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Seasonal trail restrictions planned for Chena River State Recreation Area

(Fairbanks, AK) – Effective next Friday, April 20, the Compeau, Stiles, and Angel Creek Hillside trails in Chena River State Recreation Area will be closed to all trail uses except walking. To protect the state's investment and sustain summer motorized use of these popular trails, it is necessary to allow the trails to thaw and the water to disperse without disturbance. The trails will reopen on Thursday, May 24, in time for Memorial Day weekend.

Other trails that will be seasonally closed in the recreation area are the South Fork, Colorado Creek, and Angel Creek Valley Trails. These are winter-only trails and open to snow machine use from October 15 to April 20.

Alaska State Parks is reluctant to restrict any uses unless there are no other viable management alternatives. In this case, the benefits of protecting the usefulness of these trails outweigh the inconveniences of seasonal restrictions. We urge trail users to respect the integrity of the trails so others may continue to enjoy them. Violations may be reported to the State Parks office at 451-2695 or during evenings and weekends, call Alaska State Troopers and they will contact the park enforcement team.

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