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## **FIRE CLOSURE ORDER – Lower Birch Creek Wayside**

United States Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Land Management  
Order No. (AK020-25-005)

Under authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (Title 43, United States Code, Section 1701, et. seq.) and pursuant to Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 9212.2(a), the following closures area in effect for the Lower Birch Creek Wayside.

It is the policy of the Bureau of Land Management to take all necessary actions to protect human life, the public lands, and the resources and improvements thereon through the prevention of wildfires. Wherever possible, the Bureau of Land Management's actions will complement and support state and local wildfire prevention actions. 43 U.S.C. § 9212.0-6

The Eastern Interior Field Office has temporarily closed public access to the Lower Birch Creek Wayside at mile 140.4 on the Steese Highway due to ongoing wildland fire activity associated with the Turtle fire (#243). The closure includes the river access trail and parking area which may be used as a base camp for firefighters nearby.

### **Penalties:**

Pursuant to Title 43 § 9212.0-5, 9212.1, and 9212.4, any person who knowingly and willfully violates the regulations at § 9212.1 of this title shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or to imprisonment of not more than twelve (12) months, or both. Restitution for total fire suppression or damage costs incurred will be borne by the violator. Individuals violating this order can be subject to fines up to and including \$1,000 along with associated fire suppression and rehabilitation costs pursuant to 43 CFR 9212.4.

**This order shall go into effect at 12:01 a.m. on June 24, 2025, and will remain in force until September 1, 2024, or otherwise rescinded.**

Information concerning these fire restrictions may be obtained at <https://akfireinfo.com/> or by calling the Fairbanks District Office at 907-474-2200.

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Acting Field Manager signature and date