

Recommended Revisions to the Public Review Draft Chugach State Park Trail Management Plan

The following revisions coupled with the public review draft version of the plan constitute the final plan.

**Chugach State Park Trail Management Plan
Recommended Revisions
2016**

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Revision</u>
CHAPTER 2: GENERAL TRAIL POLICIES	
Green Infrastructure Page 2-1, Lines 17-21	The Green Infrastructure section of the plan will be revised to clarify how the approach is to be used.
Re-vegetation Requirements	The trail plan will be revised to include self sustaining plant material in the re-vegetation requirements. An invasive plant section is included in the overall management plan for the park.
Plan Inclusions	The implementation section of the plan will be revised to add general priority language.
CHAPTER 3: TRAIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM	
Outslope Requirements	Outslope requirements will be increased to align with best management practices suitable for Alaska soil conditions.
Nordic Design Parameters & Grooming	Language will be added to the plan indicating that park staff will work with the Nordic Skiing Association of Anchorage (NSAA) to insure that trails can be easily groomed.
APPENDICES & MAPS	
Appendix C- Glossary	The trail plan will be revised to include additional definitions in Appendix C.
Appendix D- Route Map	The route map will be modified to show the routes with dashed lines instead of solid lines.
GENERAL COMMENTS	
Wilderness	The trail plan will be include a brief discussion of the park zones and a reference to the overall management plan for more information.
CHAPTER 4: TRAIL SPECIFIC COMMENTS BY PLANNING UNIT	
EKLUTNA-PETERS CREEK UNIT	
Eklutna Lake Watershed	The trail plan will be revised to include additional language for the Eklutna-Peters Creek Unit description to note that Eklutna Lake is a major source of drinking water for residents of the Municipality of Anchorage.

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Eklutna Lake Spillway & Lakeside Loop Access Trails (104, 105, & 106)	The trail plan will be modified to split trail 106 into two segments. The segment nearest the campground and picnic area will remain designed and managed for Bicycle, Trail Class 4 with Bicycle and Hiker as Managed Use. The other segment linking to trail 107 will be designed and managed for Hiker-Pedestrian, Trail Class 2 to provide compatible connectivity to trail 107. Trail 105 will be removed.
Eklutna Lakeside Loop Trail (107)	The trail plan will be revised to change the Designed Use of trail 107 to Hiker-Pedestrian, Trail Class 2 with Hiker as the Managed Use.
Mt. Eklutna Trail	Plan will be modified to include a trail in the Thunder Bird Creek Valley area. The recommendation will include a Class 2 or 3 trail designed and managed for Hiker-Pedestrian.
Connect Peters Creek(117b) & Ptarmigan Valley with a Motorized Trail	This trail recommendation will be added to the final plan, and will encompass a Class 3 Snow Trail designed for Snowmobile and managed for Snowmobile, Ski, Hiker, and Bicycle. A Class 3 Terra Trail designed for Pack & Saddle and managed for Pack & Saddle, Hiker, and Bicycle will also be included to connect the existing trail systems.
EAGLE RIVER UNIT	
North Fork Eagle River Boat Launch (206b)	Plan will be modified to include Bicycle as a Managed Use on trail 206b.
Ram Valley Access & Trail Alternative	The final plan will be modified to include a bubble for access trails in the Ram Valley area. The recommendation will include a Class 2 and/or 3 trail designed and managed for Hiker-Pedestrian.
Four Corners Loop Trail (218a)	The trail plan will be revised to change the Trail Class for trail segment 218a to Trail Class 3 in the Chapter 4: Trail Management Recommendations section.
Eagle River Campground Roads	The Eagle River Campground loops will be designated as Class 5 Snow Trails with Nordic Ski as the Designed Use and Managed Use.
Eagle River Campground Trail System (224b-c)	The plan will be revised to change the Trail Class for Snow Trails 224b-c to Trail Class 4.
Eagle River Greenbelt Trails (223 & 224)	The trail 223 recommendations will be modified in the final plan to include additional language for the Eagle River Greenbelt Trail to note that the portion that connects the Glenn Highway and Briggs Bridge will be reevaluated and that the remainder of the trail between Briggs Bridge and the Eagle River Nature Center will be the priority for construction.
Eagle River Boat Launch (225b)	Plan will be modified to include Bicycle as a Managed Use on trail 225b.

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South Fork Eagle River Trail (227a-c)	Plan will be modified to include Pack & Saddle as the Designed Use for trail segments 227b-c with Pack & Saddle and Hiker as the Managed Uses.
South Fork Eagle River Valley – New Loop Trail Needed	Plan will be modified to include a bubble for a loop trail in the South Fork Eagle River Valley that links to the existing trail. The recommendation will include a Class 3 trail designed and managed for Hiker-Pedestrian.
SHIP CREEK UNIT	
Rendezvous Peak Trail (302a-b)	The final plan will be modified to correct a typo that appeared in the draft plan. The Managed Use for trail segment 302a will be Hiker only.
Arctic Valley Lease Site Plan Edits	The Plan will identify trails that are maintained by Anchorage Ski Club.
Use of Military Road	The trail plan will be revised to include language regarding the ownership of the Arctic Valley Road in addition to the hours of operation and the potential for closures. Additionally, an Appendix will be added to the plan with the regulations for recreating on U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Richardson lands.
HILLSIDE UNIT	
Lost Cabin Valley & Near Point Trails (400a & 401a)	Plan will be revised to change the Designed Use of trail 400a to Pack & Saddle, Trail Class 2 with Pack & Saddle, Bicycle, and Hiker as Managed Uses.
Lost Cabin Valley Trail (400a)	Plan will be modified to include Pack & Saddle as the Designed Use for trail 400a with Pack & Saddle, Bicycle, and Hiker as Managed Uses.
Lost Cabin Valley Trail (400b)	Plan will be modified to include Bicycle as a Managed Use on trail 400b.
Campbell Creek Canyon & Williwaw Lakes Trails (402 & 408)	The trail plan will be revised to include language regarding the segment of trails 402 and 408 that traverse military land and Map 4.9 will also be modified. In addition, an Appendix will be added to the plan with the regulations for recreating on U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Richardson lands.
Long Lake Trail Alternative	Plan will be modified to include a Class 2 trail designed and managed for Hiker-Pedestrian in this area.
Spencer Loop Connector Trail (409a-b)	This trail recommendation will be added to the final plan, and will encompass a Class 4 Snow Trail designed for Nordic Ski and managed for Nordic Ski and Skijor uses and a Class 3 Terra Trail designed for Bicycle and managed for Bicycle and Hiker. This will provide compatible connectivity to the Far North Bicentennial Park trail system and a continuous grooming surface in winter.

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Llama Trail (410b)	The trail plan will be revised to change the Designed Use of trail 410b to Cross-Country Ski, Trail Class 2 with Ski, Bicycle, and Hiker as Managed Use to provide compatible connectivity to the Far North Bicentennial Park trails.
White Spruce Trail (416a-b)	The trail plan will be modified to include Bicycle as a Managed Use on trail 416b.
Replace Bridge Connecting Blueberry Hollow & Middle Fork Trails and Add New Trail Segment Connecting Middle Fork Campbell Creek with Powerline	This trail recommendation will be added to the final plan, and will encompass a Class 2 trail designed and managed for Hiker-Pedestrian.
Gasline Trail (419b-c)	The trail plan will be modified to include Bicycle as a Managed Use on trails 419b-c.
Shebanof Avenue Connector Trail (422b)	The trail plan will be modified to include Bicycle as a Managed Use on trail 422b.
Need More Than Just Trail 425a in Hillside Area Open to Horse Use	Revise plan: see trails 400a, 404a, 419a, and 421a.
Rabbit Lake & McHugh Creek Trails (442 & 502)	Revise text to include that trail 442 should be designed in such a way as to discourage bicycle use beyond its terminus.
McHugh Peak Area Trails (445)	The trail plan will be revised to include additional language to clarify that the trail recommendation for 445 denotes a series of Class 2-3 trails designed and managed for Hiker-Pedestrian and not just a single trail.
McHugh Peak Complex Loop Trail Addition	Plan will be modified to include a bubble for a trail in the Potter Valley/Ridge area. The recommendation will include a Class 3 trail designed and managed for Hiker-Pedestrian.
McHugh Peak Complex Loop Trail Addition	This trail recommendation will be added to the final plan, and will encompass a Class 2 trail designed and managed for Hiker-Pedestrian that creates a loop option from the McHugh Creek Trail to the McHugh Peak Ridge trails.
TURNAGAIN ARM UNIT	
McHugh Peak- Re-establish Trail Segment from McHugh Creek to Ridge	This trail recommendation will be added to the final plan, and will encompass a Class 2 trail designed and managed for Hiker that creates a loop option from the McHugh Creek Trail to the McHugh Peak Ridge.
Falls Creek Trail (507a-b)	The trail plan will be revised to change Trail 507a to a Class 2 trail designed and managed for Hikers.

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Bird Creek Valley Trail System (515) & Connection to Penguin Creek Trail (519)

The trail plan will be revised to include additional language for the Bird Creek Valley Trail System to note that a comprehensive site plan is needed that includes connector and looped trails and other design features to better facilitate motorized use.