

ALASKA







BIKES ONLY Downhill mountain bike flow trail.

Distance not defined.

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Virgin Creek Falls to Max's peak.

Limited parking. Respect private property.

Mileage from T to Berry Pass. No cell reception.

Out and back trail. No access or crossing of railroad tracks.

Out and back trail. No access or crossing of airport facility.

AWARE

* Trail Managed by US Forest Service

BEAGOOD TRAIL USER

All-Terrain Vehicle use on trails is prohibited.

Stay on the designated trail. Protect our fragile environment by not making short cuts or going off the trail. Wetlands are closed when not frozen.

hiking

Leave no trace. Pack out all that you bring in. Dispose of waste in designated

Respect wildlife. Bears, moose, and other wildlife may be anywhere in the valley. Be prepared and keep dogs under control.

Respect private property.

Any commercial use of Girdwood's trails and parks requires a Girdwood commercial use permit. Contact Girdwood Parks and Recreation: 907-343-8373 or girdwoodpermits@anchorageak.gov.



October 2024 Report Girdwood Trails Committee

Thank you! Summer is drawing to a close; our Parks Caretakers Luke and John, will be wrapping up projects and finishing for the season soon. They've done a tremendous job all summer brushing, repairing tread, adding turnpikes and keeping the trails in great shape.

Updates and other business:

<u>Girdwood Valley Trails Management Plan</u>. Current version is posted on the GTC page. Management Plan can be updated now that Master Plan is complete.

Girdwood Trails Master Plan. Adopted version is posted on the GTC page.

<u>Girdwood Comprehensive Plan.</u> Planning and Zoning hearing was July 15Current estimate is Assembly introduction on Nov-6; Work session on Nov 14/15; Public hearing on Nov-19

Repairs/Future Improvements: The trail bridge from Townsquare to Crow Creek Road has been leveled. There is a possible source for replacement of the bridge and trail improvement to Crow Creek Road access. More information to follow.

Suspension Bridge: Design continues with our contractors towards a complete design set for this fall and bid the project for construction tonight in 2025.

We will need to discuss a Capital fundraising plan with GTC for the Suspension bridge and Hand tram interpretive center. We'll be looking for volunteers to help organize a plan and pull off fundraising events over the fall/winter/spring to help raise additional funds for this project.

Financial report: \$69,535 held in Girdwood Inc Account (8/30/24).

Grants Status report:

<u>State of Alaska, Capital Budget</u>: Thank you to Alaska Trails for including the suspension bridge to replace the Hand Tram in their requests for funding of the State of Alaska. State has awarded \$1.2M for this project as part of Alaska Long Trail Funding. Construction goal is 2024/2025.

Rasmuson Tier II Grant: GVSA has been awarded funding for this project.

Alaska Community Foundation Trail Care Grant: GVSA was awarded \$2032. Purchasing trail tools with the funds.

KMTA 2024 Grant cycle: No grant cycle in early 2024. Pending info on next grant cycle

<u>Recreational Trails Program Grant (RTP):</u> GVSA submitted RTP grant application for work on Middle INHT Oct 31. Responding to questions from FWHA and awaiting SHPO determination on the trail.

<u>Dugan Family donation</u> for trails signs on Middle Iditarod Trail and bench at the 5K parking are nearing completion. Remaining is the trail sign that will be produced and placed.

<u>Dugan Family donation</u> for reconstruction of 2 bridges on the Middle Iditarod Trail. We've started collecting materials and to work on this project.

Trail Map Project: Map committee has a Summer Trails Map that they recommend to GTC this month. With summer map complete they will begin fine-tuning the winter map.

Trails Commercial Use Permits: 2024 permits are being issued by Girdwood Parks and Recreation. Any business operating commercially on Girdwood public land and trails should have a permit issued locally. Contact for requesting permits is girdwoodpermits@anchorageak.gov 907-343-8373. Report operators without permits to Kyle Kelley: kyle.kelley@anchorageak.gov 907-343-8374.

More information available at: www.muni.org/gbos.

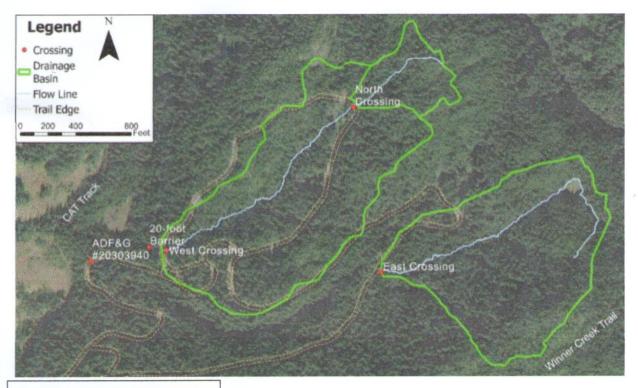
September 24, 2024

Public Notice from Girdwood Nordic Ski Club

The letter serves as Public Notice of the Girdwood Nordic Ski Club's (GNSC) proposal to replace three log stringer bridges (installed in 2009 and 2010) with culverts. These bridge sites are all unnamed tributaries of Moose Meadow Creek, the latter is listed in the Anadromous Waters Catalog (AWC). The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) has recommended aquatic organism passage for one of the crossings to preserve the connection to the upstream habitats. The other crossings will be designed to accommodate trail drainage.

The GNSC has contracted with HDR (and The Boutet Company subcontracted) to survey, design, prepare environmental permit applications for the two culvert replacements, pursue a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Nationwide permit for maintenance activities. Alaska Department of Fish and Game Fish Habitat permits will be issued out of the Anchorage Habitat office, and an Alaska Department of Natural Resources Temporary Water Use Permits.

The current log bridges have held up well, but The Girdwood Nordic Ski Club will seek funding to hire a contractor, and begin replacing the bridges in 2025 once permits are acquired. If you have any questions of concerns about this project, please contact Deb Essex at 24,2024 deb@skigirdwood.org. The Alaska Recreational Trails Program is the possible funding agency and include the RTP web address: http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/grants/trails



5K Loop, Girdwood Alaska