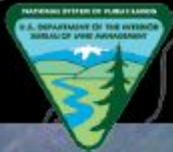


Alaska Long Trail and the National Trails System



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Benefits

- Greater recognition and visibility
- Additional funding options for building and maintenance
- Technical assistance from a variety of federal agencies

BLM Alaska is evaluating the characteristics of the proposed Alaska Long Trail and recommending its eligibility as an addition to the National Trails System as a National Scenic Trail (NST).

The purpose of the Alaska Long Trail NST feasibility study is to evaluate the feasibility, suitability, and desirability of designating the route as a NST.

Results of the trail study will be shared with Congress, which has the sole authority to enact legislation to designate new NSTs. Following that, rights-of-way, authorizations, and easements must be secured for the entirety of the route. Only after completion of that process could construction begin on the project. This feasibility study does not authorize any activities.

The preparation of the feasibility study meets the criteria set forth at 43 CFR 46.210(h) for a Departmental Categorical Exclusion.

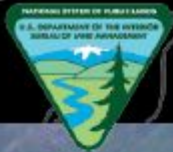
This effort will depend on public input to help guide the direction of the study.

Schedule



Next Steps

The BLM will be hosting five in-person public meetings in the spring of 2024 and several more virtual meetings thereafter. Please continue to visit the project website on BLM's National NEPA register (i.e., ePlanning) page to learn more about project updates, public meetings, and more.



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Open public comment period April 8 – 19th

<https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2030342/510>

(also in June, dates TBA)