



## January 2025 Report Girdwood Trails Committee

**Thank you!** We have a lot to be grateful for – including lots of groomers poised to get to work on the trails once there's some snow! In the meantime, the hiking under the canopy has been great and the fat tire biking has been amazing also.

### **Updates and other business:**

Girdwood Valley Trails Management Plan. 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.

Girdwood Comprehensive Plan. Planning and Zoning hearing was July 15. Item has been introduced at the Assembly with hearing Dec 17; Assembly will likely continue hearing on Jan 21. More information available on Imagine!Girdwood website: [imaginegirdwood.org](http://imaginegirdwood.org)

**Repairs/Future Improvements:** The trail bridge from Townsquare to Crow Creek Road has been leveled. Restricted donation received for work on this project. Plan is to rebuild the bridge in 2025.

**Suspension Bridge:** Design continues with our contractors towards a complete design set. Goal is to bid the project for construction 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:** \$73,102 held in Girdwood Inc Account (11/29/24).

### **Grants Status report:**

State of Alaska, Capital Budget: 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. Staff has completed final report and grant is closed.

Recreational Trails Program Grant (RTP): GVSA submitted RTP grant application for work on Middle INHT Oct 31 2023. Delays with the funder pushed the grant project to 2025, staff is scheduling Alaska Trails Crew to do the work. No grant application submitted for 2025 cycle. Next opportunity will be 2026.

Dugan Family donation 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.

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

**Trail Map Project:** Summer map project complete, anticipate some small edits to clarify e-bike use. First winter map meeting was held Nov 25, pending discussion with contractor in early 2025.

**Trails Commercial Use Permits:** 2025 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](mailto:girdwoodpermits@anchorageak.gov) 907-343-8373. Report operators without permits to Kyle Kelley: [kyle.kelley@anchorageak.gov](mailto:kyle.kelley@anchorageak.gov) 907-343-8374.

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