

Eagle River Valley Community Council
Federation of Community Councils
1057 W Fireweed Ln, Anchorage, AK 99503

September 15, 2023

Tanya Lieberman, Deputy Director

Eagle River/Chugiak Parks and Recreation, Municipality of Anchorage

Re: Renewed Letter of Support for West Beach Lake Trail Improvement

Dear Ms. Lieberman:

On September 13, 2023, at the regularly scheduled public meeting of the Eagle River Valley Community Council, community members voted unanimously to support a proposal presented by Park Planner, Lucy Wittlinger, to improve the West Beach Lake Multiuse Trails. The Council embraced the upgrade of existing hiking trails on the west side of Beach Lake; the installation of chicanes, signage and fencing for a year-round at-grade crossing of mushing trails which will improve the safety of all users; and provide beach access to Knik Arm.

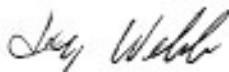
This proposal advances the goals of the Beach Lake Master Plan. It will address the long-standing Beach Lake Park issue of safe access to Knik Arm. It reduces the hazards of people improperly using mushing trails and accommodates, in the long term, use of the Eagle River and Chugiak communities in the creation of the proposed "Long Trail" from Seward to Fairbanks.

Sincerely,



Julie Jessen

President, Eagle River Valley Community Council



Joy Webb

Secretary, Eagle River Valley Community Council