

Project Title: Peters Creek Trailhead Parking Survey and Design - Alaska Long Trail

TPS Number: 68009

Priority: 2

Agency: Natural Resources

FY2025 State Funding Request: \$100,000

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Peters Creek is a major access point to Chugach State Park with no parking facilities, and public access encroaches on private land. Parking survey and design is needed to secure current use and plan for future park improvements.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$100,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2025 State Funding Request:	(\$100,000)
Project Deficit:	\$0

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

This project complements the Peters Creek Trails Assessment and Design Prescription (TPS 68011)

The Chugach State Park Peters Creek Trailhead (Map #26) provides a popular access to the Bear Mountain/Mount Eklutna hiking loop and leads to more remote hunting and snowmachining areas in the upper valley. Currently there is no off-street parking, and cars line the road in the neighborhood. What is more worrisome is that the beginning of the trail system encroaches onto private land.

Peters Creek Valley is a high priority not just for the local residents, but it is an integral link in the Alaska Long Trail. Staff look to this valley to help disperse use from overwhelmed sections of Chugach State Park.

Any park improvements in Peters Creek Valley will first need a parking area. Planned relocation and reconstruction of trails, the Alaska Long Trail connection to Ram Valley and a future Public Use Cabin (Map #27) are all on hold until the parking issue is resolved.

Project Timeline:

Surveys to begin Summer/Fall 2025 with additional field work Summer/Fall 2026. Design work is expected to be complete by December 31, 2027. However, anticipating contractor delays and staffing challenges, all funds will be spent within 5 years.

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

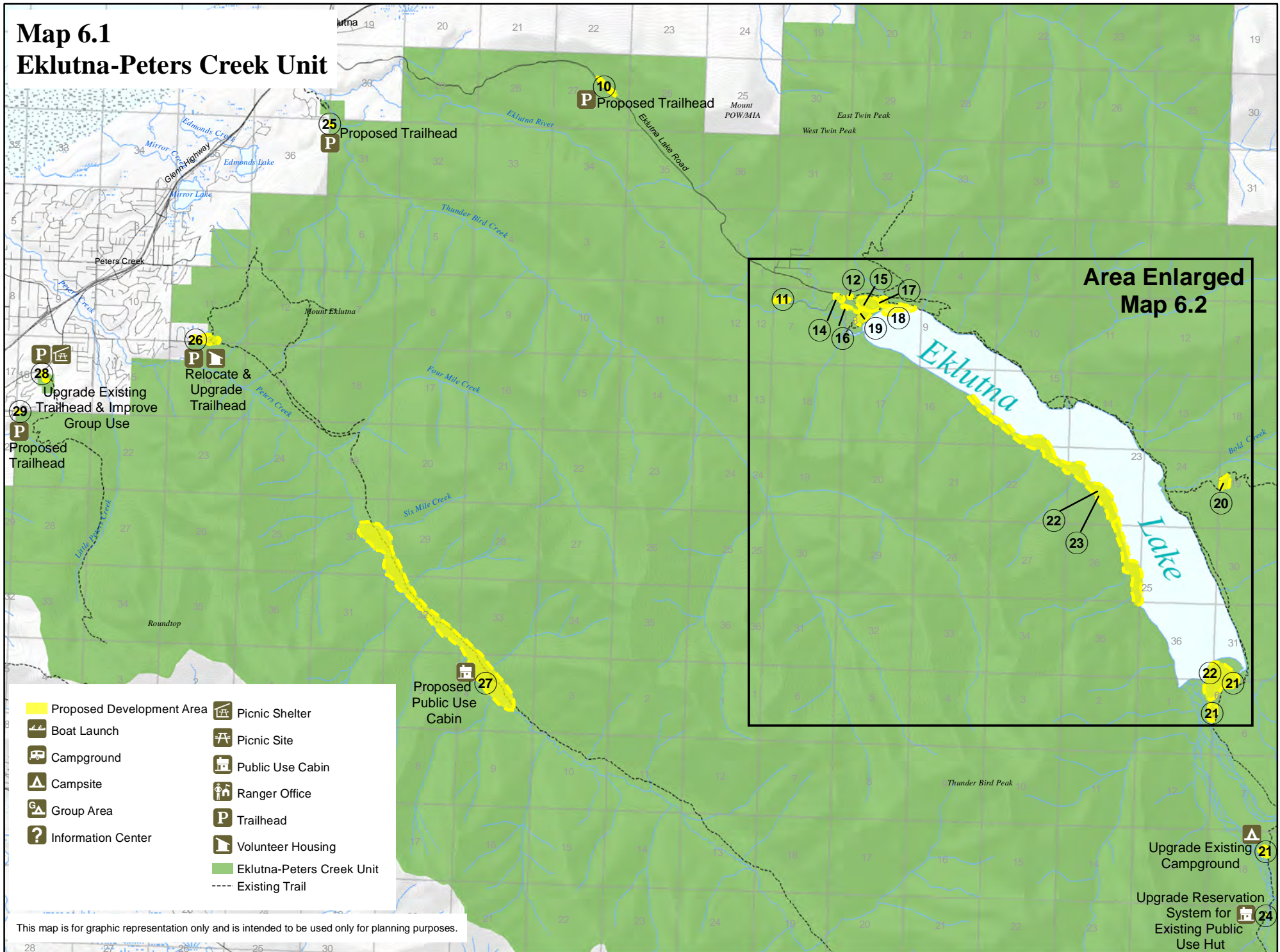
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This project has been through a public review process at the local level and it is a community priority.

Map 6.1 Eklutna-Peters Creek Unit



This map is for graphic representation only and is intended to be used only for planning purposes.

**Area Enlarged
Map 6.2**

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| Proposed Development Area | Picnic Shelter |
| Boat Launch | Picnic Site |
| Campground | Public Use Cabin |
| Campsite | Ranger Office |
| Group Area | Trailhead |
| Information Center | Volunteer Housing |
| | Eklutna-Peters Creek Unit |
| | Existing Trail |

- Upgrade Existing Campground **21**
- Upgrade Reservation System for Existing Public Use Hut **24**