

Chugach National Forest - Developed Picnicking/Day Use Program Accessibility Transition Plan

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There are nine developed picnic grounds on the Chugach National Forest and six other day use sites that are primarily developed interpretive opportunities. Assessment of accessibility needs at these sites includes all the primary activities associated with each site as indicated below. Where interpretive exhibits are included at developed sites, this program area only considered the accessibility of the facility housing the exhibit. The accessibility of the exhibits themselves is assessed under the communications program.

Accessibility standards for picnicking are defined in the FSORAG¹. As picnic grounds and other day use sites are renovated they will be brought into compliance with FSORAG. This will include replacement of all toilets across the forest with accessible models that meet ADAAG standards for buildings. All constructed features provided in picnic areas (tables, grills, etc.) will be accessible. The minimum number of accessible parking stalls provided at developed picnic grounds and day use sites will be consistent with FSORAG, based on the total number of parking stalls provided. Outdoor recreation access routes (ORAR) will be provided between parking areas, toilets, and 20% of the picnic units. The major recreation opportunities associated with each picnic ground or day use site such as fishing platforms, boat docks, interpretive exhibits, etc. will be reconstructed to accessibility standards and connected with an ORAR unless the accessibility improvements would cause harm to natural features, change the nature of the setting, be inconsistent with the Forest Plan, or not be feasible due to terrain.

Three of the developed picnicking and two interpretive sites on the Forest meet current accessibility standards. Some have accessibility improvements that may include accessible toilets or picnic units. However, many of the improvements made for accessibility in the 1990s do not meet the latest FSORAG standards. Actions necessary to improve accessibility at each picnic ground or other day use site are shown below. These range from retrofit actions to complete replacement, depending upon current facility conditions.

It is anticipated that by 2010 five more developed picnic grounds (including one newly constructed) and one more interpretive site will meet or exceed minimum accessibility standards, and by 2015 the remaining two developed picnic grounds and three interpretive sites will meet or exceed minimum accessibility standards, if determined feasible.

¹ See Introduction for previously defined acronyms.

I concur with the strategy outlined in this accessibility transition plan.

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Geographic Area - Kenai Peninsula

Location/ recreation experience/ attraction	Number of sites/ features	Number of accessible sites/ features	Target number of accessible sites/ features	Obstacles to accessibility target	Planned actions	Year planned	Responsible Official
Beginnings Interpretive Site/ environmental education	6	0	0	Lack of accessible parking and access route to interpretive display.	Interpretive services will be provided at K'Beq Interpretive Site.	n/a	Seward District Ranger
Exit Glacier Overlook/ environmental education	16	2	2	None	None	Done	Seward District Ranger
K'Beq (Footprints) Interpretive Site/ environmental education	40	3	3	None	None	Done	Seward District Ranger
Moose Flats Day Use Site/ picnicking, nature trail, fishing pier	5	4	4	None	None	Done	Glacier District Ranger
Quartz Creek Beach/ picnicking	5	0	1	Lack of accessible parking spur, picnic unit, access route.	Reconstruct one picnic unit and parking spur along with access route to accessibility standards.	2015	Seward District Ranger
Russian River Falls Platform/ salmon viewing	6	1	1	Lack of access route to salmon viewing platform.	Conduct survey to determine feasibility of improving access to salmon viewing platform.	2015	Seward District Ranger

Geographic Area - Kenai Peninsula

Location/ recreation experience/ attraction	Number of sites/ features	Number of accessible sites/ features	Target number of accessible sites/ features	Obstacles to accessibility target	Planned actions	Year planned	Responsible Official
Tern Lake Day Use/ picnicking, fish and wildlife viewing	13	0	2	Lack of accessible parking spurs, restroom, picnic units, and access routes. Lack of accessible fish/wildlife viewing platform.	Provide accessible restroom; reconstruct two picnic units and parking spurs along with access route, to accessibility standards. Conduct survey to determine feasibility of improving access to fish/wildlife viewing platform.	2009	Seward District Ranger
Trail River Group Site/ picnicking	6	6	6	None	None	Done	Seward District Ranger

Geographic Area – Prince William Sound

Location/ recreation experience/ attraction	Number of sites/ features	Number of accessible sites/ features	Target number of accessible sites/ features	Obstacles to accessibility target	Planned actions	Year planned	Responsible Official
Crooked Creek Information Site/ visitor information, wildlife and fish viewing	49	0	3	Lack of accessible parking spurs, restroom, and access routes. Lack of accessible entry to building and access routes to fish/wildlife viewing platform.	Provide accessible restroom and parking spurs, along with access routes to building and fish/wildlife viewing platforms.	2006	Cordova District Ranger

Geographic Area – Copper River

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Alaganik Slough Day Use Area/ picnicking, boat ramp, fishing, interpretive boardwalk	5	1	1	Lack of accessible parking spur, restroom, boat ramp, and access routes.	Provide accessible restroom, reconstruct one parking spur, boat ramp and access routes, to accessibility standards.	2010	Cordova District Ranger
Childs Glacier Recreation Site/ picnicking, hiking, drive-up glacier viewing	35	6	6	None	None	Done	Cordova District Ranger

Geographic Area – Copper River

Location/ recreation experience/ attraction	Number of sites/ features	Number of accessible sites/ features	Target number of accessible sites/ features	Obstacles to accessibility target	Planned actions	Year planned	Responsible Official
Copper River Hwy - MI 10 Delta Entry Interpretive Site/ environmental education	10	0	1	Lack of accessible parking and access route to interpretive display.	Provide accessible parking and access route to interpretive display when site reconstruction is necessary.	2015	Cordova District Ranger
Copper River Hwy - MI 18 Rec Site/ picnicking, fishing	18	0	4	Lack of accessible parking spurs, restroom, picnic units, fishing facilities, and access routes.	Provide accessible restroom; reconstruct four picnic units and parking spurs along with access routes, to accessibility standards. Provide access route and accessible fishing facilities.	2010	Cordova District Ranger
Copper River Hwy - MI 22 Rec Site/ picnicking, boat ramp, fishing, environmental education	15	0	3	Lack of accessible parking spurs, picnic sites, boat ramp, interpretive display and access routes.	Reconstruct three picnic sites and parking spurs, boat ramp, and access routes to accessibility standards.	2008	Cordova District Ranger
Copper River Hwy - MI 25 Interpretive Site/ environmental education	2	0	1	Lack of accessible parking and access route to interpretive display.	Provide accessible parking and access route to interpretive display when site reconstruction is necessary.	2015	Cordova District Ranger