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## **Risk of human-bear conflict closes Eagle River Albert Loop Trail**

**(Eagle River, Alaska)** – Bears returning to feed on salmon near the Eagle River Nature Center have prompted Alaska State Parks managers to close the Albert Loop Trail and nearby areas effective immediately.

The popular trail features several bridges across Eagle River and associated side channels, and winds past a number of beaver dams.

“Black and brown bears use the bridges and dams as fishing platforms, increasing the risk of human-bear conflict,” said Ben Corwin, Chugach State Park Superintendent. “Every season, we close the trail to protect the safety and well-being of both humans and bears.”

The closure does not affect the Iditarod/Crow Pass trail, the Rodak Loop and its viewing platforms, or the Dew Mound Trail – all accessible from the Eagle River Nature Center trailhead. The Albert Loop trail is targeted for reopening at freeze-up when most bears go into hibernation.

People recreating in Alaska State Parks are encouraged to take appropriate [bear-aware precautions](#) and be prepared to encounter bears and other wild animals.

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