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### DIRECTOR'S ORDER REGARDING CLOSURE OF THE RODAK LOOP TRAIL CHUGACH STATE PARK ORDER NUMBER 351

Approved: *Ricky Gease*  
Ricky Gease, Director

Date: August 25, 2025

This order takes effect immediately.

#### Background

Due to recent increased brown bear activity and to minimize bear-human conflicts the Rodak Loop Trail, including both the Salmon Viewing Deck and Beaver Deck as well as the staff Service Road, is closed until further notice.

This temporary closure adds to the seasonal closure of the Albert Loop Trail and surrounding area and is intended to protect both public safety and the safety of bears using the area. Multiple brown bears feeding on spawning salmon have focused intensely on waters adjacent to both viewing decks this year, using the surrounding brush and timber for cover, and have displayed decreasing tolerance for the presence of each other and visitors nearby.

This closure does not affect the Iditarod/Crow Pass trail or the Dew Mound Trail.

#### By Order of the Director

Under authority of 11 AAC 12.335, Closure and Use Management, a person may not enter the Rodak Loop Trail area when the temporary closure is in effect. The Rodak Loop Trail and general region will remain closed until it is publicly announced that the closure is lifted.

**Appeals:** All appeals must be in accordance with 11 AAC 02. To be eligible to appeal a person must be affected by this decision. Any appeal must be received within 20 calendar days after the date of "issuance" of this decision, as defined in 11 AAC 02(c) and (d). If no appeal is filed within the 20 days of "issuance" this decision goes into effect as a final order and decision 31 days after "issuance". An eligible person must first appeal this decision in accordance with 11 AAC 02 before appealing this decision to Superior Court. A copy of 11 AAC 02 may be obtained from any regional information office of the Department of Natural Resources.

Appeals should be directed to:  
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