Government Peak Campground  Open. Camping and parking fees apply.
Gold Mint Lot  Open. Camping and parking fees apply.
Fishhook Lot  Open. Camping and parking fees apply.
Independence Mine State Historical Park  Parking below the Mine is open at all times. Upper parking lot is open 9am – 7pm.
Summit Lake  Open and clear, be aware of potholes and washboard conditions, especially on corners and steep sections.

TRAIL REPORTS
Gold Mint Trail  Sections of trail contain standing water and mud.
Archangel Trailhead  Sections of potholes and washboard, drivers should be aware of their speed.
Reed Lakes Trail  Open and clear. Variable but good tread conditions.
Mile 16 Bike Trail  Open and clear.
Gold Cord Lake Trail  Open. Please stay on the maintained trail.

OVERALL CONDITIONS AND COMMENTS:

All Matanuska Ranger District Offices are closed to the public. Staff will be available to the public by phone (907-745-8950); however, the public will not be allowed inside any office facilities. Parks and campgrounds remain open.

Well, we can no longer deny it. Termination dust. Fall is not yet here, but it’s close and the fireweed agrees. Nights are getting chillier and darker but hot weather is not off the table either. Rain appears to be in the forecast for most of the week so anticipate wet conditions and rising water levels. The upside to the start of fall is the vibrant colors, crisp air, berries, and the slow demise of the bugs. Trails are open and clear, if heading into the high country, particularly early in the morning, be on the lookout for frost, ice, or snow on the trail.

Many visitors are out to pick berries. If you are planning to wander the tundra off trail, try to fan out, do not walk single file and try not to walk the same path twice. Walk on rocks and durable surfaces whenever possible. Though it is counterintuitive, this helps prevent the formation of social trails which cause erosion and impact damage.

Independence Mine is open, gate hours are be 9am – 7pm, buildings (Manager’s House, Bunkhouse #2, and Assay Office) will be open 10am – 6pm. Please contact Salmonberry Tours (IMSHP contractors) for information about tours, rentals, and merchandise available (907-278-3572, salmonberrytours.com).

There is an electronic pay station accepting Visa, Mastercard, Discover, and AMEX at the Independence Bowl Parking area. Please print and display receipts face up on your dash board as record of payment. Cash and check payments are still accepted.

A $5 day-use fee or annual parking pass is required at most trailheads through the park. Please respect private properties adjacent to park land.

Please check the Alaska State Parks website www.alaskastateparks.org or call (907) 745-8950 for current conditions.