From: Rocky Alleir
To: Jonesville Regs (DNR sponsored)
Cc: alaskaoutdooraccessalliance@gmail.com
Subject: Public Comment on Regulation Project 2025200629 - Rocky Alleir
Date: Thursday, October 29, 2026 2:41:19 PM

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Re: Public comment on proposed changes to 11 AAC 96, Jonesville Public Use Area and Matanuska Valley Moose Range. Regulation project 2025200629.

Dear Ms. Benson,

I am writing to comment on the proposed changes to 11 AAC 96 published on October 7, 2026. I live in Wasilla, Ak, and I have used this area for More than 20 years. I use it for ATV or UTV riding, Snowmachining, Hunting, Fishing, Hiking or walking.

I object to the proposed speed and permit provisions in 11 AAC 96.016(e)(3) and 11 AAC 96.017(a)(14), which would prohibit operating a vehicle on land at more than 10 miles per hour from May 1 through September 30 within a designated public use site or within 100 feet of the waters of Slipper Lake and Wishbone Lake, without a permit from the department.

My specific concerns are 10 miles per hour is unreasonably slow. Alaska sets school crosswalk zones at 20 miles per hour, The permit can be revoked at any time. The proposal defines it as revocable with or without cause, The area this applies to can be widened later without another public comment period, This sets a precedent. We know of no other state land where ordinary off road vehicle use needs a permit, This adds another layer of management without a demonstrated problem to solve.

This matters to me because we are slowly getting our freedom stripped Alaska is not meant to be the lower 48 and that is what this place is becoming. It is very unfortunate to watch all the old Pioneer land are people have Hunted Hiked Rd., ATVs dirt bikes, horses for many many years trying to get restricted which in return will always end up in a closure just like the lower 48 this is America land of the free stop, locking up all our lands for money grabs! .

I ask the department to Something else, which I described in my own words above.

Thank you for considering this comment.

Respectfully,
Rocky Alleir
Wasilla, Ak
Redacted

From:	Traci Barickman
To:	Longacre, Rachel L (DNR)
Cc:	Commissioner, DNR (DNR sponsored); Jonesville Regs (DNR sponsored); Crowther, John J (DNR); Hess, Kris A (DNR); Goodrum, Brent W (DNR); Colles, Christianna D (DNR); Sweetman, Joni M (DNR); Michael Bowles; Senator George Rauscher
Subject:	Re: Public Comments on Proposed DNR Regulations JPUA
Date:	Thursday, October 29, 2026 9:37:38 AM

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Good morning, Rachel,
Thank you for your response and your willingness to extend the public comment period.

I fully understand the distinction between scoping and the formal regulatory comment period. You explained that to me in July, and I understood it then. My concern is not about scoping; it is about adequate public notification.

We discussed this issue in detail at our July 15 meeting, including the need to reach residents through avenues beyond websites and social media. One specific recommendation was direct mail notification to Sutton-area residents, including those with mailing addresses in both ZIP codes 99674 and 99645.

I attended the Sutton Community Council meeting last night, and not a single attendee indicated awareness that the public comment period was underway. Only one person had seen the proposed regulations, having found them on the state's website. That speaks volumes about the effectiveness of the notification process.
I appreciate that DNR has met its statutory notice requirements, but clearly those efforts have not adequately reached the affected community.

I respectfully request that DNR extend both the public comment deadline and the October 30 deadline for submitting questions, allowing time for meaningful additional outreach, including direct mail notification to affected residents in both ZIP codes.
The residents most directly impacted by these regulations deserve a genuine opportunity to review them and participate.

Traci Barickman
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Palmer, Alaska 99645
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From: "Rachel L Longacre, DNR" <rachel.longacre@alaska.gov>
To: "Traci Barickman" Redacted "dnr commissioner" <dnr.commissioner@alaska.gov>
Cc: "dnr jonesville regulation" <dnr.jonesville.regulation@alaska.gov>, "john

crowther" <john.crowther@alaska.gov>, "Kris A Hess, DNR" <kris.hess@alaska.gov>, "Brent W Goodrum, DNR" <brent.goodrum@alaska.gov>, "Christianna D Colles, DNR" <christianna.colles@alaska.gov>, "Joni M Sweetman, DNR" <joni.sweetman@alaska.gov>, "Michael Bowles" <Michael.Bowles@matsugov.us>, "Senator George Rauscher" <Senator.George.Rauscher@akleg.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2026 11:00:40 AM
Subject: Re: Public Comments on Proposed DNR Regulations JPUA

Hi Traci,

Thank you for sharing your concerns. As we discussed in July, there is an important distinction between public scoping and the formal regulatory comment period. Scoping provides an opportunity for back-and-forth discussions while regulations are being developed. Once regulations are formally noticed, DNR observes a quiet period regarding informal discussions of their substance, with comments and questions handled through the established public process under AS 44.62.210 and AS 44.62.213. I've reattached my earlier email explaining this distinction for reference.

We also discussed the importance of reaching affected residents. DNR follows the notification requirements under AS 44.62.190, including newspaper publication, posting on the Alaska Online Public Notice System, and distribution to interested parties. We also posted the notice on DMLW's website and Facebook page.

That said, I'd appreciate your perspective on what additional outreach would be meaningful to the community and where you feel our efforts fell short of what we discussed in July. I'm happy to extend the public comment period or arrange for notices to be posted in additional locations beyond our standard requirements. While an interactive community meeting to discuss the substance of the proposed regulations would not be appropriate during the formal comment period, we can certainly provide additional time and opportunities for residents to become aware of the proposals and submit their comments.

I've also seen the questions and comments you've submitted through the regulations comment portal. While you may not receive an individual acknowledgment at this stage, DNR typically updates its publicly available Q&A throughout the notice period to address relevant questions received to include the public. This helps ensure everyone has access to the same information, and you may find that upcoming updates address some of the questions you've raised.

I'd also be happy to schedule a time for you and me to visit specifically about community outreach and notification. While our conversation would need to remain focused on those procedural matters rather than the substance of the proposed regulations, I welcome the opportunity to better understand your concerns and suggestions.

Thank you again for your continued engagement.

Rachel Longacre
Chief of Operations, DMLW
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From: Traci Barickman Redacted
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2026 7:29 AM
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Rachel and Commissioner Crowther,

At our July 15 meeting at the MSB offices, I specifically raised concerns about how DNR would notify the Sutton community when the proposed Jonesville regulations were released for public comment.

We discussed the importance of reaching residents beyond social media and website postings, particularly those living in the affected area with Palmer rather than Sutton mailing addresses. I was assured that adequate community notification would be provided.

This concern is particularly important because I, along with many of my neighbors, missed earlier public meetings and comment periods during the development of the JPUA management plan and discussions surrounding the proposed shooting range. We lost opportunities to participate in decisions directly affecting our homes and community. I raised this issue in July because I did not want that to happen again.

Unfortunately, here we are. I have seen no evidence of the promised outreach and learned of the current comment period only because someone forwarded me the notice from DNR's website.
I have submitted questions to Molly Benson requesting clarification about what notification efforts were undertaken. In the meantime, I hope DNR will conduct additional outreach to affected residents before the November 9 comment deadline.

Meaningful public participation requires more than posting a notice online. The people

most affected by these regulations deserve a reasonable opportunity to know about them and be heard.

Traci Barickman
18260 E. Wishbone Pl.
Palmer, Alaska 99645
Redacted

From: Nancy Bertels
To: Jonesville Regs (DNR sponsored)
Subject: Public Comment on the Moose Range Management Plan and Jonesville Public Use Area
Date: Saturday, November 7, 2026 12:56:25 PM

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To Whom it May Concern:

I encourage the Department of Natural Resources to accept the updated regulations for the Matanuska Valley Moose Range, specifically the Jonesville Public Use Area. The community of Sutton has worked and waited far too long for this plan to be held up in more legislative and administrative quagmire. The community is anxious to see rules and regulations developed for the Slipper Lake area and proposed shooting range and looks forward to participating with the State of Alaska and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough to develop a range, rules and regulations that will make the area safe to recreate in once again.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I look forward to being involved in the future development of this heavily used area.

Nancy Bertels
PO Box 263
Sutton, AK. 99674
Redacted

From: Ragnar Danneskjöld
To: Jonesville Regs (DNR sponsored)
Subject: PROPOSED CHANGES ON PUBLIC USE AREAS
Date: Thursday, October 29, 2026 6:41:23 PM

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To Whom it May Concern,

I attended the early scoping meeting with the Sutton Community Council, Mr. Rauscher and other groups when the public use area was first created in 2018. The stated purpose was to begin the management plan, which was at the time explained by the State of Alaska attendees, to have to be created thru the State process. We as a community came together and along with the Matsu Borough created a borough plan that was accepted by the assembly and submitted for consideration to the State. The State still insisted on its own process, further extending the timeline for a management plan, and enforceable regulations until its own process was completed. When the State's plan was finally signed into effect, every scoping meeting stated that it would mirror the Knik River Public Use Area highly successful regulations, to include a bail schedule that would enable peace officers and troopers to actually enforce the area.

These regulations do not address almost anything that has been promised or even proposed for the Jonesville Public Use Area. There are no weight restrictions that have been spoken about for years, no access control in habitats that have been damaged for years, and only speak to errant shooting which is only one problem that has been repeatedly raised at scoping meetings. The regulations proposed for the Mat Valley Moose Range are a start, but the State has said many times they only would have citation authority within the Jonesville Public Use Area, then where are those regulations? Why has that State backtracked on almost every promise they have told the community that they would do; yet you are insisting on a 10mph rule for a 1000 acre parcel of the most highly used land that no one asked for? Just what is going on at DNR?

Ragnar

From: Joseph D"Attilio
To: Jonesville Regs (DNR sponsored)
Subject: Change to Jonesville mine original shooting range
Date: Friday, October 30, 2026 1:37:49 PM

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Hello,

I noticed that there is a new plan for the Jonesville mine area. I see that the new plan no longer has a shooting range area down near slipper lake where there was 2 area for shooting ranges.

Is there any info for clarification on the proposed shooting ranges?

Thank you

From: MICHAEL ESKELSON
To: Jonesville Regs (DNR sponsored)
Subject: comment on Jonesville shooting range
Date: Monday, November 9, 2026 9:48:53 AM
Attachments: Jonesville Shooting Range.docx

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Comments on Jonesville Mine shooting range.

Comments on Jonesville Mine Sutton Shooting Range

Our Story

Since the early 1950's our family has been a part of the outlying Sutton community. This included my grandfather being a coal mine inspector for the State of Alaska and my Aunt and Uncle living up on Jonesville, working the then, active coal mine. Property was homesteaded. Over the years hard work was put in to secure the property which meant arduous tilling of the land to prove up on it. As well, one was expected to physically live on the land for a period of time. This was accomplished. Hand dug water wells, kerosene lanterns, wood stoves, and tubs of water on the kitchen floor heated for family bathing. Living this lifestyle included using guns to shoot moose for subsistence.

The property remained intact with a couple of cabins while the family moved to Anchorage to work and earn a living that was more rewarding for the times. The property continued to be accessed regularly for family outings. Old snow machines in winter and cars in the summer that would get beat up on the rough roads and trails leading to the property.

There came a shift in the 1980's where property became subdivided and a substantial road led into the property. Mind you, however, the borough did not catch on and plow this road for years to come. In my early 30's I felt drawn to make this place my forever home. It was a brave thing to do, thinking back on it. From that time to present there has been 40 years spent living, growing, raising children, then grandchildren in a place where we have felt safe and connected to the beautiful country that is Sutton, Alaska.

Sometime between 2008 and 2011 when I left home to pursue a career, things changed in Sutton. When returning home in 2011, I couldn't wait to make the four-wheeler trip up to Slipper Lake and what we call the Four Lanes to reconnect to the beauty of the place. I was shocked. On that Saturday afternoon I saw a considerable amount of garbage off the trails and people set up in at least four different locations with makeshift targets, shooting guns. A lot of guns. I seldom go there anymore.

I live around two miles, as the crow flies, from this area. The shooting is indescribable to someone who isn't living here. It's random, it's loud, it disturbs the peace, it's not controlled, it's unsafe. Who is missing this? This shooting isn't sighting in your gun for hunting. This is collective powerful weaponry being fired off at any given time of day or night. This is the noise one would imagine occurs daily in a war zone. I don't live in a war zone. You don't live in a war zone. When shooters claim they have the right to use high power automatic weapons in the surrounding community and no one can stop them, I seriously question why that is? They aren't making the community more beautiful, they aren't paying taxes to protect the property, they aren't conscientious about how this

shooting affects residents who live here. If politicians and law enforcement say they can't stop it, as there is no law in place indicating the activity is unlawful, then write a law.

What people are saying about Sutton being off grid isn't true. Sutton has grown and families have expanded over the years. Off grid is somewhere in the Talkeetna mountains. Not here.

People who sight in guns on their property is one thing. It is usually a short, time limited activity, which is tolerable. What happens at the coal hills is not the same thing.

Sincerely,

Clarice

From: Laurel Flynn
To: Jonesville Regs (DNR sponsored)
Subject: Public use area
Date: Saturday, October 31, 2026 6:40:07 PM

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I have written countless public comments & been involved with the Sutton Community Council meetings on the area for almost 20 years. After working with the Boro on this project it seemed that there was hope that a multi-use area for the Moose Range was indeed possible. We surveyed countless user groups over the years & safety of course was a major concern. The main focus was that various different users would be able to enjoy recreation here.
The shooting area is a good idea if contained to a small area & the sound problems could be controlled, but should not be what this plan is focused on. Presently the noise continues to dominate our lives. Sometimes shooting doesn't even start until midnight & at times we hear shooting or explosions at 2 or 3 in the morning. Many user groups have stopped utilizing the area for fear of all the reckless & dangerous behaviors. I feel this could have been an important destination for many travelers if shooting was not the emphasis.
When we moved here the sound from Eska & Granite Creeks & birdsongs were what made this a special place. A Moose Range seemed like a safe place for wildlife & people to cohabit. It feels like the primary vision for the area has been subjugated for the purpose of the few that have taken away our rights to recreate in quiet sports and enjoying wildlife.

Laurel Flynn

From: Tab Gray
To: Jonesville Regs (DNR sponsored)
Subject: Public comment
Date: Monday, November 2, 2026 5:52:50 AM

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Not sure if on right site. Very confusing

I am submitting public comment on the changes to public use on moose range
I live in Fishhook near Wendt Rd trailhead.
I use moose range extensively on snowmachines, atv , utv and on foot.
I understand the issue with all the motorized but shutting down access will not allow many to access much of the range. I have a disability and will longer to be able to access with my young grandchildren places we visit and camp all seasons all over the range especially from Wendt to Murphy rd.
We often camp or hang out on Wasilla creek and that will end unless I stay at new bridge or designated creek crossing on main motor trail. That will limit us to those select areas. Plus, those areas will now become very popular and I fear overused. Being able to have dispersed areas keep the land from being overused.
I constantly pick up garbage at many locations along trails and am saddened to see the disrespect so many have for our land. The erosion is getting out of hand. There is no reason for large vehicles over 2000 lbs and Jim Creek is open to them to enjoy. For non motorists , GPRA provides trails for those individuals. I'm okay with reducing speeds if it makes sense for safety but I very seldom see many going that fast. The terrain itself does not allow it. This would apply to cyclists as well.
.The new main motor trail was a fiasco and waste of money as it's basically one bridge and now a terrible trail due to lack of base. This was not throughly thought out.
The vast majority of users I come in contact with are all usually very friendly and just enjoying the outdoors.
There are plenty of places in the valley to go recreate in non motorized areas already designated. I think the Moose range should stay multi use for all but I agree the trails are now being overused from all the population growth.
Thank You.
Tab Gray
Fishhook
If this is wrong location for comment please forward to appropriate site.

From: Billy Green
To: Jonesville Regs (DNR sponsored)
Cc: alaskaoutdooraccessalliance@gmail.com
Subject: Public Comment on Regulation Project 2025200629 - Billy Green
Date: Sunday, November 1, 2026 12:23:17 PM

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My specific concerns are Wetlands.

Please keep motor traffic out of the Wasilla Creek headwaters - it is fish habitat and the abuse is damaging our future rights to access..

I ask the department to Something else, which I described in my own words above.

Thank you for considering this comment.

Respectfully,
Billy Green
Palmer, Alaska
Redacted

Comment on proposed Jonesville Public Use Area in Sutton, AK.

From: Robert P. Herndon
17326 Jonesville Mine Rd.
PO Box 384, Sutton, AK 99674
e-mail: Redacted
phone:

To: State of Alaska Dept. of Natural Resource

I have reviewed the proposed changes clarifying what activities shall be allowed, as well as the activities that will be restricted at the proposed Jonesville Public Use Area.

I am in favor of all proposed changes that restrict the dangerous and unlawful currently happening. If any activities are to be restricted there must be an enforcement mechanism. I do not see any provision for enforcement. Nothing can be restricted without enforcement.

As Alaska residents we have a right to peace and quiet in our homes and neighborhood. Our rights are constantly ignored and violated by activities going on at the proposed Jonesville use Area.

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We are tired of having to be affected by what can only be called a "Disturbance of the peace," at all hours of the day and night. Weapons being discharged and loud explosions that often shake the windows of our house. This adversely affect our health, peace of mind, as well as property value.

I implore the State of Alaska to respect our rights as citizens and put some teeth into stopping the hazardous conditions that are happening at the proposed Jonesville Public use Area.

Sincerly,

Robert P. Herndon

From: Jeremy Jensen
To: Jonesville Regs (DNR sponsored)
Cc: alaskaoutdooraccessalliance@gmail.com
Subject: Public Comment on Regulation Project 2025200629 - Jeremy Jensen
Date: Thursday, October 29, 2026 8:19:29 AM

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Unnecessary regulation diminishes everyone’s freedom..

I ask the department to Withdraw the 10 mile per hour and permit provisions entirely.

Thank you for considering this comment.

Respectfully,
Jeremy Jensen
Eagle River , Alaska
Redacted

From: Jeremy Jensen
To: Jonesville Regs (DNR sponsored)
Cc: alaskaoutdooraccessalliance@gmail.com
Subject: Public Comment on Regulation Project 2025200629 - Jeremy Jensen
Date: Friday, November 6, 2026 7:50:29 AM

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It's a slippery slope leading to lost access and lost freedom. Eventually, with enough lost access and freedom, high functioning taxpayers choose to leave the state..

I ask the department to Withdraw the 10 mile per hour and permit provisions entirely.

Thank you for considering this comment.

Respectfully,
Jeremy Jensen
Eagle River , Alaska
Redacted

From: Johnnie Johnson
To: Jonesville Regs (DNR sponsored)
Cc: alaskaoutdooraccessalliance@gmail.com
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It matters because just like in the past (kinik river access) it was very apparent that it didn't matter what the public wanted DNR just did what they wanted. Government seems to think that they know what's best for the people of this country and in my opinion they don't have a clue what we want. For beginners less laws and regulations would satisfy most! We know that this comment thing is just for show and when it comes time to set the rules you folks will do just what you want. .

I ask the department to Withdraw the 10 mile per hour and permit provisions entirely.

Thank you for considering this comment.

Respectfully,
Johnnie Johnson
Palmer, Ak
Redacted

Benson, Molly M (DNR)

From: Kaylene Johnson-Sullivan Redacted
Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2026 7:29 AM
To: Jonesville Regs (DNR sponsored)
Subject: Comment on regulations

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To Whom It May Concern:

The language in Chapter 96: Miscellaneous Land Use, 11 AAC 96.017, Matanuska Valley Moose Range, is confusing.

... a person **may not**

(9) discharge a firearm for purposes of target practice at a
(A) target other than one made from wood, paper, clay, or other organic material
(B) manufactured steel target; or
(C) Tree or other plant, whether live or dead, or at a target as described in (A) or (B) of this paragraph affixed to or placed on a tree or other plant
The overall sentence first forbids target practice but then qualifies this by explaining that the prohibition is on the materials used for the target -- NOT target practice itself! Clarification needed!

(10) discharge a weapon, including a firearm except
(A) for the purposes of lawful hunting or trapping;
(B) within a lawfully designated shooting area; or
(C) on non-state land, including private property
This language implies that target practice is only allowed in a designated shooting area, of which there is currently none.

By reading this, I'm still not sure whether target practice is allowed outside the Jonesville area. The last link, with answers to questions states:

Question 2: The proposed regulation prohibits target shooting throughout the Moose Range except in a 'lawfully designated shooting area.' Please identify all currently designated shooting areas within the Moose Range and the legal process by which additional shooting areas may be designated in the future.
Answer: None have been designated. Currently, a cooperative resource management agreement (CRMA) for a shooting range is out to public notice between the State of Alaska and the Mat-Su Borough to establish one near Slipper Lake. Please refer to https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=225313 for more information. Future shooting areas may be designated by administrative decision from the Division of Mining, Land and Water (DMLW).

If target shooting is indeed prohibited throughout the Moose Range, then the language is unclear. I would like to see all target shooting in the Moose Range be confined to designated, well-marked areas (not just the Jonesville area). My husband and I were riding our horses in the Moose Range when we came upon a family target shooting with the target set up in the middle of the four-wheeler trail itself! Thankfully, we came upon this family from behind. We could just as easily have been riding from the other direction into oncoming gunfire. When target practice becomes a hazard to other user groups, something has to change. I am glad that a designated shooting range is being planned.

Sincerely,
Kaylene Johnson-Sullivan
Palmer, AK
Redacted

From: Drew Jones
To: Jonesville Regs (DNR sponsored)
Subject: Matanuska Valley Moose Range and the Jonesville Public Use Area.
Date: Friday, November 6, 2026 12:06:23 AM

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Hi,

I wanted to follow up on my previous comments after reading DNR's November 3 questions and answers. I appreciate that the department took the time to respond, but honestly I feel like quite a few of the biggest concerns still haven't really been answered.

First, regarding trail maintenance, I appreciate the clarification in Question 8 that routine brushing and clearing existing trails doesn't require a permit. That's good to hear, but why isn't that clearly stated in the actual proposed regulations? The language still specifically lists brushing and improving trails as activities requiring a permit. I think that needs to be corrected in the regulation itself so there's no confusion down the road.

I'm also still strongly opposed to requiring permits for creating new singletrack trails. That was one of my biggest concerns originally and I didn't see it addressed in the response. Creating new trails is part of what makes Jonesville such an awesome place to ride. In my experience, riders generally respect the land, and these trails expand recreational opportunities and make more of the area accessible and enjoyable. I don't think responsible trail creation should suddenly require government permission, and I'd really like to know what specific problems DNR is trying to solve with that restriction.

The 10 mph restriction is another concern, especially after reading the explanation. DNR talks about protecting families and pedestrians within 100 feet of the lakes, which I understand. But the proposed regulation also applies to entire designated public use sites, which can extend well beyond those immediate areas. So why does the restriction need to cover all of those areas instead of just the places where people are actually congregating? And are there any documented incidents at Jonesville that justify the specific 10 mph limit?

The permit issue is probably even more concerning now that I've read DNR's response. The department openly acknowledges that it hasn't developed the permit requirements, costs, qualifications, or standards for approval. So we're being asked to comment on a regulation that requires a permit nobody can even explain yet. How is the public supposed to evaluate that? I also noticed the proposed definition allows permits to be revoked with or without cause. I'd like to know why that's necessary and what protections people would have if a permit were denied or revoked.

I also don't think saying that Jonesville remains open to the public really addresses these concerns. Obviously being able to enter the area is different from being able to continue enjoying the recreational activities people have been doing there for years.

Regarding shooting, I support addressing dangerous shooting practices. I've personally encountered situations where people were shooting toward active riding trails, and that's something that absolutely needs to be addressed. But DNR has now confirmed there aren't any designated shooting areas in the Moose Range. Does that mean recreational target shooting will effectively be prohibited until a new range is approved? And what happens if that proposed range

never gets approved? I think those questions deserve an answer before the regulations are finalized.

I'm also wondering how much of the department's resources are actually going to be directed toward the problems that already exist, like illegal dumping, abandoned vehicles, and dangerous shooting. The response talks about coordination and enforcement, but doesn't really provide any specifics about staffing, funding, or how frequently anyone will actually be out there.

Lastly, I'd like clarification on how DNR plans to designate additional public use sites in the future. The proposed definition seems pretty broad, and I'm concerned that additional areas could eventually become subject to these restrictions without the same opportunity for public input.

I understand the department is trying to improve safety, and I support that goal. But I don't think the November 3 response adequately addresses several of the concerns people have raised, particularly the trail restrictions, the undefined permitting process, and the actual extent of the speed limits.

I'd like to see those issues resolved in the regulations themselves rather than left open to interpretation or future decisions.

Jonesville is an incredible recreational area and I'd hate to see access and riding opportunities slowly become more restricted when there are already plenty of people out there enjoying the land responsibly.

Thanks for considering my additional comments.

Drew Jones

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From: Jacob Kopplow
To: Jonesville Regs (DNR sponsored)
Subject: Attn: Molly Benson - Moose Range/Jonesville public comment
Date: Saturday, October 31, 2026 2:10:04 PM

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Hello the following is my public comment on the proposed Matanuska Valley Moose Range and Jonesville Public Use Area changes.

I am a regular user of the Moose Range, Jonesville Slipper Lake and Wishbone public use sites. I regularly use these areas for hunting, fishing, shooting, ATV, dirtbike, camping and hiking. I am a registered voter.

I do not support the 10mph restriction in the public use sites. STRIKE item (A) Within designated Public Use Site. The Jonesville, Slipper Lake and Wishbone Lake "public use sites" are very large and encompass areas much larger than just the semi-improved gravel camping areas near slipper lake. The Jonesville Public Use Area is of great importance to motorized recreation users, and from what I have experienced, we make up the site's primary user base. Item (B) 10 mph restriction ONLY WITHIN 100 ft of the waters of slipper lake seems reasonable to improve safety of the more populated camping / fishing/ shooting areas.

I do not support the restriction to create or maintain trails in the public use sites. The ability to create and maintain trails (along with associated cutting of trees/limbs) is critically needed for safety and access.

I do not support the restriction of target shooting in the public use sites, when performed safely against the earthen berms. The Slipper Lake Public Use Site is one of the only shooting areas in the area. **I do support** improving safety in regards to firearms in the general area, as I know there have been conflicts between target shooters and other users in the past. However, I think it's also important to preserve the ability for firearms users to have the opportunity to use the recreation site. This could be resolved through identifying specifically designated shooting areas, but the proposal in its current form is too vague, does not provide protection for such areas, and could lead to the loss of firearm shooting altogether.

I do not support the additional restrictive requirements or permits required for the use of any of the public use sites for organized or unorganized activities or events.

I do support the restrictions against dumping trash, vehicles, hazardous materials, temporary structures, etc. However I believe those activities are presently illegal and do not require additional legal restrictions. It does however require enforcement.

Thank you,
Jacob Kopplow

From:	SCOTT LAPIENE
To:	Jonesville Regs (DNR sponsored)
Subject:	Comments on proposed regulations
Date:	Friday, November 6, 2026 8:02:50 AM

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Thank you for the introduction of regulations. I worked on the development of management plans for this area for at least 10 years. The trails non-profit I run raised and invested tens of thousands of dollars for trail work in the subject area.

Our comments:

The Slipper Lake Area highlighted on the map should be reduced to the area immediately surrounding the lake. Roughly a 200-300 yard perimeter. This is the only area, as it sits today, the community team suggested speed limits. If addition infrastructure is built, camp grounds, shooting ranges, etc. speed should be regulated within them. There was never a goal of restricting speeds across the giant highlighted area on the DNR map. Nor was Wishbone Lake included for speed limits. There are no trails along Wishbone Lake that allow for high speeds.

Recreational shooting in the old mine on the backside of Wishbone Ridge should not be restricted. This is the only safe and easily accessible area we have for long range shooting, 600+ yards apart from Upper Susitna Shooting Range near Talkeetna. Your staff was shown the area during tours with the Boro and Legislative Representative. The backside of the ridge was the first choice for a developed shooting range but was discarded due to cost of improving access. If regulation is necessary, limit the area to rifles only with targets placed along the mine wall.

Steel Targets should not be regulated nor broken out in the regulation. As it is it sounds like permits are needed to use steel targets. I suspect this comes from the current KRPUA management. When asked for permission to use steel targets at Maud road the response was that "people will bring washing machines and call them steel targets". That's just ignorance. Steel targets are the norm for many shooting sports. Steel Challenge, USPSA, PRS and NRL all use steel targets. These sports are extremely popular in Alaska. The range at Kenai is in the top 10 nationally for the number of Steel Challenge matches held each year.

Finally, none of these regulations should take effect until real enforcement has been funded and staffed. We do not support using Chickaloon village "police" as law/regulation enforcement.

Sincerely,
Scott Lapiene

From: Sherman Leifer
To: Jonesville Regs (DNR sponsored)
Cc: alaskaoutdooraccessalliance@gmail.com
Subject: Public Comment on Regulation Project 2025200629 - Sherman Leifer
Date: Friday, November 6, 2026 7:02:27 AM

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Dear Ms. Benson,

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I object to the proposed speed and permit provisions in 11 AAC 96.016(e)(3) and 11 AAC 96.017(a)(14), which would prohibit operating a vehicle on land at more than 10 miles per hour from May 1 through September 30 within a designated public use site or within 100 feet of the waters of Slipper Lake and Wishbone Lake, without a permit from the department.

My specific concerns are 10 miles per hour is unreasonably slow. Alaska sets school crosswalk zones at 20 miles per hour, Nobody can say what the permit actually requires, what it costs, or who qualifies, The permit can be revoked at any time. The proposal defines it as revocable with or without cause, The area this applies to can be widened later without another public comment period, This sets a precedent. We know of no other state land where ordinary off road vehicle use needs a permit, DNR's Q&A did not adequately address the public's concerns, DNR has confirmed (in their Q&A) the permit hasn't been written, so the public can't comment on its terms, The event permit DNR points to (in their Q&A) isn't comparable, and approval would rest entirely on DNR's discretion with no published standards, The Knik River comparison (from DNR's Q&A) doesn't hold, because Knik River has a speed limit only and no permit, The rule covers Wishbone Lake and Eska Falls as well as Slipper Lake, across each whole site rather than a 100 foot buffer, DNR has provided no documented safety incidents for this area, No lawful target shooting area currently exists anywhere in the Moose Range.

Adding regulations to an existing recreational area should consist of better dialog between the users and the agency creating the new rules. There were over 200 comments that were addressed on 5 pages.

Many of the concerns were not addressed properly or brushed off with a DNR will take the comments into consideration.

The comment period was not extended.

Please extend the comment period and please fully address the questions and concerns raised by the public.

I would like to see the trail maintenance verbiage into the regulations and the existing shooting areas identified as well as where the proposed shooting areas will be located.

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I ask the department to Something else, which I described in my own words above.

Thank you for considering this comment.

Respectfully,
Sherman Leifer
Palmer, AK
Redacted

From: David Malzac
To: Jonesville Regs (DNR sponsored)
Cc: alaskaoutdooraccessalliance@gmail.com
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Dear Ms. Benson,

I am writing to comment on the proposed changes to 11 AAC 96 published on October 7, 2026. I live in Eagle River, AK, and I have used this area for More than 20 years. I use it for ATV or UTV riding, Snowmachining, Hunting, Camping.

I object to the proposed speed and permit provisions in 11 AAC 96.016(e)(3) and 11 AAC 96.017(a)(14), which would prohibit operating a vehicle on land at more than 10 miles per hour from May 1 through September 30 within a designated public use site or within 100 feet of the waters of Slipper Lake and Wishbone Lake, without a permit from the department.

My specific concerns are The event permit DNR points to (in their Q&A) isn't comparable, and approval would rest entirely on DNR's discretion with no published standards.

There should be no permit or regulated access to any of these areas. All the concerns within this form are relevent if a permit or speed control take effect. There should never be a permit for accessing public land. If the correct department wants to slow people down, then simply post signs on the trails to "Please slow to XX in this area". Besides, are there going to be a Trooper there, speed trapping, FLOK cameras? This is just rediculous. .

I ask the department to Something else, which I described in my own words above.

Thank you for considering this comment.

Respectfully,
David Malzac
Eagle River, AK
Redacted

From: Kathryn McQuade
To: Jonesville Regs (DNR sponsored)
Cc: alaskaoutdooraccessalliance@gmail.com
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Dear Ms. Benson,

I am writing to comment on the proposed changes to 11 AAC 96 published on October 7, 2026. I live in Palmer, Ak, and I have used this area for 2 to 5 years. I use it for ATV or UTV riding, Camping, Berry picking.

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Imposing regulations that are not clearly stated and available for public comment is a complete overstep of government control. Alaskans do not want more rules and regulations we want access to the outdoors. .

I ask the department to Limit the rule to specific mapped locations that cannot be widened later.

Thank you for considering this comment.

Respectfully,
Kathryn McQuade
Palmer, Ak

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From: James Meyers
To: Jonesville Regs (DNR sponsored)
Subject: Jonesville PUA regulations update questions
Date: Thursday, October 29, 2026 8:09:20 PM

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Hello,

As a resident living within a mile of the public use area... how was the 0.25 mile shooting boundary calculated?

- As a resident that has had ricocheting bullets fly over head while i'm in my yard gardening (greater than 0.25 miles away) ... i would think a larger buffer around private property would be a prudent safety measure.

The updated regulations lay out speed limits and other prosecutable offences... that's a great first step but who will enforce them? Many time I've called the state troopers to report illegal behavior only to be told it will be logged but no one will be coming out to assist (or do anything really).

- Without enforcement, the proposed regulations will be trampled by those who are currently breaking many laws.

- Have you checked on the gravel pit signs proclaiming that regulations now say shooting is not allowed in that area? ... they've been shot so full of holes they are now illegible and people set up shooting benches right beneath (whats left of) the signs that are supposed to tell them it's not allowed.

- Perhaps a sign at the entrance to the gravel pit and a couple of well placed motion activated cameras would help catch offenders ... but only if the regulations are enforced. Relying on the public to police itself... well, look up the tragedy of the commons.

Ultimately, *how (and who) will enforce these new regulations?*

Sincerely,
Frustrated JPUA neighbor

From: Dion Miller
To: Jonesville Regs (DNR sponsored)
Cc: alaskaoutdooraccessalliance@gmail.com
Subject: Public Comment on Regulation Project 2025200629 - Dion Miller
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Dear Ms. Benson,

I am writing to comment on the proposed changes to 11 AAC 96 published on October 7, 2026. I live in Big lake, Alasks, and I have used this area for 6 to 10 years. I use it for ATV or UTV riding, Snowmachining, Berry picking, Taking kids or family out.

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It matters to me because they won't stop , once they start making rules(laws) in won't stop with just one. Government over reach. .

I ask the department to Keep a speed provision but set a reasonable speed and drop the permit requirement.

Thank you for considering this comment.

Respectfully,
Dion Miller
Big lake, Alasks

Redacted

From: Austin Mobley
To: Jonesville Regs (DNR sponsored)
Cc: alaskaoutdooraccessalliance@gmail.com
Subject: Public Comment on Regulation Project 2025200629 - Austin Mobley
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Dear Ms. Benson,

I am writing to comment on the proposed changes to 11 AAC 96 published on October 7, 2026. I live in Gateway fishhook, Alaska, and I have used this area for 11 to 20 years. I use it for ATV or UTV riding, Snowmachining, Hunting, Fishing, Hiking or walking, Berry picking, Mountain biking.

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With constant closures of all other motorized access happening all over the state and seemingly like they are hyper fixated on closing the entire mat Su valley.
It's gross. I live here to have to freedom to do what I love. My son shot his first Grouse in these area.
My wife learned to drive a 4 wheeler.
Constant camping trips with friends and family. Introducing people to public lands and enjoying nature together..

I ask the department to Keep a speed provision but set a reasonable speed and drop the permit requirement.

Thank you for considering this comment.

Respectfully,
Austin Mobley
Gateway fishhook, Alaska

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From: Dennis Morris
To: Jonesville Regs (DNR sponsored)
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Subject: Public Comment on Regulation Project 2025200629 - Dennis Morris
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Dear Ms. Benson,

I am writing to comment on the proposed changes to 11 AAC 96 published on October 7, 2026. I live in Wasilla, AK, and I have used this area for More than 20 years. I use it for ATV or UTV riding, Camping, Taking kids or family out.

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Once again we have used this area since the 1970's, that's 50+ years and think the restrictions that are being put before the public are to vague. They are set up to not have enough public oversite. Do away with the permits and stupid 10 mph speed limit. Set up an are to shoot .

I ask the department to Something else, which I described in my own words above.

Thank you for considering this comment.

Respectfully,
Dennis Morris
Wasilla, AK

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From: Mark Mullins
To: Jonesville Regs (DNR sponsored)
Cc: alaskaoutdooraccessalliance@gmail.com
Subject: Public Comment on Regulation Project 2025200629 - Mark Mullins
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Dear Ms. Benson,

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I object to the proposed speed and permit provisions in 11 AAC 96.016(e)(3) and 11 AAC 96.017(a)(14), which would prohibit operating a vehicle on land at more than 10 miles per hour from May 1 through September 30 within a designated public use site or within 100 feet of the waters of Slipper Lake and Wishbone Lake, without a permit from the department.

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This particular proposal looks like very vague government rule making done by folks not knowledgeable of the types of recreational activities which are done there. This proposed regulation needs much further study by the department, much longer public comment period or periods, and much larger outreach for those comments.
I or my family and many friends have utilized Jonesville for over 20 years. My suggestions following.
Please drop any speed restrictions except in a very narrowly defined corridor, not the entire area.
Drop any permit requirement as it doesn't exist anywhere else in the state.
Codify the trail maintenance exemption in the regulation.

Designate a shooting area before any restrictions take effect.
Publish the entire proposed regulation with changes adding another public comment period..

I ask the department to Something else, which I described in my own words above.

Thank you for considering this comment.

Respectfully,
Mark Mullins
Anchorage , Alaska
Redacted

From: Dan Nicoll
To: Jonesville Regs (DNR sponsored)
Cc: alaskaoutdooraccessalliance@gmail.com
Subject: Public Comment on Regulation Project 2025200629 - Dan Nicoll
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This is a area we've had many enjoyable times, the fact that this is where we actually can enjoy a weekend with friends and family is why we don't need the restrictions. It's almost like you want to be the fun police ! So , please don't ruin the area we've all used for years . .

I ask the department to Limit the rule to specific mapped locations that cannot be widened later.

Thank you for considering this comment.

Respectfully,
Dan Nicoll
Anchorage, AK
Redacted

From: Janet Sanders
To: Jonesville Regs (DNR sponsored)
Cc: alaskaoutdooraccessalliance@gmail.com
Subject: Public Comment on Regulation Project 2025200629 - Janet Sanders
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I'm disgusted with the constant attacks on access. There is not moral superiority of activities, in other words, skiing and biking do not trump motor-based activities. .

I ask the department to Withdraw the 10 mile per hour and permit provisions entirely.

Thank you for considering this comment.

Respectfully,
Janet Sanders
Anchorage, AL
Redacted

From: John Sharrock
To: Jonesville Regs (DNR sponsored)
Cc: alaskaoutdooraccessalliance@gmail.com
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The regulation of these areas does not appear well thought out. The speed limit should be no lower than 25. I agree the immediate area surrounding the slipper lake campsite area should be lowered. Eska falls and wishbone lake areas don't allow fast travel. Trail conditions in those areas set speed limits fairly low naturally negating the need for off road policing.

The vagueness and uncertainty of the permit, permit process and the permit area is also concerning.

Any limitations being placed on public land use should be written in black and white and easy to understand and easy to access.

Please reevaluate these proposed regulations. Please propose the full and complete regulation

including the written permit and approved shooting areas and then reopen for public comment.

Thank you

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I ask the department to Something else, which I described in my own words above.

Thank you for considering this comment.

Respectfully,
John Sharrock
Palmer, Alaska
Redacted

From: Jill Simek
To: Jonesville Regs (DNR sponsored)
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When I ride my mountain bike I often ride above 10 miles per hour. Why limit motorized vehicles to LESS than non motorized vehicles. It is unrealistic and doesn't make sense.

In addition, the plans for permits, limits, enforcement are not clearly stated. I can't support an undefined effort. Please add clarity as requested. .

I ask the department to Keep a speed provision but set a reasonable speed and drop the permit requirement.

Thank you for considering this comment.

Respectfully,

Jill Simek
Anchorage, Alaska
Redacted

From: Kristen Sommers
To: Jonesville Regs (DNR sponsored)
Cc: alaskaoutdooraccessalliance@gmail.com
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Rather than create new regulations and permit processes, enforce the regulations and state laws that are already in effect! Many times while we have been out there (for a variety of recreational activities), there has been unsafe shooting practices, public intoxication while handling firearms and driving atv/utv/vehicles of any type, and expansive littering/dumping. How can the public be okay with blindly agreeing to a permit process without being provided any comparisons or additional information about the requirements?! How will this be enforced in an area that sees slow to no response when complaints or concerns are called in currently? Publish specifics and then re-open the comment period.
If safety and land use regulations are the main concern, designated and make clear signage of shooting areas and practices, have better response to unsafe or littering/dumping reports, request assistance from non-profits for trail maintenance. There are many current options to

accomplish the claimed goals of DNR without introducing a new and unknown permit process..

I ask the department to Something else, which I described in my own words above.

Thank you for considering this comment.

Respectfully,
Kristen Sommers
Anchorage , AK
Redacted

From: Garret Stoll
To: Jonesville Regs (DNR sponsored)
Cc: alaskaoutdooraccessalliance@gmail.com
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This seems like another excuse to add a tax "permit" to our freedoms. its unnecessary, and overreaching to say the least and with no set guidelines should not even be considered..

I ask the department to Withdraw the 10 mile per hour and permit provisions entirely.

Thank you for considering this comment.

Respectfully,
Garret Stoll
Mat Su, Alaska
Redacted

From: Makayla Such (Gallagher)
To: Jonesville Regs (DNR sponsored)
Cc: alaskaoutdooraccessalliance@gmail.com
Subject: Public Comment on Regulation Project 2025200629 - Makayla Such (Gallagher)
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Dear Ms. Benson,

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I object to the proposed speed and permit provisions in 11 AAC 96.016(e)(3) and 11 AAC 96.017(a)(14), which would prohibit operating a vehicle on land at more than 10 miles per hour from May 1 through September 30 within a designated public use site or within 100 feet of the waters of Slipper Lake and Wishbone Lake, without a permit from the department.

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Again, as stated before. It is not appreciated to regulate Alaskans on their land that we have used for so long. You are putting a permit. A process. A regulation on subsistence and traditional ways on my Alaska Native household which is unacceptable. Does knik tribe know about this or the tribe located in that area how DNR plans to restrict access with a paperwork process likely elders do NOT KNOW how to do. Many elders we have struggle with electronics. .

I ask the department to Something else, which I described in my own words above.

Thank you for considering this comment.

Respectfully,
Makayla Such (Gallagher)
Wasilla, Ak
Redacted

From: Nathan Such
To: Jonesville Regs (DNR sponsored)
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This is a free state I shouldn't have to pay or request permits to go have fun on public land and why would we focus money time and energy on enforcing Such Laws and Such remote places when we have more important things to focus or Alaska state budget on.

I ask the department to Withdraw the 10 mile per hour and permit provisions entirely.

Thank you for considering this comment.

Respectfully,
Nathan Such
Wasilla, AK
Redacted

From: Matthew Thompson
To: Jonesville Regs (DNR sponsored)
Cc: alaskaoutdooraccessalliance@gmail.com
Subject: Public Comment on Regulation Project 2025200629 - Matthew Thompson
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There are not enough open areas for off road usage. The ones that do exist within a reasonable distance are much more unpredictable, unmaintained, and difficult to navigate. The proposed areas this is targeting are the closest areas to the most populated city in the state. This change will not fix the issue of people doing things they shouldn't, it only makes the rest of the law abiding citizens more susceptible to frivolous tickets and hassle. I appreciate the effort to make these areas as safe as possible, however i believe this is the wrong approach and I oppose this proposal in its entirety..

I ask the department to Withdraw the 10 mile per hour and permit provisions entirely.

Thank you for considering this comment.

Respectfully,
Matthew Thompson
Anchorage, AK
Redacted

From: Dennis Vau Dell
To: Jonesville Regs (DNR sponsored)
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My specific concerns are No comment.

If we are talking area surrounding Slipper Lake, 10 MPH seems appropriate. The parking area can get very dusty and used for camping, fishing and cooking. There are many families with children running around that need to be protected from speeding trucks and ATVs..

I ask the department to Something else, which I described in my own words above.

Thank you for considering this comment.

Respectfully,
Dennis Vau Dell
Meadow Lakes, AK
Redacted

From: Seth Whaley
To: Jonesville Regs (DNR sponsored)
Cc: alaskaoutdooraccessalliance@gmail.com
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This is lower 48 communistic shit! The people trying to push this need to move back to the places that have this kind of shit already in place. Leave it alone..

I ask the department to Something else, which I described in my own words above.

Thank you for considering this comment.

Respectfully,
Seth Whaley
Mat-Su Borough, Alaska
Redacted