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A brown bear walks to a sandbar to eat a salmon it caught in 2013 at Brooks Falls in Katmai National Park and Preserve. AP FILE PHOTO/MARK THIESSEN

Parks Service moves to lift restrictions on hunting bears, wolves

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The National Park Service announced Monday that it plans to reverse a series of Obama-era restrictions on bear baiting and other hunting methods within national preserves in Alaska.

In 2015, the Park Service announced new rules for the 10 national preserves in Alaska. The rules mostly dealt with state-legal predator hunting techniques, which the Park Service said conflicted with the agency's conservation mission. The rules included a ban on using bait to hunt both black and brown bears and a ban on killing wolves and wolf pups during the denning season.

The change launched a new chapter in a decade-long fight between the

state and federal government about who has authority to manage hunting rules within the state's boundaries.

In a Monday news release, the Park Service announced it is opening a 60-day public comment period on a rules change designed to bring the federal rules closer to the state's rules. The rules change proposal will be published in the Federal Register on Tuesday.

"It's essentially going to repeal those (2015) revisions," said National Park Service spokesman Pete Christian in Anchorage.

In addition to the rules for bear baiting and wolf and coyote hunting, the new rules would also remove federal prohibitions on using dogs to

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Terrence Cole to deliver final lecture of his career

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Longtime Alaska historian and University of Alaska Fairbanks professor Terrence Cole will deliver the final lecture of his career Wednesday night.

The 7 p.m. lecture will be held in the Schaible Auditorium in the UAF Engineering Building.

Cole taught history to thousands of students at UAF over three decades and will be summing up his career as a historian and educator during the lecture, as well as discussing what he feels lies ahead.

The lecture was orga-

nized as part of the 2018 Summer Sessions, directed by Michelle Bartlett.



Cole

"Terrence has been an amazing educational fixture contributing so much to the community as well as the state," Bartlett said. "And I felt like it was important for him to be given this opportunity to share his wisdom as he exits the university."

The lecture is free and open to the public.

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Man accused of opening fire on people, vehicles

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A 30-year-old Fairbanks man is accused of shooting at people, vehicles and buildings while driving drunk on South Cushman Street early Sunday morning.

Calvin Brown Scott is charged with seven counts of felony first-degree weapons misconduct, two counts of felony third-degree criminal mischief, driving under the influence, refusing to take a breath-alcohol test and fourth-degree weapons misconduct.

According to a criminal complaint filed in Fairbanks court Monday, Fairbanks police received several reports at 3:27 a.m. of a man firing a gun out of the window of a silver car driving on South Cushman Street. One of the callers reported hearing a series of six shots, a pause, six more shots, another pause and a series of approximately four more shots.

A witness followed the vehicle until police arrived and stopped it at the intersection of Shannon Drive and Joyce Drive.

Scott smelled strongly of alcohol, had trouble following sim-

ple instructions and declined to perform field sobriety tests, according to the complaint. Police found a Springfield XD .45 caliber handgun between the driver's seat and the center console. A spent shell casing was found inside the car on the passenger side floorboard.

The witness who followed Scott told police he was sitting in his truck at the Holiday Gas Station when Scott fired several shots in his direction. Police later viewed surveillance footage from the gas station which shows several

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ROAD CLOSED



Vehicles drive past road barriers along University Avenue on Monday. ROBIN WOOD/NEWS-MINER

Construction started at intersection

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Construction began Saturday on the intersection of Geist Road, University Avenue and Johansen Expressway, resulting in road closures, lane restrictions and detours around Fairbanks' busiest intersection.

The intersection is completely closed to east-west traffic; lane restrictions govern north-south drivers.

Alaska's Department of Transportation and Public Facilities has three main messages for motorists and pedestrians, according to spokeswoman Caitlin Frye.

First, business access along Geist Road is fully open. Second, the intersection's pedestrian access will remain open throughout construction. Final-

ly, residential neighborhoods south of Geist Road (those based around Loftus Road, Fairbanks Street and Wilcox Avenue) provide no access or detour routes to University Avenue.

The Parks Highway, Airport Way and Peger Road provide the main southern detours, while College Road and Danby Street offer northern detours. Two lanes of traffic are open on University Avenue through the intersection.

The Aug. 16 start of school is DOT's hard deadline to wrap up work, which includes dedicated and offset right-hand turn lanes, according to Frye. While work on the Geist and Johansen legs of the intersection are expected to be completed this summer, Frye said it's possible the University Avenue legs may not be completed until next year.

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Federal charges filed in 2016 shooting of Fairbanks officer

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A man charged in the 2016 death of a Fairbanks police officer has also been indicted on federal firearms charges.

Sgt. Allen Brandt was shot six times early on the morning of Oct. 16, 2016 while answering a call of shots fired in downtown Fairbanks. He was released from an Anchorage hospital a week later but returned Oct. 27 for surgery to remove shrapnel from his left eye. He died

the next day from complications of that surgery.

Anthony George Jenkins-Alexie, 30, of Fairbanks, was arrested two days after the shooting and later indicted in Fairbanks Superior Court on two counts each of first- and second-degree murder as well as felony assault, theft, weapons misconduct and evidence tampering charges.



Brandt

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Trump demands to know if FBI infiltrated presidential campaign

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WASHINGTON — Ratcheting up pressure on the Russia investigation, the White House announced Monday that top FBI and Justice Department officials have agreed to meet with congressional leaders and "review" highly classified information the lawmakers have been seeking on the handling of the probe.

The agreement came after President Donald Trump made an extraordinary demand that the Justice Department investigate whether the FBI infiltrated his presidential campaign. It's unclear exactly what the members will be allowed to review or if the Justice Department will be

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GOOD MORNING



The weather.

Partly cloudy skies giving way to occasional showers.
High today 65
Low tonight 45

Sunrise: 4:04 a.m.
Sunset: 11:32 p.m.

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