Project Title: Chugach Mountain Bike Riders - Peters Creek Trails Assessment and Design Prescription - Alaska Long Trail

TPS Number: 68011

Priority: 3

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Named Recipient (AS 37.05.316)

Federal Tax ID: 81-4286494

Grant Recipient: Chugach Mountain Bike Riders FY2025 State Funding Request: \$60,000

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

Design prescription for approximately 18 miles of hunting, hiking, biking, skiing and snowmachining trail improvements in Peters Creek Valley, Chugach State Park.

Funding Plan:

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Total Project Cost:	\$60,000	
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)	
FY2025 State Funding Request:	(\$60,000)	
Project Deficit:	\$0	

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

This project complements the Peters Creek Trailhead Parking Survey and Design (TPS 68009)

The popular Peters Creek Trail system (Map 116,117,118) is comprised of old roads, pack trails and muddy mountain scrambles that encroach onto private property. Current landowners allow hikers, bikers, skiers, hunters and snowmachiners to cross their property, this project would fund fieldwork to locate and design a route on public lands.

Peters Creek Valley has seen little in the way of trail improvements and Chugach State Park plans rank this as an important area to provide recreation for the local community and to disperse use from other sections of the park. Peters Creek is a key part of the Alaska Long Trail connecting to Ram Valley and Crow Pass to the south, and Eklutna to the north.

Any development in this valley would first require a parking lot (TPS 68009), but this parking development would also require rerouting of existing trails. This funding will provide a comprehensive trail assessment and design prescription for future improvements.

Project Timeline:

Initial assessment would begin in summer/fall 2025 and continue through 2026. There are only a few qualified contractors to complete this work in Alaska, who currently booked out 1-2 years. All funds will be expended, and a final trail design prescription will be complete within 5 years.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

AK DNR Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation

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Phone Number: (907)306-4733 This project has been through a public review process at the local level and it is a community priority.

