



June 28, 2021

Re: **Alaska State Park Regulations  
Opportunity to Comment on Proposed Regulations**

Dear Alaskan:

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is proposing to revise its regulations to allow additional use of Alaska State Parks and improve clarity within existing regulations. I am writing to explain the proposed regulations, why we are proposing this regulation package now, and how this action relates to the ongoing resource management process. I invite you to review and comment on these proposed regulations.

### **Why Do We Need These Regulations Now?**

The Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (DPOR) wants to allow use of snowmobiles, bicycles including electric bicycles, hunting, and use of trolling motors in areas in state parks which are currently closed to these activities. DPOR also wants to improve definitions, provide clarity to several other sets of park regulations, and improve management of state parks.

### **Public Hearings**

### **Opportunity for Comment**

Interested parties are encouraged to review the proposed regulations and submit any comments to DNR. Enclosed is the official "Notice of Proposed Changes in Alaska State Park Regulations of the Department of Natural Resources," which provides details regarding the submission of public comments. You can view the proposed regulations on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and DPOR's Current Events website at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/asp/curevnts.htm>.

You are invited to comment on these proposed regulation changes to the Department of Natural Resources. For your comments to be considered, the department must receive them no later than **5:00 p.m. on July 29, 2021**. Comments must be in writing, and may be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to the address below. Please see the Notice of Proposed Changes for additional information.

Attn: Dan Beutel  
Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation  
550 W 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., Suite 1380  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501  
Fax: (907) 269-8907

E-Mail: [dpor.regulations@alaska.gov](mailto:dpor.regulations@alaska.gov)

You may also submit written questions relevant to the proposed regulations to Dan Beutel at the address or email above. Questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period (**by July 19, 2021**). The Department of Natural Resources will aggregate its response to substantially similar questions and make the questions and responses available on the

Alaska Online Public Notice System and on our websites at:

<http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/hottopics> and <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/asp/curevnts.htm>.

For more information regarding the DNR's proposed fee regulations or a copy of the proposed regulation changes, go to <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/asp/curevnts.htm>, or contact Dan Beutel at the email and address above.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation to participate in this process, please contact Dan Beutel no later than July 19, 2021, to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

Thank you for your consideration of these proposed regulations. DNR looks forward to reading your comments and suggestions.

Sincerely,

Ricky Gease  
Director  
Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation  
Department of Natural Resources  
State of Alaska