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Tanana Valley State Forest Temporarily Closed to Motorized Access

(Tanana Valley) – On June 29, 2022, the Alaska Department of Natural Resources temporarily closed the Tanana Valley State Forest to motorized access, due to extreme fire danger in the area. Bear baiting in that area closes on June 30. Under normal circumstances, hunters with bear bait stations in the affected area are responsible for cleaning up their site by June 30. Hunters who have not already cleaned up their bear bait station in this area may not be able to access their bear bait stations due to this unforeseen restriction. The Alaska Wildlife Troopers will temporarily pause enforcement of this requirement until the motorized access restriction is lifted. Hunters will have seven days following the termination of this restriction to clean up their bear bait station. All bear bait stations outside of the Tanana Valley State Forest are still required to have all equipment and bait removed from the field on June 30.

Links:

DNR Announcement: <u>6.28.2022 Temporary Tanana Valley State Forest motorized use closure.pdf</u> (alaska.gov)

DNR Map:

http://forestry.alaska.gov/Assets/pdfs/stateforests/Tanana%20Valley%20State%20Forest%20map%20D ec%202021.pdf

ADFG Bear Baiting info:

https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=bearbaiting.requirements#:~:text=Bear%20baiting%20reg ulations%20can%20be,July%201%20%2D%20June%2030%20period.

GMU Unit 20 Regulations:

https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/regulations/wildliferegulations/pdfs/gmu20.pdf

GMU Unit 12 regulations: https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static-

f/applications/web/nocache/regulations/wildliferegulations/pdfs/gmu12.pdf3B70134BA8D2196A95672 E1369D4AF6B/gmu12.pdf

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