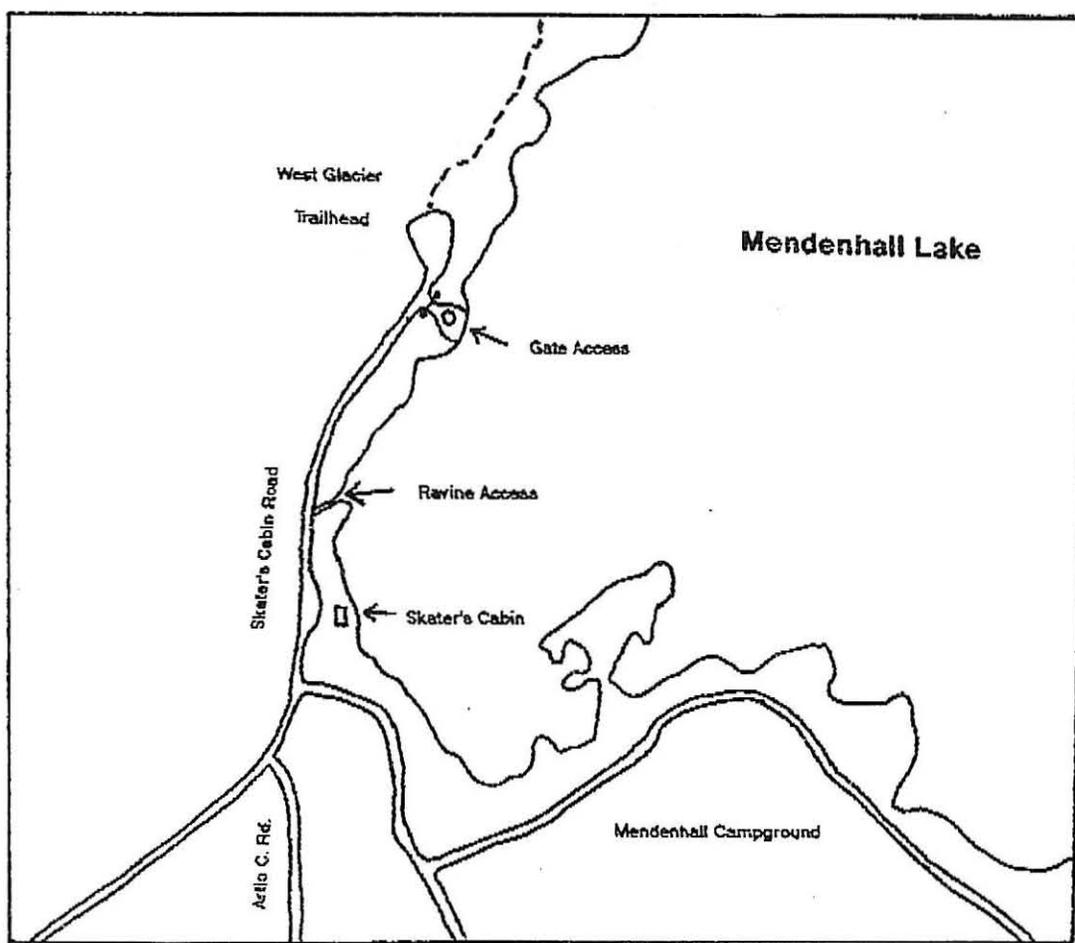
ENGAGE IN THESE ACTIVITIES AT YOUR OWN RISK

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ATTACHMENT B**Special Motorized Vehicle Closure
Mendenhall Glacier Recreation Area****WINTER USE ONLY****Designated Entrance Points
Frozen Surfaces of Mendenhall Lake**

RAVINE ACCESS - The 10 feet wide path between Skater's Cabin Road and Mendenhall Lake. This path follows a small ravine approximately 100 yards north of Skater's Cabin.

GATE ACCESS - The roadbed surface between Skater's Cabin Road and Mendenhall Lake. This roadbed surface is located behind the steel gate, across the road from the West Glacier Trailhead Parking Lot.