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Parts of Tanana Valley State Forest will reopen to motorized use

(Fairbanks, AK) - Beginning on July 12, 2022 at 8:00 A.M., the "Tanana Road Closure Order" will be partially rescinded to allow Tanana Valley State Forest (TVSF) access for motorized use on several logging roads around Fairbanks. **Specific roads to be reopened include Maisch Logging Road (MP 312 Parks Highway), Nenana Ridge Road (Mile 327 Parks Highway), Skinny's Road (Mile 328 Parks Highway), Standard Creek Road (Old Nenana Highway), Cache Creek Road (Murphy Dome Road), as well as the Two Rivers Road and Jenny M Road (Two Rivers area of Chena Hot Springs Road).** These forest roads are shown on the map attached.

Motorized use on other areas of the TVSF remains closed until this order is rescinded.

The Tanana Valley State Forest remains extremely dry, wildfires are creating smoky conditions, and fire danger is very high. The Department of Natural Resources recommends motorized use only during cooler times of the day: overnight and early morning. Active fires are currently burning in the Tanana Valley, and additional fire starts would greatly strain the Division of Forestry and Fire Protection's firefighting resources.

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

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