



FISH HABITAT PERMIT FH23-IV-0004-GP

ISSUED: January 1, 2023
EXPIRES: December 31, 2027

General Public:

Re: Vehicle and Equipment Ford – Moose Creek Trail

Moose Creek (Water Body No. 247-50-10220-2085)
Sections 23 & 28, T 19 N, R 2 E, SM
Stream Ford #1: 61.7060 N, 149.0954 W
Stream Ford #2: 61.7231 N, 149.0548 W

Alaska law (AS 16.05.871) requires that a permit from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Habitat Section be obtained prior to operating wheeled or tracked vehicles in or on the bed, bank, or waters of specified anadromous fish-bearing streams and lakes. The Moose Creek Trail is accessed via Buffalo Mine Road, near the old Premier Mine site and the old Buffalo Mine site. Pursuant to AS 16.05.871(b), the Habitat Section has determined that both the public interest and the proper protection of fish and game would be served by issuing a General Permit (GP) authorizing vehicle stream crossings at these existing stream ford locations.

This GP authorizes stream crossings and the operation of ground contact vehicles on the bed of Moose Creek with a dry weight of up to 10,000 pounds. For purposes of this permit, the dry weight of a vehicle is the weight of the vehicle without passengers and cargo, as specified by the manufacturer. The off-road use of any vehicle in excess of 10,000 pounds dry weight is not authorized under this General Permit. Ground contact vehicles with a dry weight of more than 10,000 pounds are required to obtain an individual Fish Habitat Permit before crossing any anadromous fish bearing waterway. Please contact the Palmer Habitat Section for permit application materials and/or additional information at (907) 861-3200.

This permit does not apply to commercial operators. Commercial operators who need to conduct equipment or vehicle crossings of anadromous streams must obtain an individual Fish Habitat Permit prior to commencement of operations. Please contact the Palmer Habitat Section for permit application materials and/or additional information at (907) 861-3200.

Moose Creek (Water Body No. 247-50-10220-2085) is specified as important for spawning and rearing of Chinook, chum, pink, sockeye and coho salmon. This stream also supports a variety of resident fish species.

In accordance with AS 16.05.871(d), the movement of wheeled or tracked vehicles on the bed and banks at the stream fords (listed above) is authorized subject to the following stipulations:

1. **This permit must be in your possession during stream crossings.**
2. **Stream crossings shall be made as directly as possible.** This is usually perpendicular to the flow of the water. However, the Habitat Section is aware that the safest route across a stream may not be perpendicular to the flow. Because of this, non-perpendicular crossings may be necessary for safety and are allowed when appropriate.
3. **Vehicle operations within streams shall be limited to that necessary to safely cross the water body.** Driving a vehicle up and downstream for any other purpose, including general recreation, is strictly prohibited.
4. **Vehicles may not linger or delay while crossing streams.** Washing mud from vehicles while the vehicle is in the flowing waters of a stream is prohibited.



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Authorized Crossings



Roads



Anadromous Streams

