

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES ON USE OF FIREARMS IN THE
HATCHER PASS SPECIAL MANAGEMENT UNIT
IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The Department of Natural Resources proposes to change regulations dealing with using or discharging firearms in a small portion of the Hatcher Pass Special Use Area, to allow for a possible biathlon range.

The Department of Natural Resources proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 11 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with using or discharging firearms in a small portion of the Hatcher Pass Special Use Area, to allow for a possible biathlon range.

Specifically, 11 AAC 96.014(b)(3)(E) is proposed to be amended to allow the use or discharge of firearms in a possible biathlon range within a portion of the Southern Development Area of the Government Peak Unit of the Hatcher Pass Management Plan as depicted on the accompanying map entitled *Hatcher Pass Management Plan Government Peak Unit Possible Biathlon Range Area*.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to the Division of Mining, Land and Water, 550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1070, Anchorage, AK 99501-3579 or by e-mail to dnr.hatcherpass.regulation@alaska.gov or by fax to 907-269-8904. The comments must be received by the department no later than **5:00 p.m. on September 19, 2018**.

You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to: Ashlee Adoko, Division of Mining, Land and Water, 550 W 7th Ave., Suite 1070, Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3579
Fax: (907) 269-8904, E-Mail: dnr.hatcherpass.regulation@alaska.gov. The questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period. The Department of Natural Resources will aggregate its response to substantially similar questions and make the questions and responses available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System <https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Login.aspx> and agency website at <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/hottopics>.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation to participate in this process, please contact Ashlee Adoko at 269-8601 no later than September 19, 2018, to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

For more information, a copy of the proposed regulation changes, or if you have any questions regarding the proposed regulations, go to <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/hottopics>, or write to the Director's Office, Division of Mining, Land and Water, Department of Natural Resources,

Attention Ashlee Adoko, 550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1070, Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3579; or call 907-269-8601.

After the public comment period ends, the Department of Natural Resources will either adopt these or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action on them. The language of the final regulations may be different from that of the proposed regulations. **YOU SHOULD COMMENT DURING THE TIME ALLOWED IF YOUR INTERESTS COULD BE AFFECTED.**

Statutory authority: AS 38.04.900; AS 38.05.020; AS 38.05.295

Statutes being implemented, interpreted, or made specific: AS 38.04.005; AS 38.04.065; AS 38.04.070; AS 38.05.295

Fiscal information: The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

Date: August 15, 2018

Brent Goodrum,
Director, Division of Mining, Land and Water

ADDITIONAL REGULATION NOTICE INFORMATION
(AS 44.62.190(d))¹

1. Adopting agency: Department of Natural Resources
2. General subject of regulation: Using or discharging firearms in a small portion of the Hatcher Pass Special Use Area
3. Citation of regulation (may be grouped): 11 AAC 96.014(b)(3)(E)
4. Department of Law file number, if any: None
5. Reason for the proposed action:

☐ Compliance with federal law or action (identify): _____
☐ Compliance with new or changed state statute
☐ Compliance with federal or state court decision (identify): _____
☐ Development of program standards
☒ Other (identify): Management of public lands
6. Appropriation/Allocation: None
7. Estimated annual cost to comply with the proposed action to:

A private person: None
Another state agency: None
A municipality: None
8. Cost of implementation to the state agency and available funding (in thousands of dollars):

	Initial Year FY 19	Subsequent Years
Operating Cost	\$ 0.0 _____	\$ 0.0 _____
Capital Cost	\$ 0.0 _____	\$ 0.0 _____
1002 Federal receipts	\$ 0.0 _____	\$ 0.0 _____
1003 General fund match	\$ 0.0 _____	\$ 0.0 _____
1004 General fund	\$ 0.0 _____	\$ 0.0 _____
1005 General fund/ program	\$ 0.0 _____	\$ 0.0 _____
Other (identify)	\$ 0.0 _____	\$ 0.0 _____
9. The name of the contact person for the regulation:

Name: Ashlee Adoko

Title: Natural Resource Specialist

Address: DNR, DMLW, 550 W. 7th Ave. Ste. 1070, Anchorage, AK 99501-3579

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10. The origin of the proposed action:

☐ Staff of state agency

☐ Federal government

☐ General public

☐ Petition for regulation change

☒ Other (identify): Mat-Su Borough

11. Date: August 15, 2018

Prepared by:



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