



Northern Area Alaska State Parks Citizen Advisory Board

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DPOR Regulations Team
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Re: Public Scoping Comments for Possible Updates and Revisions to DNR Regulations involving UAV's

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Northern Area Alaska State Parks Citizen Advisory Board, I am submitting these comments regarding possible updates and revisions to Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regulations involving unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) for your consideration.

We urge the development of sensible regulations for UAVs in our cherished State Parks, balancing the needs of all users and the unique nature of each park. Regulations should comply with existing federal mandates, avoiding redundancy and leveraging the FAA's expertise on airspace. While recognizing the potential of UAVs for documenting adventures and enhancing accessibility, we advocate for educational outreach to promote responsible drone use that respects fellow parkgoers and minimizes disruptions. Park-specific rules within DNR's purview, such as designated launch areas and regulations addressing local needs, can further support a balanced approach that encourages park appreciation and responsible UAV enjoyment for all.

Thank you for considering our comments. We appreciate your efforts to ensure responsible and enjoyable use of our State Parks for all. We look forward to participating in the development of balanced and effective regulations.

Sincerely,
Northern Area Alaska State Parks CAB
Matt Sprau
Chair