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Albert Loop Trail reopened at Eagle River Nature Center

(Anchorage, AK) – The Albert Loop Trail located near Eagle River Nature Center in Chugach State Park has reopened for public use, effective immediately.

As in most recent years, Alaska State Parks had closed the trail to hikers from late summer and winter freeze-up, to reduce the potential for encounters between humans and the bears who gather to fish in the Eagle River. Significant portions of the trail parallel, or are near the river.

Even though the trail has been reopened, bear encounters are still possible and trail users should take appropriate precautions. Be prepared to encounter a bear and know how to recognize bear behavior and respond appropriately to an encounter. For more information on bear safety, see: <u>http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/safety/bears.htm</u>

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