



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
ALASKA REGION
REGIONAL OCCUPANCY AND USE RESTRICTIONS**

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited in the Alaska Region National Forests, including the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest.

Entering or remaining in the Alaska Region National Forests with a “group” in excess of 10 individuals.

36 C.F.R. § 261.58(f).

DEFINITIONS

The term “group” refers to “any collection, assemblage, cluster, or aggregation of persons.”

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

RESTRICTED AREA:

All Forest Service system lands within the Alaska Region

Chugach National Forest
Tongass National Forest

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Order is to protect public health and safety, consistent with federal and state guidance to limit the spread of COVID-19.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be effective on 04/07/2020 at 08:50 and shall remain in effect until September 30, 2020, or until rescinded, whichever event occurs first.
2. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months (*see* 16 U.S.C. § 551, 18 U.S.C. § 3571(b)(6), 18 U.S.C. § 3581 (b)(7))
3. This Order supersedes, rescinds, and replaces any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.
4. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained from the Alaska Region Regional Office located in Juneau, Alaska, telephone number: **907-586-8806**, and at the following websites and phone numbers:

USDA Forest Service Alaska Region website:

<http://fsweb.r10.fs.fed.us/>

ALASKA Department of Health and Human Services:

<http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/default.aspx>

Alaska COVID-19 info: Dial 2-1-1 or 1-800-478-2221

Done at Juneau, Alaska this 7TH day of April, 2020.



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