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## **Public urged not to drive on Mat-Su forest roads during break-up**

**(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 May 23. 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.

A little patience now will help prevent significant damage and further disruptions, ensuring continued access to the personal use firewood sites along these roads.

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