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Temporary closures at Knik River Public Use Area road, shooting range

(Palmer, AK) – Construction and maintenance work at the Knik River Public Use Area this summer will mean temporary closures for the Maud Road Extension and the Kenny and Patti Barber Shooting Range from April 15 to July 31, 2019.

The Maud Road Extension, which helps provide access to the Knik River Public Use Area, will be temporarily closed to the public along its entire 3.3 mile length. Work crews will make substantial improvements to the road bed, install culverts to prevent erosion, cut brush in the right-of-way to improve visibility, and make other improvements.

The Kenny and Patti Barber Shooting Range, located at Mile 2.7 down the road will also be closed for the duration of the road closure. Its closure means no shooting will be allowed in the area at all in that time.

While the temporary closures will be inconvenient for the public, the improvements are necessary as the road was initially constructed 30 years ago to provide simple access to timber sales in the area. It has not undergone any major upgrades since construction and is in a state of disrepair. Repairs and temporary closures this summer will help ensure uninterrupted public safety and enjoyment well into the future.

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