

National Park Service Survey

Excerpts from a survey of 42 national parks that have large land area and are currently closed to hunting.

Park	Probable Impact	Main Contact Information
Wupatki National Monument	Hopi have asserted rights to, and attempted to take golden eagles and red-tailed hawks from this park.	Superintendent: Sam Henderson (502) 526-0502
Walnut Canyon National Monument	Hopi have asserted rights to, and attempted to take golden eagles and red-tailed hawks from this park.	Superintendent: Sam Henderson (502) 526-0502
Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument	Hopi have asserted rights to, and attempted to take golden eagles and red-tailed hawks from this park.	Superintendent: Sam Henderson (502) 526-0502
Grand Canyon National Park	Hualapi have asked to hunt big-horn sheep, deer from park land.	Cultural Resource Manager: Jan Balsom (520) 638-7888
Yellowstone National Park	The Shoshone-Bannock, Eastern Shoshone, Crow and Nex Perce have expressed desire to hunt in the park based on purported treaty rights. Courts have decided no such rights exist. Despite this, the Intertribal Buffalo Council has made statements in the press (High Country News) about opening Yellowstone to bison hunting outside of any assertions of treaty rights.	Cultural Resource Manager: Ann Johnson (307) 344-7381
Glacier National Park	The Kootenai are attempting to establish reservation rights on park land, which would include hunting.	Cultural Resource Manager: Bruce Fladmark (406) 888-7800 x7943

<p>Bandelier National Monument</p>	<p>San Ildefonso Pueblo have had "discussions" with the present administration about taking elk and deer. They appear to be pursuing this with the Justice Department.</p>	<p>Cultural Resource Manager: David Hays (505) 672-3861</p>
<p>Voyageurs National Park</p>	<p>Superintendent received call from reporter doing a story on an individuals from Minnesota Band of Chipewa who were trying to hunt in the park. She hasn't heard any more about it, however.</p>	<p>Superintendent: Barabara West (218) 283-9821</p>
<p>North Cascades National Park</p>	<p>There are outstanding "informal inquiries" from the elders of the Upper Skagits, Swinamish, and Sok-Suittale tribes. They have "expressed concern that someday we will need to deal with this matter." In particular, they have referenced the declining mountain goat population as an area of particular concern.</p>	<p>Superintendent: William Paleck (360) 856-5700 x351</p>
<p>Olympic National Park</p>	<p>In 1981, the park caught one Quinalt hunting on park land. He claimed a treaty right, which the district court initially upheld. When it looked like such treaty right existed, it was then also claimed by the Makah, Quileutte, Hoh, and Elwa Sklallam. On appeal, however, the circuit court denied the existence of the claimed treaty right. Despite this apparent defeat, the Quinalt Tribe last year threatened to declare the western portion of Olympic National Park as open to elk hunting by its members. The NPS prepared a draft letter to the Tribe saying "No Way" and but the superintendent got cold feet and never sent the letter, leaving the Quinalt assertion unchallenged.</p>	<p>Superintendent: David Morris (360) 452-0310</p>
<p>Redwood National Park</p>	<p>The Eurok have requested to hunt elk, deer.</p>	<p>Superintendent: Andrew Ringold (707) 464-6101 x5001</p>

Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lake Shore	While already authorized to hunt on park land, the Grand Traverse Band of Chippewa requested the right to trap beaver in park rivers.	Superintendent: Ivan Miller (231) 326-5134Nat
Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve	The park is currently "heavily involved" with the Hoonah Indian Association, which is seeking to harvest gull eggs, hunt harbor seals and mountain goats. NPS has agreed to work with the Hoonah and is conducting ethnographical and biological impact studies on gull egg gathering and harbor seal hunting.	Cultural Resource Manager: Wayne Howell (907) 697-2232 x662
Denali National Park and Preserve	Based on park regulations, the hunting of Caribou is off limits. However, the park has had requests to open up the herds to harvest by members of Athabascan descent.	Cultural Resource Manager: Gordon Olsen (907) 683-2294
Katamai National Park and Preserve	All six native communities living in proximity to the park have expressed an interest in opening up protected park land to cultural activities, including hunting. These communities are the King Salmon, Naknik, South Naknik, Iguigig, Levelock, and Kokhanok.	Cultural Resource Manager: Rick Clark (907) 246-2123
Crater Lake National Park	Klamath Tribe has sought to hunt in the park.	Superintendent Charles Lundy (541) 594-2211

These are different parks from 7 of the 8 National Park "regions." The national capital region was left out since it is composed primarily of historical parks that would not have met our selection criteria. The criteria we used for selection was a park that currently does not allow hunting, yet was large enough to support "hunnable" animals within its boundaries.