CHUGACH NATIONAL FOREST

Seward and Glacier Ranger Districts

Order No. 10-04-00-11-07

EMERGENCY ORDER for SPECIAL CLOSURE
Snowmobile Area Closures

Pursuant to Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations 261.50 (a) and (b), the following restrictions are in effect on the Glacier and Seward Ranger Districts 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A, Part 261, Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, and become effective when signed and will remain in effect until rescinded.

Prohibited Acts:

36 CFR 261.53 – Special Closures
36 CFR 261.53(f) – Property

Due to inadequate snow conditions and to prevent resource damage, operating or possessing a snowmobile on or within the Seward and Glacier Ranger Districts of the Chugach National Forest in the Placer River (Exhibit A), Skookum Drainage (Exhibit B), and Twentymile (Exhibit C) is prohibited.

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This order is effective until rescinded.

Executed in Anchorage, Alaska, this 8th day of December, 2011

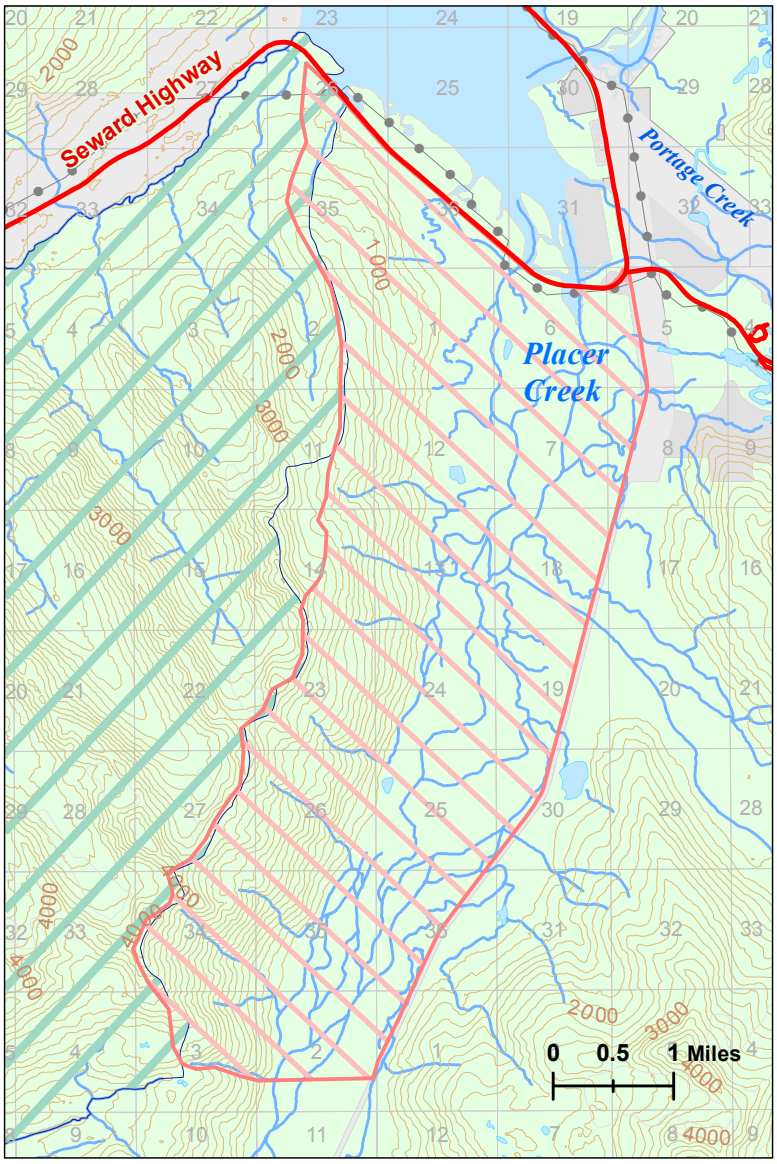
12/8/2011

Terri Marceron
Forest Supervisor
Chugach National Forest

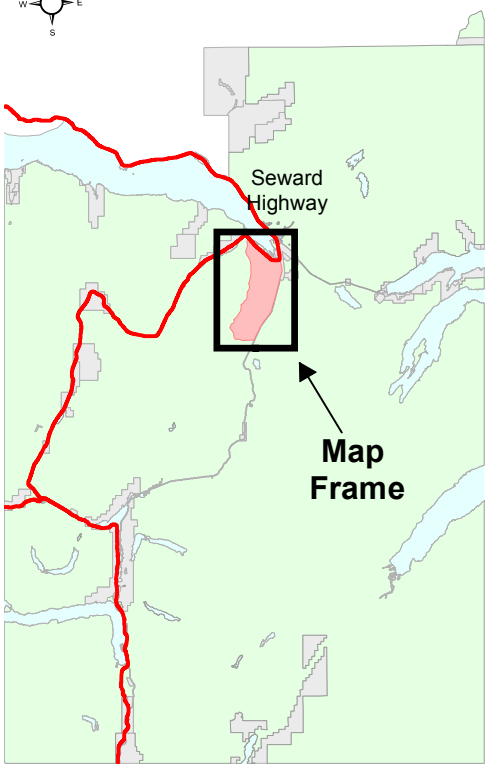
Date

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



Locator Map



Legend

- Closed to Motorized Use by Management Prescription
- Emergency Closure Area
- 23 Sections
- Roads
- Powerline
- Streams

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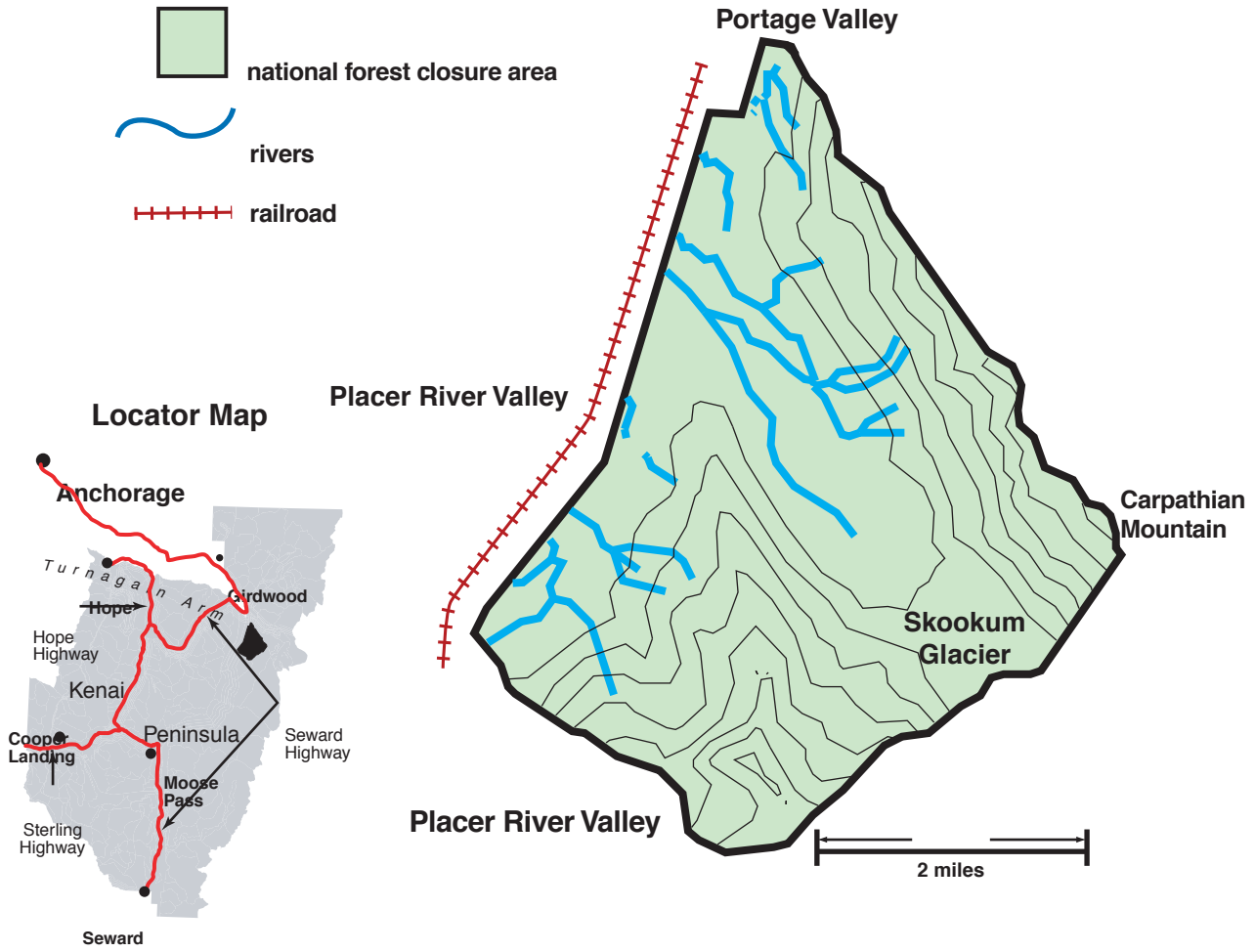
Emergency Winter Motor Vehicle Closure

SKOOKUM GLACIER

As directed in the Chugach Plan, the use of snowmachines (snowmobiles and all motorized over snow vehicles, including off highway vehicles) and the landing of, or the dropping or picking up of any materials, supplies, or persons by means of helicopters that are utilized for winter recreational activities is prohibited in the following area from April 1st of each year, through April 30th of each year. The use of snowmachines by a rural Alaska resident for subsistence uses is allowed provided the individual is lawfully engaged in an authorized subsistence activity during permitted dates, such individual can readily identify himself as a qualified subsistence user, and is in compliance with all public safety regulations. Administration of this closure order is under 36 C.F.R. 261.54(a), 36 C.F.R. 261.55(b), 36 C.F.R. 261.56, and 36 C.F.R. 261.58(y).



SKOOKUM GLACIER. All National Forest System land forming the Skookum Creek drainage, including Skookum Glacier, as shown on the Skookum Glacier map. The area is within or partially within Section 1, T7N, R2E; Sections 3 thru 6, 8, 9, T7N, R3E; Sections 25, 36, T8N, R2E; Sections 8, 9, 16 thru 22, 26 thru 35, T8N, R3E, SM.

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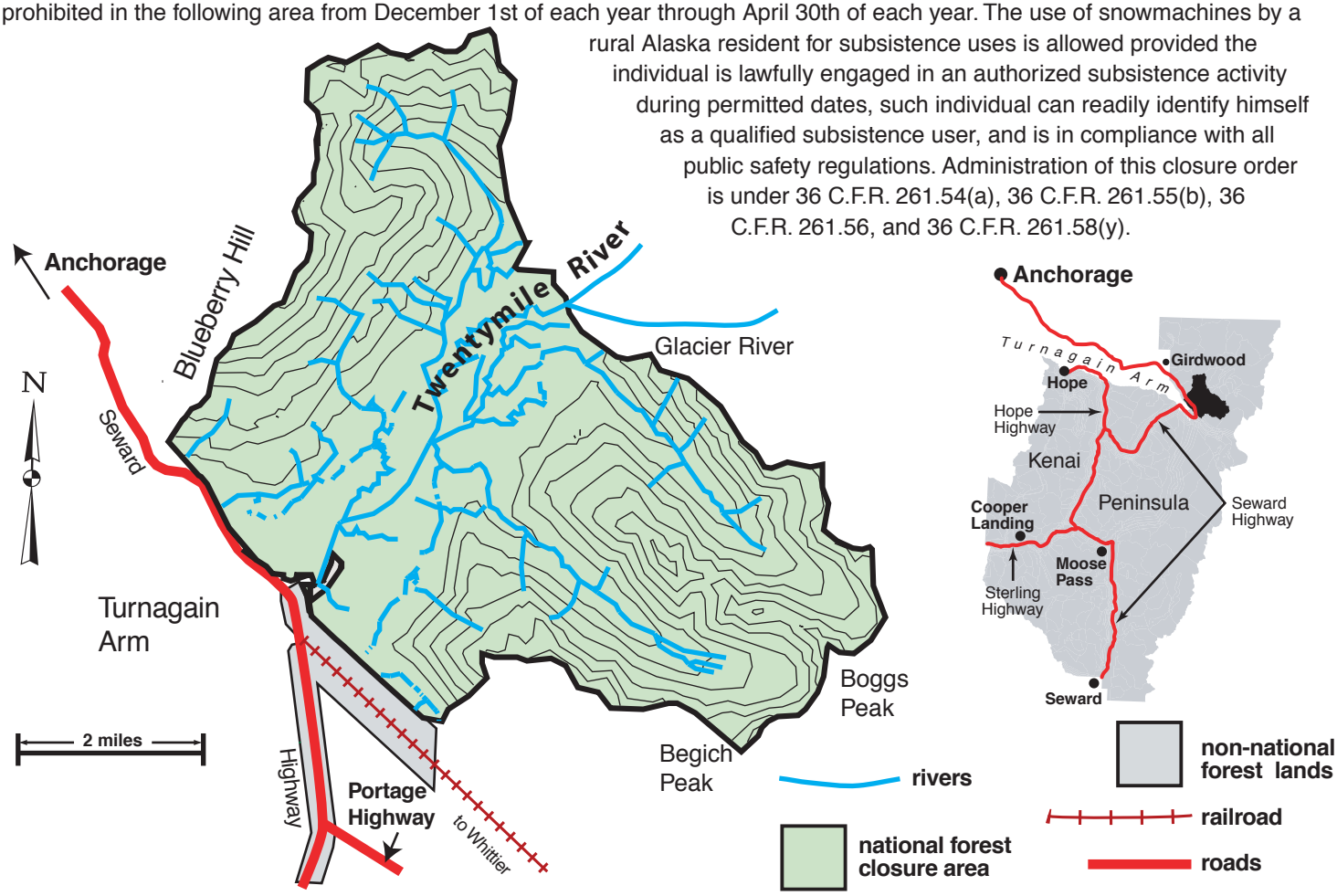
TWENTYMILE RIVER

As directed in the Chugach Plan, this area is dedicated to nonmotorized winter recreation. The use of snowmachines (snowmobiles and all motorized over snow vehicles, including off highway vehicles) and the landing of, or the dropping or picking up of any materials, supplies, or persons by means of helicopters that are utilized for winter recreational activities is prohibited in the following area from December 1st of each year through April 30th of each year. The use of snowmachines by a rural Alaska resident for subsistence uses is allowed provided the individual is lawfully engaged in an authorized subsistence activity during permitted dates, such individual can readily identify himself as a qualified subsistence user, and is in compliance with all public safety regulations. Administration of this closure order is under 36 C.F.R. 261.54(a), 36 C.F.R. 261.55(b), 36 C.F.R. 261.56, and 36 C.F.R. 261.58(y).



TWENTYMILE RIVER. All National Forest System land comprising the lower portion of the Twentymile River drainage, except in a corridor marked by the Forest Service, is closed to snowmachine use. The closed lands are within a boundary line beginning at the junction of the Seward Highway and Portage Highway, thence northwesterly to the junction of the Seward Highway and Blueberry Ridge, thence northerly along Blueberry Ridge to the north side of an unnamed creek due west of the junction of the Twentymile River and Glacier River, thence easterly down the northern ridge of said unnamed creek to the junction of the Twentymile River and Glacier River, continuing easterly from this junction along the ridge leading to the first peak north of Boggs Peak, thence southerly to Boggs Peak, thence southerly to Begich Peak, thence southwesterly down the ridge from Begich Peak back to the point of beginning. The area is within or partially within Sections 12, 13, 24, T9N, R2E; Sections 3 thru 30, 32 thru 36, T9N, R3E; Sections 18 thru 20, 29 thru 31, T9N, R4E; Sections 27 thru 34, T10N, R3E, SM, as described on the Twentymile River map.

The corridor within which snowmachine use is not prohibited is located south of the confluence of the Twentymile River and Turnagain Arm, beginning at the Alaska Railroad parking lot and proceeding northerly and generally parallel to the Twentymile River for approximately 4 miles, as described on the attached Twentymile River map. The corridor is 100 yards wide and its centerline is marked with orange route markers when snow conditions exist to allow snowmachine use of the corridor and the upper drainage of Twentymile River.

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Exhibit C
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