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**DIRECTOR'S ORDER REGARDING  
THE CLOSURE OF THE NANCY LAKE STATE RECREATION AREA  
TO ALL RECREATION ACTIVITIES**

Order Number 306

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Ricky Gease, Director

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

8/20/2019

**Background:** Several wildland fires are occurring on the Mat-Su Borough in the vicinity of Willow, AK and extreme fire danger currently exists. The McKinley Fire has crossed the Parks Highway north of Willow and has destroyed 50 structures. The highway is currently open but has pilot cars leading vehicles through the area from Milepost 71 to 99. The Deshka Landing Fire has grown to an estimated 2,217 acres. This fire is currently burning in parts of the Nancy Lake State Recreation Area. It has crossed over the Red Shirt Lake Trail and has reached the South Rolly Campground area. Alaska Division of Forestry and Type 2 fire teams from the Pacific Northwest will be operating in and around the Nancy Lake State Recreation Area for the duration of the fire.

The purpose of this closure is to protect public safety by prohibiting any recreation activity in the Nancy Lake State Recreation Area during this fire. This closure does not apply to persons involved in the official emergency response effort or to monitor the welfare of the public or evaluate potential hazards or damage assessments. Nancy Lake Parkway is closed to all traffic with the exception of emergency response teams at Milepost 1.5 at the Nancy Lake State Recreation Area ranger station.

The action is consistent with 11 AAC 12.335. CLOSURES AND USE MANAGEMENT which allows the Director to close all or a portion of a park to all public use or place restrictions on a use or activity when necessary for public safety or for the protection of natural resources. This closure will help the Division fulfill our responsibilities to protect the safety of park visitors within the Nancy Lake State Recreation Area.

**Order:** This document closes the Nancy Lake State Recreation Area, to all recreation activity, effective immediately. This order will remain in effect until the Director has determined fire activity has diminished and not a risk to public safety.

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.