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## Wrangell-St. Elias National Park & Preserve News Release

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### **NUGGET CREEK AND DIXIE PASS TRAILS TEMPORARILY CLOSED**

**Copper Center, Alaska** – Due to aggressive black bear activity in the vicinity, both the Nugget Creek and Dixie Pass trails are closed to public use effective *immediately*.

Visitors and local residents have reported multiple encounters with one or more black bears in recent days. Reports of bear behavior include raiding chicken coops, following people, entering campsites, circling campsites, ignoring common bear deterrent actions, reluctance to depart the area and returning to the trail shortly after departing the area.

The trails will temporarily be closed in order to protect the public.

Visitors should contact the NPS Visitor Center in Copper Center at 907-822-5237 for the latest information regarding the closure. **(36 CFR 1.5)**.

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