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ATTORNEY GENERAL ISSUES OPINION--In response to a request by the Deputy Director of Alaska Department of Natural Resources and the Bureau of Land Management, the State Attorney General's office has issued an opinion regarding RS 2477's.

The basic components of the ruling were:

- (1) RS 2477's, as identified in the Alaska Trails atlas, are lawful State highways under the control of the ADOT-PF, whether on State or non-State land.
- (2) The Alaska statute passed last year, which opened the Dalton Highway, north of the Yukon River, to summer tourists and closed lands within five miles of the highway to ORV use, does apply to both State and non-State land. This statute will be in effect until such time as the non-State land manager promulgates more restrictive or less restrictive regulations.

The ORV ban also is in effect over RS 2477's on both State and non-State lands (i.e.) recreationists may not use RS 2477's within five miles of the Dalton Highway north of the Yukon River).

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