

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES 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.

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 map entitled *Hatcher Pass Management Plan, Government Peak Unit, Southern Development Area, 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 Friday, November 15, 2019**.

You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to: Joe Joyner, 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. Questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period (**November 5, 2019**). 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 in order to participate in this process, please contact Joe Joyner at 907-269-8511 no later than November 5, 2019, to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

A copy of the proposed regulation changes is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System at the following website: <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/hottopics> or by contacting the Director's Office, Division of Mining, Land and Water, Department of Natural Resources, Attention: Joe Joyner, 550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1070, Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3579; or call 907-269-8511.

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 regulation. **YOU SHOULD COMMENT DURING THE TIME ALLOWED IF YOUR INTERESTS COULD BE AFFECTED.**

Statutory Authority: AS 38.04.005; AS 38.04.065; AS 38.04.070; AS 38.04.900; AS 38.05.020; AS 38.05.300.

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 38.04.005; AS 38.04.065; AS 38.04.070; AS 38.05.020.

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

Date: October 4, 2019



Marty Parsons,
Director, Division of Mining, Land and Water,
Department of Natural Resources

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS NOTICE INFORMATION
(AS 44.62.190(d))

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) _____
5. Reason for the proposed action:
☐ compliance with federal law or action (identify) _____
☐ compliance with new or changed state statute _____
☐ 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: \$0.00

Another state agency: \$0.00

A municipality: \$0.00

8. Cost of implementation to the state agency and available funding (in thousands of dollars):

	Initial Year FY <u>20</u>	Subsequent Years
Operating Cost	\$ <u>0.0</u>	\$0.0
Capital Cost	\$ <u>0.0</u>	\$0.0
Federal receipts	\$ <u>0.0</u>	\$0.0
General fund match	\$ <u>0.0</u>	\$0.0
General fund	\$ <u>0.0</u>	\$0.0
General fund/ program receipts	\$ <u>0.0</u>	\$0.0
General fund/ mental health	\$ <u>0.0</u>	\$0.0
Other funds (specify)	\$ <u>0.0</u>	\$0.0

9. The name of the contact person for the regulations:

Name Joseph Joyner
Title Natural Resource Manager
Address DNR, DMLW, 550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1070
Anchorage, AK 99501-3579
Telephone 907-269-8511
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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): Matanuska-Susitna Borough

11. Date: October 4, 2019

Prepared by:



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