

# Alaska State Legislature

## SESSION:

Alaska State Capital  
Juneau, AK 99801  
Phone: (907) 465-3709  
Fax: (907) 465-4714



## INTERIM:

1292 Sadler Way Suite 308  
Fairbanks, AK 99701  
Phone: (907) 451-4347  
Fax: (907) 451-4348

SENATE PRESIDENT PETE KELLY

## Sponsor Statement

### Senate Bill 199

“An Act relating to the use of off-road vehicles within the James Dalton Highway corridor.”

Senate Bill 199 would allow for the use of off-road vehicles within the James Dalton Highway corridor to access private property with an established history of use as a homestead.

Under AS 19.40.210, off-road vehicles are only permitted within the James Dalton Highway corridor in a few select instances:

1. If they are necessary for oil and gas exploration, development, or transportation;
2. To gain access to a mining claim within the vicinity of the highway;
3. To travel across the corridor from a point outside the corridor to another point outside the corridor with a snow machine.

Unfortunately, this leaves no exception for individuals and their families who hold private homesteaded land adjacent to the corridor. By law, they are prevented from using snow machines or other off-road vehicles to access their property by land from the corridor. SB 199 would correct this oversight in the law and give private property holders the same access rights held by those in the oil, gas, and mining industries. SB 199 would not change any hunting regulations by the Board of Game or remove prohibitions on rifle hunting within the corridor.

This issue came to my attention by a constituent who owns homesteaded land within the Brooks Range adjacent to the Dalton Highway corridor. Unfortunately, without the use of an airplane, the land is virtually inaccessible in the winter.

I urge your support.