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Campground activities planned May 7 at Juneau and Anchorage state parks

(Anchorage, AK) – Alaska State Parks is joining with other state park systems throughout the country to participate in the National Association of State Park Directors' LET'S CAMP AMERICA! Initiative. LET'S CAMP AMERICA! is about promoting the vitality, affordability and accessibility of camping in the nearly 230,000 camping sites (2,500 of them in Alaska) across America's State Parks. The initiative will launch Saturday, May 7 when state parks throughout the country plan to hold special events at select camping areas.

On May 7, campers can meet up with state park rangers at the Eklutna Lake and Bird Creek Campgrounds located in Chugach State Park between 2 and 4 p.m. or with park staff at Eagle Beach State Recreation Area north of Juneau between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. In both locations park staff will welcome campers and answer questions about the recreation opportunities in their areas.

"LET'S CAMP AMERICA! presents an ideal way for Alaska State Parks to showcase our vast array of camping and outdoor recreation resources. Alaska State Parks is issuing an all-inclusive invitation to first time campers and camping enthusiasts to create their own 'camping moments' and then to come back often," said Alaska State Parks Director Ben Ellis. "We want to grow a camping nation where unplugged family and friend time is the norm and where going online means baiting a hook."

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