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## **2012 Arctic Man Special Enforcement**

(HOODOO MOUNTAINS, Alaska) – Alaska State Troopers and Alaska Wildlife Troopers are poised to provide a safe environment for outdoor enthusiasts of all ages at the Arctic Man Ski and Sno-Go Classic this week. During this event that runs through Sunday, troopers will use snowmachines and four wheelers to patrol the parking pad and part of the Hoodoo Mountains surrounding the event to provide public outreach and proactive enforcement to ensure everyone is having fun in a safe manner. AST's A-Star helicopter, Helo-1, will also stage at the event in case of an emergency.

Meanwhile, the Alaska Bureau of Highway Patrol will look for aggressive and impaired drivers arriving and leaving Arctic Man. Motorists heading to Arctic Man are reminded the speed limit is 55 mph or slower for much of the drive. The speed limit is 55 mph or lower on the Richardson Highway south from the Jack Warren Road at mile 93.7 in Delta Junction. Likewise, the speed limit is 55 mph or slower on the Glenn Highway after the interchange with the Parks Highway at about mile 36 and continues north until it ends at the junction with the Richardson Highway in Glennallen. Please remember to buckle up because seatbelts save lives.

One of the focuses of the enforcement is DUI prevention. Troopers plan to make contact with the public to provide information on DUI laws in hopes of preventing unsafe driving. DUIs can and will be issued to people operating a vehicle while under the influence of drugs or alcohol. The DUI law applies to the operation of all motorized vehicles, including snowmachines and four wheelers. Troopers encourage the public to enjoy the festivities while practicing safety. If you plan on drinking, please park your snowmachine, four wheeler or RV or simply hand your keys off to a sober friend and ride the bus provided at the event.

For more information regarding trooper activity during Arctic Man 2012, please contact Beth Ipsen (907)269-5654 or (907)347-0638.