



MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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Re: Closing Borough Rights-of-Way to normal construction.

From: Michelle Olsen, Acting ROW Coordinator

The rights-of-way or public easements within the Matanuska-Susitna Borough will close to normal construction within the road prism (10' from gravel edge or edge of pavement) effective 5:00 p.m., October 31, 2023, for all areas of the borough.

This means that any work within 10 feet of the surface of existing roads is restricted to boring only and may not be open-cut by any means. If a permit exists that allows open-cut crossings and expires after October 31, 2023, you must wait until spring when the rights-of-way open to normal construction activity. This may require obtaining an extension to the permit to accomplish the work in the spring after the rights-of-way have opened. Boring is still allowed, and you may wish to proceed with an existing permit for open-cut, with an amendment for change of work from open-cut to boring. Necessary service connections whereby a property owner will occupy a home or open a business before rights-of-way open in the spring can possibly receive approval to install on a case-by-case basis. Any work currently in progress must have thawed DI-type material placed back in the hole. Frozen material and organic material must be removed from the job site and correct thawed material placed back in its place. With the lack of asphalt availability, any borehole pit must be ten or more feet from any asphalt surface. This will help to ensure that our public road improvements are protected, and the maintenance costs of our roads remain low.

Contact the PermitCenter@matsugov.us or call 907-861-7822 for any questions about the requirements for these non-standard permits.

Please be safe this winter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Olsen, CFM

Acting ROW Coordinator

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