Rosie Creek Forestry & Recreation Partnership

November 10, 2021 Board of Forestry Meeting
Alison Arians, DOF
Welcome to Rosie Creek Unit

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To reduce the potential for conflict, ATA recommends avoiding land sets near trails, turfcuts, populated areas or other high-use settings.

Pet owners are reminded to take responsibility for their pets. Off-leash animals pose a safety issue with other users and themselves.

Trapping season is open November 1 - April 30.

Mixed Management
Know before you go!

While the Rosie Creek forestry road network is on state forest land, other trails connect to Fairbanks North Star Borough or Mental Health Trust lands. Allowed uses on these lands are different than on state land.
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Divison of Forestry completes Rosie Creek improvement project

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The Division of Forestry has "completed significant recreational upgrades" to the Rosie Creek forestry road system, located in the Tanana Valley State Forest, according to Division of Forestry Director Helge Eng.

The biggest update is that all signs have been installed along the road system, Alison Arans, a forest resource planner with the Division of Forestry, said. This includes "You Are Here" signs at road junctions to help people navigate the roads and a kiosk at the beginning of the system that contains information about the historical management of the area and maps of reforestation areas.

This fall, the Division of Forestry will hold a timber sale in the Rosie Creek area in late November or early December. The sale is "a great opportunity for Fairbanks recreationalists to see sustainable timber harvest in action," Arians said. The harvest will also be an opportunity to showcase the partnership between recreation and forestry. According to Arians, the project is a "precedent-setting partnership in Alaska between recreation interests and a working forest."
Rosie Creek Timber Sale

• The Rosie Creek timber sale will be part of Fairbanks/Delta Area’s fall/winter auction.

• The auction prospectus will be released when the final best interest findings (BIFs) and forest land use plans (FLUPs) have been issued for all the included sales.

• Prospectus will likely be issued the first week of December.
The project would:

- build 4 miles of motorized/non-motorized trail connections linking the 35 miles of Rosie Creek all-season forestry roads to 18 more miles of all-season forestry roads in the Zasada Road and Bonanza Creek Road complexes, to the west

- provide directional signs, a map kiosk, and GPS map links.
Applied for RTP Grant, Spring 2021 with 10% Yamaha matching grant for Outdoor Access, also worked with UAF to ensure no impacts to research plots, neighborhood to resolve parking issues.

Grant was denied:
• forestry roads used for “general passenger vehicle traffic,”
• MLW permit was not complete.
Recreation Trail Program (RTP) grant Fall 2021?

• Now considering whether to apply again for the RTP grant this fall, based on the costs/benefits of recreation & forestry partnerships.
  • Maintenance expectations
  • Increased objections to timber sales
  • Increased awareness of “working forest,” TVSF and land ownership
  • Building a constituency for forestry

• Need to decide this week whether to apply: deadline to post public notice approaching.