



**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**Division of Mining, Land and Water**

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**NORTH SLOPE OFF-ROAD TRAVEL STATUS REPORT**  
**January 13, 2024**

DNR has completed an assessment of snow conditions and soil temperatures on the North Slope as related to off-road travel on State-owned land. All coastal and lower foothills tundra opening areas were sampled between January 10 and January 11, 2024.

**The Eastern Coastal Area is currently OPEN.** Snow depth and soil temperature criteria were met at all monitoring stations on January 11, 2024.

**Western Coastal Area is currently CLOSED to winter off-road travel\*.** All stations within the Western Coastal Area have met the 6-inch snow depth criteria. Three of the five stations have met the soil temperature criteria.

**Lower Foothills Area is currently CLOSED to winter off-road travel\*.** Three of the five stations in the Lower Foothills Area have met the 9-inch snow depth criteria. Three of the five stations have met the soil temperature criteria.

**Upper Foothills Area is currently CLOSED to winter off-road travel\*.** No monitoring was conducted.

***Summary Table of Snow and Soil Temperature Conditions***

Opening Area	Soil temperature range at 30 cm depth	Average snow depth
Western Coastal	-4.28°C to -9.35°C	Criteria has been met
Lower Foothills	-3.33°C to -7.89°C	6.90 inches

\*No stations in the Upper Foothills were monitored.

DNR staff will return to the North Slope the week of January 15 to continue monitoring snow conditions and soil temperatures. The next Off-Road Travel Status Report will be sent out around January 19, 2024. **Opening announcements will be released separately in addition to specifically stating in this report when the opening date occurred.** If you have any questions, please contact the DMLW, Northern Regional Land Office in Fairbanks at (907)451-2740.

\*The Western Coastal Area is open for snowmobile travel. Approvals may be made for travel with summer-approved vehicles and conditional approvals may be made for ice road and snow road construction. Contact your DNR permitting section for approvals.

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