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**DIRECTOR'S ORDER REGARDING  
TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS OF OPEN FIRES WITHIN  
NORTHERN, MATSU, CHUGACH/SOUTHWEST, KODIAK, AND KENAI REGIONS OF ALASKA STATE PARKS**

Order Number 299

Approved:   
Ricky Gease, Director

Date: 7/1/2019

In accordance with 11 AAC 12.335 to promote the protection of health and safety for the public, to protect resources, and implement appropriate management responsibilities, open fires will be restricted to fire grates and rings provided by the division within all Northern, Matsu, Chugach/Southwest, Kodiak, and Kenai Region State Park Units when it has been concluded that an extreme wildland fire hazard exists. This activity restriction will be imposed and subsequently lifted whenever a determination has been made that prevailing conditions warrant the taking of such action. It is anticipated that need to take such action may be extended to on or about September 30, 2019.

### Background

Temporary restriction of open fires to only fire rings and grates that are provided by the division within all Northern, Matsu, Chugach/Southwest, Kodiak, and Kenai Region State Park Units, as well as future lifting and imposition of closures, will be noticed in accordance with 11 AAC 12.337. Unusually dry weather conditions resulting in high fire indices have resulted in extremely high fire danger on the throughout the state. Fire managers are expecting high fire conditions to continue into the near future.

### Decision

Open fires are restricted to fire rings or grates provided by the division. Charcoal grills, cooking stoves, gas grills, and fires in public use cabin wood or oil stoves are allowed. Under 11 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, in accordance with 11 AAC 02 to Corri A. Feige, Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, 550 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 1400, Anchorage, AK 99501-3561. Any appeal must be received at the above address, or received by being faxed to 907-269-8918, or sent by electronic mail to [dnr.appeals@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.appeals@alaska.gov) within 20 days after the date of "delivery" of this decision, as defined in 11 AAC 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 September 30, 2019, unless repealed sooner by Director's Order.