



PUBLIC ORDER

AMENDED EMERGENCY BURN CLOSURE

Whereas, the period from April 1 to August 31, inclusive, of each year has been designated the fire season pursuant to AS 41.15.050; and,

Whereas, the State Forester has determined under AS 41.15.050 that past and present prevailing weather conditions have caused extremely dry and smoky conditions and,

Whereas, emergency responders and crews are working active wildland fires in decentralized and remote locations and decreasing seasonal temperatures; and

Whereas, the State Forester has further determined that it is necessary to prohibit certain activities which unduly increase the fire danger pursuant to AS 41.15.010, AS 41.15.050 and 11AAC 95.450;

IT IS HEREBY THE ORDER OF THE STATE FORESTER, beginning on August 30, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. Alaska Daylight Savings Time (ADST) and continuing until further notice that:

All burning activity that requires a burn permit, as well as cooking, warming, signaling fires (campfires), and charcoal grills specifically covered under the burn permit regulations in 11 AAC 95.412 – 11 AAC 95.495 except commercial or standard manufactured devices as defined under 11 AAC 95.495 (1) "approved burning device" are prohibited on state, private and municipal lands within the following Boroughs:

- Kenai Peninsula Borough
- Matanuska Susitna Borough

Warming and cooking campfires as defined under 11 AAC 95.412 – 11 AAC 95.495 that are established in wildland fire incident command posts and authorized spike camps that are in use by emergency responders and crews and meet the following conditions are excepted from this closure:

- less than three feet in diameter and two feet in flame height;
- consist of only non-treated wood and/or paper debris;
- are directly supervised at all times
- are fully extinguished and cold to the touch when not in use.

Violations of this order may be prosecuted under AS 41.15.140.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John C. Maisch".

John "Chris" Maisch
State Forester and Division Director