

**STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
DIVISION OF MINING, LAND AND WATER**

**Southcentral Regional Land Office**

Memorandum of Decision

**ADL 230693**

Kenny and Patti Barber Shooting Range  
Administrative Decision to Temporarily Close

AS 38.04.058

**Background**

The Kenny and Patti Barber Shooting Range site easement was created for the purpose of a safe and localized shooting area with the explicit purpose of, “[T]he development of a small-scale rifle range and day use parking area for the benefit of the public’s present and future needs of recreational target shooting within the Knik River Public Use Area.”<sup>1</sup>

Due to the unusually dry conditions along with the heightened chance of wildfire, public risk, and potential loss or damage of public infrastructure, the Kenny and Patti Barber Shooting Range shall be temporarily closed, following a recommendation of the Division of Forestry’s Fire Prevention Office, until such time as conditions change that wild fire risk and manpower resources are available. The range will be reopened as soon as public safety allows. This closure will go into effect immediately.

**Authority**

This decision is pursuant to Alaska Statute 38.04.058 (restriction of public access).

**Scope**

The scope of this decision is limited to the temporary closure restricting public access to the site easement of the Kenny and Patti Barber Shooting Range, effective immediately. This closure will remain in effect until fire conditions have diminished and not a risk to public safety.

**Term**

Effective immediately, this closure is expected to last until such time as conditions change that wildfire risk and manpower resources are available. The range will be reopened as soon as public safety allows.

**Administrative Record**

The administrative record for this action consists of case ADL 230693 and the Knik River Public Use Area Management Plan.

**Location**

The Kenny and Patti Barber Shooting Range is located approximately 2.7 miles down the Maud Road Extension, North West of Jim Lake. It can also be found by GPS grid 61.562775°, -148.931362°. It is located near the western boundary of the Knik River Public Use Area.

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<sup>1</sup> Notice of Administrative Decision, ADL 230693, Reservation of Public Easement

**Legal Description**

Seward Meridian, Township 17 North, Range 3 East, Section 16, containing 7 acres, more or less.

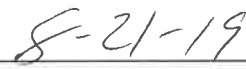
**Discussion**

In order to safeguard the public during unusually dry conditions and heightened wildfire risk, the Southcentral Regional Land Office will temporarily restrict public access to the Kenny and Patti Barber Shooting Range until such time as conditions change that wildfire risk and manpower resources are available. The range will be reopened as soon as public safety allows.

**Decision**

In order to safeguard the public and protect public infrastructure, the Regional Manager has decided to close public access to Kenny and Patti Barber Shooting Range, effective immediately, until such time as conditions change that wildfire risk and manpower resources are available. The range will be reopened as soon as public safety allows. After reviewing the administrative record, the Knik River Public Use Area Management Plan and other relevant information, I find this decision to temporarily close the site easement to public access, consistent with the authority granted to me as Regional Manager.

  
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Clark Cox  
Regional Manager  
Southcentral Regional Land Office

  
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Date

A person affected by this decision may appeal it in accordance with 11 AAC 02. Any appeal must be received within 20 calendar days after the date of “issuance” of this decision, as defined in 11 AAC 02.040(c) and (d) and may be mailed or delivered to the Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, 550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1400, Anchorage, Alaska 99501; faxed to 1-(907) 269-8918, or sent by electronic mail to [dnr.appeals@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.appeals@alaska.gov). Under 11 AAC 02.030, appeals and requests for reconsideration filed under 11 AAC 02 must be accompanied by the fee established in 11 AAC 05.160(d)(1)(F) which has been set at \$200 under the provisions of 11 AAC 05.160 (a) and (b).

If no appeal is filed by the appeal deadline, this decision becomes a final administrative order and decision of the department on the 31<sup>st</sup> calendar day after issuance. An eligible person must first appeal this decision in accordance with 11 AAC 02 before appealing this decision to the Superior Court. A copy of 11 AAC 02 may be obtained from any regional information office of the Department of Natural Resources.

**Attachments:**

- ADL 230693 Reservation of Public Easement
- Map: Shooting Range Extents