

# TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST

Sitka Ranger District  
Sitka, Alaska

Order No. 10-05-31-12-05

## Forest Orders - Sawmill Creek Campground

Pursuant to 36 Code of Federal Regulations 261.50 (a) and (b) the following acts are prohibited as described below, within the Sawmill Creek Campground. These restrictions are in addition to those enumerated in Subpart A, Part 261, Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, and become effective when signed and will remain in effect until rescinded.

**36 CFR 261.52 (f) - Fire: Possessing, discharging or using any kind of firework or other pyrotechnic device.**

**36 CFR 261.58 (a) - Occupancy and Use: Camping for a period longer than allowed by the order.**  
Camping for a period longer than 14 days per calendar year per party.

**36 CFR 261.58 (c) - Occupancy and Use: Entering or remaining in a campground during night periods prescribed in the order except for persons who are occupying such campgrounds.**  
Entering or remaining in a campground during the night period 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. except for persons who are occupying a campsite.

**36 CFR 261.58(u) - Occupancy and Use: Being in the area between 10:00 p.m. and 6 a.m. except a person who is camping.**

**36 CFR 261.58 (cc) - Occupancy and Use: Possessing or storing any food, refuse, as specified in the order.**

UNDER THIS ORDER IT IS REQUIRED THAT

- 1) All food, refuse or other attractants must be acceptably stored, unless it is being eaten, being prepared for immediate consumption, being transported, or being placed in acceptable storage.
- 2) Burnable attractants that cannot be completely consumed by fire (i.e., no post burning residue) must be packed out.

**Definitions:**

1. "Food, refuse and other attractants" means any substance, solid or liquid or refuse (excluding water or hay cubes without additives), which is or may be eaten or otherwise taken into the body to sustain health or life, provide energy, or promote growth of any person or animal. Also includes items such as soft drinks, alcoholic beverages and canned foods, pet foods, processed livestock feed and grains, cooking grills or barbecues, personal hygiene products, empty food and beverage containers.
2. "Acceptably stored" means:
  - a) Stored in a closed vehicle where the storage compartment is constructed of solid, non-pliable material that, when secured, will have no openings, hinges, lids, or coverings that would allow a bear to gain entry by breaking, bending, tearing, biting, or pulling with its claws (any windows in the vehicle must be closed), or
  - b) Suspended at least 15 feet clear of the ground at all points and 4 feet horizontally from any supporting tree or pole.

**Exceptions:**

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

1. Any person with a permit authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local law enforcement officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

This Order supersedes and terminates Order SRD-94-4, signed December 21, 1994 and SRD-97-4, signed April 4<sup>th</sup>, 1997. This Order may be made more restrictive by temporary order issued by the Regional Forester or the Forest Supervisor as needed to promote public safety, and to protect public property and resources.

Executed in Ketchikan, Alaska, this 13 day of April 2012.



Forrest Cole  
Forest Supervisor  
Tongass National Forest

**Penalty:** Violations of these Prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. [16 U.S.C. 551, and 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571]

**Notification:** A copy of this order shall be posted as prescribed under 36 CFR 261.51.

## **Sitka Ranger District**

### **Assessment of Need –Order 10-05-31-12-05**

**Background** – To strengthen previous Orders. Sawmill is a small and older campground that includes the trailhead for the Beaver Lake Trail. Fees are not collected, limited services are provided. It can be a very rowdy setting on weekends, sunny evenings with much negative behavior occurring much of which is alcohol parties and not legitimate camping.

**Intent of Subpart B Order:** To update, supercede and terminate old Sawmill Creek Campground Orders SRD-94-4 and Order 97-4 with the new Order 10-05-31-12-05.