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Nancy Lake and Willow Creek state recreation areas open to snowmobiles

(Wasilla, AK) – Effective immediately, Alaska State Parks has opened Nancy Lake and Willow Creek State Recreation Areas to snowmobiles after staff determined there is now sufficient snow to protect the underlying vegetation in the parks.

At 6 p.m. on Friday, December 22, a limited portion of the Hatcher Pass East Management Area – from the Fishhook Trailhead over Hatcher Pass to the west side – will be opened to snowmobiles. This will be a restricted opening because sufficient snow only exists in higher-elevation areas. Everything below Fishhook remains closed, including the Archangel and Gold Mint trailheads. Riders must remain on the trail until reaching the west side, where there are no restrictions.

It is important to be aware of avalanche conditions and weather forecasts while traveling in mountainous areas. For avalanche advisories, go to <https://alaskasnow.org/forecasts-observations/hatcher-pass/hatcher-pass-avalanche-forecast/>.

Denali State Park opened to snowmobiles on December 7. For current snow conditions, go to <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/asp/curevnts.htm>.

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