

# ALASKA TRAILS

**Mission:** To enhance the Alaska trail experience by supporting sustainable, world-renowned trails through advocacy and education.

**Vision Statement:** For Alaska to have the best trails in the world.

## ***Issues & Strategies***

To promote the health, social and economic benefits of trails:

By educating users through forums, conferences, information materials, training and other activities.

To preserve and improve public trail access:

By assisting public and private organizations in forming coordinated programs, policies, and standards.

To promote sustainable trail systems for all users:

By developing and providing technical assistance for trail projects.

## ***Recent Accomplishments***

- Sponsored the Alaska Statewide Trail Conferences in 2003 and 2006.
- Sponsored IMBA Trail Training Schools in Anchorage, Talkeetna, MatSu Valley and Fairbanks in 2004 and 2005.
- Produced and distributed a DVD of trail spokesperson Troy Duffin's *Trails as Assets* presentation in 2006.
- Developed Introductory Trail Training curriculum for training volunteer trail workers in 2006.

## ***Ongoing Activities***

- Maintaining a web site (<http://www.alaska-trails.org>) focusing on statewide trail issues and resources.
- Maintaining a statewide email notification list.
- Producing and distributing a quarterly trails newsletter
- Providing sustainable trail design and construction assistance for multi-use trail projects in Bethel, Anchorage (2), Fairbanks, Chugach National Forest, Kodiak, and the MatSu Valley.
- Teaching Introductory Trail Training sessions throughout the state including Fairbanks (Apr), Kodiak (Jun), Wasilla (Sep), and Girdwood (Oct).
- In cooperation with U.S. Bureau of Land Management, producing an OHV/ATV Safety & Ethics Program for statewide distribution to elementary through high school classes.
- Developing curriculum modules for advanced trail-training topics.
- Designing and producing a *Trails & Health* brochure.
- Acting as a "funding pass-thru" for smaller trail organizations not established as nonprofits.
- Trail training and resource management MOUs signed with the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. National Park Service, and Alaska State Parks.
- Developing a list of and linking trail organizations across the state, their contact information, and posting on our web site.