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## Celebration Planned for Improvements at Prospect Heights Trailhead

(Anchorage, AK) — The Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation is pleased to announce a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate significant upgrades at the Prospect Heights Trailhead, enhancing access and usability for Chugach State Park visitors.

The Prospect Heights project, initiated last fall, included the clearing of trees to allow for expanded parking and improvements to the overall site layout. The roadway has been redesigned around the central forested island to accommodate more vehicles, and all existing culverts have been replaced to improve drainage. The trailhead's surface has been regraded and freshly paved, complete with new striping for better traffic flow.

Visitors will also notice new signage directing the traveling public through the improved layout, as well as the relocation of the fee station near the concrete toilet for easier access.

"This project in particular has been needed and warranted for quite some time, and we are super excited to have seen this to fruition thanks to the diligence of our Design & Construction team," said **Ricky Gease, Director of the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation**.

Additional improvements are still underway: a new entrance sign will be installed, a new ranger/park specialist access gate is being added, interpretive signage will be installed at the orientation kiosk, topsoil and grass seed will be placed on exposed slopes, and barrier rocks will be adjusted and set in their final positions.

The Division appreciates the public's patience as the final touches are completed over the next two weeks and we invite them to join us as we **celebrate these updates on June 18, at 2 pm at the Prospect Heights Trailhead**.

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