

My name is Dake Schmidt, local resident of six years on Kodiak Island and business owner of MemoryMakers Tour & Guide Service on the "road system" www.memorymakersinak.com . I have had a passion for fresh water fly fishing for over 25 years and when i arrived in Kodiak, this was my heaven. The road accessible rivers on Kodiak are a essential part of what allows us to thrive, and stay alive. With out proper access to these navigable waters, a MAJOR part of the locals subsistence and sport fishing areas would be lost (along with the tens of thousands of tourist dollars) . Much of my summer business consist of off island or out of state clients who come to see bears and catch fish. As it stands much of the "easy access" to these waters is now trespassing and anyone with walking impairments or physically challenged people will be out of luck. These waters and the accessible land around them are a minute fraction of the rest of the 3,300 square miles of the island, but as it has stood for years these areas see the most fishing and FUN for miles around by locals and tourist alike. In conclusion, i Dake Schmidt local sport fisherman and business owner would like to see easy,consistent access to the Olds/American river for fishing. Thank you. Dake Schmidt.