

STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF MINING, LAND AND WATER
SOUTHCENTRAL REGION

Administrative Decision to Temporarily Close
ADL 230693
Maud Road Extension Rifle Range

Background

This easement was created for the purpose of a safe and localized shooting area with the explicit purpose of, "The development of a small-scale rifle range and day use parking area for the benefit of the public's present and future needs of recreational target shooting with the Knik River Public Use Area (KRPUA)."¹

Grants obtained by DNR provided funds to design and create the bid documents for the construction of an improved range. The design of this range was finalized, Phase I bid documents created and advertised for bid on March 13, 2014. The bids will be opened on April 3, 2014. The beginning of construction for Phase I is April 15, 2014 and the duration is expected to take 90 days.

Authority

This decision is pursuant to Alaska Statute 38.04.058 (restriction of public access), and Alaska Administrative Code 11 AAC 51 (easement management).

Scope

The scope of this decision is limited to the temporary closure restricting public access to the site while under construction.

Administrative Record

The administrative record for this action consists of case ADL 230693 and The Knik River Public Use Area Plan.

Location

The Maud Road Extension Rifle Range is located approximately 3 miles down the Maud Road Extension, North West of Jim Lake. It can also be found by GPS grid 61.562775°, -148.931362°. It is located near the western boundary of the Knik River Public Use Area.

Legal Description

Seward Meridian, Township 17 North, Range 3 East, Section 16 containing 5 acres +/-.

¹ Notice of Administrative Decision, ADL 230693, Reservation of Public Easement

Discussion

In order to begin construction of the Maud Road Extension Rifle Range and to safeguard public safety during its construction, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Division of Mining, Land and Water (DMLW) Southcentral Region will temporarily restrict public access to the site for a period of approximately 90 days. This decision will be implemented on April 15th, 2014.

Decision

During this time, in order to assure public safety while implementing the 2010 administrative decision, the Regional Manager has decided to close public access to the area for the duration of the construction. After reviewing the administrative record, the Knik River Public Use Area Management Plan and other relevant information, I find this decision to temporarily close the site easement to public access during the Phase I construction of the range, consistent with the authority granted to me as Regional Manager.



Southcentral Regional Manager
Division of Mining, Land & Water

4-7-14

Date

A person affected by this decision may appeal it, in accordance with 11 AAC 02. Any appeal must be received April 23, 2014 and may be mailed or delivered to Joe Balash, Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, 550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1400, Anchorage, Alaska 99501; faxed to 1-907-269-8918, or sent by electronic mail to dnr.appeals@alaska.gov. This decision takes effect immediately. If no appeal is filed by the appeal deadline, this decision becomes a final administrative order and decision of the department May 5, 2014. An eligible person must first appeal this decision in accordance with 11 AAC 02 before appealing this decision to Superior Court. A copy of 11 AAC 02 may be obtained from any regional information office of the Department of Natural Resources.

Attachments:

ADL 230693 Reservation of Public Easement
Map: Shooting Range Extents