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Dense Smoke Advisory, Use Headlights When Traveling in the Interior

(PARKS HIGHWAY, Alaska) – Due to Wildfires in the interior visibility is poor along multiple stretches of roadway. Alaska State Troopers, the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities and the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center implore all motorists traveling in the interior to use their headlights and to travel at prudent speeds.

These sections of road currently have active forest fires nearby and visibility is impacted by heavy smoke:

- Parks Highway-Anderson north to Fairbanks
- Chena Hot Springs Road from mile 20-56
- Dalton Highway from mile 56-68
- Steese Highway from 147-159, intermittent restriction due to smoke and falling trees

Keep in mind that the areas impacted by smoke will change as the wind shifts and as the wildfires move, grow or are contained.

There are areas along the road where fire crews and fire fighting equipment are staged. Having your headlights on will also make you more visible to them. Please keep their safety in mind as you are passing them.

Troopers strongly encourage the use of headlights at all hours of the day regardless of heavy smoke. It is a simple step motorists can take to avoid collisions on Alaska's highways.

To receive updated information on stretches of road affected by the smoke check the 511 website at <http://511.alaska.gov/> or call 5-1-1 from any phone in Alaska.

To receive up-to-date information on fires in the interior, contact the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center at 907-356-5511. Keep in mind that there are multiple wildfires burning in the interior and conditions change quickly.