

INTERIOR TRAILS QUARTERLY

Dedicated to the preservation and maintenance of trails in interior Alaska

March 2014

INTERIORWIDE

2014 RECREATIONAL TRAIL PROGRAM GRANTS AWARDED



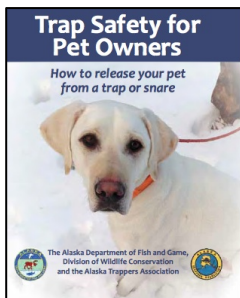
Many trail projects around the state have been tentatively awarded 2014 Recreational Trail Program (RTP) grants. The projects are subject to final approval from the Federal Highway Administration.

RTP is a federally funded competitive and reimbursable matching trail grant program. For more information about the Recreational Trails Program, please visit the program's website at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/grants/trails.htm>

Below are statewide projects that were tentatively awarded Safety and Education grants. For a description of local projects chosen to receive grants, see the Fairbanks and Chena Hot Springs Road sections later in this newsletter. To see other projects chosen from across the state see: <http://tinyurl.com/mosdj2w>

- **Trail Academy:** A \$18,200 grant to Alaska Trails to create a series of advanced trail trainings to trail professionals and volunteers around the state using the Alaska Trails advanced education curriculum modules. Alaska Trails will plan, organize, and conduct three separate trails trainings – one in Juneau, one in Fairbanks, and one in the Anchorage / Mat-Su Valley area. These trainings will each be several days in length and take place in the spring of 2015.
- **Trail Mapping and Public Education:** A \$58,196 grant to the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation for a position to create and update trail maps within state parks for internal and public use. It provides funding to create Trail Guides for popular summer and winter, motorized and non-motorized trails and make them available on the Alaska State Parks website. The guides will be two-sided, with a trail description on one side and a map on the other. Trail descriptions will include trail mileage, elevation gain, points of interest, and special/safety considerations. One goal of this project is to create new park maps for all major park units in a consistent style and format.

PAMPHLET HELPS OWNERS DEAL WITH PETS IN TRAPS



Pet owners living adjacent to or recreating on public lands are reminded that midwinter in Alaska means fur trapping seasons are open and in full swing. Pets running off-leash and not closely supervised risk having their toes pinched – or worse.

When pets do encounter traps or snares, owners must be prepared to act quickly. That's why the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) and the Alaska Trappers Association (ATA) have teamed up to produce a pocket-sized pamphlet titled "Trap Safety for Pet

Owners.” The new pocket guide describes the types of traps and snares that may be encountered and provides illustrated instructions on how to free pets swiftly and safely.

Copies of the “Trap Safety for Pet Owners” guide are available free of charge at department offices, or may be viewed on the website at: <http://tinyurl.com/m6oulhk>.

More information, including video footage featuring trap removal instructions, is found on the department’s website at www.adfg.alaska.gov (see “Sharing the Trails” under the “Trapping” tab), and on the ATA website at www.alaskatrappers.org.

(From ADF&G press release)

CYCLING LEGEND, TRAIL ADVOCATE REIFENSTUHL DIES



Ultra-athlete and Fairbanksan Rocky Reifenstuhl died recently due to heart problems. Articles about him have been written in the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner and the Alaska Dispatch. While he was well known for his feats as a long-distance biker, on road and trails, he was also a strong trails advocate. Rocky served on the board of the Interior Trails Preservation Coalition until his death and fought hard for trails, especially for preservation of the Equinox Marathon Trail. Rocky ran the Equinox Marathon many times and believed everything should be done to save the event and the trail named after it.

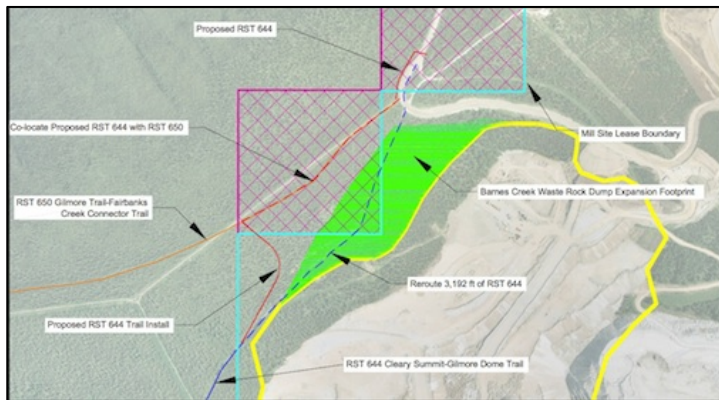
To read stories about Rocky, see the:

- Fairbanks Daily News-Miner: <http://tinyurl.com/p4vuzhf>
- Alaska Dispatch: <http://tinyurl.com/n8ngfup>

(Photo from Rocky’s page: <http://www.arcticrecreation.com>)

FAIRBANKS AREA

COMMENT SOUGHT FOR TRAIL REROUTE NEAR FORT KNOX MINE



The state is seeking public comment on a proposal to reroute a portion of the Cleary Summit – Gilmore Dome Trail.

This popular trail is used by a variety of trail users including snowmachiners, mountain bikers, runners and four-wheelers. The affected portion serves as the beginning of the Gold Discovery Run and runs across property owned by

Fort Knox Gold Mine. Mine managers want to expand part of the mine’s operations into land now occupied by the trail. They have applied to the state Department of Natural Resources for the reroute.

The trail is a legislatively accepted historic trail and RS2477 right-of-way. The portion of the trail being considered for rerouting is between a mile and a half-mile long.

Written comments must be received by the state on or before 5 p.m. on March 14, 2014, in order to ensure consideration. To submit written comments, to view the full application packet, or to seek additional information, please contact: R. Bruce Sackinger; DNR, DMLW, Northern Region Lands Section; 3700 Airport Way; Fairbanks, AK 99709-4699; Phone (907) 451-2720; Fax: (907) 451-2751; E-mail: bruce.sackinger@alaska.gov

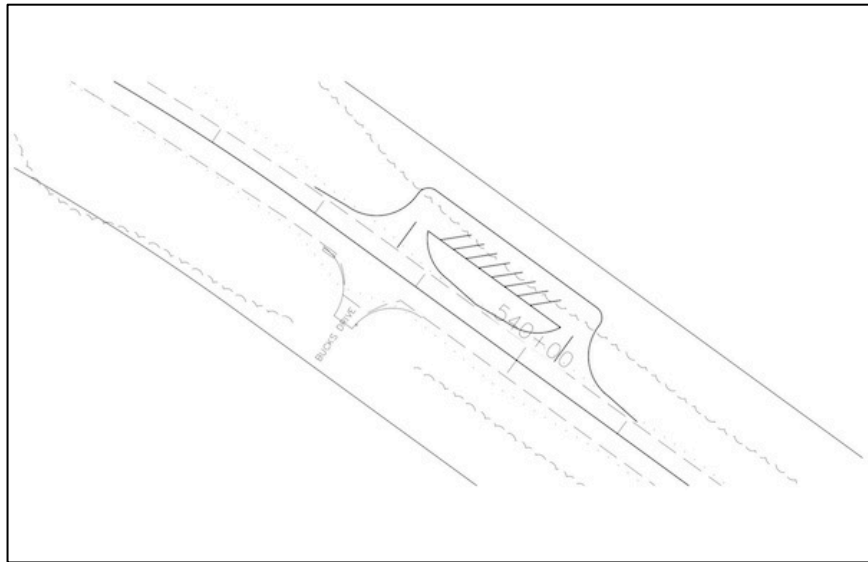
See the full public notice and a higher resolution map at:
<http://tinyurl.com/qddgjsp>

EL DORADO CREEK TRAIL PULLOUT TO BE REPLACED

The El Dorado Creek Trail parking pullout will be restored – and improved – this summer.

The pullout along Goldstream Road was removed during fall cleanup of the Goldstream Road

Improvements Project. In January, trail users alerted the state Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT) about the loss. Users of the popular winter trail, which connects trails along Old Murphy Dome Road to trails in the Goldstream Valley, often parked their cars in the pullout. People now park along the shoulder to



access the trail, which is much more dangerous.

DOT plans to replace the pullout “with a new pullout that is separated from the road to allow for improved safety and maintenance,” according to Judy Chapman, chief planner of the DOT’s northern region.

“The design will be a gravel pullout with room for approximately 8 vehicles, with paved approaches. This pullout is currently in design and will be replaced during the second phase of the Goldstream Road Improvements project occurring this summer.”

Judy also noted that the pullout, as shown in the graphic, “will be shifted a bit to the northwest so that the pullout ingress aligns with Bucks Drive.”

LAWSUIT CONTINUES FOR PUBLIC ACCESS TO ESTER TRAILS

The following is from an email by Geoffrey Orth regarding a lawsuit to protect public access to trails in the Ester Valley:

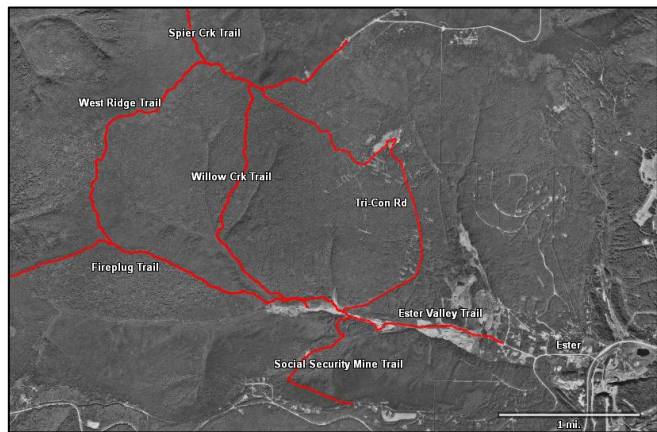
The Ester Valley Road is still blocked by a locked gate at the entrance, and berms prevent access from the Social Security and Tri-Con trails. We are continuing litigation... we have presented numerous settlement offers before and after filing legal

action. The strategy of the property owner appears to be delay, delay, then file more paper, and make it as costly as possible. This is getting expensive, but I believe we will be successful with the Ester Valley access, as we were with the Eva Creek Trail. As of 25 January, my costs:

Donations Received	14,976.73
Eva Creek Trail Legal Fees	-9,082.45
Eva Creek Settlement Compensation	2,000.00
Ester Valley Trail Legal Fees	-14,006.34
Current Balance	\$ -6,112.06

As you can see, we're in the hole and need your assistance.

A short recap. This email is going out to 137 individuals and 13 local user groups. We have received funding from 31 sources, averaging \$488 each. So far the largest donation is over \$4,400 from a local trail organization. For the record, my wife and I have contributed \$2,000. Beyond this contribution and my time in litigation, we are personally financially responsible.



This is a multi-use, multi-season trail/road providing critical access to public lands further west in Ester Valley and the Social Security Mine Trail, Fireplug Trail and Tri-Con Mine Road. We believe this access, because of its historic nature and over 100 years of documented use, is a public right-of-way. There are also right-of-way easements in recorded warranty deeds. The Largets, by controlling access, are in effect "privatizing" this public resource.

Your donations have gone a long way in preserving access rights for future generations; I greatly appreciate your financial support in this effort. Send donations payable to **Law Offices William Satterberg**, 709 4th Avenue, Fairbanks, AK 99701-4416. Write **fbo Ester Trails Defense** on the "memo" line and cc me so I can track the funding (p.s. They take credit/debit cards, unfortunately, no PayPal.).

Please contact me if you have any questions or want additional information: Geoffrey Orth (gcorth@straydogs.us)
(Map of affected Ester area trails by Geoffrey Orth)

2013 RECREATIONAL TRAIL PROGRAM GRANTS

Grants for the following Fairbanks-area projects have been tentatively awarded from the Recreational Trail Program.

- Tanana Lakes Trail: A \$50,000 grant to the Fairbanks North Star Borough to build a 2,000-foot section of non-motorized trail within the Tanana Lakes Recreation Area. This trail section will be constructed of gravel and recycled asphalt pavement and will follow the shoreline of Goose Island, providing vistas of the non-motorized lake, which is managed for swimming, paddling and birding.
- Fairbanks Dog Park Inc: A grant for \$30,000 will construct an additional 500-foot-long trail loop at the Fairbanks dog park, smooth frost heaves in the existing trail, and link the existing fenced training area to the existing trail. One trail link will include a culvert to convey seasonal runoff.

FAIRBANKS AREA LINKS

- Borough allots \$150,000 for Tanana Lakes Recreation Area (which has a trail component): <http://tinyurl.com/kokhj35>

CHENA HOT SPRINGS ROAD

TRAIL BUILDER SOUGHT FOR MASTODON TRAIL PROJECT

Alaska Trails is seeking quotes for an equipment operator with a trail dozer to construct seven miles of new contour trail along the previously flagged Mastodon Trail in the Chena River State Recreation Area.

Alaska Trails has been contracted to facilitate the construction of the trail, which starts at Mile 38.6 Chena Hot Springs Road. The trail corridor has been partially cleared of vegetation about 6- to 8-foot-wide for final mechanical construction of a 4-foot-wide full bench-cut trail. This project will begin July 1 and is to be completed by September 30.

Interested people should submit a cost per hour for trail dozer and operator. The dozer must be no more than 4 feet wide and of at least 80 horsepower.

A more detailed Invitation for Quotes announcement can be found on the Alaska Trails website (http://www.alaska-trails.org/about_us/documents.shtml). The full IFQ, including a location map, may be obtained by contacting Geoffrey Orth (geoffrey.orth@alaska-trails.org). Closing date for bids is 12pm, March 21, 2014.

2013 RECREATIONAL TRAIL PROGRAM GRANT

A grant for the following Chena River State Recreation Area project has been tentatively awarded from the Recreational Trail Program.

- Trail Gate: A \$14,644 grant to Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, Northern office, for the purchase and installation of locking gates at Compeau, Mastodon,

Granite Tors, Lower Chena Dome, Angel Rocks, and Angel Creek trails, and the Stiles Creek Trail System (3 gates) in the Chena River State Recreation Area. Temporarily closing these locking gates during spring break-up will help protect natural resources, decrease maintenance costs, and reduce trail degradation. They may also be used to temporarily close the trail for other management or public safety reasons.

STATEWIDE

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR STATEWIDE TRAILS CONFERENCE

The 2014 Statewide Trails Conference will be held April 24-26 at Alaska Pacific University in Anchorage.



The keynote speakers will be Troy Duffin, president of Utah's Alpine Trails, Inc., and Christine Byl, co-owner of Interior Trails and author of *Dirt Work: An Education in the Woods*.

Breakout sessions during the conference include Trail Maintenance, Mini-Mechanized Equipment, Funding for Trails, Youth Trail Projects, Trail Crews, Health and Economic Benefits



of Trails, Easements, Mountain Bike Flow Trails and more.

Two preconference sessions, to be held April 22 and 23, will be Fundamentals of OHV Trail Management and Trail Contracting.

For a conference agenda and registration information please see: www.alaska-trails.org

(Photo of Troy Duffin from Alaska Trails. Photo of Christine Byl from <http://www.alaskawritersdirectory.com>)

CHANGES IN NATIONAL WATER BILL SPARKS CALL FOR ACTION

The following excerpt is from a post by Don Kiely on the Fairbanks Paddlers listserve regarding an issue affecting water trails:

There's a bill pending in Congress, H.R. 3189, "Water Rights protection Act," that could dramatically and devastatingly affect rivers throughout the United States, very much including Alaska. The bill was originally conceived to settle a specific conflict between Colorado's ski industry and the U.S. Forest Service. But as too often happens, the bill making its way through Congress is now overly broad, having been heavily influenced by industries affected by water rights. And that original conflict apparently has already been settled. Yet the bill lives on.

You can read the text of the bill here

<<http://beta.congress.gov/bill/113th/house-bill/3189/text>> (go ahead, it's actually quite short).

American Rivers has a post from a few days ago about the effect this bill would have <<http://www.americanrivers.org/blog/hr3189-sucks-rivers-dry-why-you-should-care/>>. And if you know any of the management or the owner of Alyeska

*Resort, you might ask them why they are supporting the bill
<<https://www.americanrivers.org/blog/supporting-a-bill-that-could-hurt-rivers/>>
and to please not to! (That link is the only place I've found that says they support it, so
take the information there with some reasonable skepticism.)*

USE "PICK. CLICK. GIVE." TO DONATE TO ALASKA TRAILS

The application deadline for the Permanent Fund Dividend is March 31. Alaska Trails is included in the PFD's "Pick. Click. Give" charitable contributions program. It's a secure and easy way to make a donation. When you file for your PFD online, you will be given an opportunity to donate using money from your PFD. If you do, please remember Alaska Trails.

If you use "Pick. Click. Give" you will be able to check a box that authorizes the state to send your name, contact information and the amount you give when it sends contributions to an organization. We want to acknowledge and recognize your generous support, and this is the only way we will know it's you making the gift. Since we will not see who contributes until this fall, you can also email Alaska Trails President Geoffrey Orth (geoffrey.orth@alaska-trails.org) and we will keep you informed of our projects in your community.

For more information on "Pick. Click. Give" see: www.pickclickgive.org.

ALASKA TRAILS HAS TOOL TRAILERS FOR PROJECTS



As you start planning trail building and maintenance projects, remember that Alaska Trails has a mobile tool caches in the Fairbanks-area available to loan to organized trail groups in Interior Alaska.

The trailers were upgraded recently and have a plethora of trail tools including mcleods, pulaskis, rakes, gloves, and much, much more.

If you would like to borrow one of the caches, contact Geoffrey Orth (geoffrey.orth@alaska-trails.org).

STUDENT GROUP LOOKING FOR DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR



The Student Conservation Association, Alaska Region, is looking to hiring a Conservation Program and Business Development Coordinator.

This person will be coordinating between many of the group's Park, Forest, Refuge and Public Land partners and many of its young adult members.

Position description is posted on the group's website (thesca.org) or go to it directly at (<http://tinyurl.com/nyj8rff>).

ALASKA TRAILS HAS INFORMATION ON STATEWIDE TRAILS

Alaska Trails has an online database of trail guides and other trail-related information found on the Internet. The information is broken down into folders based on regions including statewide, Southeast, Southcentral, and Interior. Clicking on a folder gives a user more folders from which to choose.

The online trail maps are extremely varied. Some are produced by government agencies, such as the Alaska Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation or the National Park Service, while others are produced by private groups or individuals, such as TrailMapper, a statewide resource that allows users to add their own trails and descriptions.

People interested in exploring new trails will find an abundance of resources at their fingertips. See the database at: <http://www.alaska-trails.org/cgi/otg/trailguide.cgi>

STATEWIDE TRAILS-RELATED NEWSLETTERS

- State Parks' Eagle Watch (includes a story about the Byers Creek suspension bridge) : <http://tinyurl.com/qxdcshg>

STATEWIDE LINKS

- Avalanche danger a risk not worth taking: <http://tinyurl.com/mc4w2me>
- Preparedness in the backcountry can be key to survival: <http://tinyurl.com/m9no5be>
- Radio show Outdoor Explorer has recently featured:
 - Alaska Mountain Rescue: <http://tinyurl.com/mb9vs25>
 - Backcountry Skiing: <http://tinyurl.com/konagpm>
- Kodiak's Island Trails Network Monthly Trails Update: <http://tinyurl.com/ko9xpl9>
- Compass: Anchorage airport still has its eyes on park land: <http://tinyurl.com/kjeun6s>
- On the Trails: January bushwhacks: <http://tinyurl.com/lkeazpw>
- Juneau man prepares for first of four 100-mile ultras for "Alaska Grand Slam": <http://tinyurl.com/ku6kxgg>
- On the Trails: Hard snow: <http://tinyurl.com/nyqwk8u>

NATIONWIDE

RECREATIONAL TRAIL PROGRAM AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE

Nominations for the Annual Achievement Awards for Recreational Trail Program (RTP) projects are due in March.

The Coalition for Recreational Trails (CRT), a nationwide federation of trail-related organizations, sponsors the Annual Achievement Awards to recognize outstanding trail projects funded by the RTP. The awards will be presented in Washington, D.C., during Great Outdoors Week in June 2014 as part of the coalition's ongoing efforts to build awareness and appreciation of this highly successful program. Award recipients and their members of Congress are invited to join CRT on Capitol Hill in honoring these outstanding achievements.

The nomination form with at least 700 words of descriptive text, several print-quality photos, and any supporting materials must be turned in by March 28, 2014, to dtaylor@mic.org.

For more information see: <http://tinyurl.com/m693prg>

NATIONWIDE LINKS

MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, TRAINING, ETC.

- For a listing of upcoming trail workshops, conferences, and other meetings, see the American Trails calendar at: www.americantrails.org/Calendar.html

RECENT TRAILS E-NEWSLETTERS

- Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (March 2014): <http://tinyurl.com/cp9er4s>

STUDIES

- Study shows effectiveness of Safe Routes to School programs: <http://tinyurl.com/p6at97m>
- Report shows health benefits to society from cycling outweigh negative impacts: <http://tinyurl.com/lpl3hz3>

OTHER LINKS:

- Dirt Search: Help fund Yukon mountain bike trails: <http://tinyurl.com/kmdez8d>
- An expert's Top 10 Seattle park walks: <http://tinyurl.com/kdkw74c>
- Trail etiquette and safety for equestrians, hikers and mountain bikers: <http://tinyurl.com/kzrl8ex>
- 15 of the world's great horse treks: <http://tinyurl.com/mapv5kr>
- Hiking muddy trails is causing longterm damage (From Idaho, but an Alaska problem, too, especially in spring): <http://tinyurl.com/n2suytr>
- Fat-Biker Fined For Riding On Snowmobile Trails: <http://tinyurl.com/jvgy2u9>
- Uniquely New Hampshire: More snowmobile trails than highways: <http://tinyurl.com/le3dm5u>
- Help Us Identify Walking Efforts in the US by taking survey: <http://tinyurl.com/lfzylam>
- Scenic winter trails across USA (includes Anchorage's Kincaid Beach Trail): <http://tinyurl.com/kggm42s>
- President Obama Lays Out Vision for 21st Century Transportation Infrastructure: <http://tinyurl.com/qjpmDOB>

REGULAR NOTICES

TRAIL EASEMENT MIGHT LOWER YOUR PROPERTY TAX

If you've got a recreational trail running across your property that is open to the public, you may qualify for a reduced property tax.

State law requires that land subject to a public recreational use easement (which can include trails) must be assessed at its true value. This recognizes that such easements restrict what a landowner can do with the property subject to the easement. (See AS 29.45.062 and AS 34.17.100. Find Alaska Statutes at www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/folio.asp.)

However, the land or trail in question must have a legal easement. Granting an

easement to the state is free and fairly easily. Download the two-page “Public Recreation Easement” form under the “Land Forms” tab at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/forms/>. Granting the easement will also give the landowner tort and liability immunity (AS 34.17.055).

If you think you may qualify for a property tax reduction due to this law, contact your local government’s Assessing Department.

COMPREHENSIVE TRAIL PLAN HELPS PRESERVE TRAILS

If you’ve got a trail you like and you’re not sure if it’s protected for future use by the public, check to see if it’s included in the Fairbanks borough’s Comprehensive Recreational Trail Plan. The plan was first adopted more than 20 years ago and trails are added to it regularly. If your favorite trail is not included in the plan then you should strongly consider getting it added. The plan is one of the best ways to protect a trail from being lost to development. To find out more about the plan and how to get a trail added contact Borough Trails Coordinator Tom Hancock (459-7401; thancock@co.fairbanks.ak.us).

Another way to find out about the trails plan is to attend a borough Trails Advisory Commission meeting or contact one of the members (see info below).

BORO TRAILS ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETS MONTHLY

The Fairbanks borough’s Trails Advisory Commission (TAC) meets the second Tuesday of each month in the Pioneer Hall Lobby at Pioneer Park, at 6 p.m. unless otherwise announced. For further information, contact the Parks and Recreation Dept. at 459-1070 or email parks@co.fairbanks.ak.us.

The commission advises the borough government on matters relating to trails within the borough, especially relating to the Comprehensive Recreational Trail Plan. A list of TAC members can be downloaded at <http://co.fairbanks.ak.us/Boards/trailscomm-members.pdf>.

KEEP TRACK OF LAND USE PLANS FOR TRAILS IMPACT



The state Department of Natural Resources has several plans and studies underway across the state that affect how the state deals with its lands. Often this includes land and water trails. These plans and studies have opportunities for public comment.

Take a look at the planning web page for the Division of Land, Water, and Mining (<http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/planning/>). If you see a plan or study that affects an area with trails important to you, please look into opportunities for public comment.

FORAKER GROUP OFFERS CLASSES FOR NON-PROFITS



The Foraker Group, which is dedicated to strengthening Alaska’s non-profits, offers classes about the proper workings of non-profit groups, which include many trail and trail user groups. If you are a member or employee of a non-profit group consider taking one of the classes, which are offered in several communities and statewide by teleconference. For more information visit the

Foraker Group website (www.forakergroup.org/) or call 907/743-1200 or (toll free) 877/834-5003.

LINKS TO INTERIOR TRAIL INFORMATION

- Fairbanks Area Trail Conditions (Facebook): www.facebook.com/fairbankstrails
- TrailMapper (local and statewide trails): www.trailmapper.org
- University of Alaska Fairbanks (trail maps, conditions) www.uaf.edu/fs/northcampus/
- Skijoring trails page: www.alaskaskijoring.org/trails/
- Goldstream winter trails: www.acsalaska.net/~brucemc/trail_maps/mapsof.html
- Fairbanks Cycle Club ride maps: www.fairbankscycleclub.org/Rides/
- Ester Dome/Happy Valley Singletrack: www.fairbankscycleclub.org/Rides/EDS.pdf
- Alaska state park trails (includes Chena River SRA): www.alaskastatetrails.org
- Nordic Ski Club of Fairbanks trails page: www.nscfairbanks.org/index.php/trails
- Jim Whisenant Trails at Birch Hill Recreation Area:
www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/ParksandRecreation/Facilities/BH/Default.htm
- Equinox Marathon Trail: www.equinoxmarathon.org
- UAF trails (maps, conditions, etc): www.uaf.edu/fs/northcampus/
- Creamer's Field: www.creamersfield.org
- Goldstream Sports classic ski trail: goldstreamsports.com/new/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/Ski-trail-sign-map-20122.pdf
- Happy Trails, Inc. (video and pics of some local trails): www.happytrailsak.com
- White Mountains National Rec Area (trail maps, conditions):
www.blm.gov/ak/st/en/prog/nlcs/white_mtns.html
- SnowTRAC trails (groomed for snowmachines; includes Yukon Quest, Chena River SRA, Denali Highway): <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/grants/groompl.htm>
- Fairbanks Snow Travelers Trails database (requires account): www.snowtravelers.org
- BLM Eastern Interior Office (Pinnell Trail, Fortymile River, Beaver and Birch creeks, etc): www.blm.gov/ak/st/en/fo/fdo/eastern_interior_field.html
- Pinnel Mountain Trail guide: www.bottomdollar.us/Pinnell%20home.html
- BLM Glennallen office (trails off Denali, Richardson and Edgerton highways):
www.blm.gov/ak/st/en/fo/gdo/trails.html
- National Park Service units: www.nps.gov/state/ak/index.htm?program=all

(If you know of more please send me an email: fbxtrails@gmail.com)

LINKS TO INTERIOR TRAIL USER GROUPS

Dog mushing groups

Alaska Dog Musers Association: www.sleddog.org/

Alaska Skijoring and Pulk Association: www.alaskaskijoring.org/

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Two Rivers Dog Musers Association: www.trdma.org/

Misc.

Alaska Outdoor Council: www.alaskaoutdoorcouncil.org/

Alaska Trappers Association: www.alaskatrappers.org/

Arctic Audubon Society: www.arcticaudubon.org/

Chena Flats Greenbelt Project: <http://interioraklandtrust.org/chena-flats-greenbelt-project/>

Delta Nordic/Ski Trail Club: <http://deltanordicskitrail.ning.com>

Ester Trails Committee: www.estercommunity.org/committees/trails.html

Fairbanks Cycle Club: www.fairbankscycleclub.org/

Fairbanks Mountaineers: www.meetup.com/FairbanksAreaMountaineers/

Friends of Creamers Field: www.creamersfield.org/Welcome.html

Fairbanks Paddlers: www.fairbankspaddlers.org/

Interior Alaska Trail Riders Association (for horseback riders):
www.ptialaska.net/~lnorth/

Nordic Ski Club of Fairbanks: <http://www.nscfairbanks.org/>

Running Club North: www.runningclubnorth.org/

Mountain climbing groups

Alaska Alpine Club: www.alaska-alpine-club.com

Alaskan Alpine Club: www.alaskanalpineclub.org/

Off-road groups

Arctic Offroad: www.arcticoffroad.com/

Fairbanks Offroad Lions Club: www.fairbanksoffroadlions.com/

Snowmachine groups

The Fairbanks Snow Travelers: www.snowtravelers.org/

University of Alaska Fairbanks-related

UAF Trails Club: <https://sites.google.com/a/alaska.edu/trails/>

UAF Outdoor Adventures: www.uaf.edu/outdoor/

UAF North Campus Recreation: <http://facilities.alaska.edu/uaf/ncampus/index.cfm>

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DISCLAIMER: Interior Trails Quarterly and ITQ Action Updates are not products of any organization. However, I am a board member of the Interior Trails Preservation Coalition, a member of several Interior trail user groups, and a member of Alaska Trails and editor of its newsletter.