

Project Title: Lower Eagle River Boardwalk Replacement - Alaska Long Trail

TPS Number: 68012

Priority: 4

Agency: Natural Resources

FY2025 State Funding Request: \$500,000

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Sections of the existing Lower Eagle River Trail boardwalk has collapsed. Replacement of this boardwalk would reestablish summer use for several miles of trail in the Lower Eagle River Valley.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$500,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2025 State Funding Request:	(\$500,000)
Project Deficit:	\$0

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Originally an old Homesteader Road, the Lower Eagle River Trail is the longest completed segment of the Eagle River Greenbelt Trail. This trail connects the Briggs Bridge Day use area at Eagle River Loop Rd to the mouth of South Fork Eagle River and the South Fork Eagle River "Barbara" Waterfalls.

The original road skirted the Swan Pond and encroached onto private property. A boardwalk was built about 15 years ago to secure public access. This boardwalk has been repaired many times by local volunteers but has collapsed to a point where a full replacement is now required.

The collapsed sections of boardwalk are blocking summer use to several miles of trails. This funding request will provide for a long-term solution with minimal maintenance costs and will reopen the main lower valley trail in Eagle River.

This project is a part of the coastal route for the Alaska Long Trail connecting the Eagle River Nature Center to the Native Village of Eklutna.

Project Timeline:

Initial survey and design would begin in summer/fall of 2025, with Requests for Proposals going out early 2026. Construction would be planned for summer 2027. All funds would be expended 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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This project has been through a public review process at the local level and it is a community priority.

