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Avoid Driving on Mat-Su Forestry Roads During Breakup

(Palmer, AK) – The Mat-Su Area Forestry Office is asking the public to avoid driving on gravel forest roads in the Matanuska-Susitna Valley until roads dry and solidify after spring breakup. This includes the Zero Lake, Willer-Kash and Buffalo Mine Roads. These roads are extremely soft and muddy while the snow melts and the ground thaws during spring break-up.

Travel on the roads in these conditions can create deep ruts that can channel runoff and further degrade the road surface, causing costly repairs. An additional risk is that a vehicle could get stuck creating an expensive recovery for the owner.

“The Mat-Su Forestry roads are already soft with the early breakup,” **said Mat-Su Area Forester Stephen Nickel**. “A little patience now will help prevent significant damage and disruptions, ensuring continued access to personal use firewood sites along these roads.”

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