

CHUGACH NATIONAL FOREST

Seward Ranger District

Order No. 10-04-30-20-10

EMERGENCY ORDER for SPECIAL CLOSURE Meridian Lake Area Bear Closure

Pursuant to Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations 261.50 (a) and (b), the following restrictions are in effect on the Seward Ranger District of the Chugach National Forest. These restrictions are in addition to those enumerated in Subpart A, Part 261, Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, and become effective June 15th, 2020 and will remain in effect until July 1st, 2020 unless rescinded sooner.

Prohibited Acts:

36 CFR 261.53 SPECIAL CLOSURES

36 CFR 261.53(e) – Public Health or Safety

Due to aggressive brown bear behavior in the Meridian Lake area on the Seward Ranger District of the Chugach National Forest, it is prohibited to go into or be upon the area as described in attachment "A."

Exceptions:

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

1. Any person with a permit authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

This order will remain in effect until July 1st, 2020 unless rescinded sooner.

Executed in Anchorage, Alaska, this 15th day of June 2020.

/s/ Jeff Schramm

06/15/2020

JEFF SCHRAMM
Forest Supervisor
Chugach National Forest

Date

Penalty:

Violations of these Prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six months or both. [16 U.S.C. 551, and 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571]

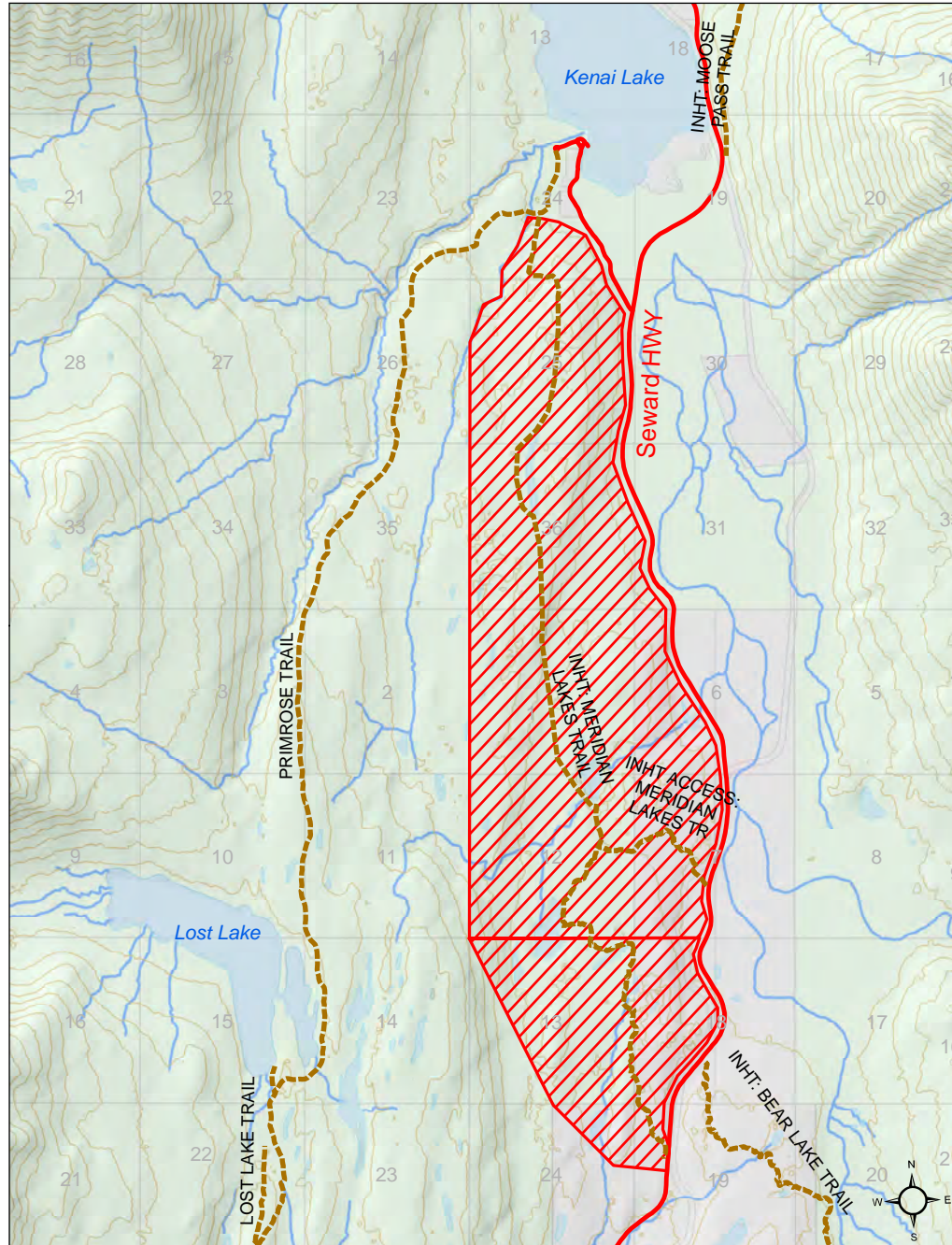
Notification:

A copy of this order shall be posted as prescribed under 36 CFR 261.51

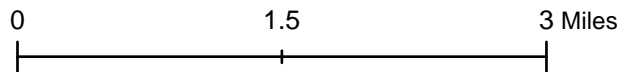
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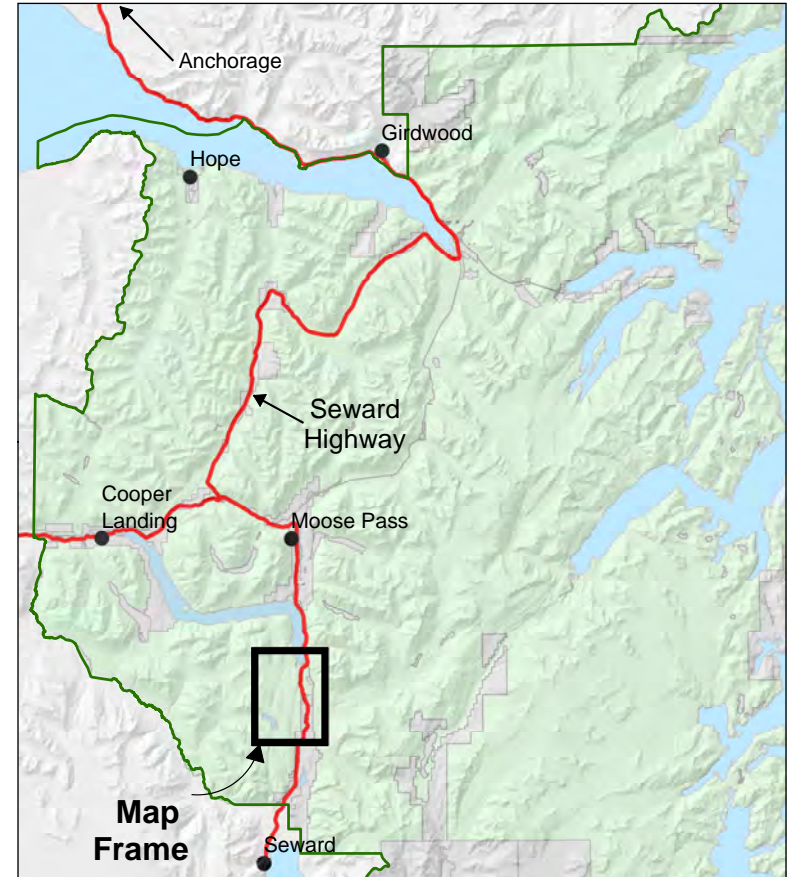
Attachment A



*This map is designed for determining closure areas and not intended for navigation.



Locator Map



Legend

- Other Ownership
- National Forest
- Sections
- Road
- Closure Area
- Trail
- Streams
- Trail
- Forest Boundary

Pursuant to Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations 261.50 (a) and (b), the following restrictions are in effect on all lands administered by the Chugach National Forest on the Seward and Glacier Ranger Districts. These restrictions are in addition to those enumerated in Subpart A, Part 261, Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, and become effective when signed and will remain in effect until rescinded.