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PUBLIC ORDER

Restricted Access on State of Alaska Public Lands in the Deshka Landing Fire Area

Whereas, the period from April 1 to August 31, inclusive, of each year has been designated the fire season pursuant to AS 41.15.050; and,

Whereas, AS 41.15.050 authorizes the State Forester to, at any time, proclaim an additional period for any portion of the state when weather or other conditions require action for the protection of forested land; and

Whereas, the State Forester has determined under AS 41.15.050 that past and present prevailing weather conditions have caused extremely dry conditions that significantly increase the risk of igniting wildland fires; and

Whereas, the State Forester has determined that smoky conditions from existing wildland fires limit visibility for and of fire suppression personnel and complicate fire suppression capabilities; and,

Whereas, pursuant to AS 41.15.010, AS 41.15.050, and 11 AAC 95.450, the State Forester has determined that public access to the public lands described below would unduly increase the fire danger;

IT IS HEREBY THE ORDER OF THE STATE FORESTER, beginning on August 23 at 10:00 A.M. Alaska Daily Standard Time and continuing until further notice that:

Access to public lands is closed in the Deshka Landing fire area as described by the attached map and the following written description: Unit 14(A), that portion north of 61.671297, -150.303068 (Decimal Degree System) on the east bank of the Susitna River directly east to the western boundary of the Nancy Lake State Recreation Area, west of the western boundary of the Nancy Lake State Recreation Area to the western shoreline of Big Darrell Lake, then to and along the western shoreline of Vera Lake to Deshka Landing Road, south of the South side of Deshka Landing road from Vera Lake, continuing around the south side of the developed Deshka Landing properties and west to the Susitna River, and east of the east bank of the Susitna River to waypoint 61.671297, -150.303068 (Decimal Degree System) on the east bank of the Susitna River.

Violations of this closure may be prosecuted pursuant to AS 41.15.140.

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State Forester and Division Director