

Chugach National Forest - Cabin Rental Program Accessibility Transition Plan

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There are 42 cabins on the Chugach National Forest. They vary in remoteness and setting, being located on fresh water lakes, on the ocean's shore, along trails, or on a road. The cabins are categorized by remoteness and expense of access within each of the three geographic areas. These categories are:

Code	Remoteness	Cost to Access
L	Remote	Low cost
M	Remote	Moderate cost
H	Remote	High cost
NR	Not remote	Low cost

The target is to have at least one accessible cabin in each remoteness/cost of access category in each geographic area. A cabin is considered accessible when all built features meet standards set in the FSORAG¹ including access to the cabin (hiking trail, or trail from float plane, wheel plane, or boat landing); the cabin structure and all site amenities (toilet and other outbuildings, fire rings, scenic viewpoints, fishing spots, etc.); and the associated access routes connecting amenities. Hunting is among the many activities that people use cabins for, but no improvements are provided to facilitate this activity. There are no plans at this time to provide developed facilities for hunting associated with the cabins; therefore this activity was not addressed as a recreation program in the transition plan.

As cabins and outhouses need to be renovated or replaced, they will be reconstructed to comply with ADAAG standards for buildings. Access routes and other facilities associated with cabins will meet FSORAG standards when renovation or reconstruction is required to protect resources, except where the accessibility improvements would cause harm to natural features, change the nature of the setting, be inconsistent with the Forest Plan, or not be feasible due to terrain. At least seven cabins out of 42 on the Forest are planned to be accessible by 2015 — two that are currently accessible and five that would be renovated to meet accessibility standards. Specific cabins targeted for accessibility improvements are listed below.

¹ See Introduction for previously defined acronyms.

I concur with the strategy outlined in this accessibility transition plan.

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Geographic Area - Kenai Peninsula

Location/ recreation experience/ attraction	Difficulty/ cost of access	Cabin accessible?	Outbuildings, routes, related experiences accessible?	Obstacles to accessibility	Planned actions	Year planned	Responsible Official
Aspen Flats Cabin/ fishing, hiking	L	No	No	Lack of information regarding accessibility of cabin, outbuildings, and related experiences.	Conduct accessibility survey and reconstruct to standards as cabin and outbuildings need renovation.	As needed	Seward District Ranger
Barber Cabin/ boating, fishing, floatplane dock, hiking, hunting	L	Yes	Yes	None	None	Done	Seward District Ranger
Caribou Creek Cabin/ hiking, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling	L	No	No	Lack of information regarding accessibility of cabin, outbuildings, and related experiences.	Conduct accessibility survey and reconstruct to standards as cabin and outbuildings need renovation.	As needed	Seward District Ranger
Crescent Lake Cabin/ boating, fishing, snowmobiling, hiking, hunting, cross-country skiing	L	No	No	Lack of information regarding accessibility of cabin, outbuildings, and related experiences.	Conduct accessibility survey and reconstruct to standards as cabin and outbuildings need renovation.	As needed	Seward District Ranger
Crescent Saddle Cabin/ boating, fishing, snowmobiling, hiking, hunting, cross-country skiing	L	No	No	Lack of information regarding accessibility of cabin, outbuildings, and related experiences.	Conduct accessibility survey and reconstruct to standards as cabin and outbuildings need renovation.	As needed	Seward District Ranger

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Crow Pass Cabin/ hiking	L	No	No	Lack of information regarding accessibility of cabin, outbuildings, and related experiences.	Conduct accessibility survey and reconstruct to standards as cabin and outbuildings need renovation.	As needed	Glacier District Ranger
Dale Clemens Cabin/ hiking, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, hunting	L	No	No	Lack of information regarding accessibility of cabin, outbuildings, and related experiences.	Conduct accessibility survey and reconstruct to standards as cabin and outbuildings need renovation.	As needed	Seward District Ranger
Devils Pass Cabin/ hiking, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling	L	No	No	Lack of information regarding accessibility of cabin, outbuildings, and related experiences.	Conduct accessibility survey and reconstruct to standards as cabin and outbuildings need renovation.	As needed	Seward District Ranger
East Creek Cabin/ hunting, hiking	L	No	No	Lack of information regarding accessibility of cabin, outbuildings, and related experiences.	Conduct accessibility survey and reconstruct to standards as cabin and outbuildings need renovation.	As needed	Seward District Ranger

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Fox Creek Cabin/ hunting, hiking, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling	L	No	No	Lack of information regarding accessibility of cabin, outbuildings, and related experiences.	Conduct accessibility survey and reconstruct to standards as cabin and outbuildings need renovation.	As needed	Seward District Ranger
Juneau Lake Cabin/ boating, fishing, hiking, hunting, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling	L	Yes	No	Lack of means for float plane transfer and accessible route to Resurrection Pass NST. Lack of information regarding accessibility of boating and fishing opportunities.	Install floatplane dock built to accessibility standards. Reconstruct 1/10 mi. access trail from cabin to Resurrection Pass NST. Conduct accessibility survey to determine feasibility of providing accessible boat launch and fishing facilities.	2015	Seward District Ranger
Resurrection River Cabin/ cross-country skiing, hiking, hunting	L	No	No	Lack of information regarding accessibility of cabin, outbuildings, and related experiences.	Conduct accessibility survey and reconstruct to standards as cabin and outbuildings need renovation.	As needed	Seward District Ranger

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Romig Cabin/ boating, fishing, hiking, hunting, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling	L	No	No	Lack of information regarding accessibility of cabin, outbuildings, and related experiences.	Conduct accessibility survey and reconstruct to standards as cabin and outbuildings need renovation.	As needed	Seward District Ranger
Upper Russian Lake Cabin/ boating, fishing, hiking, hunting, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling	L	No	No	Lack of information regarding accessibility of cabin, outbuildings, and related experiences.	Conduct accessibility survey and reconstruct to standards as cabin and outbuildings need renovation.	As needed	Seward District Ranger
Swan Lake Cabin/ boating, fishing, hiking, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, hunting	L	No	No	Lack of information regarding accessibility of cabin, outbuildings, and related experiences.	Conduct accessibility survey and reconstruct to standards as cabin and outbuildings need renovation.	As needed	Seward District Ranger
Trout Lake Cabin/ boating, fishing, hiking, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, hunting	L	No	No	Lack of information regarding accessibility of cabin, outbuildings, and related experiences.	Conduct accessibility survey and reconstruct to standards as cabin and outbuildings need renovation.	As needed	Seward District Ranger

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Lower Paradise Lake Cabin/ boating, fishing, hunting	H	No	No	Lack of information regarding accessibility of cabin, outbuildings, and related experiences.	Conduct accessibility survey and reconstruct to standards as cabin and outbuildings need renovation.	As needed	Seward District Ranger
Upper Paradise Lake Cabin/ boating, fishing, hunting	H	No	No	Lack of information regarding accessibility of cabin, outbuildings, and related experiences.	Conduct accessibility survey and improve facilities to accessibility standards. This includes retrofitting of cabin and outhouse, construction of accessible float plane/boat dock and access trail to cabin.	2010	Seward District Ranger
West Swan Lake Cabin/ boating, fishing, hunting	H	No	No	Lack of information regarding accessibility of cabin, outbuildings, and related experiences.	Conduct accessibility survey and reconstruct to standards as cabin and outbuildings need renovation.	As needed	Seward District Ranger

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Double Bay Cabin/ boating, fishing, hunting	M	No	No	Lack of information regarding accessibility of cabin, outbuildings, and related experiences.	Conduct accessibility survey and reconstruct to standards as cabin and outbuildings need renovation.	As needed	Cordova District Ranger
Harrison Lagoon Cabin/ boating, fishing, hunting	M	Yes	No	Lack of accessible toilet building and access routes between beach, cabin, and outhouse. Lack of information regarding accessibility of boat landing, hunting and fishing opportunities.	Install toilet building and access routes that meet accessibility standards. Conduct accessibility survey to determine feasibility of providing accessible boat landing and fishing opportunities.	2010	Glacier District Ranger
Hook Point Cabin/ fishing, hunting	M	No	No	Lack of information regarding accessibility of cabin, outbuildings, and related experiences.	Conduct accessibility survey and reconstruct to standards as cabin and outbuildings need renovation.	As needed	Cordova District Ranger

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Jack Bay Cabin/ boating, fishing	M	No	No	Lack of information regarding accessibility of cabin, outbuildings, and related experiences.	Conduct accessibility survey and reconstruct to standards as cabin and outbuildings need renovation.	As needed	Cordova District Ranger
Paulson Bay Cabin/ boating, fishing, hunting, hiking	M	No	No	Lack of information regarding accessibility of cabin, outbuildings, and related experiences.	Conduct accessibility survey and reconstruct to standards as cabin and outbuildings need renovation.	As needed	Glacier District Ranger
Pigot Bay Cabin/ fishing, hunting	M	No	No	Lack of information regarding accessibility of cabin, outbuildings, and related experiences.	Conduct accessibility survey and reconstruct to standards as cabin and outbuildings need renovation.	As needed	Glacier District Ranger
Shelter Bay Cabin/ boating, fishing, wheel plane landing strip	M	No	No	Lack of information regarding accessibility of cabin, outbuildings, and related experiences.	Conduct accessibility survey and reconstruct to standards as cabin and outbuildings need renovation.	As needed	Cordova District Ranger

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Shrode Lake Cabin/ boating, fishing, hiking, hunting	M	No	No	Lack of information regarding accessibility of cabin, outbuildings, and related experiences.	Conduct accessibility survey and reconstruct to standards as cabin and outbuildings need renovation.	As needed	Glacier District Ranger
South Culross Passage Cabin/ boating, fishing, hunting	M	No	No	Lack of information regarding accessibility of cabin, outbuildings, and related experiences.	Conduct accessibility survey and reconstruct to standards as cabin and outbuildings need renovation.	As needed	Glacier District Ranger
Beach River Cabin/ fishing, hunting	H	No	No	Lack of information regarding accessibility of cabin, outbuildings, and related experiences.	Conduct accessibility survey and reconstruct to standards as cabin and outbuildings need renovation.	As needed	Cordova District Ranger
Coghill Lake Cabin/ boating, fishing, hiking, hunting	H	No	No	Lack of information regarding accessibility of cabin, outbuildings, and related experiences.	Conduct accessibility survey and reconstruct to standards as cabin and outbuildings need renovation.	As needed	Glacier District Ranger
Green Island Cabin/ boating, fishing, hunting	H	Yes	Yes	None	None	Done	Cordova District Ranger

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Log Jam Bay Cabin/ boating, fishing, hunting	H	No	No	Lack of information regarding accessibility of cabin, outbuildings, and related experiences.	Conduct accessibility survey and reconstruct to standards as cabin and outbuildings need renovation.	As needed	Cordova District Ranger
Nellie Martin River Cabin/ fishing, hunting	H	No	No	Lack of information regarding accessibility of cabin, outbuildings, and related experiences.	Conduct accessibility survey and reconstruct to standards as cabin and outbuildings need renovation.	As needed	Cordova District Ranger
Port Chalmers Cabin/ boating, fishing, hunting	H	No	No	Lack of information regarding accessibility of cabin, outbuildings, and related experiences.	Conduct accessibility survey and reconstruct to standards as cabin and outbuildings need renovation.	As needed	Cordova District Ranger
San Juan Bay Cabin/ fishing, hunting	H	Yes	No	Lack of information regarding accessibility of outbuildings, and related experiences.	Conduct accessibility survey and reconstruct to standards as outbuildings need renovation.	As needed	Cordova District Ranger

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McKinley Trail Cabin/ hiking, hunting	NR	No	No	Lack of accessible cabin, access route from highway, and hunting and hiking opportunities.	Reconstruct cabin, trail from highway, and all site amenities to accessibility standards.	2005	Cordova District Ranger
McKinley Lake Cabin/ boating, fishing, hiking	M	No	No	Lack of information regarding accessibility of cabin, outbuildings, and related experiences.	Conduct accessibility survey and reconstruct to standards as cabin and outbuildings need renovation.	As needed	Cordova District Ranger
Pete Dahl Cabin/ boating, hunting	M	No	No	Lack of information regarding accessibility of cabin, outbuildings, and related experiences.	Conduct accessibility survey and reconstruct to standards as cabin and outbuildings need renovation.	As needed	Cordova District Ranger
Power Creek Cabin/ hiking, hunting	M	No	No	Lack of information regarding accessibility of cabin, outbuildings, and related experiences.	Conduct accessibility survey and reconstruct to standards as cabin and outbuildings need renovation.	As needed	Cordova District Ranger

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Tiedeman Slough Cabin/ boating, hunting	M	No	No	Lack of information regarding accessibility of cabin, outbuildings, and related experiences.	Conduct accessibility survey and reconstruct to standards as cabin and outbuildings need renovation.	As needed	Cordova District Ranger
Martin Lake Cabin/ boating, fishing, hunting	H	No	No	Lack of information regarding accessibility of cabin, outbuildings, and related experiences.	Conduct accessibility survey and improve facilities to accessibility standards. This includes retrofitting of cabin and outhouse, construction of accessible wheel plane access ramp and access trail to cabin.	2015	Cordova District Ranger
Softuk Bar Cabin/ hunting	H	No	No	Lack of information regarding accessibility of cabin, outbuildings, and related experiences.	Conduct accessibility survey and reconstruct to standards as cabin and outbuildings need renovation.	As needed	Cordova District Ranger