

Trails

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- 0006-001 It is important to me, as a 15-year resident of Anchorage, that me, my friends, and loved ones will always be able to enjoy the beauty of the Chugach Mountains. Especially Flat Top and Wolverine Peak Trails. I understand that the Lost Lake Trail is in danger.
- 0010-004 Regarding recreation, trail use appears to be increasing in demand and popularity. In your planning process, consideration should be given to establishing a back country hiking trail that runs from Girdwood to Whittier/Passage Canal. The route could extend from Girdwood Valley up Winner Creek, down the upper portion of Twentymile River, over to Carmen Lake, then Upper Carmen River and over to the valley of Billings Creek on Passage Canal. The feasibility of a hut to hut system along such a route should also be considered. There is plenty of variation in terrain, vegetation, geology and scenery to make it attractive to hikers. The route is remote, yet accessible to a significant population base of residents and visitors to support it. It would also be another way of expanding the out-of-door
- 0010-005 Assuming the State's road access to Whittier occurs, there will be public access to Bear Valley. As such, it may be appropriate to plan a walking trail from the proposed staging area to the moraine above Portage Lake where a viewpoint facility could be established. The top of the moraine provides a very good view of Portage Glacier, which is no longer available from the Portage Visitor Center.
- 0016-003 Good job on easement trails - kept it up.
- 0016-005 Build more foot trails.
- 0024-009 9) Build few new trails.
- 0027-004 Trails for backpacking, non-motorized vehicles would be acceptable.
- 0038-001 1--Increase walking/hiking trails, and horse packing trails!
- 0052-003 Develop a limited number of additional multi-day hiking trails, e.g. a loop through Grant Lake, connect w/Snow River/Ptarmigan.
- 0058-002 A rollerblade trail here or there would be super.
- 0071-003 3. Leave all existing roads and trails, particularly historic trails, open. There is a lot of hiking opportunity on these trails and they need less management than the high visibility USFS trails. 4. Roads to Cordova, or key roads into areas with further hiking or other recreation potential are desirable.
- 0089-001 We do not belong to a special interest group - just want to bike on decent trails. We have been really upset after a trail has been torn up by Mt. bikes - horses - and ATV's even though they are not supposed to be there. If these special interest groups are going to be allowed in mass on the trails - then a fee should be charged them (as it is for the cabins) to help maintain the trails. Maybe if user fees are charged them - the groups would be more selective on what weather they used the trails - so as not to tear up the trail. For us, as individuals we think the Forest Service is
- 0104-001 I would like you to re-think the proposed trail up Center Ridge in the Tincan Creek Valley. Having an established trail into that valley would open the Alpine area to potential damage - fragile plants and mosses - that are protected in the winter with snow coverage. There is a healthy mountain goat population in the summer that would probably move out when people start coming in. Many times in the summer I will see wolves in Tincan Valley hunting marmots, both of which will not tolerate many people in there living space before moving out. There are ways into this area for the occasional visitor who explores on their own. I would suggest alternative trails that also use existing parking areas. Like the parking area either side of the bridge near the mouth of Ingram Creek to Trailhead a route up to survey ref. Trail head lower Summit Lake over existing bridges across mills creek, then either Timberline or
- 0108-001 We would like the Chugach National forest to continue its efforts to construct trails that can be used by individuals of all abilities. While this does not mean to pave all trails, consideration might be made to construct some trails of hard packed gravel with a minimum of steep grades. This type of trail will allow an individual with a mobility disability to enjoy a wilderness experience.
- 0117-004 Build more foot trails, and maintain the ones we have. Reconstruct the upper Winner Creek Trail, rebuild the trail from Ptarmigan Lake to Snow River and back to the highway, plan new trails that connect with the Resurrection Pass Trail. Keep up the great trail work in Cordova. Each district should have a full trail crew.
- 0122-001 Trails are very important to me. While I would love more of them, I am concerned that there won't be any money to maintain them.

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- 0122-002 I don't believe the ones we do have can support additional commercial uses.
- 0123-001 (1) Protecting the Lost Lake area. Fish in Lost Creek and protection; They are being killed at a rate faster than they can sustain. Coordinate with the State to protect this resource. The Lost Lake Trail is being degraded by a run to raise funds for a non profit entity. This run has grown dramatically in the past 3 years.
- 0127-004 (4) There's always that bike trail to Cordova.
- 0138-001 1) That trails be accessible and adequately maintained for hiking and mountain hiking 2) That trail use by horseback riders be limited enough so the trails aren't destroyed Some usage by horses is fine/overuse by any group can
- 0138-002 3) Noise impact is important. Not every trail should be a restricted from machines (flightseeing, snowmachining, etc.) But by the same token, backcountry travelers should have a variety of trails that do not all have machine traffic also.
- 0145-001 Chugach National We are pleased that trails within the Forest are open to bicycle use and hope they remain open. Our Club rides within the Forest are among our most popular events. These include the Resurrection Pass Trail, Devil's Pass Trail, Johnson Pass Trail, and Cooper Lake to Russian River Trail. In addition, we use the Gull Rock and Lost Lake Trails as well as the mining roads in the Palmer Creek drainage. We also use the Portage Valley access road for springtime training when higher elevation trails are unavailable due to moisture and/or snow. More trails and recreation opportunities are needed for all users. Specific suggestions include: Restore the Resurrection River Trail from the Exit Glacier road to the Cooper Lake Trail; Add a paved multiple use path along the Portage Valley road. This path is needed for pedestrian and bike safety due to expected increases in traffic resulting from the new tunnel project; Add other multiple use trails to diversify use. We appreciate the fact that these trails are open to mountain biking and take care to help ensure they remain open. Our off-pavement rides are only scheduled during the summer months when the trails have stabilized. We often do minor maintenance as needed along the trails during the course of a ride such as moving downed trees, draining puddles, or clearing rocks from the trails. Finally, for several years, the Arctic Bicycle Club Touring Division has participated as a group in volunteer maintenance efforts on the Johnson Pass and Resurrection Trails. Please keep the Chugach Forest trails open to mountain biking.
- 0178-006 5. Opportunities for long-term access, such as converting the logging road on Montague Island to a non-motorized trail, should be incorporated into the Forest Plan.
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- 0194-001 More trails in accessible areas by boat. also improve beach access.
- 0194-004 Improvements to trails to become more permanent. For example in Southeast woodplanking was used over muskeg
- 0194-007 Areas actually designated for trail use that could be permanently maintained. Could keep people from use all over other areas not very good for public use
- 0196-001 More foot trails
- 0199-004 Local trails mostly close to communities (ex trail to Billings Glacier
- 0201-002 AK Rail Road Land We are working on New Trails,
- 0205-002 (2) Is P.W.S. the proper area to try a large trail system
- 0205-003 The soils are not good for trail use, not putting money into maintaining the small trail system that is in place
- 0245-002 Long term Consider portage trails; Consider a trail system from Nellie Juan lake to Tidewater - if this is permissible and would not be detrimental to the wilderness quality.
- 0259-002 CREATE TRAILS & PATHS ADJACENT TO BUT SEPARATED FROM THE PAVED ROAD SYSTEM.
- 0259-003 2. A. THIS IMPROVEMENT WILL ALLOW THE VISITOR TO ALASKA WHO HAS A LIMITED TIME AND CAPABILITIES TO RECEIVE A SMALL TASTE OF WHAT ALASKANS ENJOY 12 MONTHS A YEAR.
- 0259-008 2. A. I OPERATE A TOUR COMPANY BY THE NAME OF "ALASKA WELCOMES YOU". WE SPECIALIZE TO TOURS FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED. THE GROUPS DESIRE AN OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE THAT THEY CANNOT RECEIVE LOOKING THROUGH THE WINDOW OF A BUS. THE GROUPS (ILLEGIBLE) A SOFT ADVENTURE ALONG A TRAIL THAT IS ACCESSIBLE BY BOTH MANUAL & ELECTRIC WHEELCHAIRS.

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- 0300-001 Access to Back Country. Better Trails & trail signage.
- 0309-002 Mountain Biking: Keep maintaining excellent trails for this.
- 0309-005 Hiking: Add more trails.
- 0310-003 The inventory and reopening (with voluntary labor) of the old CCC trails which were constructed in CNF during the depression.
- 0312-001 I would like to see some area (trails) open to motorized vehicles. The only legal area we have now is Snow River & Resurrection River outwash plains. These areas are not suitable because of deep water and could be potentially dangerous. Most of our trails used to be mining access roads and can easily accomodate motorcycles, bicycles, 4-wheelers, 3-wheeler, horses, hikers, photographers, even llamas. Trails should be open to everyone. If only for a limited time, like during dryer periods of July & August, for motorized use.
- 0317-001 Just the increase in hunters on Naked Island in the last 10 years has caused people trails to form in areas of good Anchorages.
- 0330-001 Why not save aside a beautiful piece of your pretty state? Please. You folks should put a 2 wheel trail along the old rail bed from chitna to Cordova. You just put a new ferry on line, why not more of them too. Please, myself, I would love to bicycle that route on a very very good touring bicycle and say hi to harley and honda users
- 0364-001 1. A. Commercial permit holders should be subject to closures when weather conditions make trail conditions sloppy and subject to severe impacts. Horse packers & MT bike guiding outfits are 2 examples 2. A. Severe erosion by permittees that cause considerable trail damage. 3. A. Either place the possibility of temporary closure as a condition of permits or implement a permit fee structure that better reflects the cost of impacts on area trails by permittee holders. 4. A. Guides won't like it. Promise better trail maintenance from increased fees.
- 0367-001 1. A. Joint ownership. Access to trails or possibly different trails for motorized and skiers. Very few skiers go where snowmachines venture. 2. A. Loss of motorized access Pure recreation
- 0370-015 4. A. Mitigate Road Bypass at Juneau Falls - work with community of Cooper Landing after FLS and construction. All views must be considered; but the multiple use directions the general public in America wants in places like the Chugach has changed since the 1950's. Our wealth is in our trails and roadless areas, as well as well managed
- 0374-006 2) Develop cross-country ski trails at mile 12
- 0375-004 new trail to Lost Lake.
- 0391-003 The area is large enough to allow some designated trails for ORV's as well as foot trails the key is Public use
- 0391-004 Look at specific areas and find the best area for low impact, if any impact 2. Q. Why is this improvement desirable? 2. A. 3. Q. How is this improvement feasible? How might your improvement be funded? 3. A. Trail user permit fees 4. Q. What obstacles currently stand in the way of making this improvement? 4. A. Existing policy
- 0422-003 Please keep existing hiking trails non-motorized and restrict access of aircraft to takes along those hiking trails.
- 0486-002 It is particularly important to us that you not only keep the existing hiking trails non-motorized,
- 0486-003 but also maintain the restrictions of access of aircraft to lakes along those trails. Those of us who seek to further the Quiet Rights have a strong voice and would very much appreciate your support.
- 0487-009 10) A plan for keeping existing hiking trails non-motorized.
- 0487-010 11) A plan for restricting access of aircraft to lakes on hiking trails.
- 0654-001 I'd also like to see Resurrection Pass Trail - from Hope all the way to Seward, recognized as a National Historic Trail because it was used as a travel corridor by indigenous peoples moving between Prince William Sound and Cook Inlet.
- 0657-001 Please preserve maintain the extensive hiking trail system - Resurrection Pass from Hope to Exit glacier, Russian River trail systems, Johnson Pass etc. on the Kenai Peninsula.
- 0690-001 -No new motorized recreation areas on the Seward District. Maintain current restrictions, and make the Resurrection a completely motor-free trail except for administrative use. -Expand hiking opportunities. Reconstruct upper Winner
- 0712-001 Stop Cooper Landing bypass road that will impact Resurrection Trail.

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- 0782-001 Over the last five years I have mountain biked extensively in the Chugach, particularly on Johnson Pass, Lost Lake, Resurrection Pass, Crescent Lake and many other wonderful and scenic multi-use trails. I have come to love biking on single-track trails much more than on dirt roads, just as I would rather hike/backpack on trails than on dirt roads. The single-track trails offer a much more intimate way of experiencing the wonders of the Chugach, tend to be more scenic, and offer a more challenging ride. As you are having town meetings to solicit opinion and input regarding the new Chugach Forest Land Management Plan, I ask that you keep the existing multi-use trails open to mountain bikes, as well as exploring the possibility of opening previously closed trails (to mountain bikes) to bikers. I would also ask that you investigate the feasibility of making new trails for multi-user purposes (bridal, bike, and hike). On the issue of access on trails, when I see trails open to horses but closed to mountain bikes I feel discriminated against. If the issue is one of impact, then trails should be closed to BOTH horses and bikes. If the issue is one of discrimination, then this discrimination should end and all single-track trails which allow horse use should also be opened to allow mountain bike use. Land managers are finding out that a mountain bike has little impact on a properly built single-track trail, and certainly has less impact than a horse. Some trails need to be closed temporarily to both horses and mountain bikes (and possibly to hikers) to prevent damage during wet conditions, but I see no reason to ban them permanently. Even though Mountain Bikes appear to be more closely related to motor cycles and 4WD vehicles than to hikers and horses because of their wheels, they are actually more closely related to hikers than to horses, motor cycles, and 4WD vehicles because of their low impact, their ability to be carried across fragile and sensitive areas, the ease with which they may pass and be passed on trails, and the fact that both hikers and bikers 'travel under their own steam'. At this time, I am not familiar with any changes the Forest Service has made in their designation, or if they have had that designation removed, of mountain bikes as 'vehicles'. If they are still set as such, I ask that you reconsider this designation, and open up more trails to mountain bikes.
- 0795-001 1 Resurrection Pass, Carter Lk., Lost Lake Trails: alternate schedule so at least one of these areas is designated for non-motorized use at all times - issues of safety, noise pollution, exhaust pollution, and incompatible uses.
- 0817-008 We also suggest you consider protecting existing trail corridors from impacts associated with resource development activities or new roads.
- 0860-014 Nice trails to views
- 0860-046 No ORV use on public trails
- 0860-137 Kenai trails provide only "walk in the park" type opportunities,
- 0863-009 Plenty of moderate hiking trails
- 0880-010 ? Look at a hut to hut trail system
- 0880-012 ? To improve the motorized/non-motorized situation look at modifying the closure direction for Resurrection Pass and Lost Lake. One year the Lost Lake area could be closed to motorized use from 12/1 to 2/15 while the Resurrection Pass would be closed from 2/16 to 4/30. The next year the closure order would be reversed.
- 0880-013 ? Clear old road corridors for trail use
- 0880-014 ? Manage the south end of the Resurrection Pass trail area for roaded natural if the Sterling Highway is rerouted to the Juneau Falls area.
- 0881-012 P How to protect trails from other uses, activities
P What level of development for trails, where? New trails? To ROS? Cabins? Zoning? Stds/Guidelines. What level to upgrade for accessibility?