Mountaineering in 'full swing'

GLENNALLEN — Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve officials report that mountaineering in the Wrangell and St. Elias mountains is in full swing.

Because of the mild winter and early breakup, both the McCarthy and Nabesna roads, which provide access to the interior of the park, are ready for summer travel. Visitors are advised to check locally for current road conditions.

Commercial visitor services will again be available in the McCarthy area and along the Nabesna Road, as well as in the surrounding communities in the Copper River Basin. A new lodge is opening this summer in the historic mining town of Kennicott. In addition, regularly scheduled van service between Glennallen and McCarthy is being offered this year.