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## Chugach State Park Earth Day Clean-Up Event at Thunderbird Falls

**(Anchorage, AK)** — The Division of Outdoor Parks and Recreation is partnering with Alaska Trails to host a Chugach State Parks clean-up event on Earth Day, April 22 from 4 p.m.-7 p.m. at Thunderbird Falls!

State Parks will be providing gloves, buckets, and trash bags for the event. Volunteers will be picking up trash including dog poop, and can RSVP at <https://www.alaska-trails.org/event-details/earth-day-thunderbird-falls-cleanup>

“With a 30+% increase in park use since 2019, we are seeing more and more trash and animal waste on the trails – especially around the trailheads – and even with full staffing, it is challenging to keep our parks at their best,” said **Director Ricky Gease with the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation**. “We plan to host more clean-up events throughout the year and appreciate park users and volunteers that help us keep Alaska State Parks clean. All visitors should be taking their trash with them when leaving our parks.”

Help us clean up Alaska State Parks by joining us on April 22, or email our community engagement team to get on a mailing list to learn about upcoming events:  
[dnr.pks.community@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.pks.community@alaska.gov)

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