

FUNDING SOURCES FOR TRAIL PROJECTS

One possible solution to some access needs is creation of a trail. For example, it may be possible to construct a trail around a gap in legal access. The following agencies and programs represent possible sources of funds for mapping, marking and building trails.

◆ DNR DIVISION OF PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

As part of Governor Tony Knowles' Trails and Recreation Access Across Alaska (TRAAK) initiative there is a proposal to establish a program office for the Alaska Trails Assistance Program. One of the purposes of this program will be to disburse funds for the maintenance and development of trails. As of this writing, funds for disbursement probably won't be available until at least early 1997. For more information contact Ron Crenshaw at 269-8704.

The Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) provides funds for many kinds of transportation enhancement projects including mapping and marking of trails and easement acquisition and dedication. For more information contact Tom Young at 269-8729.

The Symms National Recreational Trails Act of 1991 is for recreational trails. Projects must come from trail plans in Alaska's Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. This program is currently unfunded. For more information contact Ron Crenshaw at 269-8704.

◆ ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

The Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act provides funds to states for fisheries research. A portion of these funds is available for recreational boating access and angler access projects. For more information contact Tom Donek at 465-4180 or Doug Vincent-Lang at 267-2339.

◆ NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

The River and Trail Conservation Assistance program provides funds for conservation projects. Funds may not be used for grants, land acquisition or development. For more information contact Jack Mosby at 257-2650.

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