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Glacier Bay News Release

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE IN THE QUEEN AND RENDU INLET AREA DUE TO BEAR ACTIVITY

In Accordance with

Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations 13.50(d)(2)

Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve Superintendent Tomie Lee announced today that an immediate closure to all foot traffic and overnight camping due to recent bear activity has been ordered for the area of Queen and Rendu Inlets, in the West Arm of Glacier Bay. The closure extends from the West shore of Queen Inlet, east of longitude 136 degrees, 38 minutes along the entire shoreline to the East shore of Rendu Inlet , west of longitude 136 degrees, 33 minutes (see attached map). A brown bear sow distressed over the death of a cub has been frequenting this area. Due to the concern for public safety, this closure to all foot traffic and overnight camping will remain in effect until further notice.

This closure to all foot traffic and overnight camping is in accordance with the park's guidelines for managing bear-human interactions, and is a precautionary effort to prevent injuries to those visiting in this area of the park. Visitors to Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve are advised to contact the park's Visitor Information Station (907-697-2627) for the most current information regarding bear incidents in the area.



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