

## XI. PUBLIC USE REGULATIONS

- A. The Department's public use regulations, 12.8.801 through 12.8.824, ARM, apply to all state parks including Smith River State Park and shall be indicated through signs, the Smith River State Park web page, and the private float information packet.
- B. To minimize human-bear and other wildlife conflicts and thereby provide for public safety the following food, garbage and attractant storage regulations are established for Smith River State Park and River Corridor from March 1 to December 1 annually:
- i. During daytime hours Smith River floaters and other recreationists in Smith River State Park must store all food, garbage, and other attractants in a bear-resistant manner using one or more of the following methods, at all times except when in immediate use and/or when attended:
    - Secured in a portable bear-resistant container, portable electric fence, or other storage device or system approved for such use by the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (IGBC).
    - Suspended at least 10 feet vertically above the ground and four feet horizontally from the trunk of a tree or other upright support that a bear could climb. Cutting, limbing, nailing into or otherwise damaging trees and/or constructing a fixed device is prohibited.
    - Secured inside a hard-sided vehicle, camping unit or towed unit (applicable at Camp Baker and Eden Bridge only).
  - ii. During nighttime hours, all Smith River floaters and other recreationists in Smith River State Park (including all designated boat camps) must store all food, garbage, and other attractants in a bear-resistant manner using one or more of the following methods, at all times except when in immediate use:
    - Secured in a portable bear resistant container, portable electric fence, or other storage device or system approved for such use by the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (IGBC).
    - Suspended at least 10 feet vertically above the ground and four feet horizontally from the trunk of a tree or other upright support that a bear could climb. Cutting, limbing, nailing into or otherwise damaging trees and/or constructing a fixed device is prohibited.
    - Secured inside a hard-sided vehicle and/or camping unit or towed unit (applicable at Camp Baker and Eden Bridge only).
- C. All approved food and attractant storage methods or equipment must be installed and/or utilized in accordance with manufacturer's specifications.
- D. Attractants (including food, food leftovers, food residue, grease, etc.) shall not be buried, discarded, deposited in pit toilets or burned or deposited in the fire grate or open fire.
- E. All garbage and refuse (including food, food leftovers, food residue, grease, etc.) must be properly attended or stored as referenced above and must be packed out.
- F. Food and attractant storage regulations shall be prominently signed and posted and shall be included in the terms and conditions for Smith River float permits.