



**MINUTES DRAFT**  
**Girdwood Trails Committee Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 4 2025 7:00PM**

Girdwood Trails Committee meetings are taking place on Teams with in-person attendance at the Girdwood Community Room, 250 Egloff Rd.

GTC Voting members are defined as any person eighteen (18) years of age or older who has attended one or more Trails Committee meetings in the last 12 months, and is:

- a) a current resident and/or property owner, business owner or designated representative of a non-profit association; and
- b) who has resided in, owned property in, owned a business located in, or operated as a non-profit association for the preceding ninety (90) days or longer in Girdwood Valley.

Attendance is verified through a sign-in sheet available at each meeting, or equivalent process.

The Girdwood Board of Supervisors, its committees, and subcommittees are subject to the Alaska Open Meetings Act as found in Alaska Statute 44.62.310 and Anchorage Municipal Code 1.25 - Public Meetings.

The Girdwood Trails Committee operates under the Girdwood Public Meetings Standards of Conduct.

**Call to Order 7PM Barb Crews**

Approval of February 4 2025 meeting agenda

B Burnett/P Crews

Approval of January 7 2025 meeting minutes

P Crews/C Brodin

**Announcements & Presentations: None**

**Introductions:** All new/returning attendees are asked to introduce themselves, members attending via phone anonymously, and members attending jointly via one computer so that attendance is accurate.

**Public Comment (3 minutes each):** Public Comment must be on subjects not listed on the agenda.

Girdwood Comprehensive Plan goes before the Assembly on Feb 25 for hearing and likely vote. Refer to Imagine!Girdwood for updates.

**Old Business:**

1. Update on Winner Creek Trail Bridge at Glacier Creek

Presentation – see meeting packet for design information. For specific questions about materials, etc., please contact Kyle and he can send a link to full document packet. Ellen Hamel from Reid Middleton attends to answer questions. This is the 90% plan and is currently under review. Comments will be taken through the end of February, and a 95% plan will be created. At that point the project can go out to bid, in April. It's still possible that this could be done in 2025, although more likely that the project extends into 2026.

There will be no long-term impact to pack rafter access to Winner Creek. There may be a re-route of the trail during construction.

**Motion:**

GTC moves to support the 90% design for the Winner Creek Trail Bridge at Glacier Creek as presented.

Motion by K Sandberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by P Crews

Motion carries unanimously by assent vote

2. Election of officers to vacant GTC seats (vice chair 2 and treasurer)

No volunteers to take this on. For this year the Barb will take on treasurer role and receive Girdwood Inc reports of privately held funds. Vice Chair Burnett will handle letters.

3. Consider Community Trails Info message for upcoming month to be shared on social media

Ski only on the 5K now that grooming has started.

Pick up dog poop

Think before you Sink. Meadows are fragile when not frozen.

**New Business:**

4. Summer Trails Projects (other than the bridge discussed earlier)
  - Middle Iditarod NHT  
RTP funded project from 2024 application (delayed by FWA until now). State has assured GPR that funding is secure and trail crew has been requested from Alaska Trails.  
Project will start at the North boundary with USFS land and work down the alignment toward Girdwood.  
Re-channel drainage, deal with problem drainage areas  
Replace 2 bridges
  - Pedestrian Bridge on California Creek connecting town center to Crow Creek Road  
Privately funded re-build at 50% design currently.
  - Virgin Creek Trail tread work  
Privately funded addition of gravel to the trail surface extending to the top of the Falls overlook  
YEP crew secured for this project to haul gravel
  - Lower Beaver Pond Trail  
Significant project following mudslide, tree blowdown from Beaver dam to Bird/Gird Trail.
  - Storm repair/Winter clean-up  
Lower Iditarod NHT Trail tread wash-outs  
Deb's Way erosion from storms  
Various locations deal with tree blowdowns
  - Lower Virgin Creek Trail (from Virgin Creek Road  
Install Trailhead post  
Clear blowdowns  
Establish route to the bench to deter meandering trail on the sidehill.

There are many aspects of these projects that volunteers will be needed.  
One is hauling in materials for a Middle INHT bridge site up Crow Creek Road.  
Staff is looking for volunteers and volunteer work parties to assist in these projects.

**Other:**

5. Ongoing Trails Issues for update:
  - Trails maps: awaiting meeting with contractor to review changes. Margaret will re-send the list she has so that the group can review and make sure the requests they have are complete.
  - Girdwood Trails Management Plan update: Barb and Kate have made edits to Chapter 1. These will be provided in the meeting packet for the group to review and consider approving at the March meeting. They will work on Chapter 2 and provide a draft for review once it's ready.
  - Status of Trails grants: See meeting packet
  - Other Trails Issues: Lots of storms and thank you for help with getting trails open.
  - Winter grooming: 5k is groomed. Meadows need 20" of snow to groom.
6. Monthly LUC/GBOS Meeting Representatives:
7. Written Reports should be submitted to include in meeting packet

**Adjourn 7:50PM**