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## News Release

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### Anan Wildlife Observatory Permits Available February 1

**WRANGELL, Alaska, Jan. 23, 2018**—Permits will become available Thursday, February 1, at 8 a.m., for the world class bear viewing at Anan Wildlife Observatory. The public will be able to reserve permits at [Recreation.gov](http://Recreation.gov) for the summer 2018 season. There will be 20 permits available for each day of the permit season. Permits are required from July 5 through August 25 to visit the observatory. Visitation outside of this time period does not require a permit.

[Recreation.gov](http://Recreation.gov) provides a single point of access to information about Federal recreational activities and reservations. Reservations and payment may be completed online at <http://www.recreation.gov/> or by calling 1-877-444-6777. The TDD number is 1-877-833-6777. The international call number is 1-518-885-3639. The cost is \$10 per permit, with a reservation fee of \$10 per transaction.

To accommodate last-minute planning, four permits each day will be made available at the Wrangell District Office during the season through weekly lotteries. All lottery requests must be made in person at the Wrangell Ranger District front desk. A schedule with lottery dates will be available at the District Office before the permit season begins.

Information on the observatory, including site restrictions and a list of authorized guiding services can be found the Tongass National Forest website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/R10/Tongass/Anan>. For more information, contact the Wrangell Ranger District at 907-874-2323.

For interviews and information to be used for publication, contact the Tongass Public Affairs Officer at 907-228-6201.

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