



FISH HABITAT PERMIT

FH21-III-0192-GP

ISSUED: September 21, 2021
EXPIRES: December 31, 2025

GENERAL PUBLIC

RE: **Motorized Vehicle Stream Crossings at Traditional Ford Locations**

Rex Trail East of Milepost 280 Parks Highway

Windy Creek

Sec 11, T8S, R8W, FM, Fairbanks A-5

Coordinate (WGS84): 64.2346 N, -149.0812 W

Totatlanika River

Sec 4, T8S, R6W, FM, Fairbanks A-4

Coordinate (WGS84): 64.2460 N, -148.7420 W

Unnamed Tributaries of the Totatlanika River

Sec 1, T8S, R6W, Sec 3-4, 6, R5W, FM, Fairbanks A-4

Tatlanika Creek

Sec 15, T8S, R4W, FM, Fairbanks A-3

Coordinate (WGS84): 64.2171 N, -148.3191 W

Fish Creek

Sec 24, T8S, R4W, FM, Fairbanks A-3

Coordinate (WGS84): 64.2042 N, -148.2492 W

Unnamed Tributaries to Fish Creek

Sec 30 and 28, T8S, R3W, FM, Fairbanks A-3

Coordinate (WGS84): 64.1964 N, -148.2088 W

Coordinate (WGS84): 64.1904 N, -148.1610 W

Saint George Creek

Sec 36, T8S, R3W, FM, Fairbanks A-3

Coordinate (WGS84): 64.1740 N, -148.0605 W

Gold King Creek

Sec 8, T9S, R2W, FM, Fairbanks A-2

Coordinate (WGS84): 64.1420 N, -147.9786 W

Bonnifield Creek Tributaries

Sec 14-15, 22, T8S, R2W, FM, Fairbanks A-2

Chicken Creek

Sec 10, T8S, R1W, FM, Fairbanks A-2
Coordinate (WGS84): 64.2385 N, -147.7325 W

Wood River

Sec 11, T8S, R1W, FM, Fairbanks A-2
Coordinate (WGS84): 64.2375 N, -147.7145 W

Pursuant to AS 16.05.841 (Fishway Act), the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), Habitat Section, has determined that both the public interest and protection of fish and game would be served with the issuance of a General Public Fish Habitat Permit authorizing the use of motorized vehicles to cross the described water bodies along the traditional RS 2477 Rex Trail (RST 119). **Rubber tracked vehicles up to 26,000 pounds gross vehicle weight (GVWR) or wheeled vehicles with a GVWR of 10,000 pounds or less** are authorized to cross at the current improved crossing sites.

Note 1: Any use of larger vehicles/equipment, or other use (water withdrawal, etc.) within the described waterbodies, or any use within other natural water bodies catalogued as anadromous not described herein requires an individual Fish Habitat Permit.

Note 2: Do not use the crossing coordinates for navigation.

Note 3: For more information about the Rex Trail visit the following Alaska Department of Natural Resources website: [Rex Trail Management Program – Division of Mining, Land, and Water \(alaska.gov\)](https://www.alaska.gov/dnr/management/management-program/division-of-mining-land-and-water)

Route Description

The Rex Trail is accessed from Milepost 280 Parks Highway across the highway (east) of Clear Sky Lodge. Heading eastward the trail will cross and/or bypass a network of roads, trails, two powerlines and bypass Seven Mile Lake to the south. At approximately 40 miles the trail will enter an area of placer mining at Gold King Creek. After crossing the Wood River at approximately 54 miles the trail heads north and at approximately eight miles from the river enters the Fort Wainwright Military Reservation.

Fishway Act

The Tanana/Wood River drainage supports resident fish species such as Arctic grayling. Crossing activity should not obstruct the free passage of fish.

In accordance with AS 16.05.841, crossings are authorized subject to the permit terms with the following stipulations:

- 1) Summer stream crossings with equipment and ATVs shall be made from bank to bank in a direction substantially perpendicular to the direction of stream flow to the extent practicable.

Equipment crossings shall be made in a manner that precludes creation of barriers to efficient fish passage (ridging and/or rutting of streambed, etc.). No modifications to the banks of the stream are authorized via this permit.

- 2) Winter stream crossings shall occur in shallow areas where the ice is naturally frozen to the streambed or in areas where ice thickness is adequate to support equipment. Equipment shall not enter open water during winter. Any ice/snow bridges and approach ramps constructed at stream crossings of any definable stream must be substantially free of extraneous material (i.e., soil, rock, wood, or vegetation). Any ice/snow bridge shall be breached or any fill used for ramps shall be removed upon completion of use to facilitate breakup such that fish passage is maintained.

Permit Terms

This letter constitutes a permit issued under the authority of AS 16.05.841. Please be advised that this determination applies only to activities regulated by the Habitat Section of ADF&G; other agencies also may have jurisdiction under their respective authorities. This determination does not relieve you of your responsibility to secure other permits; state, federal, or local. You are still required to comply with all other applicable laws.

You are responsible for the actions of contractors, agents, or other persons who perform work to accomplish the approved project. For any activity that significantly deviates from the approved plan, you shall notify the ADF&G Habitat Section and obtain written approval in the form of a permit amendment before beginning the activity. Any action that increases the project's overall scope or that negates, alters, or minimizes the intent or effectiveness of any provision contained in this permit will be deemed a significant deviation from the approved plan. The final determination as to the significance of any deviation and the need for a permit amendment is the responsibility of the ADF&G Habitat Section. Therefore, it is recommended that you consult the Habitat Section before considering any deviation from the approved plan.

You shall give an authorized representative of the state free and unobstructed access to the permit site, at safe and reasonable times, for the purpose of inspecting or monitoring compliance with any provision of this permit. You shall furnish whatever assistance and information the authorized representative reasonably requires for monitoring and inspection purposes.

In addition to the penalties provided by law, this permit may be terminated or revoked for failure to comply with its provisions or failure to comply with applicable statutes and regulations. You shall mitigate any adverse effect upon fish or wildlife, their habitats, or any restriction or interference with public use that the commissioner determines was a direct result of your failure to comply with this permit or any applicable law.

You shall indemnify, save harmless, and defend the department, its agents, and its employees from any and all claims, actions, or liabilities for injuries or damages sustained by any person or property arising directly or indirectly from permitted activities or your performance under this

permit. However, this provision has no effect if, and only if, the sole proximate cause of the injury is the department's negligence.

Please direct questions about this permit to Habitat Biologist Todd Nichols at 907-459-7363 or todd.nichols@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,
Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

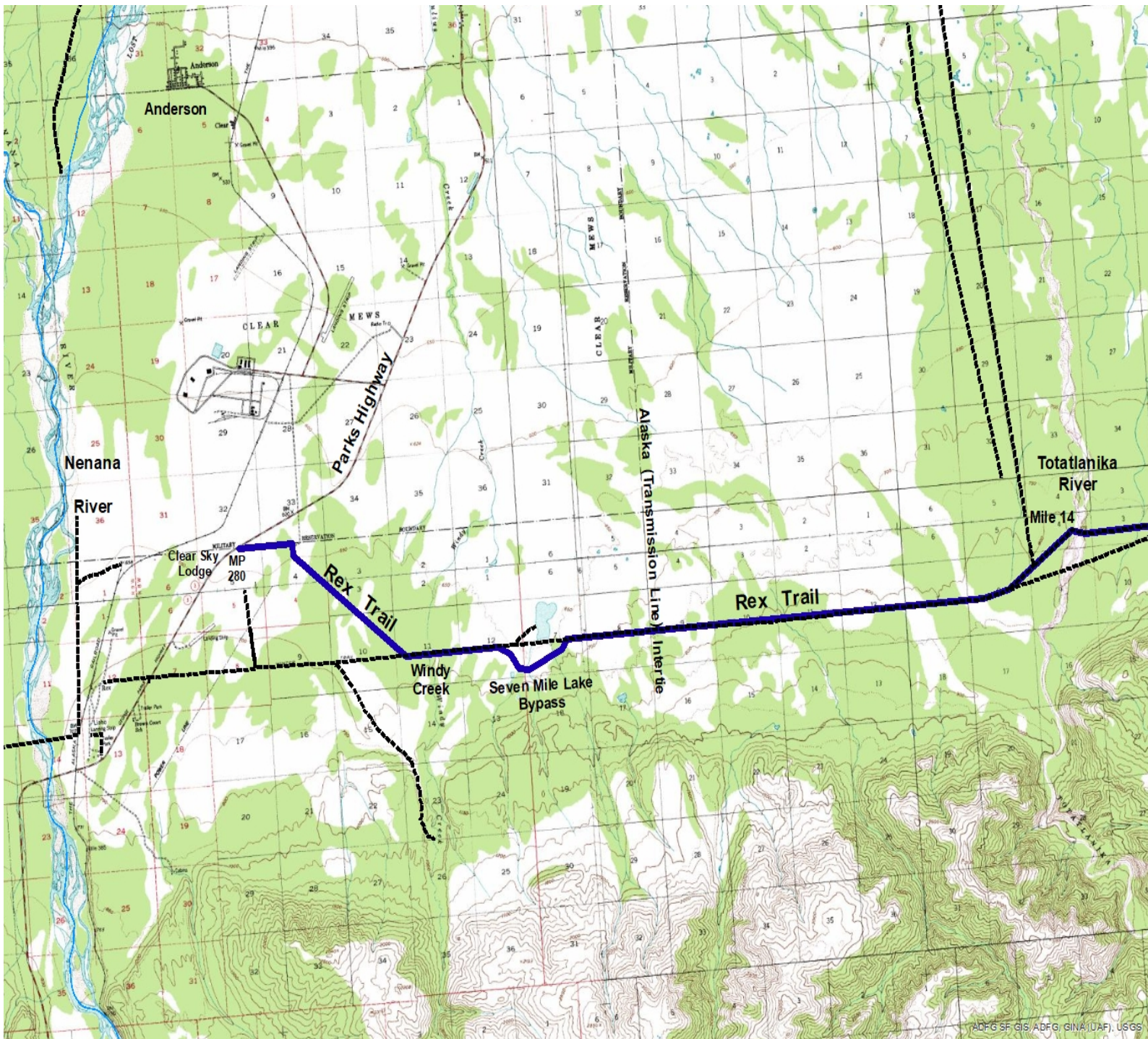


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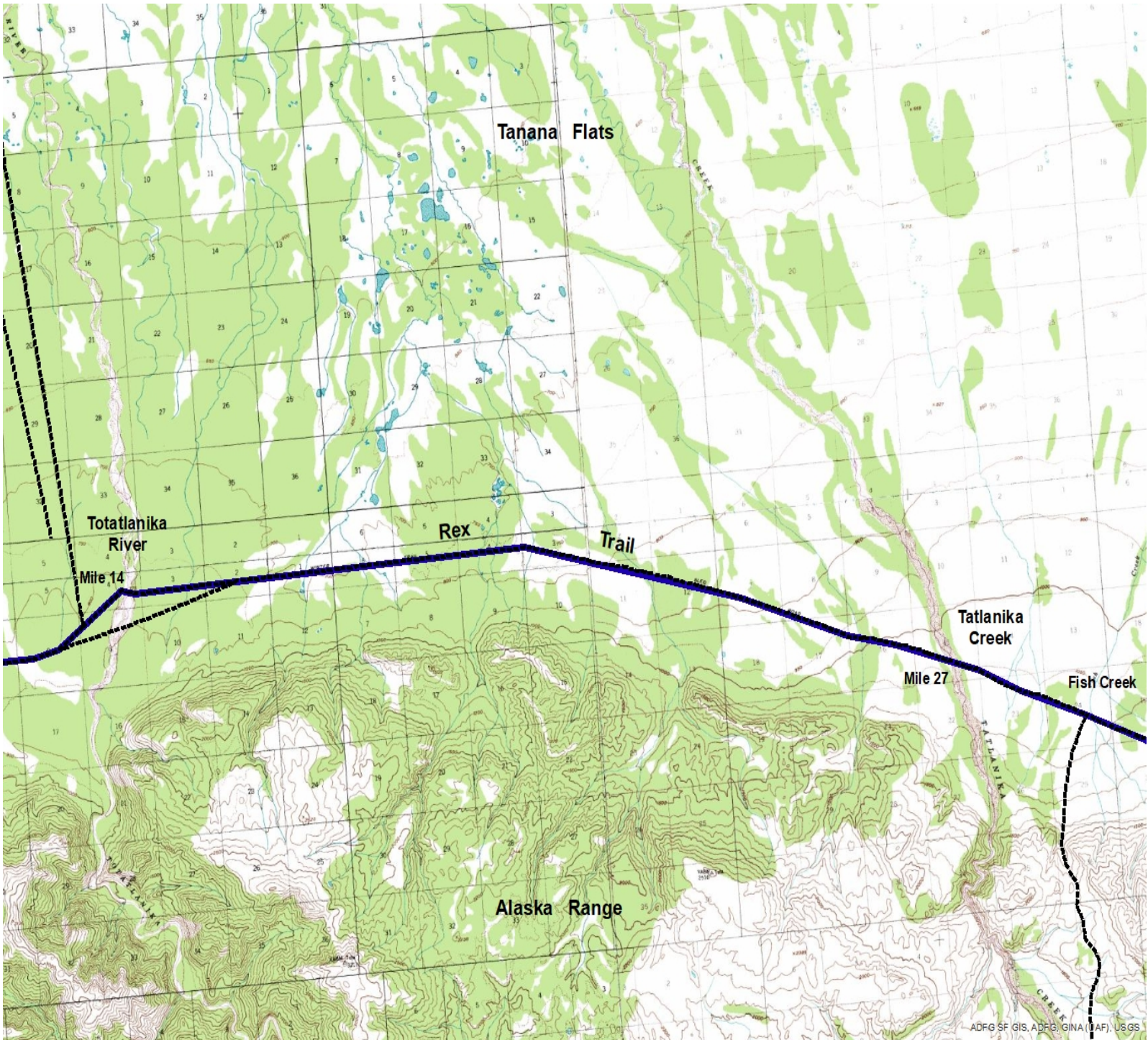
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