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Public asked to avoid travel on State Forest roads during breakup

(Fairbanks, AK) – Due to saturated soils during spring breakup, the Alaska Division of Forestry is asking the public not to drive on select Tanana Valley State Forest roads in the Fairbanks area from April 23 to May 22.

Affected logging roads include Cache Creek, Nenana Ridge, Rosie Creek, Skinnys, Bonanza, Standard Creek, Two Rivers and Mosquito Creek.

If roads dry out quicker than anticipated or breakup persists longer than expected, the division will adjust the dates accordingly and notify the public.

The silt-based roads in the Fairbanks area are extremely soft and muddy at this time of year. Traffic during these conditions creates ruts, which channel runoff and cause roads to wash out, making them impassable and resulting in long-term damage. If roads are severely damaged by traffic and/or runoff, they require costly repair and it takes longer to make them accessible to the public.

The division asks for the public's cooperation to prevent damage and provide access to these roads as soon as possible.

For more information about which roads are impacted or for updated information on road conditions, call the Division of Forestry at 451-2602.

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