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Albert Loop Trail at Eagle River Nature Center is temporarily closed

(Anchorage, AK) – Bears have returned to the area around Eagle River Nature Center to feed on spawning salmon. As a result, Alaska State Parks is closing the Albert Loop Trail and its vicinity, effective at **9:00 am FRI August 16**. Black and brown bears use the bridges and beaver dams as fishing platforms and remain close to developed areas.

This closure does not affect the Iditarod/Crow Pass trail, the Rodak Loop and viewing platforms, or the Dew Mound Trail. Reopening of the Albert Loop trail will be announced and most likely will happen at freeze-up when most bears go into hibernation. This seasonal closure has occurred since 1997.

Anyone recreating in Chugach State Park is encouraged to take appropriate bear-aware precautions and be prepared to encounter bears and other wild animals.

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