



# Outdoor Recreational Trails Advisory Board

Tuesday, January 14, 2025 – Thursday, January 16, 2025

AGENDA: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM



## Meeting Protocols, Guidelines and References:

### Alaska State Parks Staff

Ricky Gease, DPOR Director  
Joel Del Rosario, Administrative Operations Manager  
Danette Berkovitz, Grants Manager  
Natalya Fomina, Grants Administrator  
Kathleen Tarr, Grants Administrator  
Jean Ayers, Grants Administrator

### ORTAB Members:

| Motorized Trail<br>Representatives          | Non-Motorized<br>Trail<br>Representatives                                     | Diversified Trail<br>Representatives                  |
|---|---|---|
| ❖ Rod Arno<br>❖ Noah Lager<br>❖ Ronald Lurk | ❖ Christy Gentemann<br>❖ Libby Kugel, <i>ORTAB Chair</i><br>❖ Mike Sirofchuck | ❖ <i>Vacant</i><br>❖ Jeff Budd<br>❖ Andrew Carmichael |

### Meeting Protocols:

- This meeting is being recorded.
- Please clearly state your name before each time speaking.
- Attendees may use webcam features, computer and/or phone connection, or chat features during the meeting.
- For computer connections – If attendees wish to raise hand to speak:
  - Click Participants and then click Raise hand 🖐️ next to your name.
  - To lower your hand, click Lower hand 🖐️ next to your name in the Participants panel.
- For phone connections – If attendees wish to raise hand to speak:
  - There will be periods when attendees may have an opportunity to speak  
*[ORTAB Chairperson discretion]*

### House Rules:

- Public comments during the grant scoring period only allowed if applicant asked a direct question by a board member.
- ORTAB may change original scores during the meeting.
- In accordance with AS 39.52.220, all ORTAB members are responsible for making a declaration of any interest or activities which could result in a violation of the Code of Ethics. Per the ORTAB Operating Procedures, an opportunity will be provided at the beginning of each ORTAB meeting for members to declare any conflict of interest they may have with respect to any agenda items, and for the Board Chair to rule on such declarations.



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## Day 1: Tuesday, January 14, 2025

- 9:00 AM Roll Call and Establish Quorum.  
 9:10 AM Alaska State Parks & ORTAB Introductions, Agenda Review/Questions.  
 9:20 AM Public comments.  
 9:45 AM RTP Safety & Education, Motorized and Diversified project applications.  
 Scoring and Discussion the following 8 (eight) project proposals:

| Organization                            | Proposed Project  | Contact         | N-M or D | Requested Federal funding |
|---|---|-----------------|----------|---------------------------|
| Friends of the Chugach Avalanche Center | Automated Avalanche Terrain Mapping, Southcentral Alaska          | Tina Boucher    | S&E      | 20,070.00                 |
| Anchorage Park Foundation               | Nature Within Reach: Linking the UMED to Anchorage's Trail System | Michelle LeBeau | S&E      | 60,073.77                 |
| City & Borough of Juneau                | 35-Mile ORV Riding Park (Phase II)                                | George Schaaf   | M        | 299,970.00                |
| Petersville Community Non-Profit        | Ground Breaking Ph 2  | Michele Stevens | M        | 300,000.00                |
| Chugach National Forest                 | Chugach National Forest Trail Brushing                            | William Brennan | D        | 158,679.96                |
| Fairbanks North Star Borough -          | Isberg Recreation Area North-South Connector Trail Phase I        | Andrea Jacobs   | D        | 198,413.55                |
| Valdez Adventure Alliance               | Shoup Bay Trail Ph 4  | Lanette Oliver  | D        | 129,532.00                |
| DNR DMLW                                | Jim Lake Portage Trail  | Travis Jensen   | D        | 145,331.31                |

- 12:00 PM Lunch break  
 1:00 PM Continue scoring and discussion of DPOR RTP project proposals.  
 2:30 PM Break  
 2:45 PM Continue scoring and discussion of DPOR RTP project proposals *[If necessary]*.  
 4:00 PM Meeting adjourned for the day.

## Day 2: Wednesday, January 15, 2025

- 9:00 AM Alaska State Parks. Roll Call and Establish Quorum.  
 9:30 AM RTP Applications: Scoring and Discussion of 9 (nine) Non-Motorized project proposals:

|                                 |   |                 |     |            |
|---------------------------------|---|-----------------|-----|------------|
| Homer Cycling Club              | Cottonwood Eastland Multi-use Trail System        | Cameale Johnson | N-M | 200,000.00 |
| Girdwood Mountain Bike Alliance | Girdwood Mountain Bike Trail                      | Dan Starr       | N-M | 168,750.00 |
| National Forest foundation      | INHT: Waterfall to Ptarmigan Trail                | Patrick Shannon | N-M | 200,000.00 |
| Sitka Trail Works, inc.         | Mosquito Cove Trail Renovation                    | Ben Hughey      | N-M | 87,392.80  |
| Ground truth Alaska             | Trail Connecting Seldovia to Tutka Backdoor Trail | Bretwood Higman | N-M | 73,642.78  |
| Singletrack Advocates           | Service Singletrack Ph 2                          | Janice Tower    | N-M | 200,000.00 |
| DNR DMLW                        | Jim Lake Overlook Trails                          | Travis Jensen   | N-M | 115,331.31 |
| Hatcher Alpine Xperience        | Skeetawk Trail Ph 1                               | Megan Justus    | N-M | 200,000.00 |
| HoWL, Inc.                      | Youth Trail Maintenance Initiative                | Molly Mitchell  | N-M | 70,427.58  |

- 10:15 AM Break  
 10:30 AM Continue Scoring and Discussion of RTP Applications  
 12:00 PM Lunch Break  
 1:00 PM RTP Applications overall ranking and recommendations to meet FHWA 40/30/30 percent target.



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- 2:00 PM Break  
2:15 PM Continue Ranking of RTP Applications, as necessary.  
3:30 PM New Business, Old Business for RPT Wrap-up.  
4:00 PM Meeting adjourned for the day.

## Day 3: Thursday, January 16, 2025

- 9:00 AM Roll Call and Establish Quorum.  
9:10 AM Alaska State Parks Remarks.  
9:15 AM Public comments.  
9:45 AM Discussion and Scoring of the 3 (three) Project Proposals Shown Below:

| Applicant                   | Project Name   | Amount     |
|-----------------------------|--|------------|
| City of Nenana              | Toghothele Park Reserve: Basketball Court  | 124,725.00 |
| Ketchikan Gateway Borough   | Lund St. Tot Lot   | 125,000.00 |
| Metlakatla Indian Community | Wil Maamxsga Pts'aan Park: Phase II<br><i>Formerly: Frank Hayward Memorial Breakwater Park</i> | 124,702.00 |
| TOTAL REQUESTED             |  | 374,427.00 |

- .0:15 AM Break  
.0:30 AM Continue Discussion, Scoring, and Recommended Ranking of LWCF Applications  
.1:45 AM New Business, Old Business for LWCF. LWCF Correspondence.  
.2:15 PM Meeting adjourned.