

# CHUGACH NATIONAL FOREST

Order No. 10-04-00-20-08

## Forest Order

### FOOD STORAGE for DEVELOPED RECREATION SITES

Pursuant to 36 Code of Federal Regulations 261.50 (a) and (b) the following acts are prohibited as described below, in Developed Recreation Sites and at Public Recreation Use Cabins within the Chugach National Forest. These restrictions are in addition to those enumerated in Subpart A, Section 261, Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, and become effective when signed and will remain in effect until rescinded.

#### Prohibited Acts:

#### 36 CFR 261.58 – Occupancy and Use

1. Possessing, storing, or transporting any bird, fish, or animal parts thereof, as specified by the Order [Title 36, CFR 261.58 (s)]
2. Possessing or storing any food or refuse, as specified by the Order [Title 36, CFR 261.58 (cc)]

ALL FOOD, HARVESTED ANIMAL CARCASS, 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. 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. **“Developed recreation site”** means an area which has been improved or developed for recreation (i.e. campground, picnic area or trail head)
3. **“Acceptably stored”** means:
  - a. Stored in bear-resistant container certified through the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee Courtesy Inspection Program, means a securable container constructed of solid non-pliable material capable of withstanding 300 foot-pounds of energy. When secured and under stress, the container will not have any cracks, openings, or hinges that would allow a bear to gain entry by biting or pulling with its claws. Wood containers and plastic coolers are not considered bear resistant unless they are reinforced with metal
  - 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, or
  - d. Stored within a hard-sided residence, building (i.e. Public Recreation Use Cabin), or storage container subject to the terms and conditions of a special-use authorization or operating plan, or
  - e. Stored by other methods approved in a permit issued by the Forest Supervisor responsible for the area where the method is proposed for use.

**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.

Executed in Anchorage, Alaska this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020.

/s/ Jeff Schramm

June 12, 2020

Jeff Schramm  
Forest Supervisor  
Chugach National Forest

Date

**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.