

Butte Area Residents

Civic Organization

Dear Visitors to our Neighborhood:

We wish you a great outdoors experience here in our beautiful Knik River Valley.

Please show respect to the people who live here and the wildlife that depends on a healthy environment.

Ride your ATV or dirt bike on the trails, not on the non-motorized pathway along the Old Glenn Highway. It's illegal. The fine is \$100. The path is for the safety of pedestrians and non-motorized. There have been dangerous encounters for many of us when walking, biking, or riding a horse.

Bodenburg Creek and all other streams flowing into Knik River are salmon streams, and waterfowl habitat, not moto-cross obstacles. You are allowed to cross Bodenburg Creek (the stream next to the bridge) only at the gravel bank. You must be 100 feet downstream from the vegetation.

Stay on DNR land on the gravel along the river. If you're entering continuous vegetation, you are trespassing on private property for 1+ mile upstream of the bridge; downstream for 5+ miles. The power line is on private property. It is not a transportation easement.

For the protection of fish, fish eggs and waterfowl, it's illegal to drive your machines up and down in the creek. It was heartbreaking when we watched ATVs kill Papa Duck and destroy a nest at the ponds. Mama Duck escaped, and was found dazed in the middle of the Old Glenn Highway. We saw ATV riders chase salmon trying to squash them. We lose a lot of sleep over stuff like that.

Our other concerns:

- Please, don't make us worry about our safety and our peace. Don't target shoot, don't make fires in or near the woods. Fireworks are illegal. Burning cars and dumping trash is stupid. Don't bring in pallets and construction lumber for your bonfire. The nails and staples stay.
- Circling trees and brush on ATVs exposes the roots and kills the trees. **STAY ON THE TRAILS.** The dunes and the vegetation protect the Valley from wind and glacier dust. Give them a chance to recover.
- There are no sanitary facilities here or on the trails. **Please, bury your private waste or take it home with you – leave no trace.**

We're sure that you enjoy peace near **your** homes. Please make it possible for us to enjoy ours.

THANK YOU FOR BEING RESPECTFUL!

If you see or hear activity which makes you afraid or puts you and others in danger,

Call Alaska State Troopers at 745-2131