

Department of Natural Resources

DIVISION OF FORESTRY/DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

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PUBLIC ORDER

BURN CLOSURE

WHEREAS, the period from April 1 to August 31, inclusive of each year has been designated the fire season by law; and,

WHEREAS, the State Forester has determined, pursuant to his statutory authority to do so (AS 41.15.050), that past and prevailing weather conditions have caused extremely dry and smoky conditions; and,

WHEREAS, the State Forester has further determined that it is necessary to prohibit activities which unduly increase the fire danger,

IT IS HEREBY THE ORDER OF THE STATE FORESTER, beginning on June 19, 2015 at 12:01 a.m. ADST and continuing until further notice that:

All cooking, warming, signaling fires or any type of fire specifically covered under the burning permit regulations 11 AAC 95.400 – 11 AAC 95.490 and 11 AAC 95.900 are prohibited on state, private and municipal lands within the Tanana Valley north of the Alaska Range and the Copper River Valley. This includes Game Management Units 11, 12, 20, 24 and 25. Pursuant to 11 AAC 12.335 restrictions on open fires within state park units may vary from this order.

Failure to obey this order shall constitute grounds for prosecution pursuant to AS 41.15.140.

John "Chris" Maisch

State Forester and Division Director