

# **CHAPTER 5**

## **Designated Winter Snowmobile Parking Areas**

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**13-5-1 : Definitions:**

**ABANDONED TRAILER:** outside the "long-term permitted parking area", any trailer that does not have the tow vehicle attached or parked directly in front of it will be determined as abandoned and in violation and subject to penalties described in 13-5-4.

**ANNUAL PASS:** parking pass for Valley County Parking Areas and Recreation Sites that can be purchased for vehicles without registered snowmobiles. Annual passes are valid at all Valley County Recreation Sites for each calendar year.

**COMMERCIAL BUSINESS OPERATORS:** owners and/or operators of a commercial business providing services to the public, approved by the state of Idaho, and within/along the groomed snowmobile route of Warren Wagon Road from Francis Wallace Parking Area to the end of said groomed route.

**DAY USE:** any vehicle that is within the parking lot area of Wellington Snow Park, Francis Wallace, Brush Creek, Lick Creek and Green Gate Parking Lots within the hours of 6 am to 12 am and is idle, or parked, for more than 15 minutes.

**DAY USE FEE:** as identified and described in 13-5-2

**DESIGNATED WINTER SNOWMOBILE PARKING AREAS:** parking areas that are Valley County operated or owned and are dedicated for the parking of snowmobile recreationists from November 1 through May 31. From June 1 through October 31 these parking areas are governed under Valley County Code Title 13 Chapter 4.

**INFRACTION:** A civil public offense which is not punishable by incarceration and for which there is no right to a trial by jury or right to court appointed counsel and which is punishable by only a penalty not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5000) and no imprisonment.

**LONG-TERM PERMITTED PARKING AREA:** designated area within Francis Wallace and Brush Creek Parking Lots that allows the seasonal parking of specific vehicles. One area will accommodate a trailer and a tow vehicle, with a combined total length not to exceed 60 feet, and another area will accommodate single vehicles only. Two (2) trailers set in alignment in one (1) tow-vehicle and trailer parking space may be allowed as long as the total length of the two (2) trailers combined does not exceed 60 feet. On-site signage and corresponding map diagrams will identify these areas.

**LONG-TERM PERMITTED PARKING AREA PERMIT USE:** prepaid permit that allows a single vehicle or a tow-vehicle and trailer combination to park in designated areas for the duration of the defined "Winter Permit Season". Long-Term Permits may be authorized for Commercial Business Operators, Outfitters, and Full Time Property/Homeowners on a limited first come, first serve basis within the application period of November 1 and November 15 of that Winter Season. Commercial Business Operators will be allowed to purchase up to two (2) permits. Outfitters will be allowed to purchase two (2) permits. Property/Homeowners will be allowed to purchase one (1) permit per property. Parking passes or trailer stickers must be displayed on vehicles and trailers in all Long-Term Parking areas. Long-Term Parking permits are allocated by parking lot during the Winter Permit Season; after the Winter Permit Season, permit holders and short-term users

may park in either Francis Wallace or Brush Creek lot.

LONG-TERM PERMITTED PARKING FEE: as identified and described in 13-5-3.

OUTFITTER: anyone that uses the parking area to meet customers or clients to facilitate the exchange of rental sleds/equipment, riding techniques, and/or guiding.

OVERNIGHT USE: is determined by any vehicle that is within the parking lot area of Wellington Snow Park, Lick Creek, Francis Wallace, Brush Creek, and Green Gate Parking Lots between the hours of 12 am to 6 am and is idle, or parked, for more than 15 minutes.

OVERNIGHT USE FEE: as identified and described in 13-5-2.

OVERNIGHT USE AREA: designated area within Wellington Snow Park, Francis Wallace, Brush Creek, Green Gate, and Lick Creek Parking Lots that allows overnight parking. On-site signage and corresponding map diagrams will identify this area. Overnight parking outside of designated area is subject to penalties as described in 13-5-4 of this document.

PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE: The fact that a motor vehicle which is illegally parked under this chapter is registered in the name of a person shall be considered prima facie evidence that such person was in control of the vehicle at the time of such parking.

PROPERTY/HOMEOWNER: owner of improved real property in the Burgdorf, Secesh Meadows, Warren Townsite, and/or South Fork area. Homeowners who are full-time residents may apply for a Long-Term Resident Parking permit.

SEASONAL SHORT-TERM PERMITTED PARKING: prepaid permit that allows a tow-vehicle and trailer to be parked for more than two (2) days, multiple times throughout the permit season.

SEASONAL SHORT-TERM PERMITTED PARKING FEE: as identified and described in 13-5-3.

SINGLE VEHICLE PARKING AREA: designated area for single vehicles without trailers to park. On-site signage and corresponding map diagrams will identify this area.

TOW-VEHICLE AND TRAILER PARKING AREA: designated area for only tow-vehicle and trailer combinations to park. On-site signage and corresponding map diagrams will identify this area.

WINTER PERMIT SEASON: for the purpose of this ordinance, the "Winter Permit Season" is from November 15 to March 15. During this time, special regulations for overnight parking are in effect. After this time, all long-term, short-term, and seasonal short-term parking permits will be allowed in either Francis Wallace or Brush Creek Lots.

### **13-5-2: Fees Required for Designated Winter Snowmobile Parking Areas:**

- A. All users of Valley County operated or owned Parking shall pay a day use fee, overnight fee, or long-term permitted parking fee as adopted by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners, unless specifically stated otherwise.
  1. Day use fee is required of all day-use participants. *(2025-2026 season fee is \$5 per day)*. **Tow, or haul, vehicles transporting a snowmobile with an attached current State of Idaho issued snowmobile tag are exempt from day-use fees.**
  2. Overnight parking fee shall be required of **all** overnight users in the Francis Wallace, Brush Creek, Green Gate, Lick Creek or Wellington lots. *(2025-2026 season fee is \$10 per night and includes day use)*.
  3. Long-term permitted and seasonal short-term parking permits have limited availability in the Francis Wallace and Brush Creek Parking Lots, and fees shall be determined on an annual basis. Full payment is required before the permit is issued. The permits are

available only from the Valley County Parks and Recreation office.

**2025-2026 season fees:**

- *Outfitter/Commercial Business owners in the Francis Wallace Lot: Long-term tow-vehicle and trailer season fee amount is \$300 per permit. Long-term single vehicle (without a trailer) season fee amount is \$150 per permit. Outfitters may only have two (2) long-term permitted spaces each. Two (2) trailers may be allowed if parked nose to nose in one space and the total length does not exceed 60 feet.*
- *Property Owner/ Homeowner in the Brush Creek Lot: Long-term tow-vehicle and trailer season fee amount is \$200 per permit. Long-term single vehicle (without a trailer) season fee amount is \$100 per permit.*
- Seasonal Short-Term permit fee in the Brush Creek Lot is \$75.
- Outfitter annual operating fee is \$300. All Outfitters utilizing Francis Wallace, Brush Creek, Green Gate, Lick Creek or Wellington lots must have an annual permit.

**13-5-3: Parking Area Rules:**

- A. Francis Wallace Parking Lot shall only allow day use and permitted long-term overnight parking in designated areas during the Winter Permitted Season. Limited Single Vehicle Short-Term overnight parking is available. No short-term overnight parking is allowed outside of the designated short-term overnight area.
- B. Brush Creek Parking Area shall allow long-term overnight, seasonal short-term overnight, short-term overnight and day use parking.
- C. Green Gate Parking Area shall allow day use and short-term overnight parking.
- D. Lick Creek Parking Area shall allow day use and short-term overnight parking. All users at Lick Creek Parking Area shall purchase a Day Use or Annual Pass since this lot does not access groomed trails.
- E. Wellington Snow Park shall allow day use and short-term overnight parking.
- F. Outfitters may only have two (2) tow-vehicle and trailer combinations in the Day Use areas at Francis Wallace Parking Lot. This is in addition to two (2) permitted long-term spaces. No additional vehicles will be allowed for day use or overnight parking without prior authorization from the Valley County Grooming Coordinator or Parks and Recreation Director. Other outfitter or employee vehicles are not allowed to be parked in the Francis Wallace Lot. Brush Creek Lot or designated parking areas on Warren Wagon Road may be used for day use Outfitter vehicle overflow. Outfitters staging or parking at Francis Wallace, Brush Creek, Green Gate Lots or Wellington Snow Park must park and stage in a manner that does not impede the flow of vehicles or parking in the lot.
- G. No sub leasing of Long-Term Permitted Parking spots will be allowed.
- H. General Parking
  - 1. Parking is determined by vehicles with or without trailers and allowed in designated areas

corresponding to parking lot diagrams and signage at each parking lot and set by policy of Valley County Board of Commissioners or their designee.

2. Single vehicles shall not park in a "Tow-vehicle and Trailer" space and a "Tow-vehicle and Trailer" shall not park in a single vehicle space.
  3. Day-use parking shall be allowed in identified areas.
  4. Overnight parking shall be allowed only in designated areas of Francis Wallace, Brush Creek, Green Gate and Wellington Snow Park without prior approval of the Parks and Recreation staff. Overnight parking fees shall apply.
  5. Abandoned trailers shall not be allowed outside of long-term parking permit area and trailers without a long-term parking permit located outside designated areas shall be in violation of ordinance. Day use, overnight, and long-term parking areas shall not be used as a storage area for trailers.
  6. Any vehicle creating a hinderance to facilitate reasonable parking and maintenance, or that is parked outside of designated parking area guidelines as designated by local signage and parking diagrams, shall be in violation of this ordinance.
- I. Corresponding parking areas mentioned and identified in this ordinance coincide with attached parking lot diagrams and signage at all lots.

**13-5-4: PENALTY:**

- A. Violators of this ordinance may be fined and/or towed/booted at owner's expense.
- B. Violators of this ordinance that may be towed/booted shall be responsible for towing and impoundment or boot removal fees.
- C. Any violation of this chapter shall be punishable as an infraction and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars (\$50) per offense, with an accumulated maximum not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5000) per winter season.
- D. A separate offense shall be deemed committed upon each day a vehicle or trailer remains in violation of this ordinance unless otherwise specifically provided in this code.