



SPECIAL RULES for the GULKANA NATIONAL WILD RIVER



This order applies to all lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management that are located within the Gulkana National Wild River Corridor. These lands include the upper portion of the Gulkana River from the lower end of Paxson Lake to approximately 1/2 mile below Sourdough Campground; the Middle Fork of the Gulkana River from the outlet of Dickey Lake; and the West Fork of the Gulkana River; as shown on the attached map.

This order does not apply to lands and waters located between the ordinary high water marks, which are managed by the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources. Restrictions governing the use of these lands can be found in the Special Use Land Designation for the Gulkana River Shorelands and Waters, SULD ADL 229819, completed in 2006.

The authority for this order is contained in Volume 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations, section 8351.2-1. This authority allows the authorized officer to issue special rules which close or restrict the use of the lands and water surfaces administered by the Bureau of Land Management within the boundary of any component of the National Wild and Scenic River System when necessary to carry out the intent of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. These Special Rules are consistent with the revised Gulkana River Management Plan, published in August, 2006. It will remain in effect until cancelled or amended by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT—PROHIBITED ACTS

1. Off Road Vehicles (ORV)

(a) An off-road vehicle means any motorized vehicle capable of, or designed for, travel on or immediately over land, water, or other natural terrain, excluding:

- (1) Any non-amphibious registered motorboat;
- (2) Any military, fire, emergency, or law enforcement vehicle while being used for emergency purposes;
- (3) Any vehicle whose use is expressly authorized by the authorized officer, or otherwise officially approved;
- (4) Vehicles in official use; and
- (5) Any combat or combat support vehicle when used in times of national defense emergencies.

The use of Off Road Vehicles (ORV's) within the Gulkana National Wild River corridor is prohibited, with the following **exceptions**:

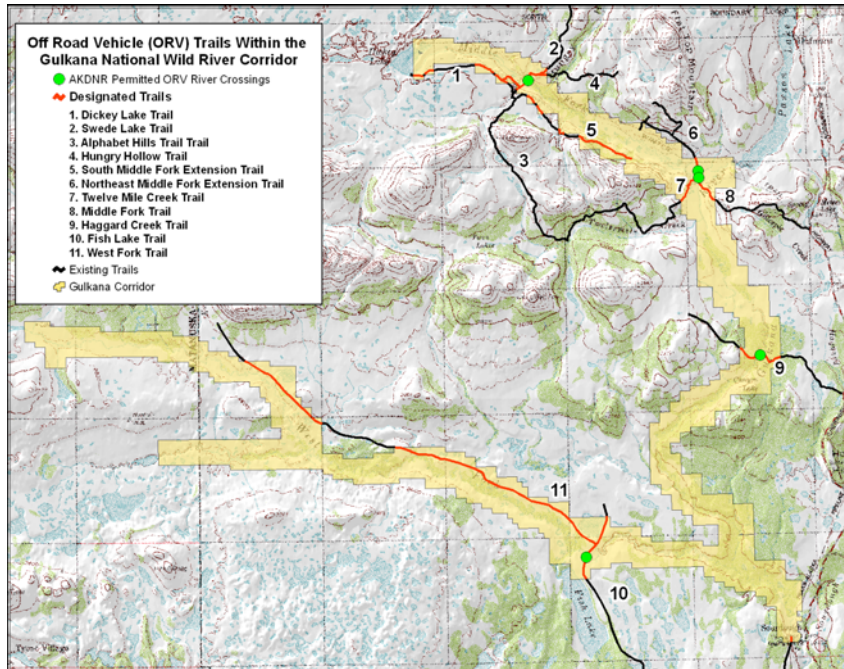
(a) ORV's may only be operated on designated trails in the river corridor, as depicted on the attached map. Other trails within the river corridor that are not shown on the map, including spur trails that have developed off of the designated trails listed below are closed. Designated ORV trails within the Gulkana River corridor include:

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| 1. Dickey Lake Trail | 7. Twelvemile Creek Trail |
| 2. Swede Lake Trail | 8. Middle Fork Trail |
| 3. Alphabet Hills Trail | 9. Haggard Creek Trail |
| 4. Hungry Hollow Trail | 10. Fish Lake Trail |
| 5. South Middle Fork Extension Trail | 11. West Fork Trail |
| 6. Northeast Middle Fork Extension Trail | |

(b) Off Road Vehicle users may only use designated permitted river crossings that are marked on the ground whenever crossing directly through the river channel. ORV's are encouraged to park out of sight of the river.

(c) Snow machines may be used provided there is at least 6 inches of frost or 12 inches of ground snow cover. Trail designations will only apply to snowmachines in the absence of adequate frost or ground snow cover.

2. The use of chain saws in the river corridor is prohibited unless authorized in writing by the BLM.



SANITATION—PROHIBITED ACTS

1. Failure to properly dispose of all burned and/or unburned trash, including toilet paper, is prohibited. All trash must be removed from within the Gulkana Wild River Corridor. Fish carcasses or entrails may be disposed of in deep, fast moving water.
2. Failure to properly dispose of human wastes within the Gulkana National Wild River Corridor boundary is prohibited. Human wastes shall be buried a minimum of six inches deep in the soil, at least 100 feet away from campsites, gravel bars, and water bodies. Portable toilets are highly recommended as an alternative to burying human wastes.

OCCUPANCY AND USE—PROHIBITED ACTS

1. Camping for a period longer than fourteen (14) consecutive days within the river corridor without written authorization of the Field Manager, Glennallen Field Office, BLM is prohibited.
2. From **June 1–July 31**, camping in the same location for a period longer than seven (7) consecutive days on the lower river (downstream of the West Fork confluence) and three (3) consecutive days on the Main Stem (Paxson Lake to the West Fork confluence) is prohibited. This rule does not apply to the Middle Fork and West Fork Gulkana.
3. Leaving property unattended for more than 48 hours without written authorization of the Field Manager, Glennallen Field Office, BLM is prohibited.
4. Groups sizes larger than twelve (12) people without written permission, in the form of a group letter of agreement, issued by the Glennallen Field Office, BLM are prohibited.
5. Discharging any type of fireworks within the river corridor is prohibited.
6. Discharging a firearm for the purposes of recreational shooting within the river corridor is prohibited. Discharging a firearm is also prohibited at any time within 150 yards of a residence, building, developed or undeveloped recreation site, occupied area, and across or on any trail or body of water, whereby any person or property is exposed to injury or damage as a result of such discharge. Firearms may be used for hunting, personal protection against wildlife, and emergency situations only.
7. Constructing, placing, or maintaining any kind of road, trail, fence, enclosure, building, cabin, supply cache, or any other structure or equipment without written permission of the Field Manager, Glennallen Field Office, BLM is prohibited.
8. Possession and/or consumption of alcohol within the river corridor by anyone less than 21 years of age is prohibited.
9. Failing to exhibit required permits and identification when requested by a BLM Authorized Officer or representative is prohibited.

10. Selling or offering for sale any merchandise or service or conducting any kind of business enterprise without the written authorization of the Field Manager, Glennallen Field Office, BLM is prohibited.
11. Violating the terms of any written permission or permit issued by the BLM is prohibited.

FIRE—PROHIBITED ACTS

1. Causing a fire, other than a campfire or signal fire, to be ignited by any source is prohibited.
2. Leaving a fire without extinguishing it, except to report if it has spread beyond control, is prohibited.
3. Failing to obey fire closure orders issued by the BLM is prohibited.

PROPERTY AND RESOURCES—PROHIBITED ACTS

1. Except as herein authorized, damaging, disturbing, or removing any timber or other vegetation is prohibited. The use of reasonable amounts of dead, down, or detached timber for campfires in the river corridor is permitted.
2. Defacing, disturbing, or removing any natural feature, vegetation, timber, rocks, or property of the United States is prohibited.
3. Digging, scraping, disturbing, or removing any natural land features for the purpose of mineral prospecting or mining is prohibited.

Any person convicted of violating this order may be punished by a fine not to exceed \$5000.00 and imprisonment for a period not to exceed six (6) months. 16 U.S.C. § 1281(c), 16 U.S.C. § 3, 43 CFR § 8351.2-1(f).

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