

**USDA Forest Service  
Chugach National Forest, Alaska Region**

**Crescent/Carter Lake Area to Open to Winter Motorized Use**

The closure of the Crescent/Carter Lake area to winter motorized activities was an issue in many of the Chugach National Forest Revised Land and Resource Management Plan appeals. Upon review of these appeals, the Regional Forester is withdrawing that portion of his decision closing this area to winter motorized access.

**Termination Order**

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the prohibitions listed in Order number 10-04-00-03-01 dated November 26, 2002 as signed by the Forest Supervisor, Section II Closed to Motorized Use Except for Subsistence, item 4. Crescent Lake/Quartz Creek is terminated as pertains to lands south of Tern Lake, southwest of the Seward Highway, and south of the Sterling Highway as shown on the attached map. These lands are further described as being partially within Sections 1 through 6, 8 through 16, T4N, R2W; Sections 3 through 11, 16 through 20, T4N, R1W; Sections 11, 12, 20 through 29, 31 through 36, T5N, R2W; Sections 18 through 21, 28 through 34 T5N, R1W, SRM.

This closure of the Crescent/Carter Lake area became part of the Chugach Forest Plan decision late in the process, and the Chugach National Forest will reconsider this portion of the decision at the local level, seek additional public involvement from all interested parties, disclose the site-specific impacts of any closure, and examine reasonable alternatives. This collaborative effort will begin as soon as possible, and will result in a local decision that can be implemented by the next winter season (2003/2004).

Until this site-specific analysis is completed, the Crescent/Carter Lake area will remain open to winter motorized activities, as it was under the 1984 Chugach Forest Plan. This includes the following polygons, as shown on the Winter Motorized Recreation Access Map dated May 2002, map #R10-MB-480g:

K155 (south of Seward and Sterling Highways)	K164 (south of Sterling Highway)
K165	K166
K168	K169
K170	K173
K176	K177
K178	K179
K198 (south of Seward Highway)	K201
K202	K203

The current Forest Closure map (map #R10-MB-480g-KP-I-05) displaying the Crescent Lake/Quartz Creek area will be revised. National Forest System lands south of Tern Lake, southwest of the Seward Highway, and south of the Sterling Highway will be open to winter motorized activities, as they were under the 1984 Chugach Forest Plan. National Forest System lands north of the Highways (Quartz Creek area) will remain closed to motorized use.

Maps and additional information are available at [www.fs.fed.us/r10/chugach](http://www.fs.fed.us/r10/chugach)

This is the only portion of the Regional Forester's Record of Decision that is withdrawn