

## **Department of Natural Resources**

DIVISION OF PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION
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## DIRECTOR'S ORDER REGARDING MODIFIED CLOSURE OF THE NANCY LAKE STATE RECREATION AREA S. ROLLY LAKE CAMPGROUND AND VICINITY CLOSED TO ALL ACCESS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES

Order Number 308 Modifying Order Number 306

Approved:

Ricky Gease, Director

Date: 8/2/19

**Background:** Several wildland fires are occurring on the Mat-Su Borough in the vicinity of Willow, AK and extreme fire danger currently exists. The Deshka Landing Fire is 1,395 acres and is at approximately 40% containment. This fire is currently burning in parts of the Nancy Lake State Recreation Area. It has crossed over the Red Shirt Lake Trail. Alaska Division of Forestry and Type 2 fire teams from the Pacific Northwest will be operating in and around the S. Rolly Lake Campground and overlook within the Nancy Lake State Recreation Area for the duration of the fire.

The purpose of this closure is to protect public safety by prohibiting any recreation activity in the Nancy Lake State Recreation Area during this fire. This closure does not apply to persons involved in the official emergency response effort or to monitor the welfare of the public or evaluate potential hazards or damage assessments.

Nancy Lake Parkway will be closed at the Rhein Lake Public Use Cabin at approximately MP 5 to the end of the road to all traffic with the exception of emergency response teams.

The action is consistent with 11 AAC 12.335. CLOSURES AND USE MANAGEMENT which allows the Director to close all or a portion of a park to all public use or place restrictions on a use or activity when necessary for public safety or the protection of natural resources. This closure will help the Division fulfill our responsibilities to protect the safety of park visitors within the Nancy Lake State Recreation Area.

**Order:** This document amends the closure of the Nancy Lake State Recreation Area. With the exception of the following described area, the remainder of the Nancy Lake State Recreation Area will be open to recreation activities. The following closure will remain in effect including the lands and public use cabins within the areas described herein and included in the accompanying map;

Running generally on a north-south transect beginning on the northern boundary of the park along the section line immediately west of Rhein Lake shown as (Point A) on the map, to the east-west section line (Point B) traversing West to our western boundary. The closure then follows our western boundary until it intersects the section line at Point C.

Under 11 AAC 12.335 Closure and Use Management, section (e), no person may violate these use restrictions.

A person adversely affected by this decision may appeal this decision, in accordance with 11 AAC 02 to Corri A. Feige, Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, 550 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 1400, Anchorage, AK 99501-3561. Any appeal must be received at the above address, or received by being faxed to 907-269-8918, or sent by electronic mail to <a href="mailto:dnr.appeals@alaska.gov">dnr.appeals@alaska.gov</a> within 20 days after the date of "delivery" of this decision, as defined in 11 AAC 02.040. A copy of 11 AAC 02 may be obtained from any regional information office of the Department of Natural Resources. If no appeal is filed before the end of the period specified, this decision is final. This decision takes effect immediately and will remain in effect until September 30, 2019, unless repealed sooner by Director's Order.