



INTERIOR TRAILS PRESERVATION COALITION

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Mr. Larson,

The Interior Trails Preservation Coalition supports the construction of a non-motorized trail being considered near Tangle Lakes on the Denali Highway.

The Tangle Lakes area is a popular recreation spot for many Interior residents. People go there looking for a variety of experiences. The Denali Highway has many multi-use, motorized trails, including near Tangle Lakes, but the area has few formal, non-motorized trails. Hiking opportunities abound in the area, but many people are much more comfortable with formal trails rather than cross-country travel. This is especially true for families with young children. Also, many people prefer the more intimate nature non-motorized trails provide over multi-use, motorized trails. For these reasons, we believe development of a few non-motorized trails makes sense.

The proposal presented by the Glennallen Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management to build a 1.5-mile trail toward an unnamed peak behind Tangle River Inn sounds like it is well thought out. The use of sustainable design methods is important in helping maintain a good trail experience into the future. The proximity to the popular Tangle Lakes campgrounds and the climb toward a peak indicate that the trail will be well used and will provide an enjoyable hiking experience for many people. Also, from what we can tell the proposal will not close any trails now open to motorized users. For all these reasons we support this proposal.

Sincerely,

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