



## Park Fall Conditions Report HATCHER PASS EAST MANAGEMENT AREA and SUMMIT LAKE

October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Park Facility	Conditions
Government Peak Campground	<b>Closed</b>
Gold Mint Lot	Open. Camping and parking fees apply. Fire rings and picnic tables have been removed.
Fishhook Lot	Open. Camping and parking fees apply.
Independence Mine State Historical Park	Closed to vehicles. Pedestrians are welcome beyond gate.
Summit Lake	<b>Road is closed to vehicles as of October 3<sup>rd</sup> due to weather.</b>
<b>TRAIL REPORTS</b>	
Gold Mint Trail	Sections of trail contain standing water and mud. Freezing conditions possible.
Archangel Trailhead	Road closed to vehicles. Walkers are welcome.
Reed Lakes Trail	Road closed to vehicles, walkers welcome. Variable conditions down low. Ice and snow at higher elevations.
Mile 16 Bike Trail	Open and clear.
Gold Cord Lake Trail	Open. Snow and ice on trail.
<p><b>OVERALL CONDITIONS AND COMMENTS:</b></p> <p><b>All Matanuska Ranger District Offices are closed to the public. Staff will be available to the public by phone (907-745-8950); however, the public will not be allowed inside any office facilities. Parks and campgrounds remain open.</b></p> <p>Cold possibly snowy weather is moving in this week, potentially bringing snow levels down to the bottom of the pass. Drivers should be aware of slippery road conditions. Temperatures vary considerably from low to high elevations and with wind exposure. Hikers should bring warm layers and be aware of heat loss. Freezing conditions may make travel in the high country challenging with increased risk of slipping. With hunting season upon us, please be aware that discharge of weapons is prohibited within ¼ mile of the road. The discharge of weapons is prohibited within Independence Mine State Historical Park and Summit Lake Recreation Site.</p> <p>The Summit and Archangel Roads, and Government Peak Campground are closed for the season. Fire rings and picnic tables have been removed from Gold Mint lot, ground fires are prohibited, Government Peak Campground will likely close in early October depending on weather and usage.</p> <p><b>Independence Mine is now closed for the season, this means that buildings and services will not be available and vehicular access to the mine is closed. Pedestrians are welcome to walk up the road or maintenance trail at any time. Road is approx. one mile long.</b></p> <p>There is an electronic pay station accepting Visa, Mastercard, Discover, and AMEX at the Independence Bowl Parking area. Please print and display receipts face up on your dash board as record of payment. Cash and check payments are still accepted.</p>	

A \$5 day-use fee or annual parking pass is required at most trailheads through the park. Please respect private properties adjacent to park land.

Please check the Alaska State Parks website [www.alaskastateparks.org](http://www.alaskastateparks.org) or call (907) 745-8950 for current conditions.