



April 2024 Report Girdwood Trails Committee

YAY!

On behalf of GTC, Girdwood Parks and Rec applied for a grant from the Alaska Community Foundation 2024 Anchorage Trail Care Grant Fund and were awarded \$2032 for acquisition of tools to be used by volunteers. We look forward to putting these tools to great use in 2024!

Speaking of volunteers and projects -

Thanks to all our groomers and other volunteers! We'll be setting dates for volunteer events in 2024 with Girdwood Trails Committee and Friends of Girdwood Trails.

Updates and other business:

Girdwood Valley Trails Management Plan. Current version is posted on the GBOS website. Management Plan meetings are on hold until Trails Master Plan is complete.

Girdwood Trails Master Plan. Plan was approved by the Assembly at their Feb 27 meeting!

Imagine! Girdwood. Imagine! Girdwood will meet with LUC and GBOS on April 29 to review the final draft of the Girdwood Comprehensive Plan.

Financial report: \$72,697.81 held with Girdwood Inc as of March meeting. **PENDING UPDATE**

Grants Status report:

State of Alaska, Capital Budget: Thank you to Alaska Trails for including the suspension bridge to replace the Hand Tram in their requests for funding of the State of Alaska. State has awarded \$1.2M for this project as part of Alaska Long Trail Funding. Construction goal is 2024/2025.

Rasmuson Tier II Grant: GVSA has reapplied for funding for this project now that we are nearing our funding goal.

Alaska Community Foundation Trail Care Grant: GVSA applied for \$2451 for trail tools for volunteer projects and were awarded \$2032.

KMTA 2024 Grant cycle: No grant cycle in early 2024. Pending info on next grant cycle

Recreational Trails Program Grant (RTP): GVSA submitted RTP grant application for work on Middle INHT Oct 31.

Progress through the ORTAB was positive, pending hearing final outcome.

Dugan Family donation for trails signs on Middle Iditarod Trail and bench at the 5K parking are nearing completion. Remaining is the trail sign that will be produced and placed.

Dugan Family donation for reconstruction of 2 bridges on the Middle Iditarod Trail. We'll start to work on this in the spring.

Trail Map Project: Staff received a rough draft from the graphic designer and met with maps committee in December and February. Staff and committee are working through changes with the contractor.

Trails Commercial Use Permits: 2024 permits are being issued.

BLM Hosting Public Listening Sessions for Alaska Long Trail National Scenic Trail Feasibility Study

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The Bureau of Land Management invites the public to attend upcoming listening sessions to inform a congressionally-directed feasibility study of the proposed Alaska Long Trail National Scenic Trail. The BLM will host these public, in-person meetings the week of April 8 in Anchorage, Seward, Wasilla, Cantwell, and Fairbanks.

These listening sessions provide BLM the opportunity to share more information about the study process and gather input on this proposed National Scenic Trail, including information about potential trail routes.

The BLM is analyzing the feasibility, suitability, and desirability of designating the route as a national scenic trail as directed by Congress. Public input is critical to this study. Once completed, the feasibility study will be transmitted to Congress, which has the sole authority to enact legislation to designate new national scenic trails.

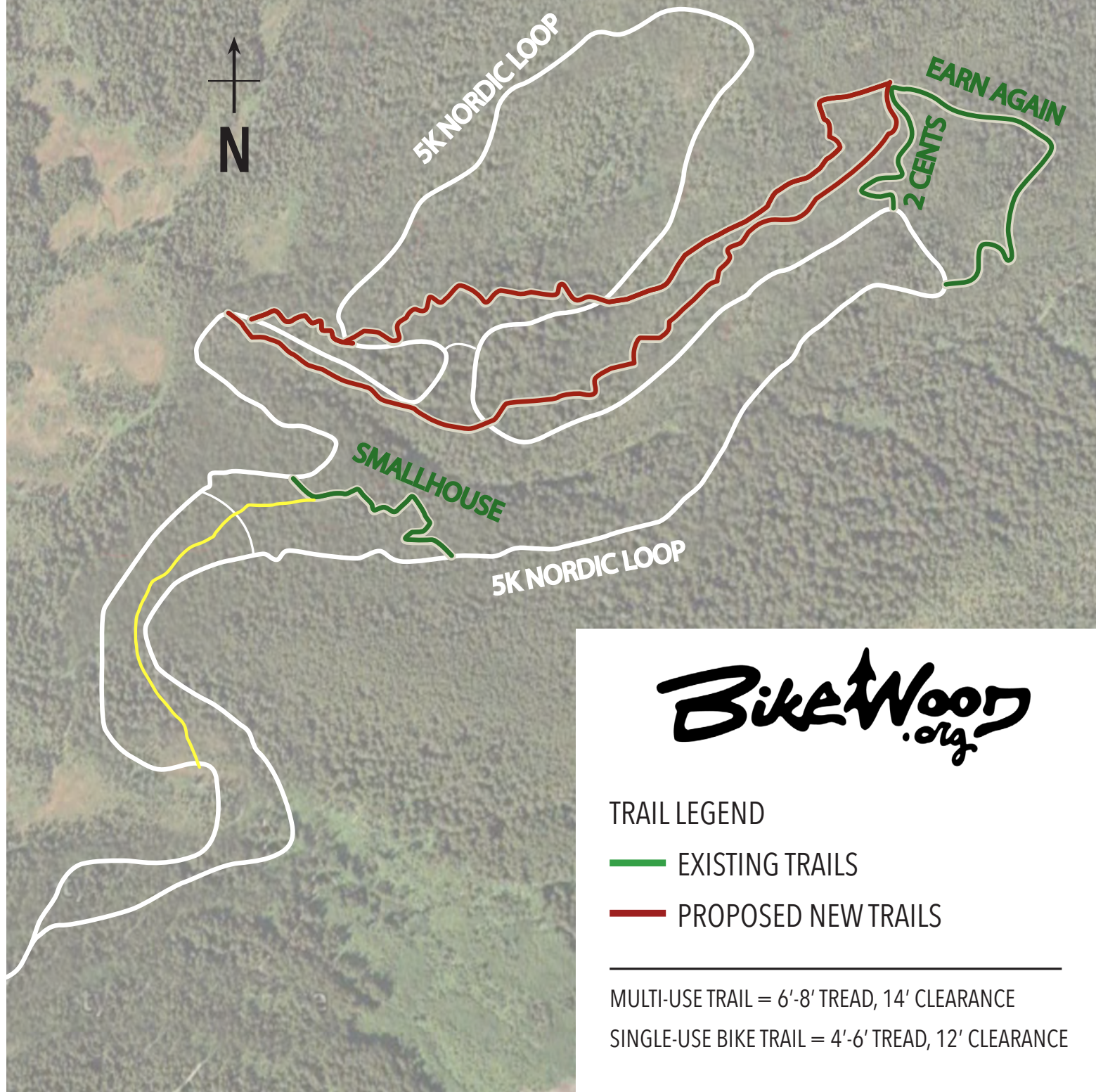
Meeting times and locations are listed below.

- **Anchorage:** April 8th 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM | Z.J. Loussac Library Learning Commons Room
- **Seward:** April 9th 5 PM – 7 PM | Gateway Hotel
- **Wasilla:** April 10th 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM | Wasilla Public Library
- **Cantwell:** April 11th 5 PM – 7 PM | Cantwell School Gym
- **Fairbanks:** April 12th 5 PM – 7 PM | Birch Hill, 101 Wilderness Dr, Fairbanks, AK 99712

These listening sessions are one venue for incorporating public input into this study. Virtual listening sessions will be held in early summer 2024 for those who are unable to attend in April. To learn more and keep updated on the project visit the Alaska Long National Scenic Trail Feasibility Study [project pages](#), or at the Alaska Long Trail [StoryMap](#).



GIRDWOOD BIKE PARK

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TRAIL LEGEND

-  EXISTING TRAILS
-  PROPOSED NEW TRAILS

MULTI-USE TRAIL = 6'-8' TREAD, 14' CLEARANCE
SINGLE-USE BIKE TRAIL = 4'-6' TREAD, 12' CLEARANCE

Friends of Girdwood Trails update:

Thank to everyone who commented on the GCP, and specifically on trails issues.

With Spring upon us, we are gearing up the summer work parties. We will be supporting and working with Kyle to work on GTC priorities. Our email is friendsofgirdwoodtrails@gmail.com if anyone would like to be informed of those dates.

We have an exciting partnership and fundraising event coming up with the Girdwood Brewing Company. Look for updates and ways to participate.

Corduroy Crush is coming up this Saturday at 11am. Register or get information via kmtacorridor.org/corduroy-crush