

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Snomads, Inc.****Federal Tax ID: 92-0030894****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

Snomads, Inc. - Diamond Ridge-Upgrades to Watermelon/ Marathon/Diamond Ridge Trails

State Funding Requested: \$45,000**House District: Kenai Areawide (28-30)**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Upgrades to Watermelon/Marathon/Diamond Ridge Trails

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$90,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$15,000)
FY2015 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$45,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$30,000

*Funding Details:**Club funds and in-kind donations***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The goal of the project is to provide legal access for motorized and non-motorized user groups from the Diamond Ridge/Baycrest Hill area to the Watermelon Trail and Lookout Mountain Ski Area. Currently there are no formal trails for motorized users to follow and the ski trails are disjointed and the terrain is difficult, if not dangerous, in sections. There are lots of snowmachiners who live on Diamond Ridge who ride over to the Watermelon Trail and the ski club's Marathon trail runs from Baycrest Hill up Diamond Ridge and over to their trails on Lookout Mountain. Public demand for a formal trail system is high.

The Kachemak Nordic Ski Club (KNSC) and the Snomads snowmachine group have always been able to cooperate on projects and we decided it made sense to combine our efforts on this project. We will formalize joint legal easements for motorized and non-motorized users where needed and seek separate access arteries where possible to maximize everyone's outdoor experience. Once this trail system is complete we will be able to groom the trail's thereby increasing public enjoyment and safety. Due to both our club's efforts snowmachine/skier conflicts are rare, but there is no denying that a good trail system for all makes for good neighbors.

Together KNSC and the Snomads will identify the most logical trail types and routes and survey as necessary. We will identify the most logical trail types and routes and survey as necessary. We will obtain easements or land use permits and brush as many miles of trails as the budget allows. If we are able to complete the brushing and still have funds in the budget then we will spend the money evenly between our clubs to complete existing unfinished parking areas at both ends of the trail systems. Both organizations have an excellent record of contributing club funds and tremendous amounts of volunteer effort to ensure that projects succeed. The bottom line is our members will deliver a lot of "bang for the buck" in the form of a

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top notch trail system.

Proposed Budget:

Surveying trails and parking lots \$12,000

Permitting recording fees \$500

Trail Brushing & Construction \$10,000

Signage \$1500

Parking lot construction & materials \$66,000

Project Timeline:

Spring 2014 identification of preferred trail routes, summer 2014 surveying and application for easements and land use permits, initial brushing. Late summer 2014 to summer 2015 finalize any survey and brushing work needed. Late 2015-2016 Typar and gravel additional parking on marathon and watermelon trailheads if and funding remains.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Snowmads, Inc. and KNSC

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes No