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Albert Loop Trail reopened at Eagle River Nature Center

(Eagle River, AK) – The Albert Loop Trail located near the Eagle River Nature Center in Chugach State Park has reopened for public use effective today, after being closed to reduce the threat of human-bear encounters.

The trail is closed between late summer and winter freeze-up to reduce the potential encounters between visiting humans, and the bears who frequent the area to eat salmon from Eagle River, and berries from surrounding land, in preparation for winter.

Park rangers monitoring bear activity in the area have documented the regular seasonal decline in the indications of bear presence or activity, and since the recent start of snowfall in the area have noticed no recent bear activity.

Even though the Albert Loop Trail has been reopened, bear encounters are still possible and trail users should take appropriate precautions. Hikers should know about bear behavior, be prepared to encounter bears, and know how to respond if they do.

For more information about how to keep safe in bear country, visit:

<http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/safety/bears.htm>

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