

Appendix A

Criteria for Designating Existing ORV Trails and Routes (Alternatives 2 & 3)

Existing ORV trails and routes in the Dry Bay area were evaluated against a set of criteria to determine which trails or routes would be designated for ORV use under Alternative 2. The evaluation criteria are as follows:

Criteria A: Trails and routes directly incident to the exercise of valid commercial fishing rights and privileges. This includes access to campsites, cabins, and airstrips directly incident to such rights and privileges.

Criteria B: Trails and routes providing access to lodges with valid concessions contracts or NPS visitor cabin.

Routes meeting the requirements of Criteria A and B were evaluated against additional criteria to eliminate duplicate trails and routes or trails and routes having adverse environmental impacts.

Criteria C: Trails and routes providing duplicate access to the same location, facility, or lodge would not be designated.

Criteria D: Existing trails and routes having adverse environmental impacts would not be designated. This includes any trails and routes that have a high potential for environmental damage from repeated ORV use across anadromous fish streams, wetlands, or areas with poorly drained or saturated soils.

Table A-1 evaluates existing ORV trails and routes in the Dry Bay area of Glacier Bay National Preserve against the designation criteria identified above. Trails and routes that meet the criteria to be included in Alternative 2 are highlighted in gray.

Alternative 3 included all trails and routes meeting the Alternative 2 criteria. In addition, trails providing access to areas for other purposes (i.e., recreation, subsistence, hunting, and sport fishing) were included in Alternative 3. Trails not used for commercial fishing purposes or providing access to existing lodges but providing access for other purposes were included in Alternative 3 providing the trails did not provide duplicate access or have high potential for environmental damage from repeated ORV use. These trails include:

- Alsek North Trail upstream of Tractor North Trail
- Tractor North Trail
- East Cabin Trail North
- East Access Trail

The above trails would provide ORV access for purposes such as hunting, sport fishing, subsistence, and other recreational activities.

Table A-1. Evaluation of existing trail and routes in the Dry Bay area of Glacier Bay National Preserve against the evaluation criteria. Trails and routes open under Alternative 2 are highlighted in gray. Alternative 3 included trails meeting the Alternative 2 criteria (highlighted in gray) plus trails highlighted in light brown

| Existing Trail or Route | <u>Criteria A</u> Trails/routes directly incident to the exercise of valid commercial fishing rights & privileges | <u>Criteria B</u> Trails/routes providing access to lodges with valid concessions contracts or NPS cabin | <u>Criteria C</u> Trails/routes providing duplicate access to same location, facility, or lodge | <u>Criteria D</u> Trails/routes having high potential for environmental impacts |
|---|--|---|--|--|
| Airport Cutoff | x | | x | |
| Elsek Mouth Trail | x | | | |
| Elsek North Trail upstream of Tractor North Trail | | | | |
| Elsek North Trail to Tractor North Trail | x | x | | |
| Bear Island Trail | x | | | |
| Boring Trail | x | | | |
| Doame East Trail | | | | x |
| Doame Trail | | | | x |
| Doame West Trail | | | | x |
| Dog Salmon Cutoff Trail | x | | | |
| Lower & Upper DSC Estuary Routes | x | | | |
| DSC Trail | x | | | x |
| Dunes Route | x | | | |
| East Access Trail | | | | |
| East Cabin Trail North | | | | |
| East Cabin Trail | | x | | |
| East Mouth Routes | x | | | |
| Flowers Trail | x | | | |
| Maze Inside Trail ¹ | 1 | | x | |
| Main Trail East | x | x | | |

Table A-1 continued

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| Main Trail South | x | x | | |
| Maze Central Route | x | | | |
| Maze West Route | x | | | |
| McSpaden Trails | x | | | |
| Pellett Trail | x | | | |
| Plains Cutoff | x | | x | |
| Plains North Trail | x | | | |
| Plains South Trail | x | | | |
| Ranney Route | x | | | |
| River Route | x | | | |
| Rohloff Trail | x | | | |
| Schumacher Trail | x | x | | |
| Seafoods Routes | x | | | |
| Sean Dog Trail | x | | | |
| Slue Cutoff | x | | x | |
| Smitty's Trail | x | | | |
| Smitty's Spur Trail | | | | |
| Takeout Trail | x | | | |
| Temporary Camp Estuary Routes | x | | | |
| Temporary Camps Routes | x | | | |
| Towers Trail | | | | |
| Tractor North Trail | | | | |
| Varni East Trail | x | x | x | x |
| Varni West Trail | x | | | |

¹ The Maze Inside Trail was used by commercial fisherman. Lack of use has made this trail impassable due to thick alder growth. Other existing trails provide similar access. As such this trail was not included as open under Alternatives 2 or 3.

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