

## **NEWSLETTER**

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## **ALASKA TRAILS NEWS AND NOTICES**

## SET THE DATE, SEND YOUR IDEAS FOR THE 2022 TRAILS CONFERENCE

SUBMIT, ATTEND The 2022 Annual Trails Conference is happening soon! And this year it's FREE!!

The State Trails Conference is set to take place April 7-8. For registration information and more see: www.alaska-trails.org/trails-conference

New and exciting for the 2022 Trails Conference:

- Keynote by the Continental Divide Trail's Executive Director Teresa Martinez
- The Alaska Long Trail an update on the progress of this exciting venture
- Funding updates including the bipartisan infrastructure bill
- The Colorado Front Range Strike Team



Alaska Trails' annual conference provides trail users and the wider public a statewide opportunity for training and networking with trail professionals. Government agencies, trail builders and non-profits will be able to share what they have learned and engage in conversations with others to share best practices and new ideas. There are many ways to enjoy Alaska's trails and the conference brings them together all under one roof. Trails and outdoor recreation are a public health asset and an economic engine for the state and the trails conference seeks to raise the profile of trails and their importance to Alaska.

And we would love to have your ideas! We are seeking proposals for presentations and workshops that showcase best practices in trail construction, trail maintenance, economic development, volunteers, trail design, partnerships, trail benefits and trail-related policy. Help make the conference a great kick-off for the 2022 trail season – and beyond! Send your ideas with "2022 Trails Conference Presentation" in the subject line to office@alaska-trails.org.

All this couldn't happen without our wonderful supporters. We'd especially like to thank Alyeska Pipeline Service Company and the Alaska Recreation and Parks Association for once again sponsoring this conference! If your group or business would like to sponsor the Trails Conference, please e-mail us at: office@alaska-trails.org.

## ALASKA TRAILS, OTHERS FEATURED IN AMERICAN TRAILS WEBINAR

Alaska Trails's Kristen Mrozowski will appear with representatives from Sitka Trail Works and Juneau's Trail Mix in the American Trails webinar "Alaska's Case Studies on Trails Workforce Development."

The webinar will present the successes and lessons from the COVID-19 Conservation Corps programs in Juneau, Anchorage, and Sitka that trained and employed out-of-work Alaskans in 2020. Here's a description of the webinar from American Trails:

Trails have been a refuge for many during the pandemic, but did you know they also created jobs? Faced with a canceled tourism season and high unemployment rates across Alaska, local governments directed CARES funding to trail nonprofits to train and hire residents impacted by the pandemic. Inspired by the Civilian Conservation Corps during the Great Depression, these Alaska CCCs were an innovative way to put people back to work while restoring public infrastructure that benefited communities. Their success makes the case that when we invest in trails, we invest in our people, land, and economy.



The webinar will be held March 10. To find out more, including how to register, go to: <a href="https://www.americantrails.org/training/covid-conservation-corps">www.americantrails.org/training/covid-conservation-corps</a>

## ALASKA TRAILS SEEKS OUTDOOR RECREATION PLANNER

APPLY Alaska Trails is hiring an outdoor recreation planner to assist with the production of the Alaska Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) 2023-2027, now in progress. The planner will work collaboratively with Alaska DNR Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (DPOR); Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program (RTCA); and Alaska Trails. The main objective of the position is to assist the state in implementing the overall process needed to create a high value SCORP. The temporary position will last through December 2022. More information is at our website: <a href="https://www.alaska-trails.org/jobs">www.alaska-trails.org/jobs</a>

## SEEN RECENTLY ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE



Feb 26: Alaska Long Trail projects are submitted for consideration into the state capital budget FY2023! The Alaska Long Trail is envisioned to be a multi-braid trail system connecting Seward and Fairbanks and incorporating a variety of year-round uses (motorized and non-motorized) along different braids. We need your support to bring funding for these projects! Reach out to your legislators before March 7th: <a href="https://www.alaska-trails.org/long-trail-support">https://www.alaska-trails.org/long-trail-support</a>

Feb 7: We're hiring for our 2022 trail crews! We're planning to have one crew in Cordova and one traveling around southcentral. Please click on the link to find out more info: <a href="https://www.alaska-trails.org/jobs">www.alaska-trails.org/jobs</a>

## ALASKA TRAILS HAS TOOL TRAILERS READY FOR TRAIL PROJECTS

As you start planning trail building and maintenance projects, remember that Alaska Trails has mobile tool caches available to loan to organized trail groups in Southcentral and Interior Alaska. One cache is in the Fairbanks area and the other is in Anchorage/Mat-Su Valley area.



The trailers have a bunch of trail tools including McLeods, Pulaskis, rakes, gloves, and much, much more. If you would like to borrow one of the caches, please contact us (info on masthead).

# Three Ways to Support Alaska Trails: Racing, Trails Conference, PCG



The Race Across Alaska Winter Challenge (RAAWC) has exploded in popularity in only its second



year. Alaska Trails is honored to be the non-profit associated with this fun virtual event again this year. Over 2,000 participants are recreating on trails and tracking it on their RAAWC page. Activity is not limited to trails, but mostly includes walking, running, skiing, and biking. Each participant gets to choose their distance from 125 miles to 2,000 miles – with each distance corresponding to a distance between Alaska destinations including a 500-mile option that is length of the Alaska Long Trail from Seward to Fairbanks.

There are participants from across Alaska and around the lower 48 – with a few from overseas as well.

A portion of each entry is donated to Alaska Trails for our Alaska Long Trail project. In addition, each racer is offered the opportunity to donate to the project, which we are excited to say hundreds have done. In its inaugural year, the RAAWC donated nearly \$20,000 to Alaska Trails and this year that donation will top \$40,000! It's an amazing boost for Alaska Trails and a wonderful way to get people active over the winter.

If you missed out on the RAAWC in 2021-22, we know that it will be around next year. Race Director Heather Helzer is a dynamo of organization, and her wheels are already spinning for next year. Alaska Trails is grateful to her and all the RAAWC participants for getting active and for their generous support of Alaska Trails.

#### Statewide Trails Conference – April 7th and 8th, Virtual and FREE

Alaska Trails is excited to kick off the 2022 trail season with our annual conference. It will be virtual again this year – allowing us to bring in presenters from Washington, Colorado and across the state. And it will be FREE! See the story in the newsletter for more information.

#### Don't Forget to File your PFD – and Give - through Pick Click Give

Alaska Trails is humbled and honored by those who donate through their PFD. In recent years, donations through the PCG program have consistently grown and we are eager to put those to good use building trails and advocating for more trail funding, trail

projects and trail infrastructure.

Already filed for your PFD? You can add a donation to by going to the PFD website and clicking: "Add or Change your Pick Click Give donation." Still need to file for your PFD? Go to: <a href="mailto:pfd.alaska.gov">pfd.alaska.gov</a> and be sure to choose Pick Click Give when prompted.



We appreciate your support.

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Happy Trails,

## STATEWIDE NEWS AND NOTICES

## ASSESSEMENT OF RECREATION TRAILS PROGRAM FUNDING PLANNED

An assessment of Recreational Trails Program (RTP) funding is a part of the H.R. 3684, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, according to the office of Sen. Lisa Murkowski.

Advocates of the RTP, which is funded by nonhighway fuel taxes, have argued that it is underfunded because the nonhighway fuel taxes are not being appropriately accounted for. According to an email from Carly Besh, a Murkowski legislative aide working on parks and outdoor recreation issues, that issue will be studied as part of H.R. 3684.

The RTP was included under Sec. 11512. An assessment report, not one year after the date of enactment of the Act, will be carried out to estimate the total amount of the nonhighway recreational fuel taxes received by the Treasury, and that are transferred to the Highway Trust Fund. After this assessment is made, a report will be sent to several congressional committees to assist Congress to determine an appropriate funding level for the recreational trails program. Linked is the Act, and the referenced section is on page 166 when viewed online (the document itself is 1039 pages, so it may take a moment to load):

https://www.congress.gov/117/plaws/publ58/PLAW-117publ58.pdf

## SEEN RECENTLY ON STATEWIDE FACEBOOK PAGES

FAIRBANKS TRAIL USERS

Feb 25: For those interested in using trails in Denali National Park: "The Denali Park Road is open to Mile 12.5, Mountain Vista. Conditions beyond this point prevent vehicle travel, though pedestrian travel (skiing, mushing, etc.) is permitted. Please stay alert for heavy equipment beyond Mile 12.5."





#### STATEWIDE LINKS

SLIGHTLY OFF TRAIL

- DNR seeks public comment on Ambler Road easement application: https://tinyurl.com/yhxr3u3r
- First Lady Opens Nomination Period for 2022 Volunteer Awards: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/yztvrn49">https://tinyurl.com/yztvrn49</a>
- Avoiding a growling moose may be tough, but there are strategies: https://tinyurl.com/yff58we8
- Student Conservation Association crew applications due April 15: https://tinyurl.com/rc2kj4g
- Outdoor Explorer
  - Trail building and Olympic skiing with John Morton: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2p88cr5v">https://tinyurl.com/2p88cr5v</a>
  - Alli Harvey, outdoor writer, and artist in Anchorage: https://tinyurl.com/hhdnxpjm

## **SOUTHCENTRAL NEWS AND NOTICES**

## ANCHORAGE FOUNDATION SEEKING PROJECTS TO FUND

The Anchorage Park Foundation is seeking projects to grant funds, including trails:

APPLY Fix the trail that runs through your neighborhood park, install Mutt Mitt stations, build an outdoor classroom—now's the time to make your dreams for Anchorage's parks and trails a reality! We are pleased to announce that we are now accepting applications for a new round of Challenge Grant funded projects. This is your chance to make a direct impact on your local parks and trails.



With help from Rasmuson Foundation, we're challenging both community groups and neighbors to earn project funding

for an Anchorage municipal park or trail improvement project. Successful applicants will match grant awards, doubling their impact on their favorite park or trail. The application deadline is March 17th, 2022.

If you would like help with your application, consider attending the free applicant workshop on March 3, which will be held via Zoom. Contact Diana (<u>diana@anchorageparkfoundation.org</u>; 907.249.6652) to receive the meeting link.

https://anchorageparkfoundation.org/programs/challenge-grants/

From Anchorage Park Foundation email

## SEEN RECENTLY ON SOUTHCENTRAL FACEBOOK PAGES

**BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT - ALASKA** 

February 7: In keeping with the U.S. Department of the Interior's goal to promote public lands stewardship, Public Land Order 7509 was issued and published today, which extends the withdrawal for the Campbell Tract administrative site for an additional 20-year period. The site is under the administration of the Bureau of Land Management and located in in Anchorage. The extension affects approximately 730.13 acres of public land that provide Alaskans with extensive public trails, recreation, wildlife viewing, interagency services, and statewide educational resources. Read more http://ow.ly/gbl250HOUu2



#### ANCHORAGE PARK FOUNDATION



Feb 24: The Anchorage non-motorized plan is out, and the #MooseLoop made it on the map!

So great to see it on the recommended bicycle and shared use pathway network. We are working hard to connect the #MooseLoop to the proposed Alaska Long Trail. There are bike path gaps on the Glenn Highway Trail north to the Mat-Su and gaps south from Potter Marsh to Indian. Long process but worth the effort!

https://tinyurl.com/mtewa6ft

February 17: "Parks are one of Anchorage's crown jewels. From skiing to Little League baseball to dogonly trails, parks offer a diversity of recreational opportunities and increase the quality of life in Anchorage. As we struggle with out-migration and population loss, we must realize that world-class parks are a competitive advantage for our city."

Shane Linse - President of the Building and Construction Trades Council of Southcentral Alaska https://www.adn.com/opinions/2022/01/12/bond-package-would-greatly-benefit-anchorage/

#### SINGLETRACK ADVOCATES

CLEAN UP February 18: Leave No Trace. For most of us trail users that means clean-up your campsite and pocket your candy wrappers. It could also mean after a season of celebration, cleaning up that Christmas tree you decorated in the park. We've been asked to help spread the word. Please remove any ornaments you've left on trees in the park and put back in your Christmas box. Thanks for your help and enjoy the trails.



#### FRIENDS OF STATE PARKS, MAT-SU

Feb 16: The Public Comment period for these leases is now open until March 14, 2022.

Shared from

Susitna River Coalition

Feb 16: Our most recent newsletter included some information about Susitna Basin Oil & Gas Lease public comment deadline. The date for public comment has been extended, and comments must now be made by March 14, 2022: https://tinyurl.com/3dduc642

#### MAT-SU BOROUGH RECREATION AND LIBRARY SERVICES

APPLY Feb 24: The MSB Parks and Rec. is now hiring for the Summer Trail Crew! The season starts in early May and runs until sometime in September or October, depending on the weather. This is a great job for anyone who loves being outside in all weather conditions, isn't afraid of hard work, wants to be a part of a great team, and enjoys using our local trails. If you, or someone you know, is interested, please go to the MSB web site and look at "job opportunities" at the bottom of the page, or follow the link. https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/matsugov

#### YOUTH EMPLOYMENT IN PARKS

APPLY It's our favorite time of the year! The 2022 Youth Employment in Parks (YEP) summer positions

are now open! This is a great summer job for Anchorage teens ages 16-19 years old. Get paid to work outside, make lifelong friends, and have the best summer of your life. Apply today!

YEP Crew Member Position (closes 3/13/2022):

https://tinyurl.com/3ptynp4p

YEP Senior Crew Member Position(closes 3/13/2022): https://tinyurl.com/35bzdxa8

YEP Crew Leader (closes 2/27/2022):

https://tinyurl.com/4upt6b8n

To learn more about the YEP program visit:

https://anchorageparkfoundation.org/programs/youth-employment-parks/



#### **SOUTHCENTRAL LINKS**

- Multiple dogs caught, killed in Southcentral Alaska traps: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2besujue">https://tinyurl.com/2besujue</a>
- 5 Best Hikes On Kenai Peninsula: <a href="https://andreakuuipoabroad.com/best-hikes-kenai-peninsula-alaska/">https://andreakuuipoabroad.com/best-hikes-kenai-peninsula-alaska/</a>

#### SLIGHTLY OFF-TRAIL

- Kenai Peninsula state parks recruiting for advisory board members: https://tinyurl.com/55szw6wp
- Gov. Dunleavy and Anchorage Mayor Bronson revive proposal for controversial Bragaw-Elmore extension (ADN): <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2d3nfx7s">https://tinyurl.com/2d3nfx7s</a>
- Public meeting held for proposed West Susitna Access Road: https://tinyurl.com/2p8e67ps
- Plans for a disputed mega-road through the Susitna Valley backcountry are moving forward again (ADN): https://tinyurl.com/ye8465f6
- Anchorage ice and trail status interactive map: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2p8bcc66">https://tinyurl.com/2p8bcc66</a>
- 12th Annual Kodiak Outdoor Film Festival (March 11): <a href="https://www.islandtrails.org/film.html">https://www.islandtrails.org/film.html</a>
- Hatcher Pass avalanche closure could last another two weeks or more: https://tinyurl.com/mr49s82z

## INTERIORWIDE NEWS AND NOTICES

## EFFORT CONTINUES TO CONNECT BIRCH HILL, ADMA TRAILS

An effort to connect the trails at Birch Hill Recreation Area and on surrounding Fort Wainwright land to the

Alaska Dog Mushing Association trails is gaining steam.

Since 2021 organizers of the plan have gained support from the Fairbanks Borough Assembly, the Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge manager, and the superintendent of Northern Region Alaska State Parks. FAST Planning (Fairbanks Area Surface Transportation Planning) is now considering a resolution in support.

The plan would be more than just trails. If successful, the effort would have the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service purchase 45 acres of land at the northwest corner of the Steese and Johansen highways, where it would build a new office facility and interpretive center, and trailhead. Organizers are hoping the trail connection would be complete through the use of an underpass or overpass of the Steese Highway.

The land is not far from the existing ADMA trails and butts up against Creamer's Field land, so a trail connection there should be fairly simple. On the east side of the Steese, proposed trails would need to go through

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the edge of undeveloped Birch Hill Cemetary land and onto Fort Wainwright. The non-motorized trail portion would connect to the non-motorized Cliffside Trail, already on Fort Wainwright, which provides connection to Birch Hill Recreation Area through the Sunnyside and Sonot Connector trails.

The FAST Planning Technical Committee will be considering a resolution of support of the plan at its March 3 meeting. You can see the entire meeting packet, including a link on how to join the Zoom

meeting, here: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/yckzmm7k">https://tinyurl.com/yckzmm7k</a>. To find out more about FAST Planning see: <a href="https://fastplanning.us/">https://fastplanning.us/</a>

To see a draft of trail connection plan, which is included in the FAST planning meeting packet, go here: https://tinyurl.com/2p926f46

## SEEN RECENTLY ON INTERIOR FACEBOOK PAGES

FAIRBANKS TRAIL USERS

Feb 16: There are several trails that are accessible from Olnes Pond. You can even go to the White Mountains from there.

Shared from Alaska State Parks Feb 15 \*\*Northern Update\*\*

We don't have Ice Huts yet but THANKS to Alyeska Pipeline Service Company we do have access to Olnes Pond. Our good neighbors sent heavy equipment out as spring outdoor recreation begins to increase over the next few weeks in the area. Thanks Alyeska Pipeline!

Feb 8: Considering the problems people have been having this winter with moose, here's a couple of webpages with information on how to determine if a moose is getting angry and what do do about it.

- <a href="https://beprepared.com/blogs/articles/7-signs-youre-going-to-be-attacked-by-a-moose">https://beprepared.com/blogs/articles/7-signs-youre-going-to-be-attacked-by-a-moose</a>
- http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm%3Fadfg%3Dlivewith.aggressivemoose

Feb 11: If you encouraged DOT to plow the Eldorado Creek Trailhead or the Ballaine Goldstream Valley Trailhead, don't forget to thank them for doing so. (Heck, thank them even if you didn't.) It's really nice to have access to those trailheads again!

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#### FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH PARKS & REC

Feb 4: If "all roads lead to Rome," do "all trails lead to Nome?"

Try the Fairbanks Winter Trails Challenge and find out!

Check out the UPDATED Trails Guide (two more signs have been installed!):

https://issuu.com/fnsbparksandrec/docs/fairbanks\_winter\_trails\_guide\_2021-2022
And REGISTER here for FREE:

https://fairbanksak.myrec.com/info/activities/program\_details.aspx?ProgramID=30216 Happy hunting!

#### INTERIORWIDE LINKS

- Fairbanks Borough Winter Trails Challenge Facebook Event and a guidebook:
  - Here's a link to the guide: https://tinyurl.com/yc32p7s5
  - o Here's the Facebook event: https://www.facebook.com/events/264289499067287/

- Delta Junction Trails Association Trails Challenge: <a href="http://www.deltajunctiontrails.com/">http://www.deltajunctiontrails.com/</a>
- Moose attacks mushers' team during a training run near Fairbanks, injuring 4 dogs: https://tinyurl.com/3je2yy6b

## **SOUTHEAST NEWS AND NOTICES**

## SEEN RECENTLY ON SOUTHEAST FACEBOOK PAGES

TRAIL MIX, INC.

Feb 17: New motorized maps Montana Creek!

Now it's much easier to know where to go when you want to take your snowmachine or ATV out. View these maps of existing motorized use regulations for both winter and summer at bit.ly/3BrrhCZ. They were created as part of the ongoing planning process for the Montana Creek recreation area.

Big thanks to Southeast Alaska Watershed Coalition for working with Juneau Parks & Recreation, the Forest Service, and the Alaska Department of Natural Resources to make this happen. You can also find these maps on the Montana Creek Master Plan page on the CBJ Parks & Recreation website.



Feb 15: Our crews are pros at getting 'er done while having fun! We're hiring trail crew members for our 2022 season. If you love to work outside, contribute to a positive team environment, and make a difference in your community then this is the job for you. Head to bit.ly/trailmix2022crew for the full job posting. The application deadline is February 28th. We strongly encourage applications from BIPOC, LGBTQ2S+, women, and other underrepresented identities in trail building and maintenance.

January 31: 27 trees cleared off Herbert Glacier trail 🜲 🌲 🜲

Strong winds this winter had littered Herbert Glacier with blowdowns. Last week, members of the Volunteer Trail Maintenance Team chainsawed through more than 27 trees from the first few miles of trail . Big thanks to Marc, Tom, and everyone else for your work!

#### **SOUTHEAST LINKS**

 Juneau Parks and Rec, Off-Road Association fields questions about proposed park: https://tinyurl.com/3h54tyf2

#### NATIONWIDE NEWS AND NOTICES

### APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR NEW TRAILS GRANT PROGRAM

APPLY American Trails, in partnership with the Trails Move People coalition, recently announced its new grant program called The Trail Fund. It is dedicated to maintaining and enhancing America's trails through maintenance, research, and stewardship training projects. Application deadline is April 15. Read more from the American Trails Facebook post:

Looking for trail funding? Apply today for the Trail Fund!

Learn more: <a href="https://www.americantrails.org/apply-for-the-trail-fund">https://www.americantrails.org/apply-for-the-trail-fund</a>

The deadline to apply for the current year's application process (for funding to be used by December 31) is April 15. Winning applications will be announced by May 15.

Request the amount needed! Should your application be approved to receive funding, we will try our best to approve the amount of funding requested for a project, but please know that this may not be feasible pending the number of applications received and the amount of funding available. We want to know the needs of the trails community when it comes to maintenance, research, and



stewardship training (as we will use these stats to leverage more funding in future years), so we encourage you to submit for the amount needed as we may still be able to offer some funding for your project, but not the entire amount.

## APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR FOREST TRAIL PARTNER FUNDING

APPLY The National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance, in collaboration with American Trails, American Hiking Society, Back Country Horsemen of America, the International Mountain Bicycling Association, the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council, and the American Motorcyclist Association, is pleased to announce the fifth round of a trails granting program in partnership with the USDA Forest Service for the National Forest Trail Stewardship Partnership Funding for National Forest System trails for the 2022 Field season.

The Trail Stewardship Funding Program will award funds to trails and stewardship organizations for increasing trail maintenance accomplishments and reducing deferred maintenance (trail backlog) on National Forest System trails.

Learn more here: https://www.wildernessalliance.org/trail\_funding

From Paperless Trail, American Hiking Society newsletter

## REGISTER NOW FOR A 2022 VOLUNTEER VACATION

VOLUNTEER Ready to get back on the trails as the weather starts to warm? Join a Volunteer Vacation this spring to help build trails, repair winter damage and ensure safe access to public trails across the country!

Spaces are still available on several projects this spring including a special Volunteer Vacation led by women, for women at Lula Lake Land Trust, Tennessee! This is an excellent project for new volunteers, who will receive full instructions and demonstrations for the safe use of all tools and trail building techniques.



Volunteers are also needed in Cheaha State Park, Alabama to install drainage features on the Lake Trail, a highly popular hike for those with an adventurous spirit looking to gain 1,000 feet of elevation over just half a mile! Register today or email volunteer@americanhiking.org for more information.

Learn more and register here: https://americanhiking.org/volunteer-vacation-trips/

From Paperless Trail, American Hiking Society newsletter

## 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": <a href="www.americantrails.org/newsletter">www.americantrails.org/newsletter</a>

#### **VOLUNTEER**

Conservation Volunteers International Program newsletter (February): https://tinyurl.com/2p8ret7b

#### FUNDING

- National Forest Foundation awards (deadline Jun 22): http://tinyurl.com/px7y6ke
- Yamaha Outdoor Access Initiative (OHVs, next deadline Mar 31): <a href="https://yamahaoai.com/">https://yamahaoai.com/</a>
- FOX Factory Trail Trust (applications reviewed quarterly): https://tinyurl.com/bdfjevrd

#### OTHER NATIONAL LINKS:

- 2021 Recreational Trails Program Annual Report: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2p8ry25f">https://tinyurl.com/2p8ry25f</a>
- 2021 NRT Photo Contest Winners Announced: https://tinyurl.com/j7fh3dde
- The Trail Access Project Removes Barriers to the Outdoors: https://tinyurl.com/39xhzez7
- 600-mile Trail Will Connect 15 Mountain Towns for an Epic Adventure: https://tinyurl.com/2p88hnbf

#### INTERNATIONAL LINKS:

- The World's Four Best New Long-Distance Hiking Trails: https://tinyurl.com/yc2xce37
- Canadian program gives doctors option to prescribe national park visits: https://tinyurl.com/327czzsp
- 435-mile Walking Route Opened in Canada: https://tinyurl.com/2xt8356v

#### SLIGHTLY OFF-TRAIL

- Why Safe Routes to Parks? (short video): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZV9-6n2M\_zM
- Active Transportation Funding and Finance Toolkit: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/4m6xzf88">https://tinyurl.com/4m6xzf88</a>
- Getting Outdoors When You're Disabled: https://tinyurl.com/yzyinfzt

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 <u>907-334-8049</u>.

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