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Trail restrictions delayed 2 weeks for Chena River State Recreation Area

(Fairbanks, AK) – Thanks to heavy snowfall along with a late breakup, seasonal trail use restrictions in the Chena River State Recreation Area will be delayed for two weeks, until Friday, May 4.

The Compeau, Stiles, and Angel Creek Hillside trails will close May 4 to all trail uses except walking. The seasonal closures protect the state's investment and sustain summer motorized use of these popular trails by allowing them to thaw and water to disperse without disturbance. Weather dependent, the trails will reopen Thursday, May 24 in time for the Memorial Day weekend.

Other trails that will stay open an additional two weeks are the South Fork, Colorado Creek, and Angel Creek Valley Trails. These are winter-only trails and will remain open to snow machine use until May 4.

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. Trail users are urged 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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