

JBER Muldoon Boundary Realignment Draft Resolution 1
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Northeast Community Council Parks and Trail Comm.

1. Where as the Northeast Community Council (NECC), on the lands of the Dena'ina, recognizes the sacrifices the military community makes keeping our country and communities safe and a clean place to live. Providing customers for our many businesses and becoming our neighbors in both purchased homes and rentals, keeping our local economy vibrant. Becoming the choice of residence for many retirees and active duty.
2. Where as the NECC supported the construction of the new Maneuver Trail over the ridge to Snow Hawk Valley north of the Dome from the Bull Dog Trail (Tank Trail) per JBER request.
3. Where as the April 25, 2022 letter from Base Commander Colonel Kristen G. Aguilar to State Senator Bill Wielechowski states that the reason the JBER Muldoon Boundary cannot be realigned is the location of two military training areas that are used for automatic weapon and tactical vehicle training. With one estimate of \$34 million cost to relocate said training areas.
4. Where as the military reservation also includes the Snow Hawk Valley over the ridge to the East with one access road mentioned in #2. A second access road up from the Ship Creek Dam located off Oil Well Road could add more access to the Snow Hawk Valley for live automatic weapon and tactical vehicle training areas thus allowing the repurposing of the training areas that were built too close to the JBER Muldoon Boundary to allow boundary realignment to the East and allow for more effective use of the reservation for training. Relocating these live fire ranges that are near the current JBER Muldoon Boundary would also reduce the impact on the local community of explosions and gun fire that at times shake our windows and doors, causing a host of other issues. The idea of relocating the live fire ranges farther East to the Cochise Lake Area is another idea that should be considered.
5. Where as a multi-use non motorized trail (bike trail) along the gas line for recreational use, not unlike the Gas Line Trail that runs on the same gas line on the Hill Side and is popular with skiers, could be used to connect, with some variations eastward in the JBER Muldoon Boundary, the Glenn Hwy. Bike Trail by way the underpass under the Ship Creek Bridge on the Glenn Hwy. with the gas line easement and South to the Campbell Creek Green Belt Trail System. This "Boundary Trail" with spur trails to Centennial Park and Campground, Muldoon Elementary, Chashtnu Muldoon Park, and other possible trail access points to the South would open up a near uninterrupted trail from the Glenn Hwy. Bike Trail to the Campbell Creek Green Belt Trail System. Connecting the main parks in East Muldoon with near uninterrupted trail access thus channeling pedestrian onto the trail and gas line easement, and off of JBER ranges.
6. Where as including the gas line easement with an in total 100 yard wide strip of land realigning the JBER Muldoon Boundary East of the gas line would provide enough space to safely locate the multi-use trail away from fences that would pose problems with moose if the trail

were to run along a fence. It would also open up more area that could be used for agriculture, community gardens, and solar panel parks per Chugach Electric request. At the North end of the gas line near the Anchorage Water facility on top of a steep hill the boundary would have to be realigned East to facilitate going around a hill too steep for a Multi-use trail thus opening up the top of the hill for a green house heated with excess heat from the Chugach Power Plant. The NECC had a \$5 Million grant to build a green house in this area but voted it down until a re-alignment of the JEBR-Muldoon Boundary could make more land available.

7. Where as there is a 24 acre parcel of land West of the gas line and south of Peck Ave. that could become more Cook Inlet Housing Authority housing leaving a 50 ft wooded buffer along the current fence line protecting the wooded nature of boundary near the homes along the current existing fence and offering a unique opportunity to have larger garden plots available along the gas line easement for residents willing to work them.

8. Where as the situation with regards to climate change and draught in the traditional food producing areas in the Lower 48 raises the question of food accessibility in the future, since Alaska imports more than 90% of it's food supply the opportunity to have high density housing located near larger garden plots needs to be recognized as a move toward sustainability if people willing to work the large plots were given priority for housing near said lots.

9. Where as due to the clear rising threat of a nuclear attack on JBER and Anchorage the possibility of using the proposed road up the lower end of Snow Hawk Valley from the Ship Creek Dam might offer another alternative to put a ridge between those who could access the area in time and the likely targeted area. Access through gates at the East end of Star View Drive and Oil Well Road should be worked out so in an emergency they can be opened to access protected areas behind ridges like Arctic Valley and the proposed road up Snow Hawk Valley. Thus reducing probable heavy traffic on the Glenn Hwy. if such a situation comes up. Civil Defense Plans and designs need to be updated.

10. Where as with placement of a road up Snow Hawk Valley from the Ship Creek Dam that connects with the Maneuver Trail would allow for more effective use of the reservation for military training it could possibly negate the need of a land swop to keep the military reservation viable as a training area. If not a land swop with Chugach State Park or BLM should still be an option.

11. Whereas the JBER-Birchwood Boundary has been realigned a few year back.

In conclusion it is in all parties interest to work together to do what it takes to allow for a re-alignment of the Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson - Muldoon Boundary, to allow for a multi-use trail from the Ship Creek Bridge on the Glenn Hwy. to the Campbell Creek Green Belt, more housing West of the gas line, more agriculture, more solar parks, a green house heated with excess heat from a power plant, and a more agreeable situation for all parties in this rapidly changing world we find ourselves in.

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