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✿ ✿ Denali State Park Trail Management Plan ✿ ✿
Update #3
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This is the third in a series of updates on the Denali State Park Trail Management Plan. Project staff will provide regular updates throughout the planning process.

Trail Proposal Considerations

Printed below is a diagram describing the considerations that will be used to review each trail plan proposal. If you have any questions or comments about these considerations or about the use and development of 'Trail Management Objectives' (TMOs), please contact Claire Holland LeClair (see below for contact information).

Next Steps

We are currently compiling all trail ideas into a table format for distribution later this Spring. The table will be a summary of all the ideas and proposals put forward to date. There will not be a formal comment period on this summary document but questions, comments and additional information will be welcome and helpful.

A draft plan or draft alternatives document will be prepared following the completion of field work this summer. A formal comment period will follow the release of a public review draft plan or alternatives document.

Volunteer Trail Projects

There will be opportunities this summer to help clean up, maintain and improve the Denali State Park trails. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Claire Holland LeClair (see below for contact information)

Thank you for your interest and attention. For more information, including maps and background documents:

<http://www.dnr.alaska.gov/parks/plans/denali/denalitrail.htm>

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Considerations for Denali State Park Trail Management Plan Proposals



Is the trail compatible with:

- Statutes (enabling legislation and statutes related to management of state park areas)
- Regulations
- Park Mission Statement
- Plans and policies, such as:
 - Denali State Park Management Plan (2006)
 - Division of Parks & Outdoor Recreation Ten-Year Strategic Plan 2007-2017
 - Division of Parks & Outdoor Recreation Trail Management Policy (March 2009)
 - South Denali Visitor Center Complex Interpretive Master Plan (August 2009)
 - Alaska Recreational Trails Plan (October 2000)



Who owns or manages the land that the proposed trail would be constructed on?



What are the impacts to:

- Biological resources: vegetation, fish and wildlife (including habitat and corridors)
- Physical resources: soil and water
- Cultural resources: historical and archaeological



Can the trail be built to last?

- Does the trail conform to its terrain and environment; is it capable of handling its intended use without serious degradation; and does it require minimal maintenance (Sustainable design framework). To answer these questions, evaluate the following:
 - Physical conditions: soils, side slope, aspect, elevation and hydrology
 - Weather: seasonal variations, precipitation timing, volume and intensity
 - How the trail will be used:
 - type and season of use
 - volume and intensity of use
 - desired experience of trail users



Does the trail fill a local, regional or statewide need?

- What trail opportunities & related experiences are available in the park, in areas adjoining the park, in the region and statewide?
- Is there support for this trail?
- What are the local, statewide and national recreation trends?
That is, "If we build it will they come?"

