

MATANUSKA RIVER DRAINAGE

Land Status and Public Access

Land Status

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| State | Private |
| General | Cook Inlet Region Inc. |
| School Trust | Chickaloon Moose Creek Native Assoc. Inc. |
| Mental Health Trust | Eklutna Inc. |
| Other | Other |
| Municipal | Public Trails and Rights-of-Way |
| Municipal | DOT |
| Federal | RS 2477 ROW |
| BLM | ANCSA 17(b) roads and trails |

These data represent general land ownership information as of May 13, 2004. The land ownership pattern may change as the Native Village and Regional corporations and the Mat-Su Borough reach their land entitlements. In addition, many of the large landowners may sell all or

HISTORICAL ACCESS ROUTES

The State of Alaska claims numerous rights-of-way under Revised Statute (RS) 2477, including rights-of-way identified in AS 19.30.400. The validity of all RS 2477 rights-of-way will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

The following RS 2477 trails are identified on the map:

- RST 427 Chickaloon River Trail
- RST 433 Caribou Creek Trail
- RST 447 Wolverine Creek Trail
- RST 564 Chickaloon-Knik-Nelchina Trail
- RST 1429 Eskja Strip Mine Trail

Other access routes have been identified by the Department of Transportation in their "existing trail inventory", published in 1972. Many of these routes have already been identified as RS 2477 trails. Those that have not are identified as:

- DOT 69-0 Unnamed Trail
- DOT 69-6 Jonesville Premier Mine Road
- DOT 69-34 Puritan Creek Trail
- DOT 69-37 Weimer Lake Trail
- DOT 69-38 Kings River Trail
- DOT 69-5 Wolverine Lake Horse Trail

GENERALLY ALLOWED USES

On state land and rights-of-way managed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), "generally allowed" uses (11 AAC 96.020) do not require a permit. Generally allowed uses include motorized vehicles if use of the right-of-way does not cause or contribute to water quality degradation, alteration of drainage systems, significant rutting, ground disturbance, or thermal erosion.

State law prohibits driving a motorized land vehicle across or through a stream that is used by salmon, steelhead, sea run cutthroat, Dolly Varden, Arctic Char, Steelhead, or whitefish. For more information contact the Office of Habitat Management and Permitting within the Department of Natural Resources.

Uses allowed on these easements are limited to:

- 25 Foot Trail** - travel by foot, dog-sled, animals, snowmobiles, two and three-wheel vehicles, and small all-terrain vehicles under 3,000 pounds gross vehicle weight.
- 50 Foot Trail** - travel by foot, dog-sled, animals, snowmobiles, two and three-wheel vehicles, and small and large all-terrain vehicles, track vehicles, and four wheel drive vehicles.
- 60 Foot Road** - uses allowed are those allowed for a 50-foot trail plus automobiles and trucks.

PUBLIC USE EASEMENTS

Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act 17(b) easements exist to provide access across privately owned lands to reach public lands or major waterways. No hunting or fishing from or on an easement is permitted. No camping is allowed on trail easements.

There are two types of 17(b) easements: site easements and trail easements. There are no site easements reserved in this area. The following trail easements were reserved across corporation lands.

EIN 1a D9 - An easement, twenty-five (25) feet in width, for an existing access trail beginning in Sec. 19, T. 19 N., R. 3 E., Seward Meridian, running northeasterly to Wolverine Creek, then easterly, paralleling Wolverine Creek to public land.

EIN 3 C5 - An easement for an existing road, sixty (60) feet in width, beginning at the old mining community of Eskja in Section 16, T. 19 N., R. 3 E., Seward Meridian, and proceeding north-easterly to public land.

EIN 6 D9, C5 - An easement, sixty (60) feet in width, for an existing road from the Glenn Highway in Sec. 7, T. 19 N., R. 5 E., Seward Meridian, continuing northerly to public land.

EIN 11 D9 - An easement for an existing trail, fifty (50) feet in width, paralleling the Chickaloon River in Sec. 19, T. 20 N., R. 6 E., Seward Meridian.

EIN 12b D9, L - An easement for an existing trail, twenty-five (25) feet in width, in Sections 16 and 20, T. 20 N., R. 6 E., Seward Meridian.

EIN 15 D9 - An easement, sixty (60) feet in width, for an existing road from the Glenn Highway, through the SE4SW4W4 of Sec. 24, T. 20 N., R. 6 E., Seward Meridian, northerly to public land.

EIN 18d D9 - An easement for an existing trail, twenty-five (25) feet in width, from the Matanuska River, southerly along the right bank of Carpenter Creek to public land.

EIN 33 C5 - An easement, fifty (50) feet in width, for an existing road from Sec. 5, T. 18 N., R. 3 E., Seward Meridian northeasterly, thence southerly to public land in Sec. 5, T. 18 N., R. 4 E., Seward Meridian.

EIN 36 - An easement for an existing trail, twenty-five (25) feet in width, from trail EIN 1a D9 in Sec. 20, T. 18 N., R. 3 E., Seward Meridian, northwesterly to Wolverine Lake Road in Sec. 7, T. 18 N., R. 3 E., Seward Meridian.

EIN 108H (IC 1413) - An easement, sixty (60) feet in width, for an existing road from the Alaska Railroad Right-of-Way, northerly to the Glenn Highway in the Moose Townsite within U.S. Survey No. 1152.

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