

11 AAC 96.014(b)(3). Special use land

(b)(3) for the Hatcher Pass Special Use Area, ADL number 223585, generally described as those lands designated by [AS 41.23.130](#) and certain lands described in the Hatcher Pass Management Plan, as shown on the maps entitled Hatcher Pass Special Use Area, Map 1 and Map 2, dated March 12, 2012, and adopted by reference,

(A) in the Mile 16 and Government Peak management units and in portions of the Independence, Reed Lakes/Little Susitna, and Archangel management units, as depicted on Hatcher Pass Special Use Area Map 1 as "Non-Motorized (Year)," except for designated roads and parking areas, motorized vehicle use, including landing aircraft, is prohibited all year, except that the department may issue a permit for motorized vehicle use for mineral development, trail construction or maintenance, or a use performed by the department related to the management of the Hatcher Pass Special Use Area or by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough in its development and management of the Southern and Northern Development Areas in the Government Peak management unit, if the department determines that the use would not substantially interfere with recreational use of the area;

(B) within the Bald Mountain Ridge Habitat Area, as depicted on Hatcher Pass Special Use Area Map 1 as "Non-Motorized (Summer)," motorized vehicle use, including landing aircraft, is prohibited after April 30 and before August 2 of each year; during that period, the department may issue a permit for motorized vehicle use for mineral development, trail construction or maintenance, or a use performed by the department in its management of the Hatcher Pass Special Use Area, if the department determines that the use would not negatively affect tundra bird nesting;

(C) in the Summit Lake State Recreation Site, the High Glacier Peaks management unit, and portions of the Independence, Archangel and Reed Lakes/Little Susitna management units, as depicted on the Hatcher Pass Special Use Area Map 1 as "Non-Motorized (Summer)," except for designated roads and parking areas, motorized vehicle use is prohibited after April 30 and before October 2 of each year, except that the department may issue a permit for motorized vehicle use for mineral development, road or trail construction or maintenance, or a use performed by the department related to the management of the Hatcher Pass Special Use Area, if the department determines that the use would not substantially interfere with recreational use of the area;

(D) in the Summit Lake State Recreation Site, the Government Peak and High Glacier Peaks management units, and portions of the

Independence, Archangel, and Reed Lakes/Little Susitna management units, as depicted on the Hatcher Pass Special Use Area Map 1, motorized vehicle use is prohibited after October 1 and before May 1 of each year, except that

(i) snowmobile use is allowed once snow depth is sufficient to protect underlying vegetation as determined by the department; in this sub-subparagraph, "snowmobile" has the meaning given in AS 28.39.250; and

(ii) the department may issue a permit for motorized vehicle use for mineral development, road or trail construction or maintenance, or a use performed by the department related to the management of the Hatcher Pass Special Use Area or by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough in its development and management of the Southern and Northern Development Areas in the Government Peak management unit, if the department determines that the use would not adversely affect fragile tundra and soils;

(E) in the High Glacier Peaks, Government Peak, Independence, and Mile 16 management units and in portions of the Archangel and Reed Lakes/Little Susitna management units, as shown on the Hatcher Pass Special Use Area Map 2, a person may not use or discharge a firearm except for the purpose of lawful hunting; however, a person may not use or discharge a firearm for any purpose

(i) within the Independence State Mine Historical Park, the Summit Lake State Recreation Site, and the Northern and Southern Development areas in the Government Peak management unit;

(ii) within one-quarter mile of a road;

(iii) in the area between Archangel Road and the motorized winter corridor situated within the Reed Lakes/Little Susitna unit, ending at mile 2.5 of Archangel Road; and (

F) in the Summit Lake State Recreation Site and the High Glacier Peaks, Government Peak, Independence, Mile 16, Archangel, and Reed Lakes/Little Susitna management units, as depicted on the Hatcher Pass Special Use Area Maps 1 and 2, camping is allowed

(i) within officially designated or marked areas; and

(ii) beyond one-quarter mile from any trail or road right-of-way;