§ 2.10(d) Food Storage

• For the purpose of the following food storage regulations, the word "food" includes the following: all food (regardless of packaging), all beverages (including alcoholic beverages), garbage, and pet food. Additionally, equipment used to cook or store food includes the following: cooking utensils, pots/pans/plates, stoves, grills, empty or full coolers, storage containers with food or that had previously contained food (except approved bear resistant canisters), beverage containers, and pet food bowls. Water stored in its original packaging is excluded from the following restrictions.

• In developed camping, picnic, Jackson Lake lakeshore campsites, lodging, residential, trailhead and day-use front country areas all food, lawfully taken fish or wildlife, garbage, and equipment used to cook or store food must be attended at all times, stored inside bear resistant food storage lockers, or inside a hard sided vehicle with doors locked and windows closed. Pop-up trailers with canvas sides are not considered hard sided vehicles. Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (IGBC) approved bear resistant canisters, panniers, or coolers are not approved for use as stand-alone food storage in front country areas, where food must be stored as previously described.

• All individuals/parties camping in the backcountry (more than 250-yards from developed zones) are required to store all unattended food, lawfully taken fish or wildlife, and garbage in Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (IGBC) approved portable bear resistant food storage canisters. Alternatively, campers in primitive lakeshore campsites (located along Leigh, Trapper, Bearpaw, Phelps and Surprise Lakes) as well as The Platforms, Meadows, Petzoldt Caves and Lower Saddle camp zones in Garnet Canyon may use existing bear food storage lockers. Equipment used to cook or store food (including pots, pans, dishes, utensils, etc.) that is not able to be stored in bear resistant food storage canisters must be completely clean and free of any food residue.

• Backpacks and/or daypacks containing unsecured food, lawfully taken fish or wildlife, garbage, and dirty/soiled equipment used to cook or store food (i.e. not in a canister) may not be left unattended.

The Superintendent has determined that the above public-use restrictions are necessary and appropriate to protect a variety of wildlife within the park and to provide consistency for the protection of wildlife throughout the Greater Yellowstone ecosystem.