

Interior Trails Newsletter

A Newsletter about Trails in Interior Alaska

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Re: Funding for Alaska Long Trail projects

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I urge you to support funding for Alaska Long Trail projects submitted for state capital budget FY2023. This multi-braided trail from Seward to Fairbanks will accommodate many modes of trail, motorized and non-motorized. For more on the Alaska Long Trail, including a list of the projects submitted, go here: <https://tinyurl.com/yrfv2f3y>.

Short-Term Benefits

In the short run, the ALT will provide construction jobs in the form of trail upgrades, new trail connections, and bridges. All these will benefit our local communities right away.

Local Long-Term Benefits

Once built, this trail will bring economic and health benefits. It will encourage people to spend more on outdoor equipment and travel. And many studies have shown that people who spend time outdoors and exercising are happier and healthier, which help make our communities happier and healthier.

Statewide Long-Term Benefits

The Alaska Long Trail will be the first “long trail” in Alaska, comparable to the Appalachian and Pacific Crest trails in the Lower 48. These “long trails” create an aura that is an excellent marketing tool for the visitor industry. They draw people from across the world, even those who want to experience just a part of the trail. If we can create more reasons for just half of a typical year’s out-of-state visitors to spend one more day in Alaska, the result would be an additional \$137M in annual spending.

Please support the Alaska Long Trail projects submitted for state capital budget. Thank you for all your hard work for our district and Alaska.

Sincerely
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