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It's insane that this state is held hostage by trappers. I strongly disagree that their interests should trump everybody else's in the state. There should be no traps anywhere near established trails and all traps should be marked. It's significantly impeding our freedoms and rights to recreate in our state as we choose.



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I know two customers whose dogs were caught in a trappers trap. Both were out trying to enjoy the day and ended up in a life and death nightmare. I can't understand why we would set ourselves up for this distaster. Trappers don't own the land, they don't own the wildlife they kill, they should not be able to lay their traps anywhere. Killing animals should be out lawed, if we had any good in the human race it would have outlawed already but evil greed for more and more money rules our world and creates hell on earth.

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This is inexcusable! I don't even live in Alaska (yet), but this is something so ridiculously simple it should have already been a law! I'm not against trapping but allowing them so close to trails is unnecessary and dangerous

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Setbacks from established multi-use trails are a reasonable user compromise for trappers and other landuses to coexist. Further designating specific areas for this setback assists trappers in trapping ethically by defining many of the areas likely to catch nontarget dogs & persons. Currently all of the actual and legal burden of avoiding traps is placed on other user groups with little to no recourse when traps are placed inappropriately. The practice of secretly placing dangerous/deadly traps in common use areas should be discouraged by more than a non-binding and very general code of ethics.



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I am of the belief that if someone directly feeds, or clothes their family through subsistence trapping, it should be allowed, however, this is arguably a very small percentage of trappers in Alaska. For the average Alaskan trapping is an unnecessary hobby that they use to make a few extra dollars, or spruce up their parka. The lack of restrictions and cruel nature of dispatching the animal make it so that many tax paying citizens have to tiptoe around common recreational areas with their pets, just to appease those few trappers. I would like to see trappers be made more responsible for their hobby, much like other big game hunters in Alaska. As a matter of personal opinion I would like to see trapping abolished completely due to its cruel and unregulated nature, however I think the middle ground is to set some practical regulations.

1. Restrict the areas used for trapping, much like big game hunts. Specific zones already exist for this purpose. They should be used for trapping, much like they are for hunting.
2. Specify minimum no trapping setbacks from all public use trails. These setbacks should extend past the distance domestic animals can smell bait in traps and be lured away from their owners.
3. Trappers should declare their trap lines (and type of traps) on a public platform such as a website, so recreational users and dog owners know the risk on the areas they visit. General descriptions would be encouraged to avoid tampering with or destroying traps. Ex: "Within the first mile of rabbit slough, \_\_\_\_\_ types of baited traps have been set 70 yards south from the water edge."
4. Traps should be checked by trappers at frequent and regular pre-determined intervals.

Failure to comply with trapping regulations should result in trappers losing their trapping license and having their traps seized.

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PC202  
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Hello,  
reasonable trap setbacks should be done to preserve the safety of recreational outdoorsman and their pets such as dogs. I think by not increasing the setback and distance from proper trails is negligent and inhumane. Please consider. Thank you

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I don't think traps should be allowed near hiking trails. Dogs need to run and be dogs. They sniff and find smells and investigate and I shouldn't have to worry about a lazy trapper setting traps in trafficked areas, the same way none of us worry about hunters when in traffic. Trappers are hunters and a hunter is responsible for their actions. Some people are not capable of making safe decisions regarding others and laws are required. This is one of those circumstances. You do not discharge a gun around traffic. You do not set a trap where dogs traffic.



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As a dog owner in Talkeetna, I fully support the 50 yard set back for trappers. While everyone has the right to recreate, it is important that we keep each other & our pets safe. I would like to see this go into affect so that I can enjoy a walk with my dog knowing he will be safe from traps. Thank you for your consideration.



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PC205  
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It is extremely important to have trap lines moved further off high use recreational areas. They create a huge threat to outdoor users and pets. While dogs are the main concern of this initiative, it has huge impact on trail users as well. Stepping just off the trail to explore all that nature has to offer can leave people seriously injured or killed. Having this threat while enjoying the outdoors is a major deterrent. We need to consider who the majority of the trail users are and do what we can to protect them and their pets from easily preventable harm.



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Please change the trapping regulations to having the trap be at least 50 ft from established multiuse trails. I am an avid hiker, cross-country skier, and snowmachiner and request the assurance of this safety change for all Alaskans looking to keep themselves and their pets safe on our trails.



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I support the proposal for a 50 foot setback on selected MatSu trails. At this point, there are no requirements to even keep a trap off the middle of a well-used, multi-purpose trails. This is egregious and needs to be changed.



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NO TRAPS ANYWHERE...DOGS HAVE TRAVEL MORE THAN 50 YARDS  
MY DOG GOT CAUGHT IN A TRAP AND IT TOOK 3 OF US TO RELEASE HIM AND THEN A VET BILL  
NO TRAPS NEAR CITIES JUST IN VILLAGES  
NO TRAPS STOP KILLING DOGS!!

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PC209  
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We have two wonderful sled dogs that we like to enjoy hikes and skis with around Southcentral, but the fear of traps placed near the trail casts a long shadow on our time trying to recreate. The consequences of traps set too near trailheads are great, and this simple piece of legislation could protect tens and hundreds of dogs and families.

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I along with probably 95 % of all alaskans support the 50 yard trapping set back from multiuse trails. It is a no brainer. The bigger question is why any agency is continuing to allow trapping in the present day. Slavery has been abolished, women suffrage is established, child labor is regulated- just to name a few things that had been accepted as the rights of us citizens (men) for decades but as the nation evolved it became evident that these practices were not unalienable rights and needed to be gotten rid of. The same is true of trapping in almost all circumstances. I hope the 50 yard set back is just the beginning of eliminating trapping once and for all. My own personal dog was caught in a snare on a public trail 20 yards from a subdivision last winter.



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I am support of the proposed 50 yard setback for traps for the multi-use trails throughout the Mat Su. The Mat Su's trail activity has increased exponentially with the population. The proposed regulation for 50 yard trap setback is a necessary compromise as multi-use of trails becomes just that- multiplied.

I do not consider the counter argument of loose leash dogs being adequate. Without the set back, even a dog being trained on a long leash is at risk. The question that the regulation answers isn't is this a hardship on trappers, or is the lack of a regulation a threat to trail users. The question to be answered is, how do we regulate multi-use trails in an area that is increasingly populated. Leash laws are in place. That is one solution. Now, trapping regulations need to be in place for another solution.

Thank you.



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Dear board members, as an multi use trail recreationist I support the proposed 50 yard setback for traps to be placed on regularly and frequently used trails. I believe this enhances the experience for everybody, including the trappers who would have their traps less disturbed with by non target animals or people.  
Thanks for taking my comment into account.  
Regards, Eugen





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I request that a min of 50 yards set back for trapping be inacted. I bike with my dog, it is impractical and unsafe to have him tied to my bike, He stays near me but could be distacted if a humk of meat was right next to the trail.

Thank you Gail French

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I am writing in support of the 50 yard trap setback from over 200 designated multi-use trails in the Mat-Su area. This is long overdue. Many non-target species, including domestic dogs, have been caught or killed in traps that have been set far too close to trails and trail heads. Just last week a dog was caught in a snare that was placed only 10-15 ft from the trail in the Moose Range area. Many people recreate in these areas with children and dogs under voice/electric collar control, and they should not have to fear their child or pet may get caught or injured in a trap so close to the trail. Please enact this proposal to prohibit trapping so close trials. Thank you.

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I am in full support of trapping setbacks on multi use trails in Mat-Su (and the rest of Alaska). This will somewhat mitigate the conflicts between trappers and other users on popular trails.



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I am submitting a comment in support of the regulation requiring a 50 yard setback for traps and snares. As a dog owner and user of multiuse trails, I would like to have the piece of mind that if my dog steps off the trail and wanders into the woods, she will not accidentally set off a trap. I support trappers and their right to set traps in Alaska, but I would hope that the rights of recreationalists be considered, too. A 50 yard setback would not degrade the rights of the trapper, but that setback could save the life of a dog. Please consider implementing this setback for trapping on multiuse trails and give dog owners piece of mind while enjoying our beautiful trails.

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Dear fish and game of Alaska. I heard that reports from the people on the trails are becoming a safety risk because of traps being put near frequently used trails by people and pets and wildlife. And sometimes some people got killed and injured by these illegal traps. Please do more to remove them from trails to keep people and pets safe. Thank you have a happy Halloween.



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As a dog owner, this is always a concern of mine. I support people being able to trap, but how close traps are to trails sometimes is incredibly concerning. Please consider the proposal to increase the setback from trails. It increases safety and reduces the risk of conflict over different user bases of our great outdoors



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I am full support of trapping in Alaska as well as a 50 year set-back along popular trails and access. There is plenty of room for everyone to share and support each other. The set back addresses a prime safety concern as outdoor hiking and biking gain popularity with more people and their dogs using these trail systems.

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PC220  
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I am a local veterinarian who practices in the matsu valley. I grew up out in Western Alaska around trapping and I very much respect responsible trapping. However since living in the matsu valley it has become apparent that we have a problem with irresponsible trapping. I have treated numerous patients who have been snared or caught in foot traps, many of these patients are maimed for life. Reasonable trapping setbacks are needed along our major multi-use trails. This winter I experienced a terrifying encounter with a trap placed too close to a multi use trail. When I am not practicing as a veterinarian I enjoy competitively racing sled dogs. I am also a 2x Iditarod finisher which means I spend alot of time out on our local trails. This winter I was running a dog team down a main trail that feeds into the historic Iditarod trail when my dogsled ran over something metal. I stopped the team and walked back to see what we had just ran over as it was in the middle of the trail and I suspected it had fallen off another snowmachine or dogsled. What I found was a closed foot trap in the middle of the trail. Thinking the trap was not where is was supposed to be I picked up the trap and found that it was in fact still tethered to a tree inches from the trail. So the trap was in fact where the trapper had placed it and in the trail where it was a danger to people and pets. As a veterinarian I know all too well how damaging this trap could have been had one of the dogs in my team stepped into it. I believe reasonable trap set backs and their enforcement will only encourage responsible trapping and also keep our local trails safe for all to enjoy. I am fully in support of responsible trapping and I believe enforcing trail setbacks in the matsu valley will encourage responsible trapping and create consequences for irresponsible trappers who pose a risk to humans and our pets.





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Enacting these regulations will help to ensure that pedestrians and pets are not sharing public trail systems with trappers. To consider that this is an acceptable practice is beyond reasonable.

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PC223  
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Good Day, I am in support of both proposals. It's not too much to ask trappers to walk a little further from the trail for the safety of humans and pets. It's also not much to ask them to properly tag the traps, shouldn't be a problem if they aren't doing anything wrong. Personally I think it's outrageous that traps can be set literally on a trail with no identifying information...and if a person or pet gets caught up and were able to release, we have to then set the trap again. Do better.

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PC224  
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This is a reasonable compromise between users of the trails. Responsible and ethical trappers are already at least 50 yards away from any of these trails. This should be supported by trappers as 50 yards is hardly and unbearable burden, and it reduces the risk of conflicts. Every time a dog gets caught in a trap and the tragic pictures flood social media, large groups of people call for much stricter restrictions or bans on trapping. Avoid the conflicts and avoid much more drastic regulations in the future with some sensible rules now.



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I urge you to make minimum setbacks on multi use trails in the MatSu. It's not right to have to worry about children and family pets being maimed or worse on "multi-use" trails. Finding evidence of trapping right next to the trail is scary and ruins the walk/hike. Trapping should be done off trail AWAY from others. Safety should be a priority.



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I am Alaskan born and raised. In 2021, my friend's dog was killed in a trap while her family desperately tried to save her and she died in minutes, only a few yards off of a main trail. Regulating trapping will make it safer for pets and for people, and hopefully no family will have to go through this again.



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I support set back regulations for multi-use trails in Alaska. If the BOG and the Trappers Assoc. have issues with "trappers rights" I believe they should meet with groups wishing to establish setbacks for trails and come to agreements as to what setback distances are reasonable. The BOG simply votes down proposals like this without taking the time or effort to adjust them.



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Greetings,

I am an avid Nordic skier and skijorer. I ski with my dogs. Often I have a small sled in front of me that the dogs pull. This means that the dogs are approximately 20 feet in front of me. It would be very easy for them to get into a trap were it near a trail.

I have had this happen before along trails when I skied with my dogs to Nome. I do not want the same thing to happen on my local trails in the MatSu Valley.

Last winter while skiing on an undeveloped Borough road I skied over "blind trap". It was very scary for me and I wondered why or how a trap could be there in the first place. I then learned that there are very few regulations for trappers and that it is about ethics.

I don't want to rely on the ethics of strangers.

A 50 yard setback for traps is a fair compromise and shouldn't hinder trappers' ability to maintain their traplines.

Thank you.





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I support safe and mindful access to Alaska public land. This requires land uses to be mindful of the area and each other. Requiring traps be set back not only protects the public at large but also helps ensure traps are not disturbed. Both sides benefit.



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I would like to comment that I think the 50 yard set back for traps is a good compromise, as I dog owner in Talkeetna I worry my dog getting caught in a trap, a very scary thing to deal with. Thank you

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PC231  
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I support a 50 yard setback of any traps from all trails.  
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I support the Alaska Wildlife Alliance proposal for a 50 yard set back as a minimum standard on proposed trails. I am categorically opposed to trapping which is inherently cruel.



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Please prohibit trapping near trailheads and trails and driveways and section lines and everywhere else people pets can roam. Take the trapping to the most remote areas possible. Trapping isn't all that necessary.

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PC234  
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- As a lifelong Valley resident and outdoor devotee, it is alarming to me that trappers are setting active traps along heavily used multi use trails. The population here has grown and ignoring the negative impact of trapping where so many people go has reached critical mass. We need to create enforceable laws about trapping along and in areas where families adventure. There are many posts on social media regarding aggressive trappers and their entitlement attitude about where they place traps, as if they are the only trail users. This is unacceptable. It is time to readdress the curent laws and apply limitations on trapping in multiuse areas.

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I urge the Alaska Board of Game to approve the Alaska Wildlife Alliance's proposal requesting **50-yard trap setbacks on over 200 multi-use trails in the Mat-Su Valley**. These are reasonable boundaries which will protect people and their pets from being caught and killed in traps, and provides for the safety of multi-use activities on the area's most heavily-used trails.



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The issue of traps on trails has been brought before the Board of Game repeatedly over the past 20 years to no avail. The problem of trapping non-target animals (and injuring people) has not gone away, in fact it has increased.

The BOG has another opportunity to do the right thing for the community as a whole by regulating this largely uncontrolled user group, some members of which are responsible trappers and do the right thing. This proposal would only limit that small segment of irresponsible people who don't follow the admonition to trap only in such a way as to minimize catching non-target animals.

BOG members: just do it once and for all. Put this issue to rest. Vote yes for this proposal. Otherwise it will come up interminably, the result of which just makes you look like you don't care about the broad spectrum of trail users unless they are trappers.





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Trapping in Alaska is a tradition and a means of income and lifestyle for many residents. I think everyone that wants to trap should be able to maintain that right however, there also needs to be consideration for those in the Matsu Valley that choose to use the established trail systems, to include along the Knik River, to hike and walk dogs. I ask that the board considers mandating a 50 foot area along all established trail systems in the Matsu Valley where trapping is not allowed in that 50 foot area, in an effort to protect both humans and dogs that utilize the trails regularly.



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I am writing concerning the review and possible modification of trapping regulations. I live around Mile 4.3 of Knik River Rd. And have done so for 30 years. I recreate on several trails around my home and have witnessed sets at many places along the old roadbed trail as well as trails leading to this trail. In some cases the trap was right next to a footbridge that is used by myself, my children and grandchildren. That particular was a canaber but have seen leg hold as well as multiple snares. I am by no means against trapping but there needs to be common sense regulations on locating sets well away from established and well used trails. I have found neighbors pets in snares (fortunately not her deceased) and do not want anybody's pet to be killed. I understand the need for leash laws but there are times/places where it is appropriate to let your dog let off a little steam. I have read that you may be contemplating a 50 yard setback from established trails-that would be awesome!

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PC239  
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Trapping setbacks on Alaska trails, parking areas, etc. is a statewide issue that needs to be addressed and action taken. I'm writing in support of the setbacks being proposed for the Mat-Su valley area, the protection of our pets and safety to the users of these areas needs to be looked at seriously. It is stated in the Alaska Trappers Association "A Trappers Code of Ethics" #3 "Promote trapping methods that will reduce the possibility of of catching nontarget animals".

Alaska Dept of Fish and Game trapping regulations states (page 6) Act responsibly as a trapper and conservationist by trapping in ways to minimize conflict between trapping and other users, for example, avoid high recreational use areas. Avoid situations where you might catch a domestic dog or cat, such as near homes or trails frequently used by hikers, skijorers, dog mushers, or other people. Thank you for allowing me to show my support of trapping setbacks in the Mat-Su area.

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I am a veterinarian that has worked in the valley the past five years and I'm an avid trail user. I have seen what traps can do to dogs first hand and it is a tragic event that can be avoided. As a dog owner, I am always concerned that my dogs will accidentally get into traps that are set too close to the trail. I believe this trail setback regulation will allow trappers and trail users with dogs to safely recreate together and avoid unnecessary harm.



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Alaska is big and loved by many. Multiuse trail show be maintained as safe for not only dogs but children. Children often run free around trails and are easy victims to these very dangerous and hidden traps that lay too close to trails. Leashed dogs are also victims of these traps. I do not wish to see trapping prohibited but any multiuse or widely used area needs to be safe for people and their leashes animals. I have had friends with small children and leashes dogs caught in traps on upper hillside trails often used for biking and skiing and these snares were just 2 feet in low brush off the very highly used trail. That weekend 9 snares were found. Please understand the desire for safe use for everyone, including trappers.



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I support the proposal to institute 50 yard trap setbacks from over 200 designated multi-use trails in the Mat-Su area. My perspective is that of a dog-owner with no trapping experience. I recognize the importance of trapping in Alaska and hope ADF&G is able to find a solution that continues to support the practice, while creating safe spaces for Alaskans to recreate without fear for their animals or themselves.



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As a frequent visitor to Alaska, I find it appalling that trapping is allowed near multi-use trails. I most certainly wouldn't want to inadvertently step into one of these traps, nor would someone's pet. Isn't wilderness for ALL to use, not just trappers and hunters?

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PC244  
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I am writing in support of Proposal 199 because of the additional safety it provides out dogs. Local trails are used by a wide variety of people but our dogs are what are at risk. This measure is a reasonable buffer to reduce the number of dogs caught in traps.





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I wish to nominate a trail next to my property at Mile 66 of the Richardson Highway for inclusion to the requirement setbacks for trapping.

The trail is at M66.3 of the Richardson Highway.

The trail is the only legal access to backcountry including Fourth of July Creek and Slate Creek flowing into the Little Tonsina River

Trap(s) for the first 600 yards of the trail accessing the South side of the Richardson Highway are actually ON the trail

Years ago I testified before the Board of Game in Anchorage asking "Please institute some setback requirements for all trails especially the one adjacent to my property"

The Board told me I needed to speak to the trapper(s)

Did that Traps still ON the trail



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The increase in setbacks for trapping are reasonable. I think most Alaskans agree that trappers don't need to trap right on or next to designated, maintained multi-use trails. Since most trappers behave ethically and don't place traps in multi-use corridors already, this proposal will not burden ethical trappers at all. This proposal only limits those who set "problem" traps.



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I support the 50 yard set back rule. In fact, I'd support outlawing trapping altogether.



Submitted By  
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Responsible long time trappers have trapped near my home on the McCarthy Road for years. They are friends of mine and would never set traps in places where they might catch someone's dog. This winter, what I would call hobbyist trappers set a bunch of cat snares near pullouts on the road: places where the long time trappers would never set traps because they would be too likely to catch someone's dog. On top of that, they set the traps in November when cat fur would not be saleable. And on top of that, none of the local trappers are trapping cats this year, because the price is too low.

Real trappers, people who depend on the income from, trapping, are, in my experience very respectful of others and would not set traps where they are very likely to catch someone's dog. In addition to my place on the McCarthy road, I own property on the Petersville road, and I support a ban on trapping near multi-use trails, in the Petersville area, and statewide.



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Completely in favor of regulating to keep all traps away from trails. Alaska is a big state and there is no need to set traps on trails widely used by others.

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PC250  
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I'm a born and raised Alaskan. I'm not anti-trapping and have even trapped in the past. However there have been far too many incidents in the last few years where dogs are getting killed and dogs and people are getting injured. We have far too many lazy road side trappers marking sets at and along trails, pullouts and even on private property. This has been an ongoing issue for many years and thus far no changes have been made to address the problem. As the state is growing and we are going to have more and more people on these trails and roadways. Let's start making the right changes now so everyone can enjoy what our state has to offer. I would hate to see another child get their arm broken by a car bear.



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Please enact a trail trapping setback on all public multi use trails. These trails are for multi use recreation, not harvesting game. There is more than enough land in alaska for trappers to access without relying on public maintained, multi use trails. If those are the only trails they can trap from then maybe they need to reevaluate why they are trapping. Traditional trapping heritage did not rely on public trails.

Thank you



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I support trapping. No responsible trapper traps near a multi use trail. Let's prevent irresponsible trappers from setting traps near them. I support the 50yard setback.





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- Trappers who follow the Trapper's Code of Ethics' third tenant, to "promote trapping methods that will reduce the possibility of catching non-target animals," already trap away from heavily used trails. This setback will likely not impact trappers who already avoid trap conflicts in multi-use areas.
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- Having lived here 40 plus years assisting on traplines 1980's, I will state that no decent Alaska trapper would have an issue with this regulation. Only entitled trappers of today would take issue with this, In the past no trappers would think to set a trap along a trail used for other purposes, this would pose to many problems, wasting time and money.
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- I will state that no decent Alaska trapper would have an issue with this regulation.
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I support reasonable limitations to trapping on popular multi-user trails. I have several dogs and we use many of the Matsu trails to recreate and are always concerned with traps that some trappers have placed unethically close to popular trails.



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As a lifetime dog owner, I fully support a trapping setback off of multiuse trails. I am not against trapping. I support a persons right to earn a living. I am just against the trapping of pets.

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PC256  
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Trapping should be totally banned on multiuse trails. My dog got caught in a trap and it made me want to trap the trapper! I am tired of their rights being more important than mine!



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PLEASE enlist the 50 yard set back for Trapping placements in Anchorage and the Mat-Su and frankly anywhere there is pedestrain/ Pet traffic.. I hike, with friends who have pets regularly all over Anchorage the Mat-Su.. It is incredulous to me that this is even an issue.. How can Traps/Snares etc co-exist SAFELY within Pedestrian Locale.

Amazing !!

Thank you



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I am writing in support of both Proposal 199 and Proposal 228. Thank you for your consideration.



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Trapping should not be allowed in any proximity to trails and/or recreational areas nor to any nearby housing. Dogs frequently die causing emotional harm to families due to the allowance of traps near trails. They die a horrible death in front of their owners. Traps are also a risk to humans. This is not a recreational sport and it is an inhumane practice.



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As an avid outdoors person and dog owner, I support the proposal of 50 yard setbacks.