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# DIRECTOR'S ORDER REGARDING TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF PUBLIC ACCESS AND RESTRICTED USE IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF EKLUTNA LAKE ATV LOT AND EKLUTNA LAKESIDE TRAIL FOR MOTORIZED USE

	Ricky Grass	Order Number 346		
Approved:		Date:	April 25, 2024	
••	Ricky Gease, Director	<del></del>		

In accordance with 11 AAC 12.335 and in order to promote the protection of health and safety for the public and implement appropriate management responsibilities, the area posted encompassing the Eklutna ATV Lot, its immediate vicinity, and motorized use on the Eklutna Lakeside Trail are closed to the public. This closure will be lifted upon completion of phase one of the Eklutna ATV Lot Expansion project scheduled to commence May 5<sup>th</sup> of 2024. It is anticipated that phase one of the rehabilitation work will conclude on or about May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

#### **Background**

The Eklutna ATV parking lot is being paved and expanded for the State of Alaska at this busy recreation site. This project will improve recreational access for an increasingly popular activity on the Lakeside Trail. During the two phases of construction, numerous potentially hazardous situations will exist near this project due to construction-related activities, construction materials, and associated debris, requiring the parking lot's closure temporarily. This closure leaves no other parking available for vehicles towing recreational vehicle trailers, and no safe access for ORV's to the Eklutna Lakeside Trail. The decision to implement this temporary restriction will minimize the chance that the public may be injured within the construction zone, prevent parking-related issues in the other Day Use parking lots not designed for vehicles towing trailers, and avert the potential hazards of ORV's operating on busy roadways in the area.

#### **Decision**

To protect the health and safety of the public and implement management responsibilities, the approximately ½ acre area near the Eklutna ATV parking expansion project and the Eklutna Lakeside Trail for motorized use is temporarily closed to the public. Under AAC 12.335 CLOSURE AND USE MANAGEMENT, section (e), no person may violate these use restrictions. A person adversely affected by this decision may appeal this decision, by 11AAC 02 to John Boyle, Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, 550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1400, Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3561. Any appeal must be received at the above address, or received by being faxed to 1-907-269-8918, or sent by electronic mail to <a href="mailto:dnr\_appeals@dnr.state.ak.us">dnr\_appeals@dnr.state.ak.us</a> within 20 calendar days after the date of "delivery" of this decision, as defined in 11AAC 02.040. A copy of 11 AAC 02 may be obtained from any regional information office of the Department of Natural Resources. If no appeal is filed before the end of the period specified, this decision is final. This decision takes effect immediately and will remain in effect until May 31, 2024, unless repealed sooner by Director's Order.

## **Eklutna Lake Frontcountry**



