

State, Federal Governments Ban Man Made Fires

The federal and state government land management agencies in Alaska announce the banning of all cooking, warming, signaling or other man made fires until further notice upon all lands within the areas designated as Alaska State Department of Fish and Game management units 7, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 20.

The fire closure order is effective at noon on July 14, and will remain in force until further public notice.

Maps showing the location of the designated units are available from the Alaska State Department of Fish and Game.

Areas concerned include the vicinity of Tok, Glennallen, Fairbanks, and Anchorage and the Matanuska - Susitna Valley, all of game management unit 7 in the Chugach National Forest. It also includes the Kenai National Moose Range.

Within the designated areas, fires may be kindled only in prepared fireplaces in public, state and federal campgrounds. Failure to obey the fire closure order will constitute grounds for persecution under federal and state law.