



# United States Department of the Interior



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### **Notice of Temporary Motor Vehicle Restriction Order Spring Trails in the White Mountains National Recreation Area**

**OFFICE:** Eastern Interior Field Office, White Mountains National Recreation Area, Fairbanks Alaska

**ACTION:** The use of motor vehicles is temporarily restricted on the Wickersham Creek Trail, Trail Creek Trail, 23 Mile Trail, and Quartz Creek Trail to prevent damage to wet trails during the transition to summer from May 1-23, 2025.

**SUMMARY:** Due to soft, saturated soils during spring-break up, trails require time to sufficiently dry before off-highway motor vehicles are used on the trails. For Wickersham Creek Trail, Trail Creek Trail, 23 Mile Trail and Quartz Creek Trail the temporary motor vehicle restriction will begin May 1 and last until 12:01 a.m. on May 23 or until trails are sufficiently dry to allow off-highway vehicles use that will not cause damage to the trails, as is indicated in the Eastern Interior White Mountains Record of Decision and approved Resource Management Plan.

During the temporary motor vehicle restriction, the trails remain open for hiking and other non-motorized use.

Signs will be posted at the trailhead to notify the public of the temporary motor vehicle restriction. BLM law enforcement rangers and other employees will be in the area to enforce the temporary restriction on motor vehicles.

**RATIONALE:** To protect persons, property, and public lands and resources, the authorized officer may issue an order to close or restrict use of designated public lands – 43 CFR 8364.1

BLM has determined that a temporary motorized vehicle restriction on these trails will prevent trail degradation and resource damage, while protecting other trail use values, such as non-motorized uses. This decision implements provisions of the White Mountains Resource Management Plan 2016 to protect trails from excessive erosion and rutting.

**EXEMPTIONS:** This order does not apply to Federal, State, and local officers and employees in the performance of their official duties; members of organized rescue or firefighting forces in the performance of their official duties; and persons with written authorization from the BLM.

**LOCATION:** White Mountains National Recreation Area, including Wickersham Creek Trail, 23 Mile Trail, Trail Creek Trail and Quartz Creek Trail.

**DATES:** May 1-23, 2025, or until trails are sufficiently dry to allow off-highway vehicle use that will not cause damage to the trails.

**NOTIFICATION METHODS AND POSTED LOCATIONS:**

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/white-mountains/trail-update>

<https://www.facebook.com/BLMWhiteMountains/>

**ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES:** *Any person who violates the temporary closures or restrictions in this order may be tried before a United States magistrate and fined in accordance with [18 U.S.C. 3571](#), imprisoned no more than 12 months under [43 U.S.C. 1733\(a\)](#) and [43 CFR 8360.0-7](#), or both. In accordance with [43 CFR 8365.1-7](#), State or local officials may also impose penalties for violations of State law.*

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