

Chugach National Forest - Hiking (Trails) Program Accessibility Transition Plan

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The Forest's hiking program occurs on approximately 517 miles of National Forest System trails that vary in their length, level of development, and difficulty. The Kenai Peninsula geographic area has 361 miles of developed trails. The Prince William Sound geographic area has 18 miles of developed trails. The Copper River area has 138 miles of developed trails.

Accessibility standards for trails are found in the FSTAG¹. The provisions of the FSTAG apply to all new or reconstructed trails on the National Forest that have a managed use of hiker/pedestrian and connect to a designated trailhead or to an accessible trail. The FSTAG identifies conditions of departure and limiting factors that determine the extent of the application of the accessibility provisions for each trail to be constructed or modified that is connected to a designated trailhead. Prior to any trail construction or reconstruction, the FSTAG will be consulted and an analysis completed and documented for the record as to the application of accessibility standards in the trail's design, identifying the conditions of departure and the extent of limiting factors present, if any.

The Kenai Peninsula geographic area has 0.7 mile of trail that meet current accessibility standards and plans to have 6.6 miles of trail that meet accessibility standards by 2008. The Prince William Sound geographic area has 0.1 mile of trail that meets accessibility standards and there are no immediate plans for new trails. The Copper River geographic area has 0.2 mile of trail that meet accessibility standards and plans to have 0.3 mile of trail that meet accessibility standards by 2005. Trails to be improved or assessed for their potential for reconstruction to improve accessibility are listed below.

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

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¹ See Introduction for previously defined acronyms.

Geographic Area - Kenai Peninsula

Location/ recreation experience/ attraction	Trail length (miles)	Trail accessible?	Planned accessible trail segment (miles)	Obstacles to accessibility	Planned actions	Year planned	Responsible Official
Trail of Blue Ice	5.5	no	5.5	Sections of trail with steep grades, obstacles, or rough surfaces.	Reconstruct trail to standards set in FSTAG.	Phase 1 2005. Phase 2 2008	Glacier District Ranger
Center Ridge Trail (segment 1) - #106	0.2	yes	0.2	None	None	Done	Glacier District Ranger
Crescent Creek Trail - 308	6.4	no	Unknown	Muddy trail surface in places.	Conduct assessment of trail conditions to determine potential for improving trail or trail segment to standards set in FSTAG.	2010	Seward District Ranger
Gull Rock Trail - #334	5.2	no	Unknown	Muddy trail surface in places, segments with steep grades.	Conduct assessment of trail conditions to determine potential for improving trail or trail segment accessed (from Porcupine Creek Campground) to standards set in FSTAG.	2010	Seward District Ranger
Moose Flats Wetland Trail - #122	0.2	yes	0.2	None	None	Done	Glacier District Ranger

Geographic Area - Kenai Peninsula

Location/ recreation experience/ attraction	Trail length (miles)	Trail accessible?	Planned accessible trail segment (miles)	Obstacles to accessibility	Planned actions	Year planned	Responsible Official
Gary Williams Memorial Trail	0.2	no	0.2	Most of the trail is accessible	Improve trail to FSTAG standards.	2005	Glacier District Ranger
Rainbow Lake Trail - #322	0.2	no	0.2	Lack of firm, stable surface and some steep segments.	Reconstruct trail to standards set in FSTAG.	2007	Seward District Ranger
Resurrection Pass Trail - #317	38.8	no	Unknown	Mostly flat with some steep grades and switchbacks.	Conduct assessment of trail conditions to determine potential for improving trail or trail segment to standards set in FSTAG.	2015	Seward District Ranger
Russian Lakes Trail - #318	21.4	no	Unknown	First 3 miles was reconstructed to old standard of "moderate accessibility" and now has 10% grades. Lack of firm stable surface for parking at trailhead.	Conduct assessment of trail conditions to determine potential for improving trail or trail segment to standards set in FSTAG. Provide surfacing at trailhead that meets standards set in FSORAG.	2010	Seward District Ranger
Russian River Anglers Trail - #307	3.2	no	1.0	Sections of trail with steep grades, obstacles, or rough surfaces.	Reconstruct first mile of trail (from the powerline, downstream) to standards set in FSTAG.	2010	Seward District Ranger

Geographic Area - Kenai Peninsula

Location/ recreation experience/ attraction	Trail length (miles)	Trail accessible?	Planned accessible trail segment (miles)	Obstacles to accessibility	Planned actions	Year planned	Responsible Official
Russian River Falls Trail - #358	0.7	no	Unknown	Trail was reconstructed to old standard of "moderate accessibility" and now has 10% grades. Lack of firm stable surface for parking at trailhead.	Conduct assessment of trail conditions to determine potential for improving trail or trail segment to standards set in FSTAG. Provide surfacing at trailhead that meets standards set in FSORAG.	2010	Seward District Ranger
Williwaw Nature Trail - #142	0.3	yes	0.3	None	None	Done	Glacier District Ranger

Geographic Area - Prince William Sound

Location/ recreation experience/ attraction	Trail length (miles)	Trail accessible?	Planned accessible trail segment (miles)	Obstacles to accessibility	Planned actions	Year planned	Responsible Official
Green Island Trail - #252	0.1	yes	0.1	None	None	Done	Cordova District Ranger

Geographic Area – Copper River							
Location/ recreation experience/ attraction	Trail length (miles)	Trail accessible?	Planned accessible trail segment (miles)	Obstacles to accessibility	Planned actions	Year planned	Responsible Official
Alaganik Boardwalk - #200	0.2	yes	0.2	None	None	Done	Cordova District Ranger
Copper River Trail - #211	0.7	no	Unknown	Sections of trail with river washouts.	Conduct assessment of trail conditions to determine potential for improving trail or trail segment to standards set in FSTAG.	2010	Cordova District Ranger
McKinley Lake Trail - #209	2.6	no	0.1	Sections of trail with steep grades.	Reconstruct first 0.1 mile of trail (access to McKinley Lake Cabin) to standards set in FSTAG.	2005	Cordova District Ranger
Saddlebag Glacier Trail - #210	3.1	no	Unknown	Sections of trail with obstacles or rough surfaces.	Conduct assessment of trail conditions to determine potential for improving trail or trail segment to standards set in FSTAG.	2010	Cordova District Ranger