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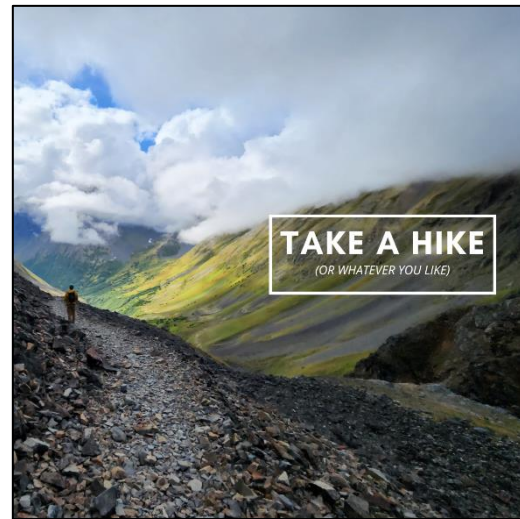
ALASKA TRAILS NEWS AND NOTICES

HEY, TAKE A HIKE. SERIOUSLY. IT'S AN ALASKA TRAILS FUNDRAISER!

The past couple years have been a great reminder just how much trails mean to our community. A safe place to escape, breathe, and connect with nature, trails are an invaluable recreational and economic resource for Alaska. Great trails build great communities, and your support allows us to build, maintain, and advocate for great trails across Alaska. Invest in the trails you love and join us for Take A Hike (Or Whatever You Like)!

It's simple. From **October 1-10**, Take A Hike—or bike or run or walk—and then make a donation to Alaska Trails. Donors who give \$100 or more will be eligible for a prize drawing from our sponsors (\$50 Bear Tooth gift card, North Face duffel bag, \$300 North Face gift card, and free Wild Scoops ice cream)! The first 50 donors who give \$25 or more will also receive a Race Across Alaska hooded long-sleeve!

We need your help getting the word out about it. Share photos on social media and encourage your friends to participate. Find out more and donate here: <https://www.alaska-trails.org/take-a-hike>



TRAIL TALES IS BACK FOR MORE OF YOUR TRAIL STORIES



ATTEND Alaska Trails is excited to be bringing back the Trail Tales storytelling series, partnered with a different community trail group each event. In the spirit of Arctic Entries, storytellers will share seven-minute stories about their trail experiences, adventures, and life in general. Our 2022 Trail Tales events will be held at the Anchorage Museum and tickets cost \$20.

Our next event will be on Tuesday, October 18, at 7 p.m., in partnership with Chugach Park Fund. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

Put the other Trail Tales event on your calendar:
- Tuesday, November 15th - Partner: Anchorage Park Foundation

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit: <https://www.alaska-trails.org/trail-tales>

LAND MANAGER FORUM TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER

ATTEND Alaska Trails will be holding its annual Land Manager Forum on **Tuesday, November 15.**

We are excited to bring land managers, trails groups, pro trail builders and trail enthusiasts together to highlight the many successes we have had and share what's worked and what hasn't. We hope you can join us to wrap up the trail season and begin planning for next year. (You can view last years' presentations here: <https://www.alaska-trails.org/land-manager-forum>) The forum will be held at BP Energy Center in Anchorage. More details including agenda, speakers and more will be forthcoming. If you have any questions or ideas for the forum, send an email to Steve Cleary: steve.cleary@alaska-trails.org



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH ALASKA TRAILS

VOLUNTEER While our Alaska Trail Stewards volunteer events are over for the season, that doesn't mean you can't get involved! We're looking for volunteers excited to help in the following areas: video and photography, web design and coding, graphic design, and grant writing. Please email maya.kaup@alaska-trails.org for more information.

APPLY Alaska Trails is recruiting new volunteer Board Members. We are seeking candidates from diverse backgrounds who are excited about sustainable trails and who are interested in leveraging their networks and skills to advance Alaska Trails' mission.

Applicants should have knowledge, experience, and interest in trail use and work. Board members serve a three-year term to help establish and guide the long-term goals and policies of the organization. Interested applicants can live anywhere in Alaska. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the mission of Alaska Trails and how your skills might fit within the current trajectory, please contact us at: <https://www.alaska-trails.org/contact>



ALASKA TRAILS TO SUBMIT RTP GRANT



Alaska Trails is applying to the Recreational Trails Program for the Russian Jack Mountain Bike Trails project which seeks to bring beginner and intermediate level mountain biking to one of East Anchorage's most centralized parks. The updated, 2022 RJSP Master plan has designated approximately 45 acres of hilly terrain, on the northern side of the park, for the development of mountain bike trails. These trails would be within biking distance for many Anchorage residents and will be easily accessed by the paved bike path that links to the well-used Chester Creek Trail. The trails will also be a two-minute bike ride from the very popular Polar Bear playground and skate park. The project will focus on creating a trail system that is uniquely designed for the safe progression of mountain biking skills.

For more information, please see the Alaska Trails website at: <https://tinyurl.com/yvez2v6p>

SEVERAL EASY WAYS TO HELP FUND ALASKA TRAILS

With the help of other organizations, you can help Alaska Trails continue advocating for trails.

FASHIONPACT: FashionPACT, an Anchorage resale boutique, seeks to strengthen the Anchorage community by raising funds for local non-profits. You can help by donating gently used clothing, shoes, jewelry, etc. at FashionPACT and choose Alaska Trails. FashionPACT sells the items in their boutique and gives us payment for the things that sell. Learn more at www.FashionPact.com.



FRED MEYER REWARDS: Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Alaska Trails at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. You can search for Alaska Trails or by our nonprofit number – KU871. Then, every time you shop and use your rewards card, you are helping Alaska Trails earn a donation! You still earn your rewards points, fuel points, and rebates, just as you do today.



AMAZONSMILE: If you shop at Amazon, please take the simple extra step of signing up for AmazonSmile.



It's the same Amazon website, but when you shop from AmazonSmile, you can make a donation to Alaska Trails at the same time: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/73-1677483>

GOODSEARCH: GoodSearch.com is a search engine that donates half its revenue, about a penny per search, to charities designated by the user. You use it just as you would any search engine, and, it's powered by Yahoo!. Just go to www.goodsearch.org and be sure to enter Alaska Trails as the charity you want to support.



BAGOY'S: Anchorage-based Bagoy's Florist and Home helps through its Helping Hands web fundraising program (<https://www.bagoys.com/programs/charitable-giving/>). When you order online from Bagoy's (www.bagoys.com) there is a check box at the bottom of the payment page that says "This is a Helping Hands order." When you check that box, the list of enrolled organizations are shown and you can choose Alaska Trails from the list.



SEEN RECENTLY ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

Sept 26: What a way to celebrate National Public Lands Day on Saturday! Our hardworking Alaska Trail Stewards volunteers were at it again on the Little O'Malley trail with some beautiful weather. They created 200 feet of new tread near the top of the trail!



While our trail steward events may be over for the season, we're always looking for volunteers excited to help in the following areas: video and photography, web design, graphic design, and grant writing. We also have some openings on our Board of Directors right now, and we would love to hear from you if you have knowledge, experience, and interest in trail use and work! Please contact us at: <https://www.alaska-trails.org/contact>



Sept 23: BIG thanks to Cynosure Brewing for hosting a wonderful Volunteer Appreciation Party last night! We really value our volunteers - who have shown up even in the rain - to give back to the trails they love.

We have one more event tomorrow - more details at: <https://www.alaska-trails.org/current-volunteer-opportunities>

Sept 19: Would you like some great news to start off your week? The entire Eklutna Lakeside Trail has been brushed thanks to our wonderful volunteers! They worked hard to clear alder and other shrubs and trees away from the trail so that it can be biked and hiked safely. And would you look at those fall views! We are so grateful to our volunteers for all the effort they have put in this season on our beloved trails, like the Eklutna Lakeside Trail.



Sept 12: Our incredible trail steward volunteers got out to enjoy the sunshine and work on the Middle Fork reroute on Saturday. Half the crew built new trail and the other half ditched, elevated, and drained a section of existing trail. Building sustainable trails is important to us at Alaska Trails, and we are grateful to our volunteers for helping us make that a reality!

It is not too late to join us for a volunteer event this year! Find the event that is right for you and sign up at: <https://www.alaska-trails.org/current-volunteer-opportunities>

Sept 9: Alaska Trails is thrilled to be one of four non-profits participating in the Anchorage Mayor's Charity Ball this year on October 8th! 100% of all net proceeds from the ball are distributed to the four honored charities. If you would like to buy individual tickets to join us for a gala filled with delicious dinner, live music, dancing, silent and live auctions, and an exclusive after-party, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/2p8w3px6>



Sept 8: Alaska Trails is saddened by the passing of Lance Mackey, who recorded PSAs for Alaska Trails and served as a volunteer spokesperson for a number of years. We send our best to his family and friends. <https://alaskapublic.org/2022/09/08/legendary-alaska-musher-lance-mackey-dies-at-age-52/>

Sept 1: Alaska Trails is happy to give a #ThankfulThursday shout out to both the The Recreational Aviation Foundation and the U.S. Forest Service - Chugach National Forest for their collaboration on some great projects in Cordova this summer -including work at Child's Glacier.

Check out the story at: <https://tinyurl.com/4nb6kvvx>



STATEWIDE NEWS AND NOTICES

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM

APPLY It's time to get your Recreational Trails Program grant application finished.

RTP grants provide reimbursable, matching funds to develop and repair recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both non-motorized and motorized recreational trail uses. Grants are also available for trail-related environmental protection, safety, and educational projects. The grants are administered through the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation. The timeline is below. For more information see:

<http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/grants/trails.htm>

Questions? Send an email to: parks.RTPgrantapp@alaska.gov.

- August 22: Applications available online
- September 30: Mandatory public notices must be posted
- October 31: Application submission deadline

Photo: RTP work on Government Peak Recreation Area trails courtesy of Valley Mountain Bikers and Hikers.



OUTDOOR REC TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS

APPLY The Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation is seeking multiple candidates to fill two volunteer positions, representing Motorized and Diversified trail users, for the Outdoor Recreational Trails Advisory Board (ORTAB). Applicants should have knowledge, experience, and interest in outdoor recreational activities and grant-funded programs. This is a commissioner-appointed position with a three-year term, and the board meets a minimum of twice per year.



The primary role of the ORTAB is to assist in evaluating grant proposals for the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) and Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). Since 2000, these programs have invested over 30 million dollars in trail projects throughout the state, creating critical and sustainable infrastructure while supporting private sector jobs throughout Alaska. Because ORTAB members carry a wide array of trail and public land user experiences, they are occasionally asked for additional advice on other outdoor recreation related subjects. Additional information regarding the ORTAB can be found at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/misc/ortaboard.htm>.

Anyone interested in serving on the ORTAB should submit the following:

- a letter of interest
- brief resume
- completed ORTAB Applicant Questionnaire

The documents should be submitted to the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation at Parks.RTPGrantApp@alaska.gov. **The last day to submit applications is November 11.**

If you know anyone who supports trails, works well in a collaborative environment, and has knowledge or experience with trails, please encourage them to apply.

From Alaska Department of Natural Resources press release

PRACTICE CAUTION ON TRAILS DURING HUNTING SEASON

As we get into hunting season, please take care while using trails. This is not just a hunting season issue, but there is typically more gun activity this time of year.

The vast majority of gun owners are responsible with shooting. Unfortunately, some are less responsible. The chances of something happening are low, but the consequences could be very high: death or wounding. Don't worry unnecessarily but do take care. Here are some resources:

- Hunting Safety: Information for Hunters and Non-Hunters (US Forest Service: www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5330495.pdf)
- Hike Safely During Hunting Season (American Hiking Society: <https://americanhiking.org/families-on-foot/hike-safely-hunting-season/>)
- Hunting seasons in Alaska: www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=hunting.whenwhere
 - For specifics you'll need to refer to the Alaska Hunting Regulations: www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=wildliferegulations.main

APPLY FOR NATIONAL RECREATION TRAIL DESIGNATION BY OCT 31

APPLY The National Recreation Trail (NRT) program works to preserve and celebrate our nation's pathways. If you are interested in applying, check out our NRT webinar (<https://tinyurl.com/3p9tcs3>) and the additional webinar we held on National Water Trails (<https://tinyurl.com/35uk7jre>), then visit the webpage below for information on submitting your application. Applications are due October 31st. Trails that are designated will be announced publicly on National Trails Day in June 2023.

Webpage: <https://www.americantrails.org/national-recreation-trails/apply>



What is an NRT?

The National Trails System Act of 1968 authorized creation of a national system of trails comprising National Recreation Trails, National Scenic Trails and National Historic Trails.

National Recreation Trails are existing land-based and water-based trails that provide close to home recreation opportunities on federal, state and local lands. National Recreation Trail designation promotes some of our country's highest-caliber trails with the intention of providing recreation access to rural and urban communities, economic development through tourism, and healthy recreation opportunities. National Recreation Trails are recognized by the federal government, with the consent of any federal, state, tribal, local, nonprofit, or private entity having jurisdiction over these lands. Today over 1,300 of these trails have been designated throughout the country. They are in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

Questions? Email nrt@americantrails.org

ACTION NEEDED TO HELP SLOW CLIMATE CHANGE

Climate changes affects everyone, especially winter sports enthusiasts like snowmachiners, mushers, cross-country skiers, and fatbikers.

A warming climate can mean shorter ski seasons, and more extreme events like snow droughts and rain-on-snow events. These will just get worse unless we slow climate change, which means we need to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions.

But can the actions of one or two people make a difference? They sure can. Especially if more people are doing the same. Here are two things you can do right now to help make a difference.

Join Citizen's Climate Lobby

<https://citizensclimatelobby.org/>

Citizen's Climate Lobby is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, grassroots advocacy climate change organization focused on national policies to address the climate movement. Go to the website and hover over "Take Action." You can write or call the Alaska delegation in Washington. Sign up for the Monthly Calling Campaign and join with many other people in urging Congress to take steps to help solve climate change.



Citizens' Climate Lobby

Take a personal action

Instead of driving a car, commute to work or do an errand by riding a bike, walking, running, using public transportation, or skiing, if you can work that. For every trip you take, you will be reducing your carbon footprint and be making yourself a little healthier.

Climate change may seem like an overwhelming problem, but we humans created it one step at a time, and we can solve it that way, too. Let's do what we can to ensure that future winters still have usable snow for us and for our children, grandchildren, and beyond.

STATE SNOWMACHINE TRAIL GRANT APPLICATION PERIOD OPEN

APPLY The Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (DPOR) is accepting applications for the Snowmachine Trail Grant Program for FY2023.



People interested in applying for a Snowmachine Trails Program grant should visit the program's website at

<http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/grants/snowmotr.htm> Applications are due by

October 17.

The Snowmachine Trails Program provides reimbursable grant funds for trail easement acquisition, development and maintenance of trails and trail-related facilities for Snowmachine use. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the application process, please email us at:

parks.SNOWTRACapp@alaska.gov

SEEN RECENTLY ON STATEWIDE FACEBOOK PAGES

ALASKA STATE PARKS

Sept 23: Fall is in full swing, the air is getting crisp, and soon many parks will be closing for the season. Be sure to check out the park open status page before heading out! <https://tinyurl.com/dc7z6jtt>

ALASKA OUTDOOR ALLIANCE

Sept 26: YES!!!! The US Forest Service is investing in public use cabins in Alaska. Let them know about a cabin that needs fixing up or where you'd like to see a new cabin. What about a cabin linked system for hut to hut style winter and summer adventures. <https://tinyurl.com/2fczywzc>

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT - ALASKA



Sept 22: ¹⁴ Happy fall equinox! Today Alaskans begin experiencing more nighttime than daytime! Are you thrilled by the idea of camping under the #AuroraBorealis after a day playing in fresh powdery snow? Maybe dozing in a cozy cabin with a toasty fire is more your thing? 🥰 Either way, we hope you'll spend some winter days and nights on #YourPublicLands.

✅ Book a cabin and plan your next trip: www.recreation.gov/
#KnowBeforeYouGo and learn how to #RecreateResponsibly
👉 www.recreatoresponsibly.org/campresponsibly

📷 The White Mountains National Recreation Area's Wolf Run Cabin under the aurora borealis. BLM photo by Craig McCaa.

STATEWIDE LINKS

- DOT Opens Grant Applications for Transportation Projects (includes trails):
<https://tinyurl.com/3y9myvud>

SLIGHTLY OFF-TRAIL

- How 2 Alaskans crafted a packrafting book that quickly became a staple for paddlers:
<https://tinyurl.com/yc2xru9m>
- Alaska park managers preparing for loss of some of the state's most iconic attractions: glaciers:
<https://tinyurl.com/yv5nwurz>

SOUTHCENTRAL NEWS AND NOTICES

SEEN RECENTLY ON SOUTHCENTRAL FACEBOOK PAGES

ALASKA OUTDOOR ALLIANCE

Sept 3: Grossly underfunded, "It truly is a puzzle, given the amount of money Alaska has in revenues ... that more emphasis is not placed on funding state park needs."
With record use, Chugach State Park feels new pressures:
<https://tinyurl.com/2p8s45cs>



ALASKA STATE PARKS



Sept 22: ❄️👷 Well then. That pesky** snow brought an early closure for Independence Mine State Historical Park. Thanks to Chugach National Forest Avalanche Information Center for the photo cam! Skiers and snow enthusiasts rejoice! 🙌

**pesky to some, exciting to others! 😎

<http://www.cnfaic.org>

Sept 13: It's that time of year AGAIN! Fall>> 👁️ winter. First closure of the season 😞

Hatcher Pass Summit Road will close tonight and reopen in July.

But the GOOD news is that you still have until September 30 to visit Independence Mine State Historical Park and get a Historic tour by our concessionaire: Salmon Berry Tours!

<https://www.salmonberrytours.com/tour/independence-mine-state-historical-park/>



Sept 9: Happy Friday State Park Goers!



Please keep in mind that the use of motorized vehicles on trails and tundra land within Hatcher Pass is PROHIBITED during the summer. We received reports that a group on dirt bikes and four wheelers (in the photo below) went through the Lane Basin Trail and damaged parts of the trail itself and some of the surrounding tundra. According to the report, the group was purposely destructive and aggressive toward other park goers. We are investigating the situation.

We have these regulations in place to protect the land and prevent unnecessary wear and damage to trails within the park. Please help us protect the land and trails by using only non-motorized vehicles on trails within Hatcher Pass during the summer.

Thank you, be kind to your fellow park goers, and stay dry out there!

Sept 3: **Chugach Update!** Boretide road is now open and clear to drive to Indian Valley Trailhead. 😊 Photos taken yesterday when we had an unexpected sunny afternoon! 🍁🍂🌻 Happy September!



ANCHORAGE PARKS AND RECREATION

Sept 15: It's that time of year again. Moose are entering into the rutting season and are a little preoccupied. During this time, moose may be unpredictable and aggressive. So, stay aware of your surroundings while you are out and about, and keep your distance from wildlife, Anchorage!

Learn more about moose from our friends at Alaska Department of Fish and Game at <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=livewith.moose>.

SINGLETRACK ADVOCATES

Sept 16: Many thanks to ConocoPhillips employees for coming out on their Day of Caring to help us fix tread and improve drainage on the Hillside STA trails! You guys do good work!!!



ANCHORAGE PARK FOUNDATION

Sept 16: Our executive director talks parks and trails on this week's Outdoor Explorer with Lisa Keller. Check it out! <https://tinyurl.com/s3j3du8s>

ALASKA HUTS ASSOCIATION



August 31: Reminder: the Alaska Huts membership year rolls over tomorrow! This year, we are debuting advance booking to members at the Trekker level or higher, take a look at our website to learn more! Membership fees help fund Manitoba maintenance, new huts, and allow us to keep everything running smoothly!

📷: Willie Dalton

August 29: We are incredibly excited and honored to announce that the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust awarded Alaska Huts a \$300,000 grant for the Lars Spurkland Memorial Hut.

Thanks to their generous support, Alaska Huts is a giant step closer to making the hut a reality. But the journey isn't over yet! We need YOUR help to reach our fundraising goals! Learn more at our website, www.alaskahuts.org/glacier-discovery/.



FRIENDS OF KACHEMAK BAY STATE PARKS



Sept 8: Chris Kelley and Bill Hague cut and removed all of the large trees that were in the trail from the Humpy Creek to Portlock. While Volunteers Nicky and Jane and their volunteer crews were "brushing" the trail, crawling over and under logs..., volunteers Bill, Chris and Stan showed up to clear ALL the trees! NOT an easy task carrying big chainsaws up that STEEP trail.

Jane texted on their last day "We did a respectful pause of gratitude at every cut log that we had crawled over, under, or around so many times! It was so awesome to just walk through. They cleared them all!"

TRAILBOUND ALASKA (Instagram)

Sept 23: After finding a 100 year old map for a trail that no longer existed we decided to give the historical Iditarod Trail a shot. What we found was way bigger than we ever expected. Now after a year of film festivals and screenings, the Trailbound Alaska film is finally out! Thanks to all the amazing organizations, people and trail communities who brought this story to life! Watch the film here: youtu.be/M3VOCEohyOM



MARCUS DUNBAR (Kodiak)

Sept 2: After two summers of work the new Trident Basin Coastal Trail on Near Island's South End is complete. Thanks to ITN, Sponsor Michelle Kouremetis Parekh, my crew of High student workers, the Cross country teams from KHS & KMS, And Volunteers Travis Cooper, Steve Paulson and Eric Lindscheid. The trail takes a 610-meter detour south off the old South End Trail to avoid the tree fall area and add some coastal views. Please check it out and enjoy.



CHUGACH MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDERS

Sept 30: We are excited to be partnering with the Chugiak Dog Musers Association to provide new mountain biking, hiking, and dog mushing opportunities in Beach Lake Park! We are applying for a Recreational Trails Programs grant to fund this trail expansion! Please contact us by Oct 31, 2022 if you have any comments in favor or against this proposal. <https://tinyurl.com/3u77nf98>



Sept 23: Another trail fixed at Mirror Lake Park! The muddy mess connecting the trailhead to the new jump lines has been rebuilt into a sweet packed gravel path by Happy Trails, Inc. This trail improvement was made possible by a generous grant from the Recreational Trails Program through the U.S. Department of Transportation and Alaska Department of Natural Resources, matched by donations from YOU! We are \$1500 from our fundraising goal. All donations are matched 10:1 through this RTP grant!

SOUTHCENTRAL LINKS

- Judge rules that Anchorage's historic Stewart Trail is open to the public: <https://tinyurl.com/32xtc6ks>
- Judge rules Anchorage's Stewart Trail open for recreation use: <https://tinyurl.com/2276dxpa>

SLIGHTLY OFF-TRAIL

- DOT To Conduct Sterling Safety Corridor Improvements from Sterling To Soldotna (includes pathway): <https://tinyurl.com/mrmrcdkb>

INTERIORWIDE NEWS AND NOTICES

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ALASKA STATE PARKS



Sept 27: Hiking in the fall is the BEST. 🍂🐾
Granite Tors in the Chena River State Recreation Area is one of our favs in the Northern Region! ✅ it out. Thanks to ASP staff Nikki Potter for sharing these. 🥰
#akstateparks #alaskahikes #fallhikes

FAIRBANKS TRAILS AND WATERWAY USERS

Sept 12: Got this email recently from Geoff Orth, who is suing to get public access to the Ester Valley Trail, which was gated and signed no trespassing several years ago.

The trail runs up the Ester Valley and connects to several other trails, including the Tri-Con Mine road/trail and the Ester West Ridge Trail. (Both those trails connect to the the Equinox Marathon Trail on Ester Dome.) Years ago the Ester Valley Trail was used as part of the Fireplug sled dog race.

Geoff tried to get the borough involved in re-opening the trail, but the borough declined, so he and his wife took the issue to court. If you support this cause and want to help (they could use donations), contact Geoff at gcorth@straydogs.us

Craig Medred has also covered this story: <https://craigmedred.news/2022/09/06/road-rage-ak/>

Trail Users,

Last week, in Anchorage, Superior Court Judge Dani Crosby ruled that a public prescriptive easement exists on the historic Stewart Trail. Our case on the Ester Valley Trail is very similar, but we have a longer public usage history, more witnesses, RS 2477 implications, and language in the warranty deeds. If you want to get deep in the weeds, check-out the embedded links for the Findings of Fact & Conclusions of Law and the Order issued Thursday: <https://tinyurl.com/32xtc6ks>

Fwiw, we are scheduled for our bench trial in February 2023.

This is about privatizing a public resource without the public involvement.

FAIRBANKS CYCLE CLUB

Sept 18: The Denali Park Road may be closed to automobiles past the Pretty Rocks landslide, but that doesn't mean you can't get around it on bike. Check out this blog post from Jay Cable!

<https://yak.spruceboy.net/2022/09/empty-denali.html>



DELTA JUNCTION TRAILS ASSOCIATION



Sept 23: Quadratec and Tread Lightly! deserve a big thank you for their 50/50 Grant awarded to DJTA for trail maintenance! Bluff Cabin Trail tread repair was completed today with a contractor working on a turn at approximately 3/4 mile with heavy equipment, plus volunteers with D1, ATV's, a drag, shovels and a trailer for the first 1/2 mile. Maintaining a multi-use trail requires dedicated volunteers, time money and equipment. Always "leave it better than you found it". Check out the photos, we even had some four-legged cheerleaders today!

Sept 13: The Liewer Trail is a dog friendly trail. But if your dog poops on the trail either pick it up and bag it or kindly toss it off the trail into the woods. Others including walkers and joggers and track kids use the trail please be responsible for your dog's excrement. Thanks.

SOUTHEAST NEWS AND NOTICES

TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS ARE ON THE BALLOT IN JUNEAU

Trails are on the ballot this October 4 in Juneau. Propositions 2 and 3 will ask voters about funding improvements to the Juneau Trail System through 2028. More than \$1.7 million is proposed for a new

public use cabin, trail maintenance, and trail signage. These improvements would be funded by the extension of the temporary 1% sales tax as well as a general obligation bond.

Mark Pusich, Trail Mix, Inc. Board President, and Lexi Razor, spokesperson for Juneau Families for Youth Recreation, co-authored an op-ed piece that ran in the Juneau Empire. From the piece:

Proposition 2 would invest up to \$6.6 million into trail improvements, a new public use cabin and improved playing surfaces for our young athletes. A yes vote supports more healthy outdoor activities for all of us, especially kids and families. It is an investment in our quality of life and our future. It is a vote to strengthen our community.

Read the full opinion piece here: <https://tinyurl.com/3rjvnmsv>

SEEN RECENTLY ON SOUTHEAST FACEBOOK PAGES

TRAIL MIX, INC.

Sept 26: Smooth passage to the John Muir Cabin! 🚶🌲
At the end of August, we partnered up with our good pals at the Forest Service to improve the Auk Nu trail. 🌲 This trail provides access to the John Muir Cabin and Spaulding Meadows. Materials had been staged on the trail last season, so our crew was able to hop to work right away.
Now, the way up is a little easier thanks to new turnpikes, compacted gravel, and the removal of hazardous roots and rocks. 🌞

To read more about this project, check out the article by KINY: <https://www.kinyradio.com/.../trail-mix-forest-service.../>

📍 Áak'w Kwáan lands
#johnmuircabin #trailwork



Sept 20: Gabion baskets to the rescue! 🪨

Here in Southeast, we know that erosion can drastically shape our trails. ☁️ With the help of gabion baskets, we are able to reinforce stream banks and increase the durability of our trails. On Perseverance, our crew members, with the help of [Global Leadership Adventures](#), built and installed gabion baskets along an eroding section of Gold Creek. 🌲 These baskets are assembled by wiring together each of the sides. Then, they are strategically placed on the stream bank and filled with large rocks. 🪨 Once the large rocks are in, small rocks are added to fill the gaps. Since the rocks are held in the baskets, they are unable to be carried away by the rushing waters of Gold Creek. Utilizing these baskets increases the durability of the trail and cuts down on maintenance time. Win-win! 🙌



📍 It'ji Shaanáx

#transformationtuesday #perseverance #globalleadershipadventures

Sept 14: Public use cabins are in high demand, and Juneau families deserve another option. Proposition 2 will invest up to \$6.6 million in family recreation including an easily accessible cabin. Help spread the word! Share this image so all your friends and neighbors will know to vote for recreation this election. #yeson2



Sept 13: New bench alert! 😊

We had an excellent time working with the Juneau-Gastineau Rotary Club on Lena Point for our first season of Trail Stewards! 🛠️ These hard working Rotarians moved hundreds of buckets of gravel, cleared away stubborn roots and rocks, and smoothed out a new section of trail. 🌲

Now when you head out to Lena Point, you can enjoy a beautiful new detour down to the beach. 🌊 While you're there, stop and rest on the lovely bench that was installed on the Rotary Club's last work day of the season.

This peaceful beach is a great place to take in the view before the final hill up to the point.

SOUTHEAST LINKS

- Trail Mix, Forest Service partner to bring improvements to Auk Nu Trail: <https://tinyurl.com/2d3wzcnx>

NATIONWIDE NEWS AND NOTICES

AMERICAN TRAILS, FOREST SERVICE ANNOUNCE NEW GRANT

American Trails recently announced a new funding opportunity: The National Forest System Legacy Roads and Trails Fund, aka the Legacy Trails Grant Program.

The goal of the program is to support projects that restore, protect, and maintain crucial watersheds on our national forests and grasslands. American Trails is administering this grant program with awards up to \$100K per project. The program opens to applications in early October.

The Forest Service identifies and prioritizes watershed acres or areas where Forest Service roads and trails may impact water quality in streams and water bodies. Grant administrators will be looking to fund projects that restore fish and aquatic organism passage, improve trail resiliency, preserve trail access, decommission unauthorized trails, and convert unneeded Forest Service roads to trails. Protecting threatened, endangered, and sensitive species, and community water sources are among the top priorities for projects that improve and maintain trail access. Emergency operations, such as evacuation routes during wildfires, floods or other natural disasters also benefit from this program.

Find out more: <https://www.americantrails.org/legacy-trails-program>

NATIONWIDE / INTERNATIONAL LINKS

WEBINARS, MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, TRAINING, ETC.

- For a listing of upcoming trail webinars workshops, conferences, and other meetings, see the American Trails calendar at: www.americantrails.org/training/calendar

TRAILS-RELATED NEWSLETTERS

- American Trails "Trail Tracks": www.americantrails.org/newsletter
- American Hiking Society: <https://americanhiking.org/>

VOLUNTEER

- American Hiking Society's Alternative Break: <https://tinyurl.com/27dkaaay>
- American Hiking Society's Volunteer Vacations: <https://tinyurl.com/yyjsxt43>
- Conservation Volunteers International Program newsletter (Sept): <https://tinyurl.com/refu8r74>
- Wilderness Volunteers Projects: <https://wildernessvolunteers.org/projects/>

FUNDING

- FOX Factory Trail Trust (applications reviewed quarterly): <https://tinyurl.com/bdfjevrd>
- National Forest Foundation awards (deadline Jan 13): <http://tinyurl.com/px7y6ke>
- Yamaha Outdoor Access Initiative (OHVs, next deadline December 15): <https://yamahaoai.com/>
- 2022 National Trails Day Community Grant Impacts: <https://tinyurl.com/55tfu5py>

OTHER NATIONAL LINKS:

- The Invisible Beauty of Trail Design: <https://tinyurl.com/mxmmpsbu2>
- Grassroots Movement Seeks to Make Hiking Trails More Accessible to All: <https://tinyurl.com/2v4fd5f2>
- Heat, Water, Fire: How Climate Change Is Transforming the Pacific Crest Trail: <https://tinyurl.com/2p9335c7>
- Trail Moments | Tips for Outdoor Outings With Your Kids: <https://tinyurl.com/2s53x27w>

INTERNATIONAL LINKS:

- Italy's 8 best hikes explore Alpine highs and Amalfi skies: <https://tinyurl.com/44m spatp>

The Alaska Trails board meets via teleconference the first Tuesday of every other month from 5-7pm. If you want to hear more about Alaska trail topics, share trail information, or propose a trail project, join us. Members and the public are welcome. Call for more information and meeting details [907-334-8049](tel:907-334-8049).

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