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I do not support this action. It is my experience that people do not set traps on areas that the general public and their animals frequent. By way of the nature of the hunt, traps are Placed strategically to increase the chances of success, dictating that unless the human and his dog are running with the wolves, the two paths are seldom shared. Man's accommodation for his PLEASURE should never come before satisfying another man's NEEDS for surviving. Take the dogs to a dog park, leave alone the OLDEST and most natural, least damaging and most ESSEfNTIAL act of human survival!!! Most urgently, consider not confusing human rights for human supremacy.



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I am strongly opposed to the proposed requirement to set traps a designated distance away from select public trails. Existing leash laws and best trapping practices render this an unnecessary overreach. All recreational users -- including trappers -- have an equal right to enjoy the same public spaces. Common sense and good judgment on all sides is all that is required.



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I dont trap, but I do use many trails in these areas recreationally and while I have never been aware of any people viewing their encounters with me or my family and our dogs as negative, I certainly have viewed more than my share of encounters with others as negative.

Generally speaking, I find at least half of dog owners using the trails to be inept at controlling their dogs, or completely ignorant of the laws to keep their animals under control, or worse yet (and most commonly) willfully and recklessly disregardfull of the laws pertaining to responsibly keeping their animals under control.

We keep our dog on a leash so she wont run off or bother others. When we meet others, we give way on the trail and teach her (and reinforce the training) to sit and be quiet and respectful of the others. I have literally NEVER received the same kind of respect in my 50 plus years of living here.

I am not in the least surprised to hear that there are instances of peoples pets being caught or harmed or worse, considering it seems to be the norm to let your pets run wild, and pretend you have them under control, all the while when someone like myself enounters them we have ghem sniffing, growling, nearly threatening (I admit, I have NOT yet had to shoot one nor othersise fight one off) but what I am surprised about is the tolerance most people on the trails have for these overbearing, negligent, malefactors in our midst.

On top of this pushiness I've commonly encountered, I must admit that it thoroughly adds to the fullness of my experience to find myself stepping around their animals droppings on the trails, its especially special when the droppings are actually in the little plastic bags they so proudly display and then leave on the trailside (presumably to pick up on their way back?)

I guess its not so amazing that you dont hear of all these kind of encounters, because most people dont want to be bothered by conflict and spoil their experience (which is where Im coming from right up until i see these few representatives of this group of people insisting the rest of us not only put up with their casual disregard for the laws as they are applied to them, as well as insisting on new laws and restrictions on others who as near as I can tell only want to be allowed to utilize these public, multi use places as they are legally allowed to). Its kind of irritating to be honest.

I for one will be furious if you decide to add new restrictions on one user group without putting some teeth and accountability upon this other group (in this case the aggressor) for their clear and wanton preponderance for disregard of the laws as they apply to themselves

Id like to see a survey done in all these areas asking:

- 1- how many animals did you see today
- 2- how many were properly leashed or otherwise controlled
- 3- how many signs of defacation did you encounter
- 4- did any of the animals encountered approach you
- 5- did any of the animals make you concerned for your safety, or the safety of your pet, or the safety of any other person
- 6- How may improperly set traps did you encounter

I have a strong belief that if I encountered any illegally set traps and reported them, that you would discipline the individual. I dont have that same strong belief that you would ticket or fine any pet owners for illegally loosing their dogs to ruin my experience on the trails. In fact, yesterday when I first read of this proposal, there was an individual openly bragging that if he fond any traps along trails he was using, that he "trips them to render them safe". I know full well that is against the law, yet the social meda company has done nothing to police this cars of blatant lawbreaking, not have I heard of any followup from any officails in response to it being reported.

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dogs are becoming an increasingly large problem with the Alaska wilderness. as someone who hikes often on multi use trails ive dealt with many aggressive dogs / unrestrained dogs / and the dance anyone must do around the piles of dog poop left on the trails by their owners.

recently dog owners have been speaking out against trappers. while i understand the pain of losing a dog to a trap that dog if it had been within eyesight of the owner or on a leash would be alive today.

irresponsible dog owners are the biggest problem in this chain of events. even removing trapping completely would not change the other problems i have pointed out. trappers on the other hand are someone ive never seen on the trails, and i have never seen a trap from a trail.

i would hope that leash laws would be considered rather than further restriction of the multi use trails to make one group feel "safer"