

# TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST

Sitka Ranger District  
Sitka, Alaska

Order No. 10-05-31-12-03

## Forest Orders – Starrigavan Recreation Area

Pursuant to 36 Code of Federal Regulations 261.50 (a) and (b) the following acts are prohibited as described below, within the Starrigavan Recreation Area. 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A, Part 261, Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, and become effective when signed and will remain in effect until rescinded.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 261.53 (e) - Special Closures - For public health or safety.**

Being within any area or on any site of the recreation area that is posted closed due to active brown bear presence.

**36 CFR 261.58 (a) - Occupancy and Use: Camping for a period longer than allowed by the order.**

- A. Camping at one or more single campsites longer than 14 days in a calendar year per party.
- B. Camping at one or more Group campsites longer than 7 consecutive days within any 30 day period per party.
- C. Camping in Starrigavan Creek Cabin longer than 7 consecutive days within any 30 day period 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 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. except for persons who are occupying a campsite.

**36 CFR 261.58 (d) - Occupancy and Use: Occupying a developed recreation site with prohibited camping equipment prescribed by the order.**

- A) **Occupying tent only campsites 10, 15, 16, 25** with prohibited camping equipment: motorhome, RV, 5<sup>th</sup> wheel, travel trailer, pickup camper, popup van or trailer.
- B) **Occupying Starrigavan Creek Cabin** with prohibited camping equipment: tent(s), pop up tent canopy, motorhome, RV, 5<sup>th</sup> wheel, travel trailer, pickup camper, popup van or trailer.

**36 CFR 261.58 (f) - Occupancy and Use: Using a campsite or other area described in the order by more than the number of users allowed by the order.**

Using a campsite or picnic site by more than the number of users allowed.

- A. Estuary Loop campsites 1, 10, 15, 16, 25: Maximum of 6 persons per campsite.
- B. Estuary Loop campsites 9, 19: Maximum of 10 persons per campsite.
- C. Estuary Loop group campsites 21, 22: Maximum of 20 persons per group site.
- D. Estuary Loop all other campsites: Maximum of 8 persons per site including Starrigavan Creek Cabin site.
- E. Bayside and Backpacker Loop all campsites: Maximum of 6 persons per site.
- F. Bayside picnic Sites: Maximum of 20 persons per picnic shelter site or the amphitheater and maximum of 8 persons in Sites 33,34,37,38 picnic sites.

**36 CFR 261.58(g) – Occupancy and Use: Parking or leaving a vehicle in violation of posted instructions.**

**36 CFR 261.58(h) – Occupancy and Use: Parking or leaving a vehicle outside a parking space assigned to one's own camp unit.**

**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 barbeques, personal hygiene products, empty food and beverage containers.
2. **"Acceptably stored"** means:
  - a) Stored in bear-proof food locker provided.
  - b) 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
  - c) Suspended at least 15 feet clear of the ground at all points and 4 feet horizontally from any supporting tree or pole.
  - d) Stored within a hard sided residence, building (i.e. Public Recreation Use Cabin).

**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 20 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 10-05-31-12-03**

**Background** – The Starrigavan Recreation Area was previously referred to as Starrigavan Campground and Picnic Area. Many recreation facility changes and additions have occurred since the last revised Order SRD-97-4. As a major recreation complex destination, Starrigavan Recreation Area attracts more people year round. For reasons of safety, resource protection and to maintain a prized recreational complex, the area must be managed to maximize protection of the resources and facilities while providing the desired benefits to the public. Managing requires setting necessary limitations and parameters.

**Intent of Subpart B Order:** To update, supercede and terminate old Orders SRD 94-5 (Starrigavan Campground) signed January 23, 1995 and Order SRD-97-3 (Starrigavan Campground) signed April 4<sup>th</sup>, 1997.

**Enforcement Plan** – This Order will be posted in numerous locations within the Starrigavan Recreation Area complex. Strategic signing has been placed to guide the public. Volunteer Hosts are present to share information as needed daily. Law enforcement patrol emphasis will occur evenings, holidays and weekends.