

mile of the first snowmobile in the group.

(v) The Superintendent may change requirements related to guiding, including the commercial: non-commercial guide ratio. Except for emergency situations, changes to

guiding requirements may be made annually and the public will be notified of those changes by one or more of the procedures listed in § 1.7(a) of this chapter.

(9) *Are there limits established for the numbers of snowmobiles permitted to*

enter the park each day? Beginning with the winter of 2003–2004, the numbers of snowmobiles allowed to enter the park each day will be limited to a certain number per entrance. The initial limits are listed in the following table:

TABLE 1 TO § 7.13.—INITIAL DAILY SNOWMOBILE ENTRY LIMITS

Park entrance road segment	Number of commercially-guided snowmobiles entrance passes	Number of non-commercially guided snowmobile entrance passes ¹	Total number of snowmobile entrance passes
(i) YNP—North Entrance	40	10	50
(ii) YNP—West Entrance	440	110	550
(iii) YNP—South Entrance	200	50	250
(iv) YNP—East Entrance	80	20	100

¹ In the 2003–2004 winter season only, these entries would be available for unguided parties, to allow sufficient time to develop and implement a non-commercial guide training program.

(v) The limits established in Table 1 to this section apply until modified by the Superintendent. The Superintendent may establish different limits on an annual basis, after taking into consideration the effectiveness of air and sound requirements, the state of technology, monitoring results, or other relevant information. The public will be made aware of any new limits through publication in the **Federal Register** and using one or more of the methods listed in § 1.7(a) of this chapter.

(10) *When may I operate my snowmobile or snowcoach?* (i) A snowmobile or snowcoach may only be operated between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

(ii) The Superintendent may adjust operating hours. Except for emergency situations, changes to operating hours may be made annually and the public will be notified of those changes through publication in the **Federal Register** and through one or more of the methods listed in § 1.7(a) of this chapter.

(11) *What other conditions apply to the operation of oversnow vehicles?* (i) The following operating conditions are prohibited:

(A) Idling an oversnow vehicle more than 5 minutes at any one time.

(B) Operating an oversnow vehicle while the operator's state motor vehicle license or privilege is suspended or revoked by any state.

(C) Allowing or permitting an unlicensed driver to operate an oversnow vehicle.

(D) Operating an oversnow vehicle in willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons, property, or park resources or otherwise in a reckless manner.

(E) Operating an oversnow vehicle without a lighted white headlamp and red taillight.

(F) Operating an oversnow vehicle that does not have brakes in good working order.

(G) The towing of persons on skis, sleds or other sliding devices by oversnow vehicles, except in emergency situations.

(ii) The following operating conditions are required:

(A) All vehicles that stop on designated routes must pull over to the far right and next to the snow berm. Pullouts must be utilized where available and accessible. Vehicles may not be stopped in a hazardous location or where the view might be obscured, or operating so slowly as to interfere with the normal flow of traffic.

(B) Oversnow vehicle operators must possess a valid state motor vehicle operator's license. A learner's permit does not satisfy this requirement. The license must be carried on the operator's person at all times.

(C) Equipment sleds towed by a snowmobile must be pulled behind the snowmobile and fastened to the snowmobile with a rigid hitching mechanism.

(D) Snowmobiles must be properly registered and display a valid state registration sticker from any state in the United States.

(iii) The Superintendent may impose other terms and conditions as necessary to protect park resources, visitors, or employees. The public will be notified of any changes through one or more methods listed in § 1.7(a) of this chapter.

(12) *What conditions apply to alcohol use while operating an oversnow vehicle?* In addition to the regulations

contained in 36 CFR 4.23, the following conditions apply:

(i) Operating or being in actual physical control of an oversnow vehicle is prohibited when the operator is 20 years of age or younger and the alcohol concentration in the operator's blood or breath is 0.02 grams or more of alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood or 0.02 grams or more of alcohol per 210 liters of breath.

(ii) Operating or being in actual physical control of an oversnow vehicle is prohibited when the operator is a snowmobile guide or a snowcoach operator and the alcohol concentration in the operator's blood or breath is 0.02 grams or more of alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood or 0.02 grams or more of alcohol per 210 liters of breath.

(iii) Refusing to take an alcohol or drug test, as required under 36 CFR 4.23, or any conviction for driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol while driving a motor vehicle or operating an oversnow vehicle disqualifies an operator from snowmobile guiding or operating a commercial snowcoach.

(13) *Do other NPS regulations apply to the use of oversnow vehicles?* The following sections apply to the use of oversnow vehicles, but the provisions of this section govern for purposes of operating an oversnow vehicle:

(i) Notwithstanding the definition of vehicle set forth in § 1.4, the provisions of §§ 4.3, 4.4, 4.12, 4.13, 4.14, 4.20, 4.21, 4.22, and 4.23 of this chapter apply to the operation of an oversnow vehicle.

(ii) The use of snowmobiles in Yellowstone is not subject to §§ 2.18 and 2.19(b) of this chapter.

(14) *Are there any other forms of non-motorized oversnow transportation allowed in the park?* Non-motorized