

Agency: Department of Natural Resources

Project Title:

Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades

Alaska Long Trail - Flattop Safety Realignment

State Funding Requested: \$2,700,000

House District: 9 / E

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Flattop Mountain Trail is one of the most popular hiking destinations in all of Alaska, for both residents and visitors. This realignment is necessary because the condition of the trail has deteriorated to the point that it poses a significant safety hazard for hikers and a search and rescue burden for Chugach State Park and other emergency responders.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$2,700,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2025 State Funding Request:	(\$2,700,000)
Project Deficit:	\$0

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Flattop Mountain (accessed via the Flattop Mountain Trail) is the most climbed and hiked peak in all of Alaska. The trail provides quick access to the alpine environment and sweeping views of the Anchorage Bowl, the Kenai Peninsula, Cook Inlet and the Alaska Range. The trail is featured prominently in hiking guides, tourism and travel information, blogs, websites and articles.

In recent years, the trail has deteriorated to the point of danger in several sections. Likely due to a combination of this deterioration and the trail's popularity, Flattop Mountain is the number one location of emergency response for Chugach State Park (CSP) rangers. In 2022 CSP responded to numerous safety incidents on this trail.

Trail condition hazards along the route include exposed rebar, damaged stairs, eroding tread, loose and falling rocks, general steepness and slippery footing. The existing trail was never designed - sustainably or otherwise. Instead, it is a social trail which follows the most direct line - often straight up loose rock - to achieve the summit.

This Flattop Safety Realignment will create a safer trail alignment through some or all of the following: design and construction of a switchbacking trail through steep sections, clear markers of trail routing, a rebuild of wooden and stone stairs and leveling of the grade in eroded sections of trail.

The existing Flattop Mountain Trail is included in the Chugach State Park Trail Management Plan (as trail ID #434) and thus was a part of the public review process associated with the crafting of that document prior to its adoption.

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\$500,000
 Approved

12:20 PM 6/14/2024

Project Timeline:

This project will be completed in two to three field seasons. With the requested funding, Chugach State Park will first complete initial reconnaissance and assessment of the trail corridor, followed by design and layout. These activities will be completed in one field season. Construction will occur the following season.

BUDGET

Reconnaissance - \$30,000

Layout and Design - \$50,000

Construction Costs (trail) - \$2,620,000

Total Budget: \$2,700,000

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

DPOR - Alaska State Parks, Chugach State Park

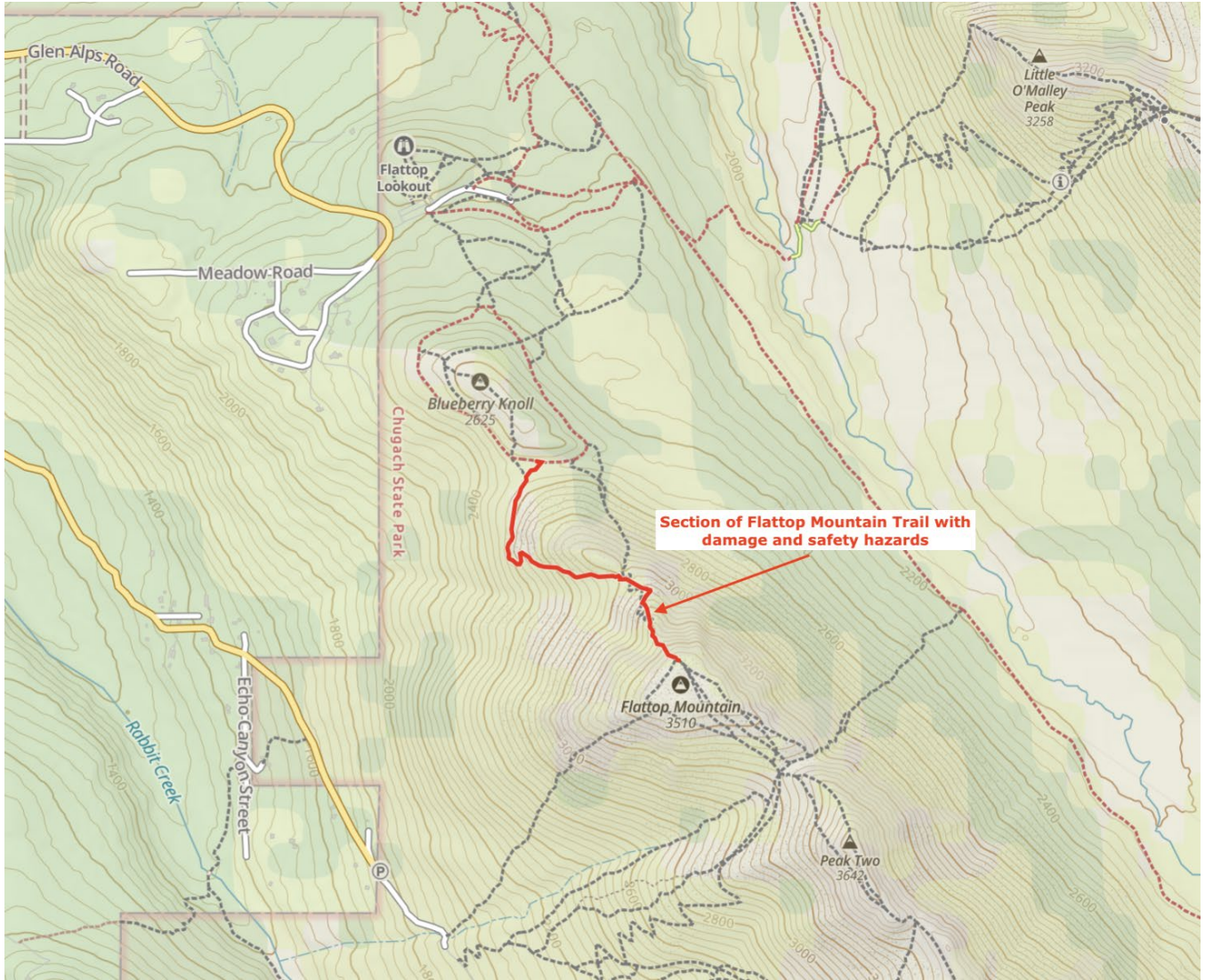
Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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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

Flattop Safety Realignment - Maps





Section of Flattop Mountain Trail with damage and safety hazards



Dear Alaska Legislators:

2/15/2024

Alaska Trails, the statewide non-profit, is writing on behalf of the Alaska Long Trail Coalition to request the inclusion of the Seward-to-Fairbanks [Alaska Long Trail](#) projects (submitted into CAPSIS) into FY2025 State's capital budget. The specific request is for **\$18.8 Million for 21 projects** to fill key shovel-ready and planning-ready gaps along the length of the planned route. Many of these projects have federal and local matching funds already secured, and some projects build on the funding received through the state capital budget over the past two years (**thank you!**).

The Alaska Long Trail, when complete, will become a world-class trail system connecting 500+ miles of Alaska's iconic terrain and diverse communities from Seward to Fairbanks, embracing the many ways (motorized and non-motorized) Alaskans recreate outdoors and bolstering the Alaska economy by attracting visitors from all over the world.

Specific benefits include:

- **Economic Impact** – Outdoor recreation infrastructure *is essential* infrastructure, building on Alaska's global competitive advantage, and supporting local jobs, business opportunities, and a stronger, more durable AK economy. If typical year's out-of-state travelers had reasons to spend one more day in Alaska, the result would be an additional \$250M in annual spending in our state.
- **Health Benefits** – Long Trails have an ability to inspire use, even if for a single day. The Long Trail will make it inviting and easier for a larger portion of Alaskans to be active, healthy, and happy outside.
- **Projects are Action-Ready** – Funding these investments will create much needed construction jobs in the near term and build skills that will be in demand continuing into the future.
- **Multi-Use** – The Long Trail will be an *Alaska* long trail; a braided, four-season trail system designed for hikers, bikers, skiers, ATV's, snowmachines, for both day and multi-day use.

We ask that you support the inclusion of the Alaska Long Trail projects, submitted into CAPSIS, in the FY2025 state capital budget.

Please call or write if you have questions. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Steve Cleary, Alaska Trails Executive Director

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ALASKA LONG TRAIL - CAPSIS FY2025

Alaska Trails and partners identified 21 high-priority shovel-ready and planning-ready projects along the length of the [Alaska Long Trail](#) proposed route. These projects have been submitted to the legislature for the FY2025 state capital budget. The table on the following page provides the summary of the projects and their locations are shown on the map below. "Multi-use" refers to both motorized and non-motorized uses.

PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- Building and improving non-motorized trails (#1, 2, 7, 10-12, 15-20)
- Planning studies to develop trail connections (#4, 13, 14)
- Improving trail access and parking (#6, 8, 10, 16)
- Multi-use trail improvements (#9)
- Wayfinding and cultural heritage (#3, 5)
- Separated highway paths for safe non-motorized travel (#21)

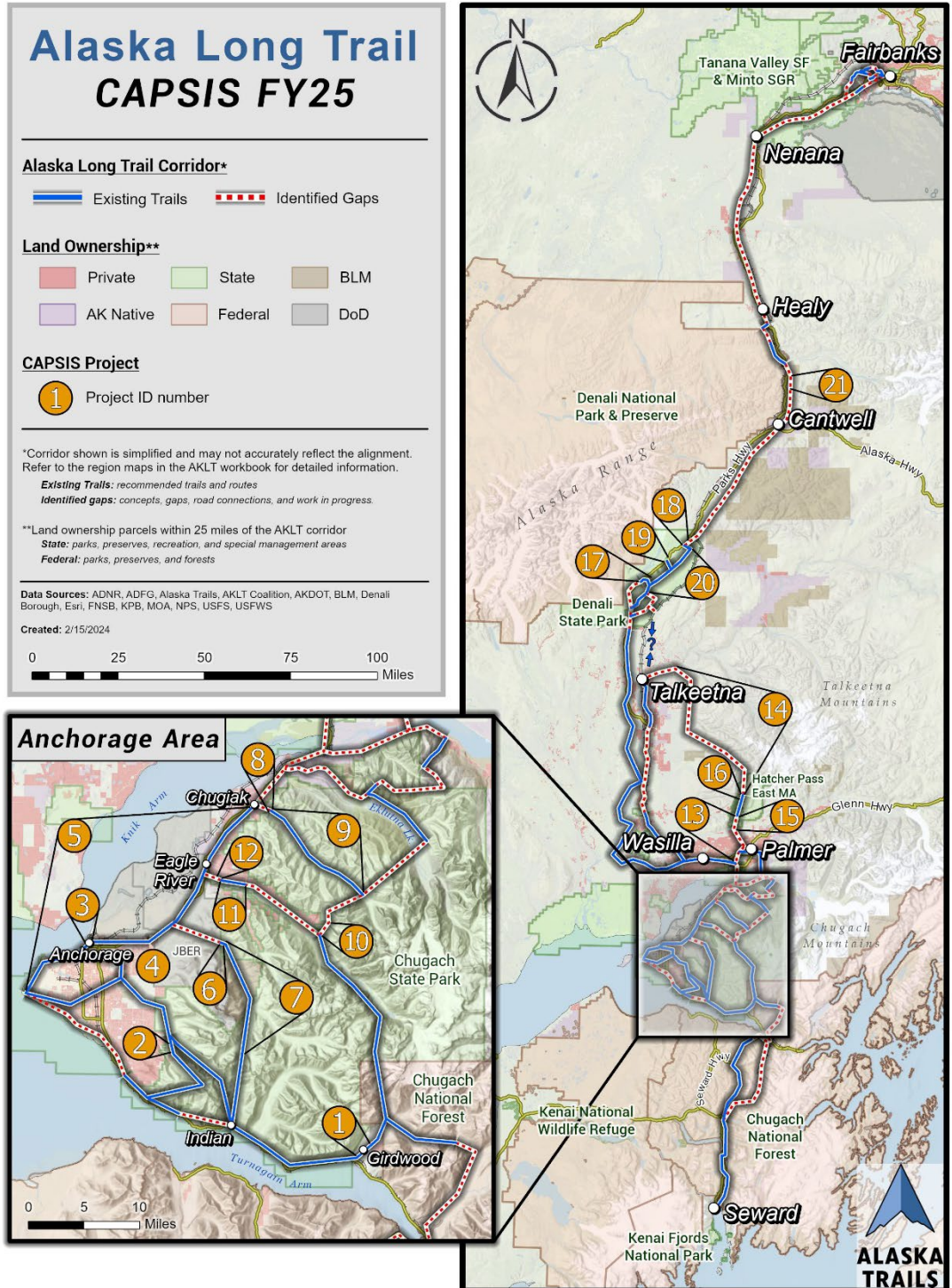
WHO IS DOING IT?

[Alaska Trails](#), a statewide non-profit, is coordinating this ambitious project. Partners in this CAPSIS request include Denali Borough, Muni of Anchorage, Alaska State Parks, and trails organizations.

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ALASKA LONG TRAIL - CAPSIS FY2025 PROJECTS

TPS #	Number on map	Project	Use	Amount	Recipient	Land Manager/Area	Districts	Previously Submitted?	Planning, New construction, Repairs/Improvements	Mileage
68768	1	Girdwood Middle Iditarod National Historic Trail Improvements	non-motorized	\$179,745	Muni of Anchorage	Turnagain Arm - Girdwood	9-E	NO	Repairs/Improvements	2.4
67983	2	Flattop Safety Realignment	non-motorized	\$2,700,000	DNR DPOR	Chugach State Park	9-E	YES	New construction	3
66549	3	Indigenous Gateway Downtown Anchorage	non-motorized	\$300,000	Anchorage Park Foundation	Municipality of Anchorage	17-I, 18-I	NO	New construction	N/A
68890	4	Glenn Highway to Far North Bicentennial Park	non-motorized	\$110,000	Anchorage Park Foundation	Municipality of Anchorage	21-K, 22-K	NO	Planning	5
66548	5	Wayfinding In Anchorage & Chugiak-Eagle River	non-motorized	\$300,000	Anchorage Park Foundation	Municipality of Anchorage	21-K, 22-K, 23-L	YES	Repairs/Improvements	N/A
67994	6	Arctic Valley Trailhead Parking Expansion	non-motorized	\$175,000	DNR DPOR	Chugach State Park	23-L	YES	Planning	N/A
68770	7	Ship Creek Trail "Arctic to Indian"	non-motorized	\$3,000,000	Alaska Trails	Chugach State Park	23-L	NO	New construction	13.5
68009	8	Peters Creek Trailhead Parking Survey and Design	multi-use	\$100,000	DNR DPOR	Chugach State Park	24-L	YES	Planning	N/A
68011	9	Peters Creek Trails Assessment and Design Prescription	multi-use	\$60,000	Chugach Mountain Bike Riders (CMBR)	Chugach State Park	24-L	YES	Planning	9.5
68845	10	Ram Valley Access Trail and Trailhead Parking Lot	non-motorized	\$1,000,000	Alaska Trails	Chugach State Park	23-L	NO	New construction	4
68012	11	Lower Eagle River Trail Boardwalk Replacement	non-motorized	\$500,000	DNR DPOR	Chugach State Park	23-L	YES	Repairs/Improvements	2
68868	12	Lower Eagle River Trail - Connecting Gruening Middle School to the Glenn Hwy	non-motorized	\$141,596	Chugach Mountain Bike Riders (CMBR)	Chugach State Park	23-L	NO	New construction	1
67978	13	Alaska Long Trail Core Mat-Su Corridor Planning	non-motorized	\$100,000	Alaska Trails	Mat-Su Borough	27-N, 28-N, 26-M, 25-M	YES	Planning	20
68766	14	Alaska Long Trail Talkeetna Mountains Planning	non-motorized	\$500,000	Alaska Trails	Mat-Su Borough & AK DMLW	30-O, 29-O	NO	Planning	85
66755	15	GPRA Traverse and Little Susitna Loop	non-motorized	\$2,500,000	Mat-Su Trails and Parks Foundation	Mat-Su Borough & AK DNR DMLW	29-O	YES	New construction	12
68765	16	Reed Lakes Trail and Trailhead Improvements	non-motorized	\$1,800,000	DNR DPOR	Hatcher Pass State Management Area	29-O	NO	Repairs/Improvements	6
68761	17	Byers Lake Loop Trail and Outlet Bridge	non-motorized	\$1,000,000	DNR DPOR	Denali State Park	30-O	NO	Repairs/Improvements	5
68764	18	Little Coal Creek Trail Upgrades	non-motorized	\$300,000	DNR DPOR	Denali State Park	30-O	NO	Repairs/Improvements	5
68762	19	Ermine Hill Trail Upgrades	non-motorized	\$250,000	DNR DPOR	Denali State Park	30-O	NO	Repairs/Improvements	5
68763	20	Kesugi Ridge Trail Upgrades	non-motorized	\$300,000	DNR DPOR	Denali State Park	30-O	NO	Repairs/Improvements	22
66753	21	Carlo Creek to Crabbies Crossing Separated Path	non-motorized	\$3,500,000	Denali Borough	Denali Borough	30-O	YES	New construction	7
TOTAL \$18,816,341									TOTAL MILES	207.4
									TOTAL NEW CONSTRUCTION MILES	40.5
									TOTAL REPAIRS MILES	47.4
									TOTAL PLANNING MILES	119.5

RESOLUTIONS AND LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Numerous organizations, agencies, local governments, and individuals expressed support for the Alaska Long Trail over 2021 - 2024. Below is the list of organizations, agencies, and local governments that have sent letters of support and passed resolutions in support of the project.

Alaska Travel Industry Association (ATIA)	statewide
National Park Service	statewide
Alaska Huts Association (AHA)	statewide
Alaska Trails	statewide
Alaska Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects	statewide
Alaska Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers	statewide
Mountaineering Club of Alaska	statewide
Mat-Su Borough Assembly	Mat-Su
City of Palmer	Mat-Su
Mat-Su Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB)	Mat-Su
Mat-Su Health Foundation	Mat-Su
Skeetawk, Hatcher Alpine Xperience	Mat-Su
Alaska State Parks - Mat-Su/Copper Basin Regional Office	Mat-Su
City of Seward	Kenai
Kenai Mountains – Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area (KMTA)	Kenai
Kenai Backcountry Horsemen	Kenai
Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly	Interior
Denali Borough Assembly	Interior
Explore Fairbanks	Interior
Interior Trails Quarterly	Interior
Fairbanks Cycle Club	Interior
Nordic Ski Club Fairbanks	Interior
Interior Trails Preservation Coalition	Interior
Anchorage Assembly	Anchorage
Chugach State Park Citizens Advisory Board	Anchorage
Chugach Mountain Bike Riders	Anchorage
Eklutna Valley Community Council	Anchorage
Eagle River Valley Community Council	Anchorage
Anchorage Ski Club	Anchorage
Girdwood Board of Supervisors	Anchorage
Girdwood Trails Committee	Anchorage
Latitude 61 Girdwood	Anchorage
Anchorage Park Foundation	Anchorage
Single Track Advocates, Anchorage	Anchorage
Roadmap to a Vital and Safe Anchorage	Anchorage
Anchorage Trails	Anchorage





CHUGACH STATE PARK CITIZENS' ADVISORY BOARD

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Dear Alaska Legislators:

We seek your support for the Flattop Safety Realignment project submitted into CAPSIS for inclusion in the FY2024 state capital budget.

By many accounts, Flattop Mountain (accessed via the Flattop Mountain Trail) is the most climbed and hiked peak in all of Alaska. The trail provides quick access to the alpine environment and sweeping views of the Anchorage Bowl, the Kenai Peninsula, Cook Inlet and the Alaska Range. The trail is featured prominently in hiking guides, tourism and travel information, blogs, websites and articles.

Flattop Mountain Trail is one of the most popular hiking destinations in all of Alaska, for both residents and visitors. This realignment is necessary because the condition of the trail has deteriorated to the point that it poses a significant safety hazard for hikers and a search and rescue burden for Chugach State Park and other emergency responders.

Investment in this project will create needed construction jobs in the near term and provide lasting benefits to Alaska's economy, communities, health, and our unique outdoor recreation lifestyles. It will also be a huge benefit to Alaska's tourism operators and economy.

We ask that you support the inclusion of the Flattop Safety Realignment project in the FY2024 capital budget as a necessary safety improvement of this popular destination.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Trond B Jensen

Chair
Chugach State Park Citizen Advisory Board

Alaska Mountain Rescue Group
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AFFILIATED WITH
MOUNTAIN RESCUE ASSOCIATION
EMPLOYER I.D. #92-0084973

To Whom it May Concern in the Alaska Legislature,

Alaska Mountain Rescue Group is writing in support of the Flattop Trail Safety Realignment Project. The trail to Flattop Peak in Chugach State Park receives heavy use from users with a wide variety of experience levels, and realigning and rebuilding this trail would greatly improve visitor safety.

Alaska Mountain Rescue Group (AMRG) is a nonprofit volunteer search and rescue organization based in Anchorage Alaska, dedicated to providing search and rescue services across Alaska. AMRG is accredited with the Mountain Rescue Association and acts under the direct control of the Alaska State Troopers. Our focus is on assisting injured and lost persons in Alaska's backcountry, especially where high-angle and mountaineering skills are required.

AMRG has responded over the years to many injuries and incidents on Flattop, of varying levels of severity. We are also aware of many more incidents where AMRG does not get called out. Preventive Search and Rescue is part of our strategy to improve public safety in Alaska's backcountry, and improvements to the Flattop trail could lower search and rescue calls to Chugach State Park.

We recommend that the Alaska Legislature funds the Flattop Trail Safety Realignment Project.

Sincerely,

Mark Miraglia

Vice-Chair
Alaska Mountain Rescue Group



P.O. Box 243561, Anchorage, Alaska 99524-3561

February 8, 2023

To our State Legislators and to all whom it may concern,

The Mountaineering Club of Alaska is a 501(c)(7) organization which was established in 1958 and currently serves 680 members by “promoting and improving the exercise of skills and safety in the art and science of mountaineering.” We were recently notified of a request for funding submitted to the Alaska State Legislature by Alaska Trails for four specific projects located in the Chugach State Park. The Board of the Mountaineering Club of Alaska would like to voice our support for the proposed projects and for Alaska Trails as the organization best suited to complete them, and we encourage the Legislature to provide the requested funds.

As a club which was founded and which primarily operates in the vicinity of Anchorage, we can attest that each of the four projects proposed by Alaska Trails represents a legitimate, longstanding need and serves multiple subgroups of the local non-motorized recreational community. Each project also serves to improve trails which, due to their location and difficulty level, would be enjoyed by both local residents and tourists with a wide variety of physical fitness levels.

- Ram Valley drew mountaineers, hikers, campers, berry pickers, and backcountry skiers prior to the access challenges which developed in 2020 and which Alaska Trails proposes to seek resolutions for.
- The Eklutna Lakeside trail is popular with hikers, mountain bikers, nordic skiers and winter ‘fat bikers,’ all with a broad range of skill levels. It is also a popular access route to the Eklutna Glacier for mountaineers and backcountry skiers.
- Flattop Peak is likely to be the most-summitted mountain in the entire state, and is enjoyed every day of the year by recreators including entire families, tourists, paragliders, and mountain runners.
- Indian Valley Trail offers year-round access to the center of the Chugach State Park. It is one end of the nordic ski route known as ‘Arctic to Indian,’ which follows a historic winter mail trail which linked Seward and Anchorage at the beginning of the 20th Century. The trail is also an attractive destination close to Anchorage for horseback riders.



Along with the value of the proposed projects, we would also like to note the dedication and professionalism of Alaska Trails and endorse them as an excellent choice to perform the proposed work. The MCA has occasionally partnered with Alaska Trails for trail work, most recently in October 2019 for work clearing and rerouting damaged sections of the Eklutna River East Fork Trail. We have witnessed their leadership in other projects we have not contributed to, such as rerouting efforts on the Middle Fork Hiking Trail in the Chugach State Park near Anchorage. Their skill at planning and executing projects similar to the ones they are proposing and their adherence to modern standards and best practices for the construction of sustainable, low-maintenance trails give us confidence they can effectively complete each of these proposals. Please consider supporting their requests.

Sincerely,

The Board of the Mountaineering Club

Gerrit Verbeek, President
Donell Irwin, Secretary
Peter Taylor, Treasurer
Heather Johnson, Director
Andy Kubic, Director
Andrew Holman, Director
Matt Nedom, Director
Tom McIntyre, Director
Scott Parmelee, Director

Municipal Clerk's Office
Approved
Date: **March 15, 2022**

Submitted by: Assembly Chair LaFrance,
Assembly Vice Chair Constant,
Assembly Members Dunbar,
Petersen, Quinn-Davidson,
Rivera, Weddleton, and Zaletel
Reviewed by: Assembly Counsel
For reading: March 15, 2022

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2022-90

1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING THE**
2 **ALASKA LONG TRAIL.**
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4 **WHEREAS**, the vision for the Alaska Long Trail is a world-class trail system
5 connecting 500+ miles of Alaska's iconic terrain and diverse communities from the
6 Pacific to the Interior, embracing the many ways Alaskans recreate outdoors and
7 bolstering the Alaska economy by attracting visitors from all over the world; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, with some of the world's most stunning wild places, Alaska is overdue
10 in creating a connected trail system with goals to improve access, build a stronger,
11 more durable economy, improve quality of life, encourage healthy lifestyles,
12 celebrate heritage and sustain what makes Alaska unique; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, the Alaska Long Trail route from Seward to Fairbanks, where a
15 substantial portion of public land trails already exist, has strong bipartisan support
16 from local, state and national elected officials, businesses and organizations; and
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18 **WHEREAS**, as Alaska's largest city and airport hub, Anchorage would connect to
19 the Alaska Long Trail through a braided trail system from the Moose Loop trails in
20 Anchorage north to Palmer and the Mat-Su, along the spectacular Tikahtnu-Cook
21 Inlet and Knik River valleys and south along the breathtaking, awe-inspiring
22 Turnagain Arm to Girdwood; and
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24 **WHEREAS**, the Alaska Long Trail braid from Anchorage to the south needs
25 improved, safe, bicycle and pedestrian access along the Seward Highway from
26 Potter Marsh to Indian, connecting to the Bird to Gird trail and into Girdwood, then
27 connecting south into Chugach National Forest and looping back north over Crow
28 Pass to Eagle River; and
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30 **WHEREAS**, the Alaska Long Trail braid from Anchorage to the north needs
31 improved, safe and attractive multi-use access along the Glenn Highway Trail from
32 Anchorage to the communities of Chugiak, Eagle River, Eklutna and beyond to the
33 Mat-Su, where the trail would continue north to Fairbanks; and
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35 **WHEREAS**, the Appalachian, Pacific Crest and other Long Trails are hugely popular
36 attractions and economic drivers; for example, the Appalachian Trail attracts 3
37 million visitors each year to shop, dine, stay and hike a portion of the 2000+ mile
38 trail; and
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1 **WHEREAS**, Anchorage residents support trails through annual voter-approved
2 bonds, and the Alaska Long Trail stands to leverage the value of Anchorage's
3 existing trail system, bringing major recreation and economic benefits to Anchorage
4 and Alaska by attracting a range of travelers from around the world to shop, dine,
5 stay and recreate; and
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7 **WHEREAS**, now is the time to invest in the future of Anchorage and Alaska's
8 outdoor recreation, tourism and small business economies by supporting the
9 development of an iconic trail that will stand alongside the other grand trails of the
10 nation.
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12 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY**
13 **SUPPORTS THE ALASKA LONG TRAIL AND ENCOURAGES INVESTMENT AT**
14 **THE LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL LEVEL.**
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17 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 15th day of March,
18 2022.
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Chair

24 ATTEST:

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29 Municipal Clerk



February 14, 2023

Honorable Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Support for Alaska Long Trail Investments in our Economic Future

Dear Alaska Legislators,

The Anchorage Trails Initiative started in 2011, part of the Anchorage Economic Development Corporation's Live.Work.Play strategy to attract and retain a quality workforce to Anchorage. We are a coalition of businesses, government agencies and advocates supporting trails as an economic driver to entice independent travelers, both in-state and out-of-state, to stay one more day in our region and support Anchorage's services industry.

The Anchorage Trails Coalition is united in strong support of the Alaska Long Trail, a vision for a multi-braid trail system connecting Seward to Fairbanks, incorporating a variety of year-round uses (motorized and nonmotorized) along different braids. The first 500-mile segment could ultimately expand into a 2000+ mile trail extending north from Fairbanks to the Brooks Range and the North Slope, and south to a future SE Long Trail, offering an alluring mix of trails and ferry rides. Many sections of the proposed trail already exist or are currently planned, and the route is almost entirely on public lands, reducing the complexity and cost.

Anchorage is the "urban braid" of the Alaska Long Trail. Our trail system is the Moose Loop, a 32-mile paved multi use path in the shape of a moose. It connects to the Glenn Highway Trail in the north, and the dream is to connect it to Girdwood along the Seward Highway in the south.

We strongly support ALL of the Alaska Long Trail projects and urge you to support them as a package as you did in 2022. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Diana Rhoades, Organizer
Anchorage Trails Coalition
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February 15, 2024

Honorable Alaska State Legislators:

Thank you for supporting the Alaska Long Trail (AKLT). Investing in outdoor recreation infrastructure keeps Alaskans healthy and connected and will put Alaska on the map as the outdoor epicenter of the world.

The 21 AKLT projects submitted to CAPIS cost approximately \$19 million. These investments leverage millions in local and federal funding and will have a resounding positive impact on Alaska communities. They create jobs, they support the stories that bind us together, and they help facilitate a wide variety of quality-of-life activities from hiking, biking, snowmachining, hunting and fishing to travel and tourism. They are supported by a growing coalition of business leaders, public land agencies, local governments, neighborhoods, and Alaska Native leaders.

We support all of the AKLT projects from our coalition partners and want to highlight the Anchorage projects we submitted - wayfinding from Chugiak Eagle River to Anchorage (CAPSIS 66548), connecting the Glenn Highway Trail to Far North Bicentennial Park (CAPSIS 68890), and building an Indigenous Gateway Plaza to launch the AKLT in Downtown Anchorage (CAPSIS 66549).

More than 1.5 million visitors will land in Anchorage in 2024, and they will know they are on part of the Alaska Long Trail thanks to your investment in wayfinding in Anchorage. Education about the proposed 500 mile trail encourages people to come back to Alaska communities again and again to complete new segments. For more information about these projects, please contact me at beth@anchorageparkfoundation.org or 907.274.1004.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beth Nordlund". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Beth Nordlund, Executive Director
Anchorage Park Foundation