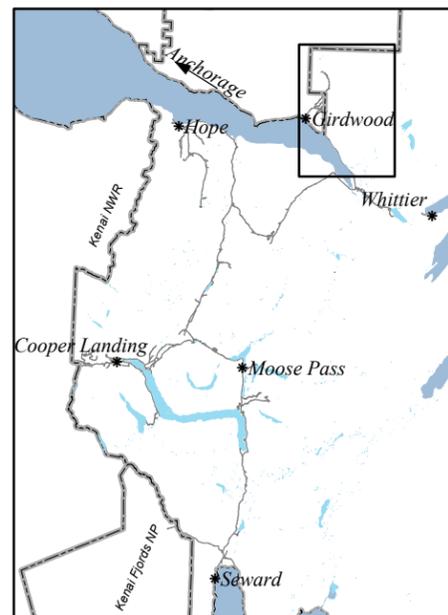


Alternative 3 Iditarod National Historic Trail Girdwood Area



Girdwood Area (G)
(Note: Segments RR3 and H8 are displayed on the area map and in table for reference, but are not included in summary text below)

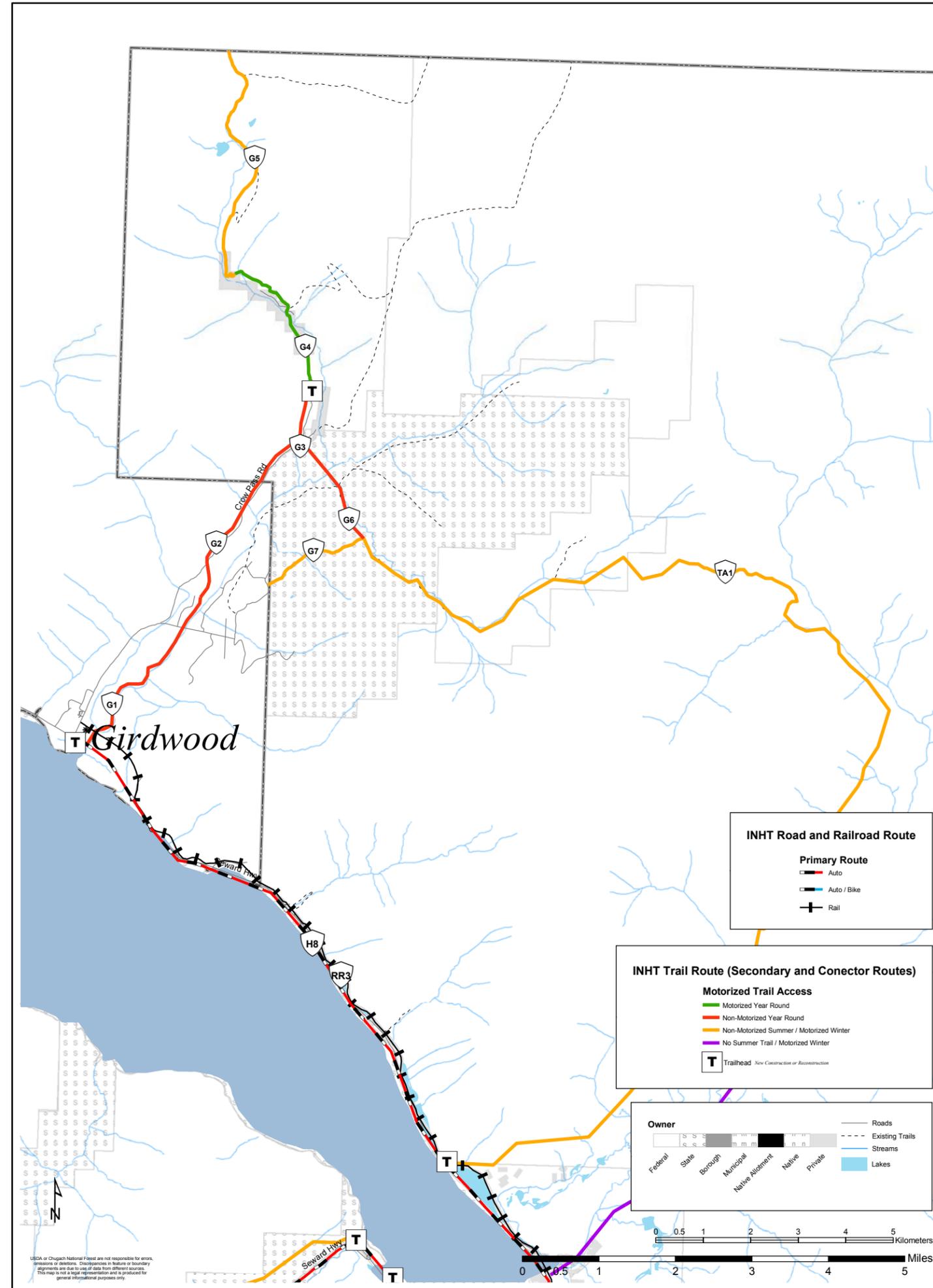
Segment	Miles	1986 INHT Comprehensive Plan	AK DOT & AK RR*	Alternative 3 FS Action	Trail Class	Primary** Managed Use (summer)	Primary** Managed Use (winter)	Prohibited Trail Use
RR3		Primary Route	Rail Route	-	NA	-	-	-
H8	11.2	Connecting Trail	Bike Path	-	5	-	-	-
G1	2.6	Primary Route	-	Main Route	4	bike, hike	ski	motorized
G2	2.9	Primary Route	-	Main Route	3	bike, hike	ski	motorized
G3	0.8	Primary Route	-	Main Route	3	bike, hike	ski	motorized
G4	2.1	Primary Route	on road***	Main Route	NA	none	none	none
G5	4.3	Primary Route	-	Main Route	3	hike	none	summer motor
G6	2.2	Connecting Trail	-	Main Route	3	hike	ski	motorized
G7	2.2	-	-	Access Route	3	hike	ski	summer motor
TA1	21.4	Connecting Trail	-	Main Route	2	hike	none	summer motor

* Indicates existing, planned or proposed AK Department of Transportation or AK Railroad INHT segments.
 ** Indicates actively managed trail use. Other trail uses allowed unless prohibited.
 *** trail would be on Crow Creek road

Girdwood Area Summary: Trail segments for Alt. 3 in the Girdwood Area continue from trail segments described in the Turnagain Pass - Arm Area, to the NF Boundary just north of Crow Pass. Trail segments in this area traverse spruce-hemlock-cottonwood forests at lower elevations, to open alpine terrain at the pass. G1-5 would follow the route and management identified by the *Girdwood-Iditarod Trail Route Study*. Most of these segments have been constructed, but would be upgraded through this proposal. G1-4 cross mostly Municipality of Anchorage lands and would be managed by the Girdwood Trails Committee. G6 would follow the existing Winner Creek Trail from the northwest end of TA1 (Twentymile Trail), cross Glacier Creek with the existing hand tram, and connect to G2 near Crow Creek Road. G7 provides access to G6 from the Alyeska Prince hotel, along the existing Winner Creek trail. The portion of segment TA1 shown on this map includes one single-span bridge and a climb and descent over Berry Pass at 2000' el., traversing about 2 miles of open sub-alpine terrain. A shelter would be constructed in the Pass, out of view from the trail.

Alt. 3 would construct 0.8 miles of new trail, and reconstruct 16.3 miles of existing trails. All miles would be available for year-round non-motorized use, and 6.5 of these miles would be open to motorized use in the winter.

Trailheads: Access to the trail in the Girdwood Area would be provided at nine sites, two new and the remainder at existing sites. The new sites are one proposed for the west (Arm) side of the Seward Highway at MP 90, on the north side of the Glacier Creek Bridge. This site is recommended to be constructed as part of DOT's MP75-90 Highway reconstruction project which is scheduled for 2005 at the earliest. Parking for up to 20 vehicles, vault toilets and interpretive and informational signs would be constructed at this site. The other new site is at MP3.9 Crow Creek Road at an abandoned gravel pit. This site was identified in the Girdwood-Iditarod Trail Route Study for up to 12 vehicles. No winter use or structures should be built at this site due to avalanche hazards. Interpretive and informational signs would be added at all sites.



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