WAC 332-52-415 Parking. (1) Where is a person prohibited from parking a vehicle on department-managed lands?

(a) Persons shall not park on department-managed lands if the vehicle:
   (i) Blocks or impedes the passage of normal traffic or commercial activity.
   (ii) Blocks, interferes with or obstructs a gate, road, trail, path or other access.
   (iii) Is parked in a developed recreation facility unless the area is designed for such use.

(b) Persons shall not park vehicles on department-managed roads and lands where posted as no parking.

(c) Subsections (a) and (b) above do not apply to persons operating:
   (i) Emergency vehicles;
   (ii) Department vehicles;
   (iii) Logging or other commercial vehicles (for industrial operations) or other commercial vehicles used in connection with activities performed pursuant to department contracts; and
   (iv) As otherwise authorized by the department.

(2) How long may a person park or leave a vehicle on department-managed lands? Persons shall not park or leave a vehicle unattended for more than seventy-two hours on department-managed lands with the exceptions noted in subsection (1)(c)(i) through (iv) of this section or when persons are in designated campgrounds or in trailheads with posted long-term parking.

(3) If a vehicle is found parked in violation of subsection (1) or (2) of this section, may the vehicle be towed? Yes. Any motorized vehicle found parked in violation of subsection (1) or (2) of this section may be impounded by the department at the owner's or operator's expense.

(4) If an infraction is issued under this section, who is responsible for the infraction? In any infraction involving a violation of this section, proof that the particular vehicle described in the notice of infraction was parking in violation of any such provision of this section, together with proof that the person named in the notice of infraction was at the time of the violation the registered owner of the vehicle, shall constitute a prima facie presumption to prove that the registered owner of the vehicle was the person who parked the vehicle at the point where, and for the time during which, the violation occurred.

(5) Any violation of this section is a traffic infraction under chapter 46.63 RCW.

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