

National Forest and traveling on the Grassy Lake Road to Flagg Ranch, however these snowmobiles may not travel further into the Parkway unless they meet the air and sound emissions and all other requirements of this section.

(iv) Snowmobiles not operating under a concessions contract are exempt from air and sound emissions requirements for the winter 2003–2004 only.

(v) The Superintendent may prohibit entry into the Parkway of any snowmobile that has been modified in a manner that may affect air or sound emissions.

(7) *Where must I operate my snowmobile in the Parkway?* You must operate your snowmobile only upon designated oversnow routes established within the Parkway in accordance with 36 CFR 2.18(c). The following oversnow routes are so designated for snowmobile use:

(i) The Continental Divide Snowmobile Trail (CDST) along U.S. Highway 89/287 from the southern boundary of the Parkway north to the Snake River Bridge.

(ii) Along U.S. Highway 89/287 from the Snake River Bridge to the northern boundary of the Parkway.

(iii) Grassy Lake Road from Flagg Ranch to the western boundary of the Parkway.

(iv) The Superintendent may open or close these routes, or portions thereof, for snowmobile travel after taking into consideration the location of wintering wildlife, appropriate snow cover, public safety or other factors. Notice of such opening or closing shall be provided by one or more of the methods listed in § 1.7(a) of this chapter.

(v) This paragraph also applies to non-administrative snowmobile use by NPS, contractor or concessioner employees, or other non-recreational users authorized by the Superintendent.

(vi) Maps detailing the designated oversnow routes will be available from Park Headquarters.

(8) *What routes are designated for snowcoach use?* (i) Authorized snowcoaches may only be operated on the route designated for snowmobile use in paragraph (a)(7)(ii) of this section. No other routes are open to snowcoach use.

(ii) The Superintendent may open or close this oversnow route, or portions thereof, or designate new routes for snowcoach travel after taking into consideration the location of wintering wildlife, appropriate snow cover, public safety, and other factors. Notice of such opening or closing shall be provided by one or more of the methods listed in § 1.7(a) of this chapter.

(iii) This paragraph also applies to non-administrative snowcoach use by NPS, contractor or concessioner employees, or other non-recreational users authorized by the Superintendent.

(9) *Will I be required to use a guide while snowmobiling in the Parkway?* Beginning in the winter of 2004–2005, all snowmobile operators using the oversnow route along U.S. Highway 89/287 from Flagg Ranch to the northern boundary of the parkway must be accompanied by a guide that has successfully completed an NPS-approved training program. A guide is not required in other portions of the Parkway. During the winter of 2003–2004 only, the twenty percent (20%) of the authorized daily snowmobile entries that are allocated to the general public do not require a guide.

(10) *What other requirements apply to the use of snowmobile guides?* Eighty percent (80%) of the authorized daily snowmobile use on U.S. Highway 89/287 from Flagg Ranch to the northern boundary of the Parkway is allocated under concessions contracts for commercial guiding services while the remaining twenty percent (20%) of the

authorized daily snowmobile entries are allocated to the general public for non-commercially guided parties.

(i) Non-commercial guides are required to successfully complete a training program approved by the Superintendent to include training on Parkway rules, safety considerations, and appropriate actions to minimize impacts to wildlife and other Parkway resources.

(ii) Snowmobile parties must travel in a group, including the guide. Maximum or minimum group size may be designated by the Superintendent. Notice of group size requirements shall be provided by one or more of the methods listed in § 1.7(a) of this chapter.

(iii) It is prohibited for non-commercial guides, or anyone else, to receive fees or other forms of compensation for non-commercial guiding services.

(iv) Guided parties must travel together within a maximum of one-third mile of the first snowmobile in the group.

(v) The Superintendent may change requirements related to guiding, including the commercial to non-commercial guide ratio. Except for emergency situations, changes to guiding requirements may be made on an annual basis and the public will be notified of those changes through publication in the **Federal Register** and by one or more of the procedures listed in § 1.7(a) of this chapter.

(11) *Are there limits established for the numbers of snowmobiles permitted to enter the Parkway each day?* Snowmobiles allowed to enter the Parkway each day will be limited to a specific number per road segment. The initial limits are listed in the following table:

TABLE 1 TO § 7.21.—INITIAL DAILY SNOWMOBILE ENTRY LIMITS

Park entrance/road segment	Number of commercially-guided snowmobiles	Number of non-commercially guided snowmobiles	Total number of snowmobiles
(i) GTNP and the Parkway—Total Use on CDST <sup>2</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	375
(ii) Parkway—Total Use Grassy Lake Road .....	N/A	N/A	375
(iii) Flagg Ranch to Yellowstone South Entrance .....	200	50	250

<sup>2</sup> The Continental Divide Snowmobile Trail lies within both GTNP and the Parkway. The 75 daily snowmobile use limit applies to total use on this trail in both parks.

<sup>3</sup> These users do not have to be accompanied by a guide.

(iv) The limits established in Table 1 to this section apply until modified by the Superintendent. The Superintendent may establish different limits, after taking into consideration the

effectiveness of air and sound emissions requirements, the state of technology, monitoring results, or other relevant information. The public will be made aware of new limits through publication

in the **Federal Register** and using one or more of the methods listed in § 1.7(a) of this chapter.

(12) *When may I operate my snowmobile or snowcoach?* The