

Department of Natural Resources

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MEDIA ADVISORY

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Temporary Tanana Valley State Forest motorized use closure

The Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources has temporarily closed the Tanana Valley State Forest to motorized use, to minimize the likelihood of new wildland fire starts.

The Tanana Valley State Forest is extremely dry, wildfires are creating smoky conditions, and fire danger is very high. Motorized use of the Tanana Valley State Forest at this time would greatly increase the probability of additional ignitions. Active fires are currently burning in the Tanana Valley, and additional fire starts would greatly strain the Division of Forestry's firefighting resources.

Beginning on June 29, 2022 at 8:00 A.M. Alaska Daylight Time (AKDT) and continuing until further notice, the Tanana Valley State Forest (see attached map) is temporarily closed to motorized use, except for access to private inholdings, until this order is rescinded.

Authority: AS 41.15.010, AS 41.15.050, AS 41.17.400 and 11 AAC 95.450.

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