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News Release



Chugach National Forest Implements Fire Ban

Due to high fire danger and in partnership with Kenai National Wildlife Refuge and Kenai Peninsula State Parks on the Kenai, the Chugach National Forest is implementing a fire ban for Kenai Peninsula lands in both developed recreation sites — campgrounds, cabins, trails — and dispersed sites in the backcountry. The ban covers all open fires, including those in enclosed fire grates and rings and charcoal grills. Cooking stoves and gas grills may still be used. Smoking is also included in the fire ban.* Remember that possessing, discharging or using any kind of fireworks or pyrotechnic device on Forest Service land is always prohibited.

The ban includes these popular campgrounds and picnic sites (note this list is not inclusive-ALL Chugach National Forest lands on the Kenai, as shown in the attached map are included in the ban):

Bertha Creek	Black Bear	Cooper Creek	Crescent Creek
Coeur d' Alene	Granite Creek	Porcupine	Primrose
Ptarmigan Creek	Quartz Creek	Russian River	Tenderfoot Creek
Trail River	Williwaw	Alder Fishing Pond	K'Beq Day Use Area
Quartz Creek Beach	Tern Lake Day Use	Moose Flats Day Use	
Trail River Day Use		Turnagain Pass Day Use-East and West	

National forest lands are very dry and conditions are ripe for human caused wildfires. Please follow fire restrictions so everyone can have a safe and memorable experience on their national forest.

See attached map for closure area

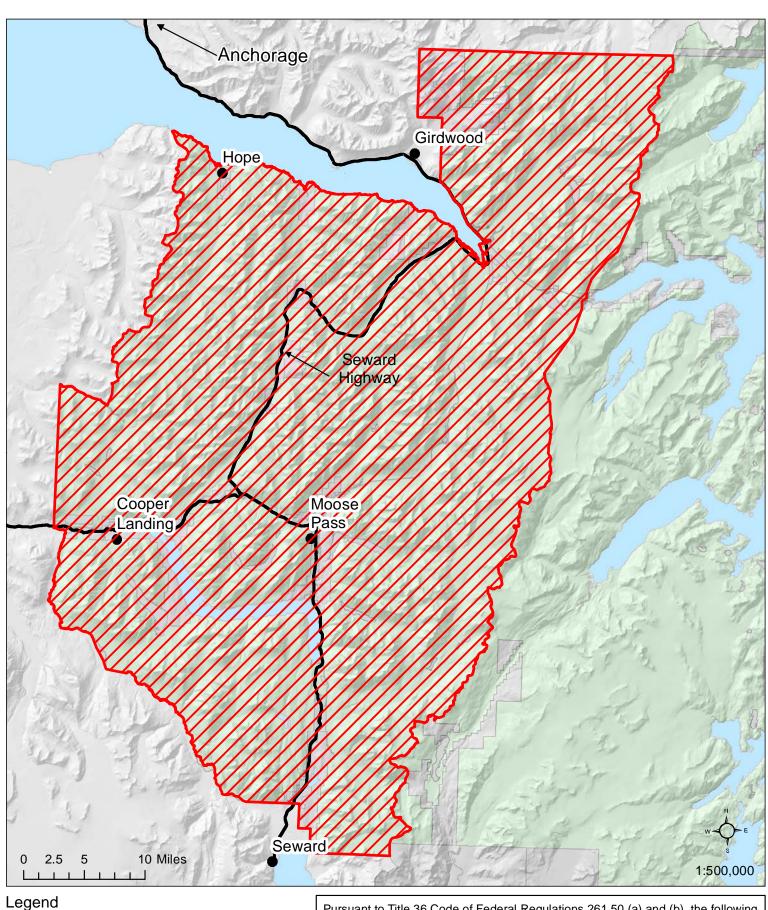
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^{*}Smoking except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed campground, or other recreation site, or while stopped in an area in at least three feet in diameter, which is barren or cleared of all flammable material is prohibited by the fire ban.

Chugach National Forest Emergency Order for Fire

KENAI PENINSULA
Glacier and Seward Districts



Closure Area
Roads

National Forest
Other Ownership

Pursuant to Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations 261.50 (a) and (b), the following restrictions are in effect on all lands administered by the Chugach National Forest on the Seward and Glacier Ranger Districts. These restrictions are in addition to those enumerated in Subpart A, Part 261, Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, and become effective when signed and will remain in effect until rescinded.