## Forest Order

Order No. 97-11-04

Pursuant to Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations 261.50(b), the following is prohibited on lands administered by the Forest Service within the Chugach National Forest. These restrictions are in addition to those stated in Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 261, Subpart A, and become effective immediately and will remain in effect until rescinded or revoked.

36 CFR 261.55(c): The use or possession of any pack, saddle, or draft animals on all National Forest recreation trails on the Seward Ranger District from April 1st through June 30th is prohibited. The purpose of this restriction is to protect the surface of the trails during the time of thawing during the spring months. Dates may be changed by public announcement.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

- (1) Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty,
- (2) Any Forest Service contractor or permittee in the performance of their contract or permit.

Signed at Anchorage, Alaska, this \_ day of January , 1998

DAVE R. GIBBONS Acting Forest Supervisor Chugach National Forest

Violation of this order is punishable by a fine of up to \$5,000.00 or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. (16 U.S.C. 551).