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## Public meeting Oct. 14 on grant to improve Rosie Creek trails

**(Fairbanks, AK)** – Members of the public interested in the Division of Forestry’s proposed improvements to the Rosie Creek recreational trail in the Tanana Valley State Forest may attend a public meeting on October 14, 7-8 p.m. at the Potter Road Fire Hall, 3205 Potter Road, in Fairbanks.

Alaska’s Division of Forestry and Board of Forestry are applying for a State Parks Recreational Trails Program Grant to improve a seven-mile loop of the Rosie Creek Trail system in the state forest. The grant proposal will include funding to:

- add directional signage to improve ease of trail use
- upgrade an existing material site for better trailhead parking
- maintain the existing forestry road, and
- install interpretive signs for three themes
  - fire ecology (the trail goes through the 1983 Rosie Creek Fire)
  - forest research (the trail intersects five plantations of native and non-native species planted as trials)
  - Interior Alaska forest management

The Rosie Creek area offers an opportunity to combine a working state forest with a well-signed and well-maintained recreational trail. Forestry roads in the area are already used as trails by bikers, skiers, hunters, snowmachiners, dogsledders, runners and other users. The trail signs, maintenance and improved parking would make it easier and safer for trail users, and the interpretative signs highlighting forest management activities in the State Forest would make it more interesting.

Those unable to attend the meeting may send comments and questions about the proposed project to Alison Arians with the Division of Forestry in Anchorage, no later than noon on November 4.

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