

CHUGACH NATIONAL FOREST

Seward Ranger District
Seward, Alaska

Order No. 10-04-30-05-01

FOREST ORDER
Recreational Gold Panning
Resurrection Creek and Palmer Creek

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited in the area described in Exhibit "A" of this Order, within the Chugach National Forest, until further notice:

Recreational mining, sluicing, panning or dredging. [36 CFR 261.53(b)]
[36 CFR 261.53(f)]

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

- (1) Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
- (2) Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

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

Executed in Anchorage, Alaska, this 17th day of June, 2005.



for JOE L. MEADE
Forest Supervisor
Chugach National Forest

June 17, 2005

Date

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine not more than \$5,000.00 for an individual and \$10,000.00 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both (16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559 and 3571).

EXHIBIT "A"

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Figure 1 – Location map for site specific closure of Resurrection and Palmer Creeks to recreational gold panning. The USDA-Forest Service brochure, "Gold Panning, A guide to recreational gold panning on the Kenai Peninsula, Chugach National Forest, Alaska", R10-RG-134 (page 19) describes the area on Resurrection Creek open to recreational gold panning as follows:

"The mining area begins at the Resurrection Pass Trail footbridge 4.5 miles from Hope. It continues upstream for 1.5 miles, excluding the patented (private land) claim. The claim boundary is 0.5 miles up the road from the footbridge and is marked with a gate. The upper portion of the withdrawal, beyond the private ground is best accessed by taking the Resurrection Pass trail."

It is this upper, 1.0 mile portion of the withdrawal, located upstream (south of the patented claim (private land) that is closed to recreation gold panning. The 0.5 mile section of Resurrection Creek between the Resurrection Pass Trail footbridge and the private land gate remains open to recreational mining.

