



Application for Trail Review

FAR NORTH BICENTENNIAL/HILLSIDE PARK SINGLETRACK TRAILS

MAY 18, 2023

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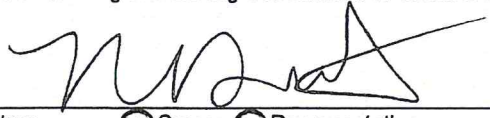
Municipality of Anchorage
 Planning Department
 PO Box 196650
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PETITIONER			PETITIONER REPRESENTATIVE (IF ANY)		
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PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Name: Hillside Park Singletrack	MOA Project #:
Community Council(s): Hillside, Abbott Loop	
Project description (including location): In partnership with the Municipality of Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department, non-profit organization Singletrack Advocates proposes to fund, design, build, and maintain approximately 5.5 miles of singletrack trails in Hillside Park/Far North Bicentennial Park. There are six parcels where the proposed trails would be constructed: 015-031-01, 014-651-01, 015-021-02, 014-821-01, 014-661-01, 014-691-01.	

I hereby certify that (I am)(I have been authorized to act for) owner of the property described above and that I petition for a site plan review in conformance with Title 21 of the Anchorage Municipal, Code of Ordinances. I understand that payment of the application fee is nonrefundable and is to cover the costs associated with processing this application, and that it does not assure approval of the site plan. I also understand that assigned hearing dates are tentative and may have to be postponed by Planning Department staff, the Planning and Zoning Commission or Urban Design Commission for administrative reasons.



5-17-23

Signature Owner Representative
 (Representatives must provide written proof of authorization)

Date

Nicolette Dent
 Print Name

Accepted by:	Poster & Affidavit	Fee	Case Number	Meeting Date
			2023-0061	07/12/2023

Application for trail review continued

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN INFORMATION

Improvement Area (per AMC 21.08.050B.): Class A Class B

Anchorage 2040 Land Use Designation:
 Neighborhood (Residential) Center Corridor
 Open Space Facilities and Institutions Industrial Area

Anchorage 2040 Growth Supporting Features:
 Transit-supportive Development Greenway-supported Development
 Traditional Neighborhood Residential Mixed-use

Eagle River-Chugiak-Peters Creek Land Use Classification:
 Commercial Industrial Parks/opens space
 Public Land Institutions Marginal land Alpine/Slope Affected
 Special Study Residential at _____ dwelling units per acre

Girdwood- Turnagain Arm
 Commercial Industrial Parks/opens space
 Public Land Institutions Marginal land Alpine/Slope Affected
 Special Study Residential at _____ dwelling units per acre

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION (All or portion of site affected)

Wetland Classification: None "C" "B" "A"
 Avalanche Zone: None Blue Zone Red Zone
 Floodplain: None 100 year 500 year
 Seismic Zone (Harding/Lawson): "1" "2" "3" "4" "5"

RECENT REGULATORY INFORMATION (Events that have occurred in last 5 years for all or portion of site)

Rezoning - Case Number:
 Preliminary Plat Final Plat - Case Number(s):
 Conditional Use - Case Number(s):
 Zoning variance - Case Number(s):
 Land Use Enforcement Action for
 Building or Land Use Permit for
 Wetland permit: Army Corps of Engineers Municipality of Anchorage

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS (Only one copy of applicable items is required for initial submittal)

1 copy required: Signed application (original)
 Watershed sign off form, completed

16 copies required: Signed application (copies)
 Project narrative explaining:
 the project objectives schedule / construction phasing
 conformance to relevant plans public and agency outreach
 Trail plan and designs with level of detail sufficient for review, including but not limited to:
 trail alignments parking areas and vehicle circulation (if applicable)
 lighting distance from applicable stream setbacks signage & wayfinding
 demonstration of conformance to trail standards specified in Title 21, the *Areawide Trails Plan*, the *Design Criteria Manual*, and the *Municipality of Anchorage Standard Specifications*

(Additional information may be required.)



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April 10, 2023

Municipality of Anchorage
Planning Department
4700 Elmore Road
Anchorage, AK 99507

RE: Application for Trail Review
Far North Bicentennial Park/Hillside Park (Parcel No.: 014-651-01, 015-031-01, 015-021-02, 014-821-01, 014-651-01, 014-661-01, 014-691-01)

I hereby authorize Singletrack Advocates to act as Owner's Representative in the application for Trail Review required for the above described properties.

Sincerely,

Mike Braniff, Director
Municipality of Anchorage
Parks and Recreation Department
632 W 6th Ave, Suite 630
Anchorage, AK 99501

1. Project Overview

In partnership with the Municipality of Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department, Singletrack Advocates proposes to fund, design, build and maintain approximately 5.5 miles of singletrack trails in Hillside Park. The new trails will focus on beginner and intermediate terrain, complementing the advanced singletrack trails that exist nearby. This proposal minimizes disturbance in the park by focusing development within a high-density trail area featuring mostly Nordic loops.

Singletrack are soft-surface, narrow trails sustainably built for mountain and winter biking. They are also popular for walking, jogging, Nordic skiing, and snowshoeing. New singletrack trails would reduce congestion in a busy area of the park as well as provide expanded opportunities for youth programs and skills development.

2. History, Background, and Existing Conditions

Background: Hillside Park is a portion of Far North Bicentennial Park, Anchorage's largest park spanning 4,011 acres. Far North Bicentennial Park has over one million visitors each year and supports a variety of trail users on more than 80 miles of trails. The park is classified as a Natural Resource Area by the *Anchorage Bowl Park, Natural Resource, and Recreation Facility Site Plan*.

New singletrack trails at Hillside Park would improve trail connectivity, provide easier terrain for youth skills development, and reduce trail crowding. Since the publication of the *Far North Bicentennial Park Trail Improvements Plan* in 2011, singletrack mountain biking and fat tire winter biking have grown in popularity. This proposal focuses trail development within an area designated by the *Trail Improvements Plan* for a "high intensity of recreational use."¹ The development also fits within established Nordic trails that are popular year-round. The addition of singletrack will keep walkers and bikers off the ski-only trails in winter and reduce congestion on existing trails. Singletrack trails are multi-use and accommodate mountain bikers, winter fat bikers, hikers, runners, dog walkers, bird and wildlife viewers, classic skiers, and snowshoers.

¹ Figure 8, p 21, FNBP Trail Improvements Plan (2011)



Singletrack Advocates is a 501(c)3 non-profit consisting of mountain bikers and recreationalists working with the community to preserve, maintain and create singletrack trails in Anchorage. Since 2004, the organization has built over 30 miles of singletrack at Kincaid Park, Hillside Park, and Chugach State Park and provided substantial fundraising and volunteer support for these developments. Singletrack Advocates currently maintains singletrack trails year-round through an agreement with Anchorage Parks and Recreation.

Public Support: Singletrack Advocates earned support for this project from stakeholder organizations, user groups, individual residents, surrounding Community Councils, and the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Singletrack Advocates first introduced their Hillside singletrack proposal to Anchorage Parks and Recreation in 2022. Following a review by the department, Singletrack Advocates brought the proposal to the Far North Bicentennial Park User Group meeting, a stakeholder advisory group that meets quarterly with Anchorage Parks and Recreation and the Bureau of Land Management. After receiving support from the User Group, they presented to both the Abbott Loop and Hillside Community Councils and returned for follow-up meetings to receive resolutions of support. Singletrack Advocates also worked closely with citywide user groups and stakeholders. They received letters of support from Mighty Bikes, the Nordic Skiing Association of Anchorage, and Hilltop Ski Area. In addition, 68 individual community members submitted letters of support for the project.

Singletrack Advocates presented the project to the Parks and Recreation Commission in April 2023. Multiple community members joined the meeting and shared supportive testimony. This included students from Mighty Bikes who explained how new trails would enhance their program and create more opportunities for learning mountain biking skills. The Commission unanimously approved the proposal and appreciated hearing from families, youth mentors, and supportive trail users.

In summary, Singletrack Advocates presented at the following meetings:

- Far North Bicentennial User Group Meeting



- Presentation on January 24, 2023
- Abbott Loop Community Council:
 - Presentation on February 23, 2023
 - Resolution of Support passed on March 30, 2023
- Hillside Community Council:
 - Presentation on March 1, 2023: Community Meeting²
 - Resolution of Support passed on April 5, 2023
- Parks and Recreation Commission:
 - Presentation and Resolution of Support passed on April 13, 2023.

3. Project Proposal

Layout: This project will create a 5.5-mile trail system designed for the safe progression of mountain biking skills. The topography of Hillside Park provides ideal terrain for young, beginning, and intermediate riders, enabling them to increase their skills before progressing to steeper and more technical options at nearby trails. Average trail grades in the beginner and intermediate section are expected to vary between 5 and 10%.

The proposed trail system is designed to be one-way, except for short two-way spurs connecting to each trailhead. Maintaining a single direction of travel throughout the network is important for safety and predictability, creating a positive experience for all types of trail users. The layout includes three nested loops that can also be ridden as a single outer loop. This design allows for shorter loops, longer loops, or various combinations within the system.

The trail layout limits conflict with the existing Nordic and multi-use trails. All trail crossings were coordinated during site visits between Singletrack Advocates and the Nordic Ski Association of Anchorage. Singletrack trails will cross existing Nordic trails at 90-degree angles, much like the layout found at Kincaid Park. When possible, these crossings will occur at the top of hills where travel speeds are lower. This allows for predictability and visibility for both Nordic and singletrack users.

² AMC Title 21.03.190.C(3)



Wayfinding: At trail crossings, installation of directional posts will help park users navigate the trail system. Directional posts can also encourage bikers to yield as they approach the Nordic trails. Consistent with other Anchorage trail wayfinding, trail posts include emergency locator identifiers that will be shared with emergency response agencies. Small kiosks can provide more detailed safety information alongside maps of new and existing trails, like signage at Kincaid Park.



Above: Examples from Kincaid Park and Mirror Lake Park of singletrack signage and wayfinding.

Environment: Singletrack trail development strives to balance the community's desire for new trails with preservation of natural resources. This proposal minimizes disturbance of undeveloped areas by fitting within existing ski loops. The area is also ideally located on upland areas away from wetlands and sensitive resources, which also reduces the likelihood of animal encounters. Singletrack trails are built to emphasize the park's natural vegetation, topography, and features. Singletrack Advocates would complete brushing and tree removal only where necessary to maintain user safety and sightlines. The proposal also follows Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) guidance such as maintaining sightlines and minimizing blind corners to allow for better visibility of wildlife.

Parking and Access: The trails will be easy to access and connect to several existing parking areas and access points including Service High School, Abbott Rd/Hillside Park, Hilltop Ski Area, and the Gasline Trail, which is accessible from both the Abbott Rd side

and the South Bivouac trailhead off Basher Dr.

Lighting: The proposal does not include the addition of lighting.

Maintenance: Singletrack Advocates Anchorage Parks and Recreation have a maintenance agreement in place, which describes the responsibility of Singletrack Advocates for the maintenance and management of the singletrack trail system. Singletrack Advocates will hire contractors to complete the specialized and equipment-dependent maintenance activities, and volunteers will perform the remainder of the maintenance activities. The non-profit has a large and enthusiastic group of trail maintenance volunteers who show up to regular summer work parties.

4. Conformance to Relevant Plans and Trail Standards



Trail Specifications and Standards: Trail specifications are based on guidance in the

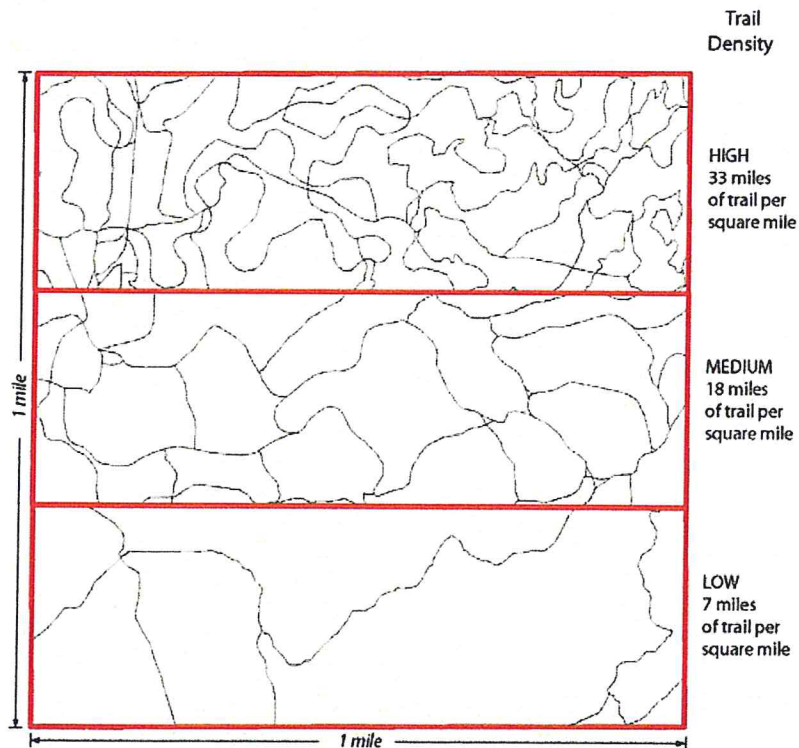


Design Criteria Manual. Organic soils would be removed and replaced with compacted earth and mineral soils or gravel along with added drainage features. Singletrack trails are designed to be 12" to 36" wide and cleared of brush between 48" and 72".

Intermediate trails may include the selective use of built features such as bermed corners, rollers, and jumps. Intermediate trails would also include optional skill building obstacles and features, like wooden ramps and skinnies.

The trail plan is consistent with any previously approved subdivision plat, planned development master plan, or any other precedent plan or land use approval.

The trail plan is consistent with the 2011 *Far North Bicentennial Park Trail Improvements Plan*, which was created through stakeholder consultation and public involvement. The plan establishes "a balanced approach of the different intensities of recreational use within the park." This proposal would maintain the existing character of the park, which is evaluated as having a "high intensity of recreational use" or approximately 33 miles of trails per square mile.



Above: Diagram showing types of trail density and intensity of use from page 23 of the *Far North Bicentennial Park Trail Improvements Plan*.

The trail plan complies with all applicable development and design standards set forth in this title, including but not limited to the provisions in chapter 21.04, Zoning Districts, Chapter 21.05, Use Regulations, chapter 21.06, Dimensional Standards and Measurements, and chapter 21.07, Development and Design Standards.

21.04 Zoning Districts: Hillside Park is zoned PLI-p. Under the jurisdiction of 21.040.060.E, “the PLI district is intended to include major public and quasi-public civic, administrative, and institutional uses and activities.” All existing park uses will continue under this proposal and are consistent with PLI.

21.05 Use Regulation: In accordance with Table 21.05-1, parks are a permitted principal use in the PLI zoning district. Trails are for active and/or passive recreation within the definition of park under 21.05.040 G.2.a.

21.07 Development and Design Standards:

- **21.07.020 Natural Resource Protection:** All trail development is proposed for upland areas, staying away from creeks or wetlands. The proposal follows Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) guidance such as maintaining sightlines and minimizing blind corners for better visibility of wildlife. Park kiosks can also emphasize safety information for users.
- **21.07.040 Drainage, Storm Water Treatment, Erosion Control, and Prohibited Discharges:** The proposed trail will utilize best management practices for sustainable trail design as required by the Municipality of Anchorage Standard Specifications (MASS) and Chapter 4 of the Design Criteria Manual (DCM). Under their maintenance agreement with the Municipality of Anchorage, Singletrack Advocates will groom trails in the winter and no snow removal will be required.
- **21.07.060 Transportation and connectivity:** The proposed singletrack trails would promote walking and bicycling year-round and increase connectivity between major access points into Far North Bicentennial Park/Hillside Park. The proposal includes a directional signage plan to promote safe circulation and accommodate multiple trail user types.

- **21.07.090 Off-Street Parking and Loading:** No new parking is proposed. The proposed singletrack system would be accessible from existing parking lots and improve connectivity between these areas. These include Service High School, Abbott Rd/Hillside Park, Hilltop Ski Area, and the Gasline Trail, which is accessible from both the Abbott Rd side and the South Bivouac trailhead off Basher Dr. No parking concerns were identified by the Anchorage Traffic Engineering Department or the State of Alaska Department of Transportation.

The trail plan addresses any significant adverse impacts that can reasonably be anticipated to result from the use, by mitigating or offsetting those impacts to the maximum extent feasible.

There are no adverse impacts anticipated. Existing singletrack trails at Hillside and Kincaid Parks have demonstrated the successful combination of Nordic and singletrack trail layouts. The design concept seeks to maximize sightlines and recommends trail posts at crossings with Nordic trails. Adhering to ADF&G guidance will mitigate potential wildlife concerns.

The development proposed in the trail plan is consistent with goals, objectives, and policies of the comprehensive plan.

Table 1 presents key policies and strategies by components of the *Anchorage Bowl Comprehensive Plan* and the *Anchorage 2040 Land Use Plan*.



TABLE 1: Comprehensive Plan Elements, Policies, and Strategies

Category	#	Policy	Discussion of Consistency
Hillside District Plan (2010)	Goal 10: Trails	<p><i>Develop a Hillside trails system to benefit Hillside residents and visitors to the area,</i></p> <p><i>Design the trail system so it links neighborhoods and connects to school, parks, area destinations, access points to Chugach State Park and the city-wide trail system, and</i></p> <p><i>Develop trails that serve a variety of uses and users, including trails that serve as transportation and recreation.</i></p>	The <i>Hillside District Plan</i> identifies trails as an important part of Hillside's community infrastructure. Trails are valued by Hillside residents because they provide healthy recreation opportunities, enhance community life, raise nearby property values, and attract visitors.
Far North Bicentennial Park Trail Improvements Plan (2011)	Page 20	<i>High Intensity of Recreational Use</i>	The singletrack trails would be located in an area designated for a high intensity of recreational use and development. The addition of 5.5 miles of singletrack trails would maintain the recommended density of trails in this area.
Areawide Trails Plan (1997)	Policy Statement 3	<i>Provide a wide range of trail opportunities to accommodate varying activities, abilities, and users</i>	Singletrack trails are designed to accommodate all-season users including mountain bikers, winter bikers, snowshoers, skiers, walkers, and bird and wildlife watchers.
	Page 34 - 35	<i>Provide narrow, natural trails</i>	The Plan recommends natural trails (unpaved, unlit, narrow trails in a natural setting) be established and maintained in Hillside/Far North Bicentennial Park.
Anchorage Bowl Park, Natural Resources, and Recreation Facility Plan (Park Plan, 2006)	5: Natural Resource Areas	<i>Develop and Improve Access, Trails and Connections in Natural Resource Areas</i>	The Park Plan recommends that trails safely connect Natural Resource Use areas with parks, schools, and residential areas. This proposal increases connectivity between Service High School and Hilltop Ski Area and provides an alternative to ski-only trails in the winter.

<p>Anchorage 2020-Anchorage Bowl Comprehensive Plan (2001)</p>	<p>Page 39</p>	<p><i>A sustainable, accessible system of recreational facilities, parks, trails, and open space that meets year- round neighborhood and community-wide needs</i></p>	<p>The trails will be designed for beginner mountain bikers and outdoor education programs seeking progressive skill-building opportunities.</p>
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5. Special Limitation Standards

The property has no Special Limitations and this section is not applicable.

6. Schedule and Implementation

Funding

Singletrack Advocates plans to fund, build, and maintain the trails. The organization is funded through a membership base, grant support, and individual and corporate donations.

Construction Plan and Phasing

Singletrack Advocates is targeting construction to begin August 2023, beginning with Phase 1, the westernmost section between Service High School and the Abbott Rd parking area. Phase 2 includes terrain near Abbott Rd and up toward the Gasline Trail. Phase 3 would be the northeast section near Gasline Trail. In partnership with Parks and Recreation, Singletrack Advocates will manage project planning, design, and construction. Following a process similar to previous singletrack development, Singletrack Advocates will contract a professional trail designer and builder upon approval. The contractor will be responsible for required permitting. The trails would be machine-built.



7. Summary of Community Meetings

Attachments include documentation of community meetings and public support for the singletrack trail proposal at Far North Bicentennial/Hillside Park.

Meeting Type	Group	Completion Date (2023)	Documentation Provided
Presentation, Resolution of Support	Parks and Recreation Commission	April 13	PRC Resolution 23-03
Presentation, Resolution of Support	Hillside Community Council (Community Meeting with Public Notice)	March 1 April 5	Community Meeting Summary HCC Resolution 2023-01 Copy of Public Notice
Presentation, Resolution of Support	Abbott Loop Community Council	February 23 March 30	ALCC Resolution 2023-02
Presentation	Far North Bicentennial/Campbell Tract User Group	January 24	Copy of Agenda

WMS WATERCOURSE MAPPING SUMMARY

Per the requirements for watercourse verification outlined in Project Management and Engineering Operating Policy and Procedure #8 and Planning Department Operating Policy and Procedure #1 (effective June 18, 2007), MOA Watershed Management Services has inspected the following location for the presence or absence of stream channels or other watercourses, as defined in Anchorage Municipal Code (21.35).

- Project Case Number or Subdivision Name: Hillside Park
- Project Location, Tax ID, or Legal Description: 015-031-01; 015-021-02; 014-821-01; 014-651-01; 014-661-01; 014-691-01
- Project Area (if different from the entire parcel or subdivision): Far North Bicentennial Park
(see attached map for proposed trail locations. - KBC)

In accordance with the requirements and methods identified, WMS verifies that this parcel, project area, or application:

~~ABC~~ **DOES NOT** contain stream channels and/or drainageways, as identified in WMS field or archival mapping information.*

DOES contain stream channels and/or drainageways AND these are located and identified on submittal documents in general congruence with WMS field and archival mapping information.
*New or additional mapping IS NOT REQUIRED.**

Contains stream channels and/or drainageways BUT one or more streams or other watercourses:

- are NOT shown on submittal documents, or
- are NOT depicted adequately on submittal documents for verification, or
- are NOT located or identified on submittal documents in general congruence with WMS field and archival mapping information.

*New or additional mapping IS REQUIRED and must be re-submitted for further review and verification.**

Presence of stream channels and/or drainageways is unknown AND field verification is not possible at this time. WMS will verify as soon as conditions and prioritized resources allow.

* Streams omitted in error by WMS or others remain subject to MOA Code and must be shown in new mapping upon identification of the error.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

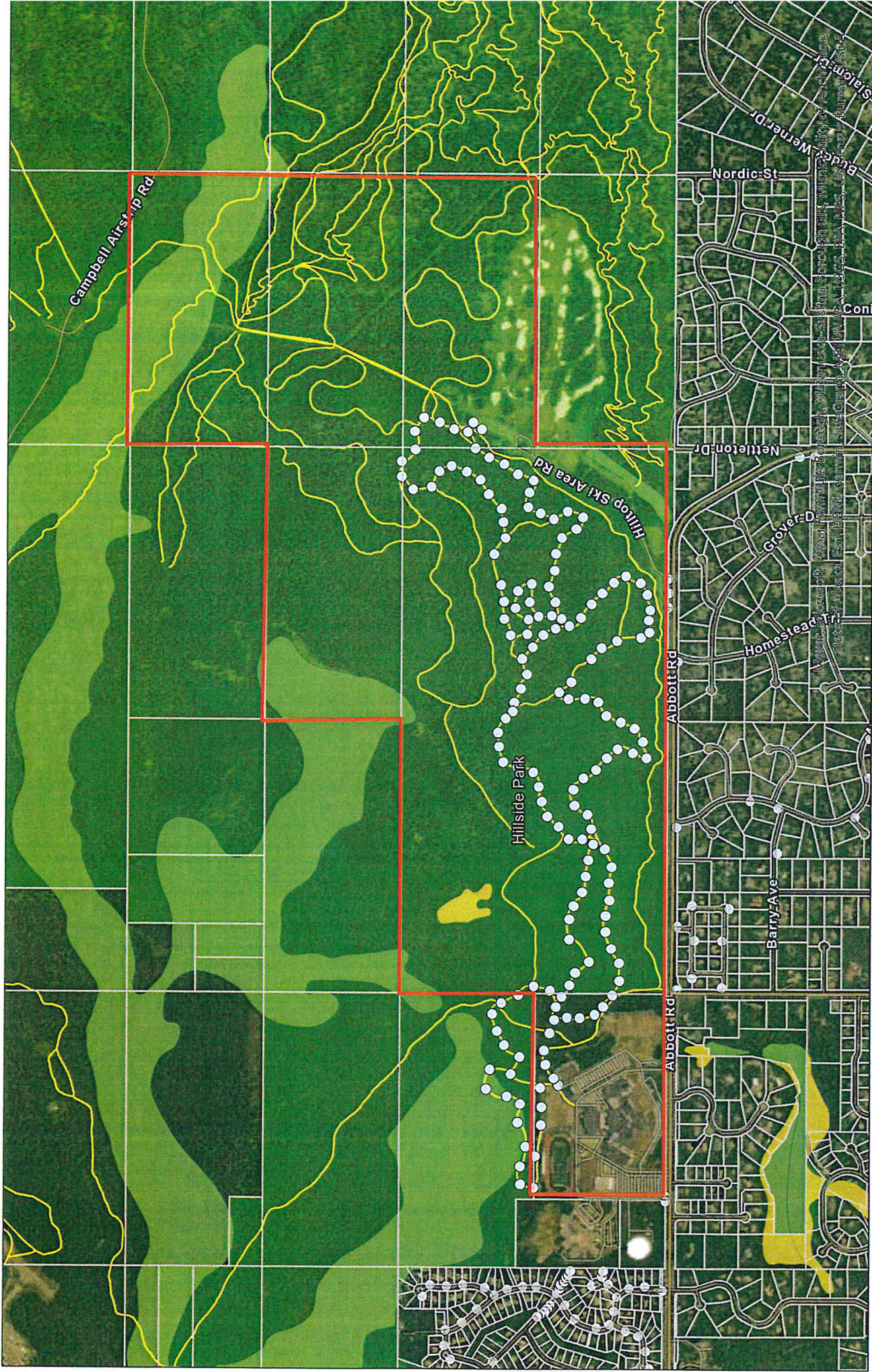
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Inspection Certified By:

Date:



4/11/23



**Hillside Park/Far North
Bicentennial Park - Petition Site**

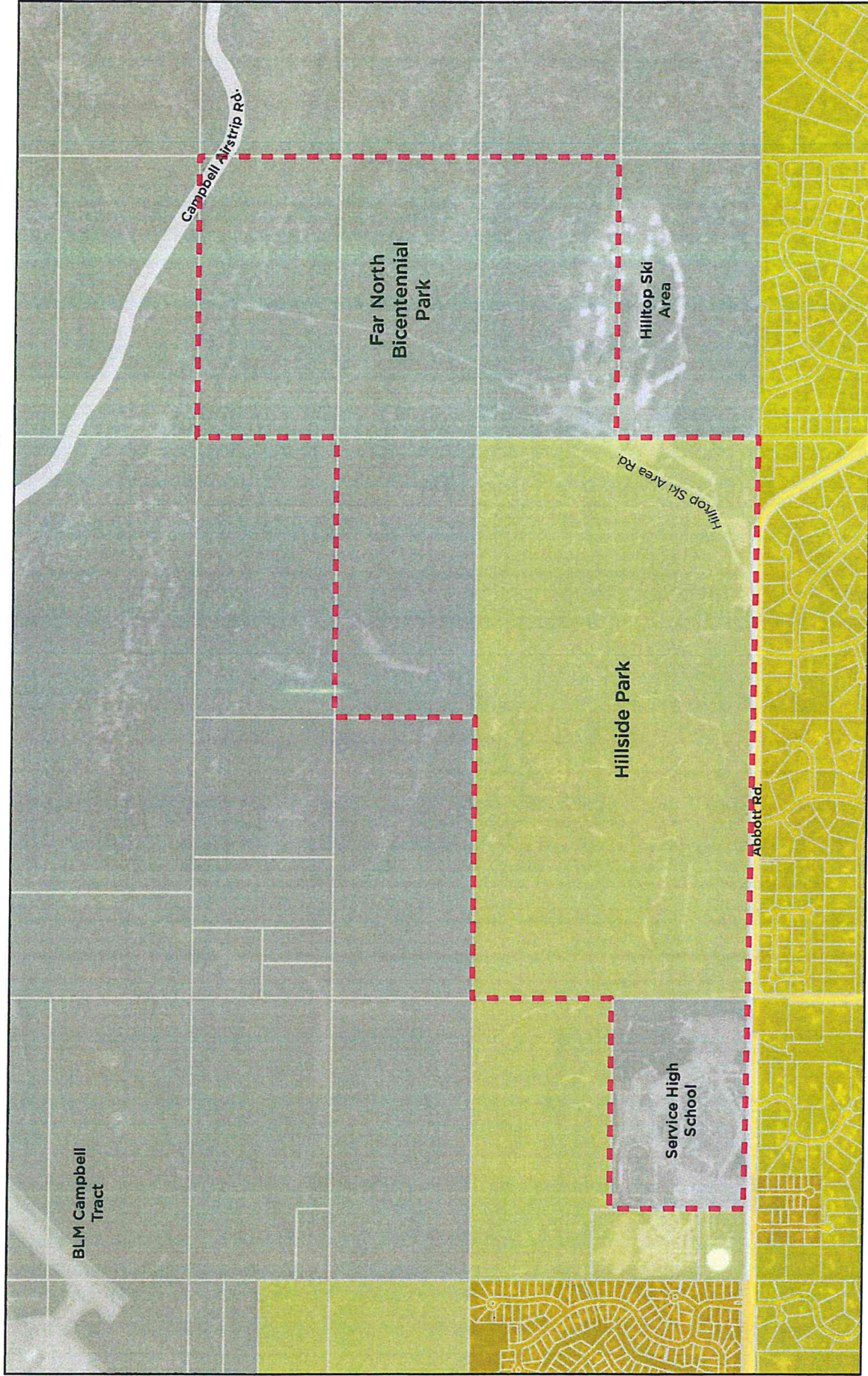
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


Existing Trails
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Wetlands
 ■ A - High Valuation
 ■ B - Moderate Valuation
 ■ Park Land

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Hillside Singletrack Trails: Zoning



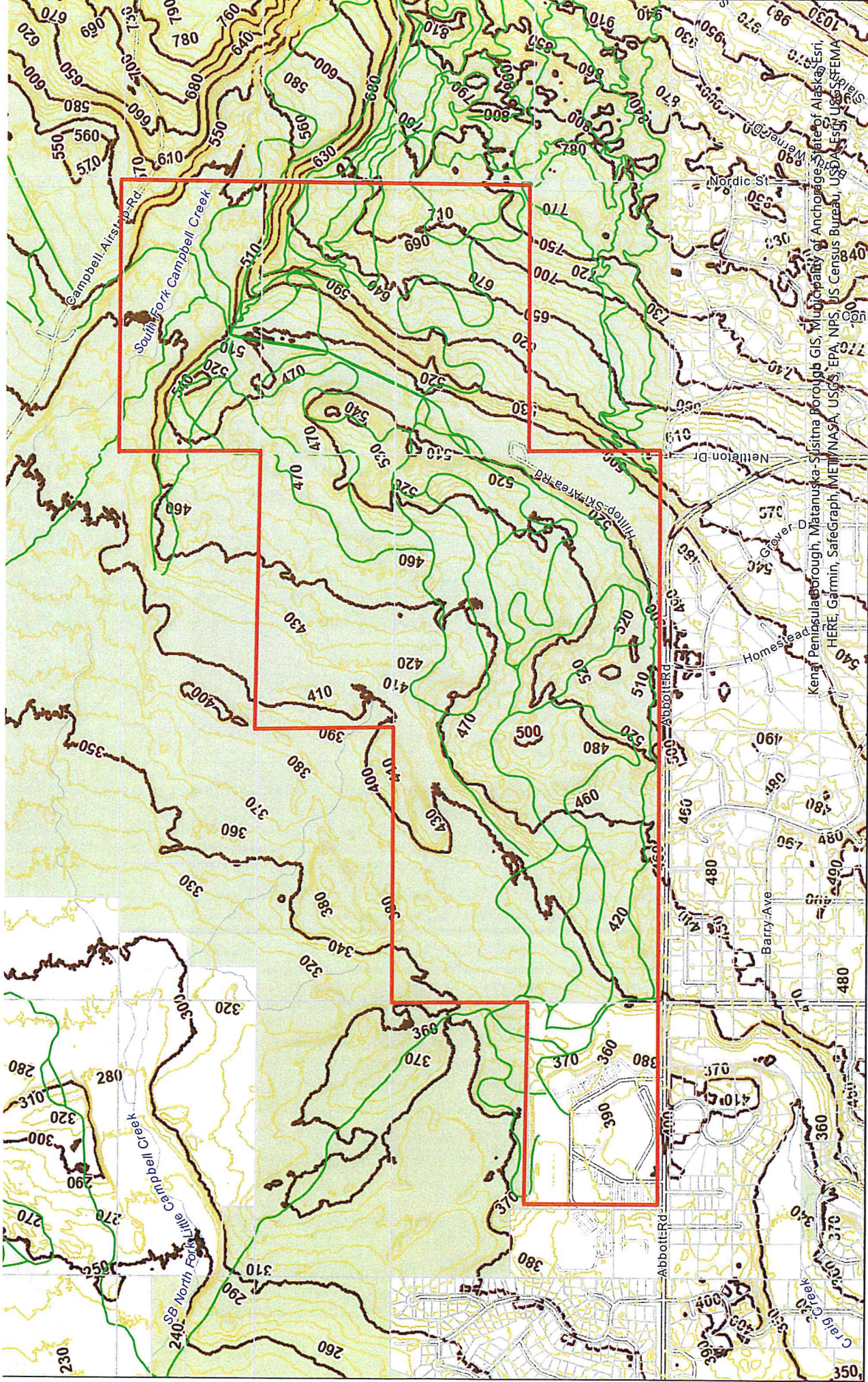
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-  Single Family Residential
 -  Rural Residential
 -  PLI
 -  Parks

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Kenai Peninsula Borough, Matanuska-Susitna Borough GIS, Municipality of Anchorage, State of Alaska, Esri, HERE, Garmin, SafeGraph, MET/NASA.



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- 10 ft




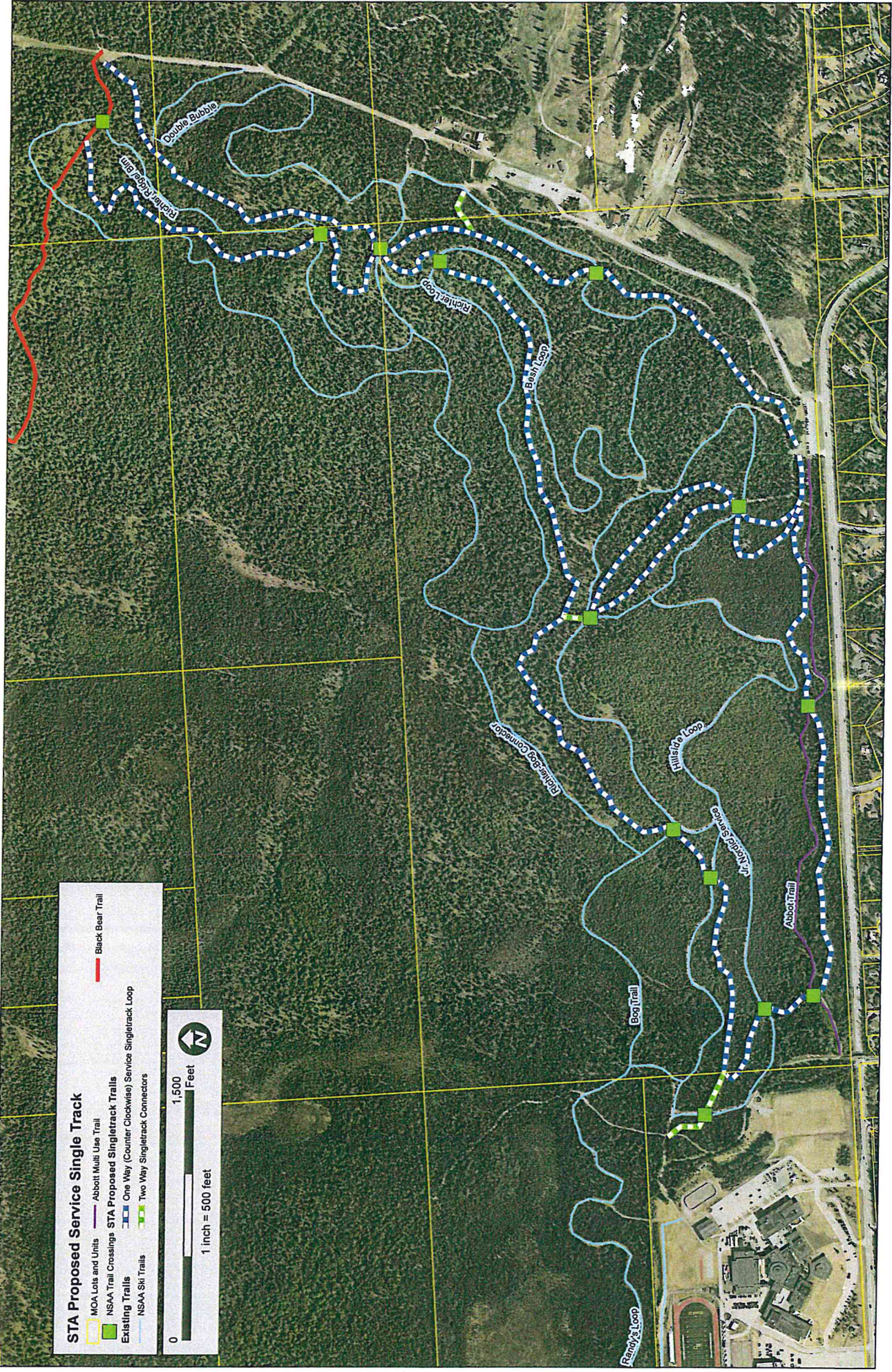
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STA Proposed Service Single Track

- MOA Lots and Units
- NSAA Trail Crossings
- Existing Trails
- NSAA Ski Trails
- Black Bear Trail
- Abbott Multi Use Trail
- NSAA Proposed Singletrack Trails
- One Way (Counter Clockwise) Service Singletrack Loop
- Two Way Singletrack Connectors

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1 inch = 500 feet

COMMUNITY MEETING DOCUMENTATION

The following pages provide documentation of community meetings and public support for the singletrack trail proposal at Far North Bicentennial/Hillside Park:

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**Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska
Parks & Recreation Commission**

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**PRC RES NO. 2023-05
FAR NORTH BICENTENNIAL/HILLSIDE PARK SINGLETRACK TRAILS**

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission serves in an advisory capacity to both the Mayor and the Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission has the responsibility and duty to provide for the long-term vision of our park system by ensuring that a balance of parks, natural resources, and recreation facilities provides for the health, welfare, and safety of all residents of the Anchorage Bowl; and

WHEREAS, Hillside Park is part of Far North Bicentennial Park, which is Anchorage's largest park and spans 4,011 acres, has over one million visitors each year, and supports a wide variety of trail users on more than 80 miles of trails; and

WHEREAS, Singletrack Advocates proposes 5.5 miles of new singletrack trails in Hillside Park/Far North Bicentennial Park between Service High School and Hilltop Ski Area, and would be maintained under the existing Agreement between Singletrack Advocates and the Parks and Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, the Singletrack Advocates and Parks and Recreation Department have seen an increase in mountain biking and winter biking resulting in trail congestion and a desire for new trails; and

WHEREAS, the proposed development minimizes disturbance of the park by fitting within existing the developed Nordic trail system, and within designated "high-intensity" areas identified by the *Far North Bicentennial Park Trails Improvement Plan*; and

WHEREAS, the singletrack trails will disperse traffic and increase connectivity throughout the Hillside Park trail system between existing parking lots; and

WHEREAS, the proposed trails will provide access to beginner and intermediate mountain biking terrain, bringing new opportunities for young riders and skills development; and

WHEREAS, the project has received letters of support from community councils and user groups, including the NSAA, Hilltop Ski Area, and Mighty Bikes - a program that brings 300 kids weekly to Hillside Park during the summer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission approves the proposal for Singletrack Trails at Hillside Park as submitted by the Parks and Recreation Department.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission this 13th day of April, 2023.

Chair
Parks and Recreation Commission

ATTEST:

Mike Braniff, Director
Parks & Recreation Department

Copy of Public Notice Mailer

Public Meeting for Service Singletrack Project

Singletrack Advocates (STA) plans to build ~5.5 miles of new multi-use singletrack trail in Hillside/Far North Bicentennial Park to complement existing recreational activities in this area.

- For more information:
<https://www.singletrackadvocates.org/>
email:
singletrackadvocates@gmail.com
or
nicolette.denti@anchorageak.gov

STA Proposed Service Single Track

- NSAA Trail Crossings
- Existing Trails
- NSAA Ski Trails
- About Multi-Use Trail
- STA Proposed Singletrack Trails
 - One Way (Counter Clockwise) Service Singletrack Loop
 - Two Way Singletrack Connectors
 - Black Bear Trail
 - Service Lot

1 inch = 500 feet
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We invite you to attend a public meeting and share your thoughts on this project.
Hillside Community Council
March 1st, 2023 6:30-8:00pm
For Zoom/in-person meeting information, visit the Hillside Community Council website:
<https://www.communitycouncils.org/service/content/20.html>

Another opportunity to learn about the project and share public comment will be the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on March 9, 2023, 6 - 8 p.m. at the Spensard Community Recreation Center (2020 W. 48th Ave)

Hilltop Ski Area
Service High School

HILLSIDE/SERVICE HIGH SINGLETRACK TRAILS PROPOSAL



Community Meeting at the Hillside Community Council (HCC)

March 1, 2023

Location: Held via Zoom

Project Managers: Martin Miller (Singletrack Advocates) and Nicolette Dent (Municipality of Anchorage)

Community Meeting Summary

Martin Miller from Singletrack Advocates (STA) delivered a presentation on the proposal to build 5.5 miles of singletrack trails between Service High School and Hilltop Ski Area within Hillside Park and Far North Bicentennial Park. The proposal would bring beginner and intermediate trails to a popular area used by youth programs and families. Trail development is focused within existing Nordic loops and within designated high-use areas identified by the *Far North Bicentennial Park Trails Improvement Plan*. There was a Q&A period including the following questions:

- Carmela Warfield (HCC President) asked: **who maintains the trails?**

Response: STA has an existing maintenance agreement with the Municipality, which will include these proposed trails.

- An HCC member asked: **are there options for lighting or benches along the trail system?**

Response: No STA trails are lit in Anchorage, and given the terrain it would be difficult to provide suitable and consistent lighting. For benches - there is one on Spencer Loop currently. Community members could work directly with the Municipality on additional bench requests.

- Todd Brownson (HCC VP) asked: **has there been any negative feedback?**

Response: Not that STA or Parks and Recreation have received. There was one comment received to not build the loop near the Abbott multi-use trail. The existing trail is steep and open to equestrians, and so the proposed layout would provide an alternative to the existing condition. It also allows the entire loop to be one-directional, which is helpful for safety and user experience.

Nicolette Dent (MOA Parks and Recreation) explained that a common question is about wayfinding and trail crossings. STA has a well-established system for this and has already coordinated with Nordic Skiing Association of Anchorage (NSAA) and earned their support. All crossings will be signed. Regulatory and safety information can be shared on small kiosks, encouraging cyclists to alert other trail users to their presence especially when passing.

- Leigh Anne Bonney (HCC) shared that she was very supportive of getting rid of congestion on these trails and providing more areas for youth. Trails are the reason she moved her family to this area!
- Daniel Robbins (HCC) asked **how will you establish the directionality of the trails?**

Response: Most of these trails will be one directional, except the spurs connecting to parking and access areas. STA and the Municipality use signage at Kincaid and Hillside to establish directionality. At Kincaid, there is an alternating directional method which has been successful. Frequent trail users will alert others if they are new to the system. Wayfinding has been a priority for the Municipality, both to provide directional guidance and to develop a system of emergency locator panels.

HILLSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION 2023-01

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
EXPANDED SINGLETRACK TRAILS AT FAR NORTH BICENTENNIAL
PARK**

WHEREAS, the Singletrack Advocates, an Alaskan non-profit, proposes the installation of five and one half (5.5) miles of expanded singletrack trails in Far North Bicentennial Park between Service High School and Hilltop Ski Area; and

WHEREAS, the proposed development minimizes disturbance of the park by fitting within existing developed Nordic loops, and within designated high-use areas identified by the Far North Bicentennial Park Trails Plan; and

WHEREAS, the singletrack trails will disperse traffic and increase connectivity throughout the Hillside Park trail system between existing parking lots; and

WHEREAS, the proposed trails will provide access to beginner and intermediate mountain biking terrain, suited for younger riders with lower grades compared to existing Nordic or singletrack trails in the area; and

WHEREAS, the project has received letters of support from the community, including the Nordic Ski Association of Anchorage, Hilltop Ski Area, and user groups such as Mighty Bikes, a program that brings 300 kids weekly to Hillside Park during the summer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillside Community Council supports the Singletrack Advocates proposal to develop Singletrack Trails at Far North Bicentennial Park.

APPROVED by the Hillside Community Council this 5th day of April, 2023.



Carmela Warfield, President
Hillside Community Council

Voting Member Record: Yea: 14 Nay: 0 Abstained: 0

ABBOTT LOOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Resolution 2023-02

IN SUPPORT OF EXPANDED SINGLETRACK TRAILS AT FAR NORTH BICENTENNIAL PARK

WHEREAS, the Singletrack Advocates proposes 5.5 miles of expanded singletrack trails in Hillside Park/Far North Bicentennial Park between Service High School and Hilltop Ski Area, which would be part of the trail infrastructure covered under the existing Maintenance Agreement between Singletrack Advocates and the Parks and Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, the Singletrack Advocates and Parks and Recreation Department have seen high demand for mountain bike trails and winter bike trails resulting in trail congestion and concerns with user conflicts on existing trails;

WHEREAS, the proposed development minimizes disturbance of the park by fitting within existing developed Nordic loops, and within designated high-use areas identified by the *Far North Bicentennial Park Trails Plan*; and

WHEREAS, the singletrack trails will disperse traffic and increase connectivity throughout the Hillside Park trail system between existing parking lots; and

WHEREAS, the proposed trails will provide access to beginner and intermediate mountain biking terrain, suited for younger riders with lower grades compared to existing Nordic or singletrack trails in the area; and

WHEREAS, the project has received letters of support from the community, including the Nordic Ski Association of Anchorage, Hilltop Ski Area, and user groups such as Mighty Bikes, a program that brings 300 kids weekly to Hillside Park during the summer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Abbott Loop Community Council supports the Singletrack Advocates proposal to develop Singletrack Trails at Hillside Park/Far North Bicentennial Park.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED by the Abbott Loop Community Council on March 30, 2023 by a vote of: FOR 19, AGAINST 0, ABSTAIN 0.

Mover: Kathleen Easley Second: Leslie Kleinfeld

Votes: Yes 19 No 0 Abstain 0

Passed this 30 day of March, 2023.

Kg
Kathleen Easley - Secretary

3/30/23
Date

Bruce Roberts
Bruce Roberts
ALCC President

3/30/23
Date



January 2023

Dear FNBP/CT Users,

MOA and BLM will be having the January Far North Bicentennial/Campbell Tract User Group meeting. We **will** be meeting virtually via Microsoft Teams on **Tuesday, January 24th at 6:00pm – 7:15pm**. The meeting will be held virtually on Microsoft Teams.

▪ **News & Discussion from the BLM Campbell Tract and MOA Parks and Recreation:**

Events

- Fur Rondy Sled Dog Races – Feb. 24th – 26th
- Iditarod Ceremonial Start- Saturday, March 4th. BLM Airstrip and CCSC Ceremonial Start Viewing: Dog Teams will utilize the Tour of Anchorage Trail from MLK Jr Blvd to the Airstrip
- Tour of Anchorage Race will take place on Sunday March 5th

Updates and New Items

MOA P&R

Please respect Dog Sled Only Trails and help spread the word (social media, word of mouth). Additional signage has been placed at intersections and trailheads.

- ASDRA New Headquarters Update
- FLAP Grant Update – Tour of Anchorage Trail Bridge(s) Construction and Trail Closure – Summer 2023
- NE Connector Trail Construction Update
- Winter Grooming – STA
- Youth Employment in Parks (YEP) Positions are Open!
- **Single Track Advocates (STA) Presentation (Martin Miller)- Proposed Single Track Trails**

BLM

- Campbell Tract Recreation Area Management Plan is complete.
 - Year-Round Single-Track Trail
 - Design, layout & construction slated for Spring & Summer 2023
 - Trail System Maintenance
 - Gravel is being purchased
 - E-Bike Types & Authorized Use Areas
 - BLM did not authorize E-Bikes
- Travel & Transportation Management project
 - Address Motorized and Off Highway Vehicle use by evaluating routes and designating the extent of motorized activity on Campbell Tract
 - Provide input on route locations and E-Bike suitability
 - Winter Only Single-Track Trails
 - Working with STA to get an agreement going to assist with grooming the narrow trails on Campbell Tract
 - Fuels Management Treatments
 - Working with partners across the Anchorage Bowl with fuels mitigation
 - Campbell Airstrip Trailhead Parking Area

- Looking for funding sources
 - Recreation Permit Authorizations
 - Continue managing permitted activities on Campbell Tract
- 68th Road re-alignment project
- Campbell Creek Science Center parking lot project and event flyer for January
- Volunteers working on Campbell Tract
- Law Enforcement Officer on Campbell Tract

Additional

- Please report any illegal camps, illegal trail construction, or any other activity in the parks. Use the AncWorks page on muni.org to report illegal camps.
- Dogs on leash
- **Special Events** –Events on MOA and or BLM trails must be permitted. **All Races, events, activities** on MOA or BLM lands require a permit application and review. Organizations are reminded to submit their proposals well in advance for consideration and potential approval of proposed activities. MOA permitted events within Far North Bicentennial Park:
 - Please note that some events may be canceled due to weather:
 - **Please Contact Ben Rausche at 343-4040 or the BLM to acquire the necessary permit.**

The next meeting will be scheduled in the near future. If you have any questions, please call or e-mail us at:

Brad Muir	343- 4287	MuirBH@muni.org
Scott Justham	267-1459	sjustham@blm.gov
Stolf Short		sshort@blm.gov

Thank you!



A Facility of Youth Exploring Adventure, Inc. A Non-Profit Organization
Dedicated to Developing Recreational Facilities for Our Alaskan Youth

Singletrack Advocates
PO Box 221382
Anchorage, AK 99522

May 25th 2022

Hilltop Ski Area supports the Singletrack Advocates' (STA) proposed Service Singletrack Loop in Far North Bicentennial Park. The multi-use, singletrack trail would be approximately 5 miles in length, machine built, designed for one-way traffic, and would be co-located with the existing Nordic ski trails west of the Hilltop lease area. The Service Singletrack Loop would provide a new and complimentary recreational opportunity in an area of FNB that currently has lighted ski trails and limited social (unofficial) paths. It also provides connectivity between multiple trailheads and provides an opportunity for beginner and intermediate riders to develop the skills needed to tackle Hilltop and STA's existing Hillside trails. Having a beginner loop trail on the Hillside will be a great complement to the existing trails.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trevor Bird".

Trevor Bird
General Manager
Hilltop Ski Area



www.mightybikes.org
jtoweralaska@gmail.com; 907-250-2364
7645 Griffith Street
Anchorage, AK 99507

December 20, 2022

Lee Bolling, President
Singletrack Advocates
PO Box 221382
Anchorage, AK 99522

Dear Lee,

Mighty Bikes would like to express its wholehearted support for Singletrack Advocates' Service Singletrack Trail Project.

Mighty Bikes engages kids in the sport of mountain biking by teaching technical riding skills, developing self-confidence, and inspiring a lifelong passion for biking. We enroll 300 kids in the program and have a volunteer staff of 75 coaches, some of whom have grown up with Mighty Bikes and are qualified to assistant coach as peer mentors.

There is a noticeable gap in the singletrack trail system between Service High School where Mighty Bikes convenes every Tuesday, and the STA trails on the Upper Hillside. Currently the kids ride the ski trails, some of which have very steep grades, to get to the upper trails and the Hillside pump track which Mighty Bikes helped fund. A new singletrack trail system would enhance the teaching experience by giving the kids a beginner to intermediate singletrack trail experience. Skill development will enable the older kids to safely utilize the more advanced trails up high.

Mighty Bikes kids and their families are fortunate to have the recreational resource of singletrack in Anchorage. We look forward to supporting this and other STA projects.

Sincerely,

Janice T Tower
Mighty Bikes, President



Nordic Skiing Association of Anchorage
203 W 15th Ave Suite 204
Anchorage, AK 99501
T 907 276 7609
www.anchoragenordicski.com

July 4, 2020

Lee Bolling & Martin Miler
Singletrack Advocates
PO BOX 240574
Anchorage AK 99524

RE: Service Singletrack Trails Project

Dear Singletrack Advocates:

The Nordic Skiing Association of Anchorage (NSAA) would like to offer this letter of support to the proposed Singletrack Advocates' Service Singletrack Trails Project.

Singletrack Advocates has a proven track record of working with other user groups to resolve issues and have demonstrated their ability to accomplish projects. They did an outstanding job of constructing Anchorage's existing singletrack trails on the Hillside and received the Nordic Skiing Association of Anchorage's full support for their project at Kincaid Park.

NSAA has a large stake in the trail system on the Anchorage Hillside near Service High School as we maintain the many of the existing trails year-round for skiers, hikers, dog walkers and bikers. In the winter, NSAA grooms these trails for ski-only use. NSAA is committed to promoting recreation as a part of an active lifestyle and minimizing conflicts between user groups.

NSAA offers this letter of support for Singletrack Advocates (STA) to secure permission and funding to design and construct new trails on the Anchorage Hillside. NSAA appreciates the opportunity for multiple board and staff members to walk the proposed trails and evaluate the intersections with existing ski trails to inform this decision. At its May 2020 meeting, the NSAA Board of Directors voted in approval of the concept presented by STA. NSAA appreciates the consideration of STA to minimize trail crossings, discourage non-skier use of NSAA's groomed trails during the snow season and design trail intersections to be as safe as possible for a variety of user groups.

We look forward to working with STA to improve the trail system on the Anchorage Hillside.

Sincerely,

Joey Caterinichio
NSAA Board President

INDIVIDUAL LETTERS OF SUPPORT:

HILLSIDE/SERVICE HIGH SINGLETRACK TRAILS

The following letters were submitted to the Singletrack Advocates in support of the proposal in advance of the hearing at the Parks and Recreation Commission on April 13, 2023.



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Support service

1 message

Heath Allen <allen.heath@gmail.com>
To: singletrackadvocates@gmail.com

Tue, Apr 11, 2023 at 3:12 PM

To Whom it May Concern,

We would like to write a letter in support of the Service single track project. We are Anchorage residents and live close to Service and use all of the hillside trails year round.

Adding single track trails would help spread out different types of users. This would be great continuity between the hillside bike park, hillside bike trails, south rim, and hemlock burn. This would make all of this accessible to anyone in Anchorage who lives on or near any of the bike paths that connect to service... so less congestion at trailheads, and less cars on the road. Also, this would open access to this area that has been ski only, and give non skiers a trail to use in the winter that doesn't conflict with the groomed trails.

It seems like Kincaid is a great case study for how to do this right, and modeling this on the previous success is great! STA builds great bike-specific trails and creates a fun low impact healthy sport for all ages. Our whole family of 6 will be out there helping with the trail build and riding them when they are done.

Sincerely,
Heath and Andrea Allen, Anchorage residents



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

I support the Service Singletrack Project

1 message

dan@danbaileyphoto.com <dan@danbaileyphoto.com>

Wed, Apr 12, 2023 at 3:41 PM

To: singletrackadvocates@gmail.com

Hello,

I am writing to express my full support for the Service Singletrack Project, as described on the Singletrack Advocates website.

As an Anchorage citizen and active cyclist who rides in Far North and the Hillside areas throughout the year, I feel that the new proposed trails would provide great alternative connectivity between Far North, Service, Abbot and the existing Hilltop trails, and also the trails that lead into Chugach State Park. They would also help disperse traffic along these popular multi-use corridors.

In addition, having a series of novice and intermediate trails in this area would compliment the existing steeper, more advanced trails on the upper Hillside, and provide less experienced cyclists with a more moderate and safer environment to ride and build their skills, abilities and confidence.

Sincerely,
Dan Bailey (Anchorage resident)

Dan Bailey
970-484-1632



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Service Singletrack Project

1 message

River Yaks <lfbrandau@gmail.com>
To: singletrackadvocates@gmail.com

Wed, Apr 12, 2023 at 1:47 PM

To whom it may concern

I 100% support the Service Single Track Project. I use the recreate in this area year round.

Bike /Ski / Trail Run

This project would be an awesome addition to the current trails already there, providing a safer place for beginner and younger riders and providing a longer trail system connecting Service, Abbott and Hillside trails.

Again I fully endorse this project

Thanks Much

Lincoln Brandau
Anchorage resident



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

I support !

1 message

Davis Crittenden <davisinak@yahoo.com>
To: singletrackadvocates@gmail.com

Wed, Apr 12, 2023 at 12:22 PM

Yes I support the work that you'd like to do with SERVICES and Moore keep it up anything to keep our kids outdoors and enjoying the wilderness as well as the trails ! .

Sent from **D a v i s** ✓



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Service Singletrack Project

1 message

R DeBonis <rdebonis9@gmail.com>
To: singletrackadvocates@gmail.com

Wed, Apr 12, 2023 at 12:52 PM

Dear Parks and Recreation,

I have recently taken up mountain biking and am trying to get my kids into the activity as well. They enjoy it far more than hiking and has proven a great way to get them outdoors and active.

The Service Singletrack Project is exactly what we need for kids and beginner/intermediate MTBers. The steep hillside trails aren't what my kids are interested in, steep inclines to access the runs kills their motivation.

Creating less steep trails focused on building up skill sets with varying degrees of difficulty will be an excellent addition to the Muni's current single track and STA will do an awesome job keeping up the trails as they always do.

I reside in Eagle River and travel frequently into town to both Kincaid and Hilltop/FNBP to MTB and Fatbike in the winter.

Ryan DeBonis



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Letter of Support for Service Trails

1 message

Hannah Haakinson <hannahlruff@gmail.com>
To: singletrackadvocates@gmail.com

Wed, Apr 12, 2023 at 6:44 AM

Dear Singletrack Advocates,

We'd like to express our support for the new Service Singletrack Trail Project. This would be an excellent addition to the Hillside Trail System for beginner riders and those wanting to try the sport of mountain biking.

Sincerely,

Hannah and David Haakinson
Anchorage, Alaska



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

support for proposed Service HS single track

1 message

Tami Hamler <tamihamler@gmail.com>
To: singletrackadvocates@gmail.com

Wed, Apr 12, 2023 at 9:28 AM

Hello

I wanted to communicate my strong support for construction of the STA proposed Service HS singletrack. Looks like a fabulous addition to this awesome trail system (ski, multiuse singletrack). Many in Anchorage will enjoy it.

Tami Hamler
3000 Alder Circle
Anchorage 99508



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Service Singletrack support

1 message

Heather Harris <hharrisak@gmail.com>

Wed, Apr 12, 2023 at 2:13 PM

To: Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Hello Parks & Rec,

I support the Service Singletrack project. I look forward to more beginning and intermediate singletrack options on the hillside to enjoy and grow my children's love for an active lifestyle.

I especially appreciate how Single Track Advocates has worked with other community groups and users of the area to ensure their support of the project.

I appreciate your consideration.

Heather Harris
Anchorage Hillside Resident

Support of STA's Service Singletrack Project

4/12/23

To the Members of the Anchorage Parks & Recreation Commission:

As an avid skier, Nordic ski coach, and mountain biker who prefers "flow" trails, I'm all for the Service Singletrack Project.

Skiing on Nordic trails in Kincaid, where there are multiple STA intersections, I've found the singletrack trail crossings to be a non-issue. There's one 2-foot break in the grooming and that's it. I have, however, encountered "lost" fat bikers using the groomed Nordic trails so I encourage STA to include good signage as well as "bail out" options, which it appears it has.

As a ski coach, big snow days mean singletrack trails are great for exploration on skis! This fosters skill building, an introduction to backcountry skiing, and a love of nature. (The fat bikers we've encountered on deep snow days have always supportive – and appreciate us packing down the trail for them.)

In the summer, I enjoy Hilltop singletrack trails, but they are steep and I find them more technical to my preferred style of riding. So I am thrilled to learn of more accessible trails that this project will create.

The only possible objection I can see to this project is the disruption of wildlife habitat – but that is mitigated by creating the trails within existing Nordic/multiuse trail system.

For these reasons, I ask the Parks and Recreation Commission to APPROVE the Service Singletrack Project.

- *Katie Hickey*

520 W. 19th Ave.
Anchorage, AK 99503
(907) 223-9356



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Support Singletrack Project

1 message

Rebecca Houts <behstars@yahoo.com>

Tue, Apr 11, 2023 at 8:58 PM

To: singletrackadvocates@gmail.com

I want to voice my opinion for the single track project to help connect from service high school. We recently moved to that area so that we have access to more trails. I am from the lower 48 so grew up with purpose built singletrack trails and love them. It's so hard to ride or run the wide boring trails for me. I feel like it will help younger community get out more on easier beginner friendly trails all year round which is what we need. Our daughter started fat biking this winter and it's tough finding enough miles that connect and are easy enough for her. The community needs this as a natural progression for kids and adults alike.

Thanks for you time-
Becca Houts
3810 Midvale Cir
Anchorage, AK 99507

Sent from my iPhone



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

support for Service Singletrack Project!

1 message

Jensen, David <David.Jensen@providence.org>

Wed, Apr 12, 2023 at 9:46 AM

To: "singletrackadvocates@gmail.com" <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Hi,

As a community member, I wanted to write and support the approval of the Service Singletrack Project.

David R Jensen, MHA

Business Systems Analyst, Lab Administration

Providence Alaska Medical Center

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Office hours: M-W (until Nov)

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Hello,

This letter is to express my full support for the proposed singletrack trails between Service High School and Hilltop Ski Area. Properly built and maintained trails can provide year-round recreational opportunity for residents and visitors to an area. The Singletrack Advocates organization has proven time and again that they know how to properly build a trail system and how to properly maintain it year-round for all users. They are active in the community to raise the necessary funding to accomplish these goals.

The proposed location of these trails is idea for this purpose. The adjacent Hillside singletrack trail system consists of primarily long, extended climbs followed by fast, technical descents. These trails are fun and challenging for some users, but can be intimidating to many who are interested in a more cross-country style of riding. Additionally, the hilly trails that currently exist are often a bit much for kids (groups like Mighty Bikes for example) and newer riders. The only good alternative for this type of riding is all the way across town at Kincaid, making it difficult for many to have reasonable access. Adding a trail network in the proposed area will provide options that are more desirable to a wider range of users on the east side of town. It will also provide a system of trails for bikers to build their skills on before working up to the more challenging hillside trails.

Singletrack Advocates has worked well with the community and groups like the Nordic Ski Association of Anchorage when designing and building their trail systems. The Kincaid singletrack system is a great example of how they can integrate a set of singletrack trails in and among ski trails while maintaining safety and minimizing use conflicts.

While some will likely express concern over the new trails increasing the potential for wildlife conflicts, I see it as the opposite. The new trails would provide alternative routes for those who encounter wildlife on other trails. Currently, there are only a very limited number of trails in that area, meaning that if a trail user encounters a moose or bear along the way, they only have a couple options of how to get around without having to bushwhack their way through the woods and devils club. The new singletrack system will provide some additional formal routes people can use to avoid known issues or to divert around an animal without unnecessarily disturbing them. This is seen at Kincaid on a regular basis. People encounter a moose for example, but are able to easily divert to an adjacent alternative trail to get past it safely and without causing more disturbance to the moose. This is better for all users, including the 4-legged furry ones.

Thank you for taking my 100% support for this project into consideration. I look forward to this project moving forward.

Jason Lamoreaux

Born and raised in Anchorage and lifetime user of local trails for skiing, biking, running, and hiking



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Letter of support

1 message

Ben Matheson <mathesonben@gmail.com>

Wed, Apr 12, 2023 at 1:43 PM

To: "singletrackadvocates@gmail.com" <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Hello, below is a letter of support for the new proposed trails. Thanks!

I'm writing to express support for the proposed singletrack trails located at the hillside area.

I use the ski trails in the winter, run on the trails in the summer and fall, and mountain bike on the singletrack trails in the summer. Investing in this facility with new singletrack would benefit a wide variety of people and support healthy activities for people new to mountain biking and those looking to maximize their mileage. There is adequate parking with the multiple access points to the trail system and the proposed trail should further help people access the area from a variety of locations.

I support the construction of the new trail and look forward to riding it. STA creates incredible trails that help make Anchorage's park system a world class recreation area.

Thanks

Ben Matheson



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

We Support the Service Singletrack Project!

1 message

Rachelle Pessetto <rachellepessetto@gmail.com>
To: singletrackadvocates@gmail.com

Thu, Apr 13, 2023 at 1:28 PM

Our family strongly supports the Service Singletrack project! We love to bike as a family on the trail system and love that this will provide more skill building opportunities for our young children.

Rachelle Pessetto
Anchorage Resident

April 11, 2023

Lee Bolling, President
Singletrack Advocates
P.O. Box 221382
Anchorage, AK 99522

Dear Mr. Bolling,

Our family would like to express our heartfelt support for the proposed Service Singletrack Trail Project. We are a family of daily Anchorage-area trail users and believe this project will have a hugely positive impact on the community.

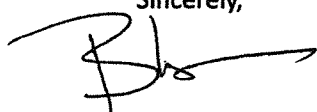
Our two boys found their love for mountain biking in part thanks to the Mighty Bikes program in Anchorage. Beginning in 2015, they climbed up the ranks of color groups each year as their confidence, skill-level and ability increased. While in the lower-level groups, the Hillside and Far North Bicentennial Park (FNBP) multi-use trails were great. But as they progressed, there was a noticeable gap in availability of beginning and intermediate singletrack trails on the east side of Anchorage; in particular, near the meet-up spot for Mighty Bikes (Service High School). The options were either the wider multi-use trails at FNBP or the Hillside ski trails for beginner bikers, both of which are multi-directional and very crowded during the summer months. The Hillside singletrack trails are great but are steep and not conducive for younger riders and families looking to build their skills.

With multiple access points, progressively more difficult interconnected loops, a one-way design, improved sight lines to prevent wildlife interactions, and optional skill building obstacles and features, the proposed Service Singletrack Trail Project would fill the gap in trail difficulty level by providing the perfect place to hone the skills needed to tackle the more technical and steeper singletrack trails on the Hillside.

Through the years we've seen an increase in the number of trail users on the Hillside and within FNBP. The proposed Service Singletrack Trail Project will help to disperse users in an already designated high-use, yet underdeveloped area of FNBP. The proposed trail project gives our community more opportunities to get outside and enjoy an active lifestyle.

We are lucky to call Anchorage our home and look forward to seeing this project come to fruition!

Sincerely,



Brook and Carrie Predeger





Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Support for Service Singletrack

1 message

Shelly S <cosmonullr@gmail.com>

Thu, Apr 13, 2023 at 9:12 AM

To: "singletrackadvocates@gmail.com" <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Please consider this a letter of support of the Service Singletrack plan. Our family utilizes the trails in Anchorage for biking, running, skiing, walking, bird watching etc. We support the proposed plan of adding single track trails near Service, as the trails will provide a much needed area for new riders to be able to enjoy, learn and grow their skill set. It will also be a lovely trail for winter walkers to avoid bigger ski trails.

Thank you for taking my comment.

-Michelle Schwenn

P.s. we can't make the meeting in person, due to previous commitments.



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

I support Service Singletrack

1 message

Amy Seby <asebby@gmail.com>
To: singletrackadvocates@gmail.com

Thu, Apr 13, 2023 at 12:10 PM

This letter is to express my support for the proposed Service Singletrack trail project.

The addition of new trails in this already developed and popular area would provide great alternatives for riders of all skill levels, and with the single-direction and multiple entry/exit points, this would help disperse traffic for all trail users in the area.

Sincerely,
Amy Seby
Anchorage resident



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Service Singletrack Project

Michal <Michal_1939@yahoo.com>

Sun, Apr 2, 2023 at 9:01 PM

To: "singletrackadvocates@gmail.com" <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Hi

I support this project. My family and I are avid bikers. Physical activity is crucial to a healthy life, and we are trying to pass our love of activity onto our kids. A beginner level new trail would be great.

Thank you.

Michal Stryszak

Anchorage 99517



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Letter of Support for the Service Singletrack Project

1 message

Janice Banta <jbanta@mac.com>
To: singletrackadvocates@gmail.com

Tue, Mar 28, 2023 at 4:20 PM

Lee Bolling, President
Single Track Advocates
Box 221382
Anchorage, AK 99522

Dear Lee:

I strongly support the new singletrack trail at Hillside, the "Service Singletrack Project!" As a current Anchorage resident, a past Anchorage Junior Nordic Board member and parent helper with the winter Junior Nordic and summer Mighty Bikes programs, I have seen how trails encourage and provide opportunities for kids to get outdoors and have fun while getting some great exercise to boot. Further,

The project would provide a new, complimentary recreational resource in an area of Far North Bicentennial Park (FNBP) that currently does not have any purpose-built singletrack trails. These trails encourage an active lifestyle.

The project utilizes an already disturbed area of the park that is designated for 'high density of recreational use.'

The terrain in the project area is less steep than existing Hillside STA trails, making it an ideal location for skill-building and for a wider range of users, including youth and those looking for a less strenuous ride/walk/ski.

The project would provide great connectivity between Service, Abbott, Hilltop and the north end of the powerline trail. Single-direction travel and multiple entry/exit locations disperse traffic and minimize user conflicts.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my whole hearted support for this excellent, well-planned project. My wife and I are looking forward to riding the new trail as well.

Sincerely,

Joe Banta



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Service singletrack letter of support

1 message

Jonas Banta <banta.jonas@gmail.com>

Tue, Mar 28, 2023 at 4:57 PM

To: singletrackadvocates@gmail.com

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to express my support of the development of new singletrack mountain bike trails in the service high school area. As someone who grew up riding the multi-use trails in this area, and has seen the increase in trail use in recent years, the value of this project is clear. Easing heavy use on existing trails, creating more opportunities for mountain biking to develop as a scholastic sport, providing more trails for intermediate riders looking to progress, and sustaining the growth in the sport are all valuable goals that would be achieved by these new trails. I look forward to putting volunteer hours in should this project earn your support.

Best wishes,

Jonas Banta

Anchorage resident



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Support for Service Single Track

1 message

Mindy Baum <minbaum@msn.com>

Tue, Mar 28, 2023 at 10:28 PM

To: "singletrackadvocates@gmail.com" <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

I live near Service High School and I strongly support the Service single track.

The trail would be a great connector between this area and the existing lower and upper Hillside trail systems. The terrain is less steep than existing trails which makes it ideal to build skills and serve trail users looking for a less strenuous activity. The location is ideal for Hillside residents and the Mighty bike program and will help disperse what has become a heavily used area and trail system.

Thank you.

Mindy Baum



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Support Letter for Service Singetrack Project

1 message

Eric Billingsley <eric.billingsley@gmail.com>
To: singletrackadvocates@gmail.com

Wed, Mar 29, 2023 at 5:24 PM

I support the Service Singletrack Project. I think it would add to the existing FNBP area.

I have lived in Anchorage for almost 40 years and it is great to see the development of these resources.

Eric Billingsley

I support the Service Single Track Project & live in Anchorage

I support the STA trails that encourage an active lifestyle & promote recreation in our city. The more world class trails we get the more it can even encourage other cities to join in trail making & promote the same lifestyle. It can even promote activity tourism & can promote better access between Service & Hilltop.

ERIC BJELLAND



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Service Singletrack Project

1 message

Mark Burson <jmarkburson@gmail.com>
To: singletrackadvocates@gmail.com

Tue, Mar 28, 2023 at 1:35 PM

I am writing to show my support of the Single Track Advocate's (STA) Service Singletrack Project. I am an avid user of STA developed mountain bike trails in Anchorage. My name is Mark Burson and I live at 2111 Innes Circle, Anchorage, AK 99515.



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Service singletrack project

1 message

Will Corbridge <corbridge.will@gmail.com>
To: singletrackadvocates@gmail.com

Tue, Mar 28, 2023 at 11:05 PM

Hello, I'm writing to support the Service Singletrack Project. This project will bring lots of benefits to the area and to Anchorage. The proposed trails will spread out users more to reduce crowding and user conflict, while also providing more trails of a type that contrast to the other, steeper singletrack in the area. The proposal is well thought out by an organization with a proven track record.

-Will Corbridge
Anchorage resident

Lee Bolling, President
Singletrack Advocates
PO Box 221382
Anchorage, AK 99522-1382

March 28, 2023

Dear Lee,

I'm writing to you today to confirm my support for the Service Singletrack project. I have been an Anchorage resident for over 20 years and am so excited to hear of the prospect of 5 or so miles of new beginner/intermediate mtb trails in the Service area. I am an avid biker and Mighty Bikes coach and can honestly say the project will make a huge impact on our program and provide much needed variety to the area. The ski trails are very wide and steep in places and obviously not designed specifically for biking. The few social trails can be quite difficult with roots and such. Given the area is designated for high-density trails it makes good sense to add an additional 5 miles of purpose-built multi-use mountain bike trails.

Thank you and STA for all you have accomplished in our Anchorage trail community. You have my full support!



Darcy Davis



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Service Singletrack Project

1 message

Russel Dudley <rt Dudley86@gmail.com>

Tue, Mar 28, 2023 at 2:10 PM

To: "singletrackadvocates@gmail.com" <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

To Whom It May Concern,

Having enjoyed the trails and bike paths of Anchorage over the years, I find it necessary to keep growing and improving the trails within and around the Anchorage bowl. I support the development of the Service Singletrack Project because of the growth of the sport and the importance of having a place to develop skills before embarking on some of the difficult trails that Anchorage has to offer. It will provide a new location for newcomers to enjoy and those who like a slower singletrack ride a place to continue to enjoy it. The Service Singletrack trails will be built on an already disturbed area of Far North Bicentennial Park and the development of trails encourages active, healthy lifestyles. Thank you.

Russel Dudley
Anchorage, AK



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

I support the Service Singletrack Project.

1 message

Karol Fink <karol.fink@gmail.com>

Tue, Mar 28, 2023 at 9:38 PM

To: Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

I am writing to support the Service Singletrack Project proposed by Singletrack Advocates (STA). I have lived in Anchorage for over 20 years and I know Singletrack Advocates has an impressive history of designing and building trails in the Anchorage bowl. Their efforts have made Anchorage a more desirable place to live, created a more connected community and improved the health of Anchorage residents by providing a fun way to be physically active.

Additional purpose built trails - especially those that are easier - will provide additional opportunities for physical activity for young, older and those of us who want a more leisurely ride some days. The proposed plan will open up more opportunities for riders of all abilities to get out and play.

I urge your support of the proposed Service Singletrack Project.

Karol Fink | (907) 227-8178 | karol.fink@gmail.com | Scenic Way, Anchorage AK 99501



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

New Singletrack trail at Hillside

1 message

Lisa Fitzpatrick <lmf2822@gmail.com>
To: singletrackadvocates@gmail.com

Tue, Mar 28, 2023 at 6:25 PM

Yes - I support the proposed singletrack trail at Hillside. The more trails in Anchorage, the better. An active Anchorage is a healthy Anchorage and a vital community. Let's go outdoors!

Lisa Fitzpatrick (a 42 year Anchorage resident)



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Letter of support for Service Singletrack project

1 message

Laura Fox <flora.aux@gmail.com>
To: singletrackadvocates@gmail.com

Thu, Apr 6, 2023 at 8:40 PM

To whom it may concern:

I live in midtown Anchorage and I support the Service Singletrack project. I enjoy mountain biking and winter fat tire biking and love the trails in Anchorage. More trails, particularly trails near existing trail systems and ways that connect existing trail systems together, sound like a great idea to me. I also like that the area of this proposed project is not too steep, so the trails will not be too challenging to ride, since I like my rides pretty mellow.

Thanks for your consideration,

Laura Fox

2607 Shepherdia Drive

Anchorage, AK 99508



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Service Single Track Project

1 message

Rose Theisen <retheisen@gmail.com>
To: singletrackadvocates@gmail.com

Tue, Mar 28, 2023 at 10:29 PM

To whom it may concern:

I'm writing to show my support for the Service Single Track Project. I live in Anchorage and enjoy the current trails and this would be a great addition.

These trails will provide a nice place for beginners and intermediate bikers to go before tackling the more advanced trails.

Regards,
Rose Garner
Anchorage, Alaska



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Service Singletrack Project

1 message

Brad Gaskill <gasbrad@gmail.com>
To: singletrackadvocates@gmail.com

Tue, Mar 28, 2023 at 3:07 PM

I am writing in to say that I support the Service Singletrack Project.

As biking has and continues to grow not only in this community but around the world as a fun and multi-seasonal sport, Anchorage sits in a world class area of recreation and draws people from all over to enjoy its bounty. This project is another step for Alaskans to do what we already do, play. Not only will this project increase the number of trails available to ride using areas already primed for use but it will allow for the growth of youth, and beginners of any age, to better their skills and experience before they attempt the steeper more difficult fun filled aspects of mountain biking. This is a project Anchorage as a whole should be excited to see through.

Brad Gaskill
Anchorage, AK



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Support For Service Singletrack

1 message

Erin Gleason <epgleason@gmail.com>
To: singletrackadvocates@gmail.com

Fri, Mar 31, 2023 at 3:58 PM

Good Afternoon,

I am writing to show my support of the Service Single track project. The project would provide a new, complimentary recreational resource in an area of FNNP that currently does not have any purpose-built singletrack trails. It is a great way for people to recreate and exercise outside right in the heart of Anchorage!
Additionally, the project utilizes an already disturbed area of the park that is designated for 'high density of recreational use. Also, the terrain in the project area is less steep than existing Hillside STA trails, making it an ideal location for skill-building and for a wider range of users, including youth and those looking for a less strenuous ride/walk/ski.

I unfortunately no longer live in Anchorage. I lived in Anchorage 2014-2020 and loved the STA trails. I currently live in Fairbanks and continue to be an STA member and ride the trails whenever I come to Anchorage.

Thank you,
Erin Gleason



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Letter of Support for Service Singletrack Project

1 message

Joshua Gray <joshua.y.gray@gmail.com>
To: singletrackadvocates@gmail.com

Tue, Mar 28, 2023 at 2:08 PM

I am writing to express my support for the Service Singletrack project.

I am excited to hear about the proposed project, which would connect the Hillside STA trails with the Service/TOA trail systems, further connecting to the Campbell Track area - which would allow for easy access from nearby neighborhoods - adding to Anchorage accessibility to trail systems, exercise, and healthy living.

I am also excited to hear that these new trails would be well suited for younger/beginner mountain bikers. Having areas and trails well suited for beginners and skill development only promotes more active users of the trails we have, in turn reinforcing exercise, happy, and healthy people. The Mighty Bikes groups would especially benefit from having more mellow, less demanding trails to learn on and develop skills.

Thanks for your consideration.

Josh Gray

Anchorage resident and multi-modal user of Anchorage trails!



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Service Single Track Letter of Support

Kimberly Greeff <akginger@gmail.com>
To: singletrackadvocates@gmail.com

Sun, Mar 26, 2023 at 4:55 PM

Hi, Singletrack Advocates--

I am writing to express my support for the Service Single Track Project.

As an avid hiker, biker, and skier and a level 1 BCIP mountain bike coach, I am excited at the possibility of having more beginner and intermediate trails as they will significantly benefit the large population of new, less experienced riders and give them a place to expand their skill set, better preparing them for the challenges of the existing Hillside Single Track.

This project is a tremendous benefit to our community. With the increased popularity of mountain biking over the recent years, our existing trail system can be overcrowded. Building additional trails will help to spread out existing users, thus providing an overall better user experience. In addition, connecting Service High School to Hillside Park with singletrack trails will allow users to use the existing parking areas.

These new trails would also greatly benefit users during winter, allowing riders to recreate year-round!

Our community of trail-riding cyclists is growing every year. We need our trail systems to grow with it. Skills parks and more black and double black routes would be excellent for our progressing riders.

Onwards!
Kimberly Greeff



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Service Singletrack Letter Of Support

2 messages

ryan greeff <greeffinak@gmail.com>

Sun, Mar 26, 2023 at 3:58 PM

To: Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Hello Singletrack Advocates,

I am writing to express my support for the Service Single Track Project. This project will be a massive benefit to our community. At times our existing trail system feels overcrowded with limited parking. Building additional trails will help to spread out existing users, thus providing an overall better user experience. Connecting Service High School to Hillside Park with singletrack trails will allow users to use the existing parking areas. Additional beginner and intermediate trails will benefit the large population of new, less experienced riders and give them a place to expand their skill set, better preparing them for the challenges of the existing Hillside Single Track. The new trails will also greatly benefit users during the winter months, giving users who are not skiers a safe set of routes to recreate year-round while helping mitigate skier/non-skier conflicts.

I would also like Singletrack Advocates and the Municipality of Anchorage to build more black and double black "enduro" and "jump" trails. A municipal bike park would be sweet too.

Sincerely,
Ryan Greeff

Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Sat, Apr 1, 2023 at 11:41 AM

To: ryan greeff <greeffinak@gmail.com>

Thank you for your email!

-STA

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Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

I support the Service Singletrack Project

1 message

Mark Geuss <markgeuss@gmail.com>

Tue, Mar 28, 2023 at 2:55 PM

To: singletrackadvocates@gmail.com

Hello there, I am an Alaskan resident born and raised here. I have two kids that are learning to Mountain bike and I am a HUGE supporter of the new Service Singletrack Project. I coach kids biking in the summertime through Mighty Bikes program which is vital to grow the sport of Mountain Biking to be enjoyed by all. This project will directly impact many young lives in a positive way but creating more fun terrain near Service where the Mighty Bike group uses weekly for much of the summer.

Again, this is Mark Geuss, Alaskan resident, father of two small mountain bikers and huge advocate of the STA trails in general.

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Mark Geuss
markgeuss@gmail.com



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Service Singletrack Project

1 message

Joe Guyette <jguyette53@gmail.com>
To: singletrackadvocates@gmail.com

Tue, Mar 28, 2023 at 4:23 PM

Hi,

I'm all for new singletrack trails providing access for beginners or an easier workout for skilled riders or a trail that allows users to access to other trails from this new project. Since I live and use the hillside trails another trail providing new terrain to ride would be great. Besides who doesn't want to have more fun with diverse trails for riding.

Thanks

Joe G.



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Service Singletrack Project

1 message

Scott Hayden <scotthayd@gmail.com>
To: singletrackadvocates@gmail.com

Thu, Mar 30, 2023 at 1:13 PM

I live in Anchorage, and I support the Service Singletrack project connecting Service High School to Hilltop. The singletrack trails are a huge benefit to our community, and they are used all the time! In fact, the existing trails are getting crowded and we need to spread out the use a little bit! I would like some trails a little lower on the hillside where my kids will be more comfortable riding than the higher mountain trails.

Things like the excellent trail system in Anchorage make this a great place to live, work and play. A great trail system attracts professionals to our community, and keeps the local bike shops (ha, and orthopedic doctors) operating successfully.

Scott Hayden
12304 Hilltop Drive
Anchorage AK 99515



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Support of Service Singletrack Project

1 message

Dustin Heintzelman <heidust@gmail.com>
To: singletrackadvocates@gmail.com

Tue, Mar 28, 2023 at 4:05 PM

STA,

I support the service singletrack project.

This project will be another great addition to the amazing trail system in our city. I live nearby FNBP and frequent the trails in the area in both the summer and winter. FNBP area already has some great trails (STA built by hilltop, and otherwise); however, this trail project will create unique trails for the area. Existing STA trails above hilltop are steep (a different style of riding), and other trails in the area are not purpose built singletrack. The addition of these trails would be ideal for someone like myself, who enjoys biking out the front door and navigating a fun loop throughout the east side of town after work; I am excited about the additional connectivity on the south side of FNBP. I also see this as a great opportunity to encourage youth and beginner bikers to hit the singletrack trails, whereas now they might be discouraged by steep trails, rooty trails, or a vehicle ride across town or outside of town. There are a lot of people that enjoy biking in Anchorage, and I encourage any well-thought out project, like this one, that gets more folks enjoying the outdoors.

Thank you so much for your efforts, and making Anchorage a great place to recreate!

-Dustin Heintzelman
Anchorage, Alaska



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

SUPPORT for the Service Singletrack Project

1 message

Adam Hollon <ahollon@gmail.com>
To: singletrackadvocates@gmail.com

Mon, Apr 3, 2023 at 9:55 PM

Hello,

I support the Service Singletrack Project. I support this project for the following reasons:

- The project would provide a new, complimentary recreational resource in an area of Far North Bicentennial Park (FNBP) that currently does not have any purpose-built singletrack trails. These trails encourage an active lifestyle.
- The project utilizes an already disturbed area of the park that is designated for 'high density of recreational use.'
- The terrain in the project area is less steep than existing Hillside STA trails, making it an ideal location for skill-building and for a wider range of users, including youth and those looking for a less strenuous ride/walk/ski.
- The project would provide great connectivity between Service, Abbott, Hilltop and the north end of the powerline trail. Single-direction travel and multiple entry/exit locations disperse traffic and minimize user conflicts.

Best,
Adam Hollon
Anchorage, Alaska



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Service Singletrack Project

1 message

Chris Jung <chrisjung13@hotmail.com>

Tue, Mar 28, 2023 at 1:25 PM

To: "singletrackadvocates@gmail.com" <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Hello,

I am in support of the proposed Service Singletrack Project. This project seems to add valuable recreational options for the residents of Anchorage with minimal impacts on the environment and other recreational infrastructure. Its proximity to Service High School will allow for great outdoor options for adolescents. That particular area has many ski only trails making it difficult for bikers to get from Elmore Ballfields to Hilltop trails in the winter. These proposed trails would help alleviate this problem.

Best,

Chris Jung

Anchorage resident



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Service Single Track Project

1 message

gklein@gci.net <gklein@gci.net>
To: Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Tue, Mar 28, 2023 at 3:32 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

I am an avid all-season biker living on the Hillside. As weather and trail conditions allow, I ride all the trails from Glen Alps to Serice High, and Abbott Road to Tudor Road. The proposed Service Single Track Loop is something the Hillside area is sorely missing and needs. The new Burn trail and the Bee associated trails are great, but not for everyone all the time. The rest of the trails in Far North and Campbell Tract are great fun, but they also are not for everyone and not all built with bikes and sustainability in mind. The plan for the new bike specific single-track trail is in an area already dedicated for recreation and has multiple ski specific, multi-use and "social trails". I can't think of a better project than connecting present "social trails" with newly constructed trails to make a continuous singletrack loop within the present Hillside trail system. Those "social trails" came about for a reason. What a great thing for kids and families to experience, without a lot of effort, or more advanced biking skills that are required for some of the other bike specific trails. Kincaid has its rolling bike specific sustainable single tracks within the ski trails and it's about time we get the same for the Hillside area.

Thank you for your efforts to this point in bringing this project forward. I truly hope it becomes a reality. It will be a valuable asset for all trail users, not just bikers.

Greg Klein
13020 Saunders Road
Anchorage, AK 99516



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Email of Support for Service Singletrack Project

1 message

Paul Koch <kochph@outlook.com>

Tue, Mar 28, 2023 at 4:01 PM

To: "singletrackadvocates@gmail.com" <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Thank you for allowing me to voice my support of the Service Singletrack Project. As a 13-year resident of Anchorage and homeowner in the Service area, one of my favorite aspects of Anchorage is its network of trails within the Municipality, allowing for environmentally friendly and physically healthy recreation options. The Service Singletrack Project would provide a more straightforward route for me to ride to additional Singletrack trail options, enabling me to reduce my driving even further and eliminate the need for me to park at the Hillside trail system.

I also look forward to sharing the joy of mountain biking with my young child. Having a milder-grade trail network near our home would provide innumerable opportunities to teach him mountain biking and make lasting memories. I look forward to this project!

Thank you,
Paul Koch



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

I support the Service Singletrack Project

1 message

Mitch Laird <mitchell.laird@icloud.com>
To: singletrackadvocates@gmail.com

Wed, Mar 29, 2023 at 8:22 AM

I support the Service Singletrack Project.

Mitch Laird
1404 W. 12th Ave
Anchorage, AK 99501

Sent from my iPhone



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Letter of support for new hillside single track

1 message

ed I <pine.marten@yahoo.com>
To: singletrackadvocates@gmail.com

Thu, Mar 30, 2023 at 3:59 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

As a resident of hillside, I am writing in support of the new Hillside singletrack project. While I don't want to speak for my neighbors, whom I often run into on the trails, the joys of living on Hillside is the access to the amazing trail system. My family has the fortunate to enjoy the trails year round from skiing, biking, hiking, and running. My young ones have learned to ski on Hilltop and in the summer frequent the pump track. I believe this project bridges the gap from the pump track to the existing singletracks and only enriches the community. Again, I write in full support of this project. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Edwin Lee and the rest of my family

From: **Ty Hampton** <tyhampton@alaska.gov>
Subject: Service singletrack Project
Date: February 18, 2023 at 9:32 AM
To: singletrack@alaska.gov; tyhampton@alaska.gov



To whom it may concern,

My name is Ty and I am a resident and business owner in the Abbott Loop Community. I'm also a parent of two, active cyclist, and coach for Mighty Bikes. I am constantly on the hillside trails during all seasons and am always amazed how many other folks I see utilizing the trails whether running, biking, skiing, hiking, or walking their dogs.

The extensive network of trails is why I'm happy to call Anchorage my home. I love having multiple places to run or ride to right from my home instead of having to drive somewhere to access the trails.

I think these new proposed trails would be an invaluable addition to the hillside network of trails. On Thursday nights alone Mighty Bikes has 300 kids plus coaches along with other users on the trails. There are limited options to get from our meetup at Service up to the hilltop bike trails. We often get very bunched up and crowded going to and from so other trails would be wonderful to have access to in order to reduce congestion.

Our trails are very important and as someone who has used them just about daily for the 15 years I've lived here I have seen them become even more important. I used to rarely see others on my winter fat bike rides, now I often see many others and lots of groups enjoying my favorite way to be outdoors. Now post covid there has been another surge of users.

I fully support this plan.
Yours truly,

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Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Service Single Track Project Support

1 message

Sunny Mall <mathnunnies@gmail.com>

Tue, Mar 28, 2023 at 5:17 PM

To: "singletrackadvocates@gmail.com" <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing this note in support of the Service Single Track Project. I support this project since not only would it disperse traffic in this particular area

I've been fortunate to be able to split my time over the past 50 years between Homer, Anchorage and Chugiak areas. As a result of these experiences, I have experienced the lack of single track trails in some of these areas at various times, especially for youth and bikers who need a less strenuous activity to participate in. It's my understanding that the Service Single Track Project will provide this for users including minimizing user conflicts.

As a current resident of Chugiak, AK, I hope to be able to experience these trails one day and take my nephews and great nephew on these proposed future trails to introduce them to mountain biking. Thank you for reading my note.

Thank you,

Alison "Sunny" Mall

mathnunnies@gmail.com

(907) 441-0314



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Service Trail Singletrack Project, Hillside User Comments

3 messages

matt kupilik <redpointed@yahoo.com>

Fri, Mar 3, 2023 at 2:22 PM

To: "singletrackadvocates@gmail.com" <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Matthew Kupilik, I am an avid trail user (ski/bike/run) and climber and am a supporter of STA, I believe your work really does make our community better. I also live in the Slana loop neighborhood directly across from the current proposed Service Hillside singletrack connector. I was planning on attending the Hillside Community meeting this last week, but my work schedule precluded it. As such I am sending my comments directly to STA with the hope they will be considered.

I will preface my comments with a statement of overall support for the project, I think the addition of singletrack loops north and east of the Abbott Road Hilltop parking will result in some fun riding that will increase connectivity to the existing Hillside Singletrack. I do have two concerns about the routing of the connector trails west of the Abbott Road Hilltop parking lot. My first worry is the destruction of the existing social trails that the current route is proposing for the "up track". Both my neighborhood and the Main Tree neighborhood actively maintain the existing single track trail under your proposed route along Abbott, and as such it sees quite heavy pedestrian/dog use and light "old school" mountain bike traffic. Widening and berming the existing singletrack, which you have proposed imposing an upward direction of travel on, would add little to the biking experience, but could potentially have a pretty negative impact on the walking quality of the trail, as well as intersecting with popular neighborhood access points. Since the proposed trail is planned as uphill only, I would propose not adding any trail features or random banks, but preserving the character of the existing trail as much as possible. The Abbott multi use trail already provides great bike access, and does not have any extreme grades, your efforts would be better spent improving drainage in a few key spots on the multi-use rather than making the existing singletrack easier to ride.

My second worry is that you are underestimating the popularity and attachment to the Service Boulder. As the largest glacial erratic in the Anchorage bowl (that I know of) it sees heavy summer traffic as a destination. Many families use it as a picnic spot (there is even a swing installed below it). It provides a great view and I know it is considered a special place for many trail users (myself and my family included). It is also a popular bouldering destination, whose location is in all the climbing guidebooks and has quite a few challenging problems over a range of difficulties. When all these are taken together, the Service boulder is frequently surrounded by stationary pedestrians, crashpads, dogs, and kids bikes. If I was building a flow trail I would avoid routing it through high concentrations of stationary people, at best it would require large speed reductions to deal with crossing foot traffic. I would propose avoiding such a landmark and routing down just north of the Richter Bog Connector and then south of the Bog trail, between the Bog trail and the lighted loops. This would reduce crossing the more popular skate track as well, instead crossing the much less popular classic track, which sees less use in both summer and winter. This route would also preserve more of the existing social trails that are commonly used by dog walkers (especially in the winter when the skate trails are off limits).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

Matthew Kupilik

Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>
To: matt kupilik <redpointed@yahoo.com>

Mon, Mar 6, 2023 at 1:06 PM

Hi Matthew,

Thank you for your email and for your comments. We will take these into consideration and the trail development process continues.

Enjoy the trails!

Sincerely,
Colleen Bolling
Administrator
Singletrack Advocates
[Quoted text hidden]

Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Mon, Mar 6, 2023 at 1:07 PM

To: Martin Miller <martino.j.miller@gmail.com>, lee bolling <leetron@gmail.com>, "Janice Tower (jtoweralaska@gmail.com)" <jtoweralaska@gmail.com>

FYI-I will save this to our letters of support for the project. I told him we will consider his comments as we continue the trail development process.

[Quoted text hidden]

March 28, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the Service Singletrack Project. My family and I currently utilize all of the singletrack in this area. The development of singletrack riding throughout Anchorage has enhanced our quality of life here and motivates us to stay.

The area proposed in Far North Bicentennial Park would be a perfect area to expand into considering it has already been designated as a high density recreational use area. This area is without steep hills which would allow a broader range of users to ride, walk, ski and run these trails. As more people utilize these trails, having additional spots to access the singletrack is important to avoid user conflict in high use areas.

I urge you to support the Service Singletrack Project. Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Hope McGratty
206-965-0104



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Support for Service Singletrack Trails

1 message

Jean Miller <jeanerak@yahoo.com>

Tue, Mar 28, 2023 at 1:27 PM

To: "singletrackadvocates@gmail.com" <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in enthusiastic support for the proposed Service Singletrack Trails. As an Anchorage resident and avid multi-sport trail user, I am excited about the addition of singletrack connectors between Service High School and the Abbott Parking Lot/hillside singletrack trailheads. The current trail options include steep nordic ski trails and multi-use trails that are frequently swampy and almost impassable during shoulder seasons. The proposed trails will make singletrack riding more readily available to new and younger riders who are developing the skills necessary for more challenging trails and provide a much needed connector to our extensive hillside trails for all trail users.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,
Jean Miller



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Support for the Service Singletrack Project

1 message

Tom Miller <tom.miller.ak@gmail.com>

Tue, Mar 28, 2023 at 5:50 PM

To: singletrackadvocates@gmail.com, lee bolling <leatron@gmail.com>

I am writing to support the development of the Service Singletrack Project. The trails that have been developed in or near Anchorage are well designed, built and maintained by volunteers, used in all seasons by residents of a variety of ages and abilities, and are a great asset to the community. The proposed project would create an attractive addition to the trail system, allow users to build skills on gentle terrain and connect several of the trails currently used. Our family looks forward to having a new path available to explore and enjoy the forest and hills around Anchorage.

Tom and Cathy Miller
Anchorage, AK 99515

To whom it may concern,

I am a regular user of the single-track trail network developed and maintained by STA (Single Track Advocates). Mountain biking is by far my favorite outdoor activity in Alaska. I ride year around switching to my fat-bike during the winter months. Although I have always liked riding bikes, since living in Anchorage (and having access to the STA trails), mountain biking has really become a passion of mine. Without a doubt, the main reason mountain biking has become such a passion for me is because of the high quality of the trails developed by STA. I have ridden in other areas around the country and I know how fortunate we are to have these amazing trails here in Anchorage. Therefore, I cannot express my support enough for STA to expand its trails to new areas where at present there are no purpose-built single-track trails. This particular area in FNBP would help expand on existing trails and offer more variety and skill levels of riding. Having a trail network of varying skill levels (such as this proposed trail would offer), is important for new or younger riders.

In an attempt to keep this note brief, I would like to stick to two more main points to support the development of the STA single-track network. First; Mountain biking is a family friendly activity. Here in Anchorage, we have a lot of very active families with a passion for the outdoors. Although my son is just a year old and not quite ready to go mountain biking yet, I cannot wait to take him out on the single-track trails and spend a lot of quality time with him, once he is old enough to ride a bike.

Second, in very direct way, these trails also help our local economy. I can guarantee you that I would not have invested nearly as much money into mountain bikes, if Anchorage did not have this amazing network of trails built by STA. The local bike shops here in Anchorage benefit directly from having these trails. Weather they sell entry level bikes to new riders, or in the case of many of my friends as well as myself, mid to high end bikes. More trails = more interest in biking, which = more people buying bikes from our local bike shops. In the last 13 years that I have lived in Anchorage I have bought 5 bikes myself, and convinced a few friends to buy some bikes as well (after taking them on STA trails). The cost of these bikes ranges from a few hundred dollars to thousands spent in our local economy. High end bikes can easily be over \$10,000.00, and people would not spend that kind of money if there was not a good place to ride. Although the bikes are not manufactured here in Anchorage, commission from the sale plus assembly and maintenance costs to go directly to the local economy. I have even had my bike suspension specifically tuned by a specialist who has her own business up here in Anchorage. None of that money would have been spent if I didn't have such an amazing place to ride.

Thank you for considering my opinion on the matter.

Regards,

Alko Noordwijk

March 28, 2023

Lee Boling & Martin Miller
Singletrack Advocates
PO Box 240574
Anchorage, AK 99524

Re: Service Singletrack Project 2023

Dear Singletrack Advocates:

I write this letter to strongly advocate for the proposed Service Singletrack Project developed by Singletrack Advocates to be constructed during the summer of 2023.

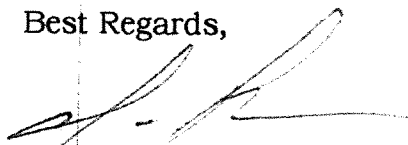
Over the last 30 years that I have lived in Anchorage, Singletrack Advocates has emerged as the leading grass roots organization in the conceptualization, design, fundraising, and construction of mountain biking trails. The Kincaid and Hillside trail networks have been privately funded and constructed to provide access for not only bikers but other user groups as well.

The proposed Service Singletrack Project will continue your mission to preserve, maintain and create singletrack trails in Anchorage. This project will fill an identified gap on the Hillside trail network to the benefit of the community, especially Mighty Bikes catering to younger riders.

The proposed directional trails will benefit all users of the Hillside trail system.

I trust approvals will be issued in a timely allowing construction to begin this year with use of the new trails beginning in 2024.

Best Regards,



George Pollock



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Service singletrack support

1 message

Cyrus Read <cyread@gmail.com>
To: singletrackadvocates@gmail.com

Tue, Mar 28, 2023 at 2:02 PM

To whom it concerns,

We have young kids and like to ride with them and would love more intermediate trails in Bicentennial park to practice with them before getting on the more advanced hillside singletrack trails.

Please consider increasing the recreational opportunities for beginner/intermediate trails to get more people outside using the great trails we already have!

Thanks,

Cyrus Read



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Hillside CC Meeting & Letter of Support for Service Trails

Rebecca Venot <rebecca.venot@gmail.com>
To: singletrackadvocates@gmail.com

Wed, Mar 1, 2023 at 5:57 PM

Hello,

I'm not able to attend the community council meeting tonight, but I wanted to send a note voicing my letter of support for the new Service trail proposal. I'm excited about the benefits of distributing trailhead traffic and expanding the overall trail network! I haven't explored the area behind Service much in the summer because the double-track are boring to bike, so the increased trail variety so close to home will be amazing.

Thanks for the advocacy, maintenance, and construction work you do, STA!

Thank You,
Rebecca Venot
6221 West Tree Drive
Anchorage



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Support for the Service Singletrack Project

1 message

Bear Remien <bear@remien.org>
To: singletrackadvocates@gmail.com

Tue, Mar 28, 2023 at 2:13 PM

Hi there,

I would like to state my support for the Service Singletrack Project. I have used the existing Hillside Singletrack since it was built more than ten years ago. The addition of the planned new trails is exactly what the trail system needs to make it more accessible to more users. Much of the planned area already contains wildcat trails.

I live in Anchorage, approximately 1.5 miles from the proposed trail system.

I agree with these points:

The project would provide a new, complimentary recreational resource in an area of Far North Bicentennial Park (FNBP) that currently does not have any purpose-built singletrack trails. These trails encourage an active lifestyle.

The project utilizes an already disturbed area of the park that is designated for 'high density of recreational use.'

The terrain in the project area is less steep than existing Hillside STA trails, making it an ideal location for skill-building and for a wider range of users, including youth and those looking for a less strenuous ride/walk/ski.

The project would provide great connectivity between Service, Abbott, Hilltop and the north end of the powerline trail. Single-direction travel and multiple entry/exit locations disperse traffic and minimize user conflicts.

Thanks,
Arthur Remien



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Service Singletrack Project

1 message

Craig Rohwer <almightybmw@gmail.com>
To: singletrackadvocates@gmail.com

Thu, Mar 30, 2023 at 10:45 AM

Dear STA,

I live in East Anchorage and frequently bike from my home to Hillside Trails and FNBP winter trails. I am in support of this proposed project as it provides additional trails with easier slopes for greater access and entrance for new users on the east side of Anchorage, along with more trails for year round riding. Currently I "commute" to Hillside from my home for riding, but would thoroughly enjoy riding trails without significant elevation change, along with opening up easier trails for my children and others as new and beginner riders. This would be a great addition to Anchorage's already amazing trail systems, connecting more users, and providing alleviation for parking and driving congestion to the Hillside Trail System.

Thank you,

Craig Rohwer
Trane Commercial Systems
(907) 787-9614



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service trail support

1 message

Shaina Seidner <shaina.seidner@gmail.com>
To: Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Tue, Mar 28, 2023 at 9:52 PM

Hi Everyone,

I wanted to voice my support for the Service Singletrack Project! I am very excited for this trail system to be put in, and it will give a fabulous alternative to the existing Hillside trails- more like the flowing/rolling Kincaid trails I love to visit. This will also take some pressure off the existing trail system and be a really great way to bring hillside trails to service and beyond, especially when I don't always feel safe riding/walking/running black bear/rovers run areas in the heart of summer because of real bear activity!

Thanks everyone for your hard work,
Shaina Seidner
Anchorage

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Support for Service Singletrack Project

1 message

Kyle Shedd <kylershedd@gmail.com>
To: singletrackadvocates@gmail.com

Tue, Mar 28, 2023 at 4:44 PM

STA,

I'm writing to enthusiastically support the proposed Service Singletrack Project. As an Anchorage hillside resident and avid mountain biker, I can see the direct benefits that these new trails will have on the community, including:

- increased connectivity between Service and the Birch Road path to the existing trail systems at Hillside,
- expanded trail access for beginner and intermediate bikers, and
- disperse trail users throughout the Hillside area

I encourage the municipality to approve this project.

Cheers,
Kyle Shedd
7241 Huffman Rd
Anchorage, AK 99516



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

In support of Service Singletrack Project

1 message

Susan Sherman <missingwyoming@gmail.com>

Wed, Mar 29, 2023 at 9:11 AM

To: singletrackadvocates@gmail.com

I am writing to add my support of the Service Singletrack Project. A new beginner-friendly trail would provide access through an already densely used area and link other bike and foot trails.

In winter, the only non-ski access from Service to Hilltop is via the hilly multi-use connector. Narrower singletrack trails offer a different type of user experience (and a preferable one in my opinion). Year-round, this will be a pleasing alternative to the steep, wide ski trails.

I live in Anchorage and enjoy local trails year-round for skiing, biking, hiking, and running. A variety of trail options provides access for a range of fitness and ability levels and reduces pressure on more heavily used trails.

Susan Sherman
Anchorage



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

i support the heck out of the Service Singletrack Project.

1 message

Jason Slemons <jason.slemons@gmail.com>

Thu, Mar 30, 2023 at 8:22 PM

To: Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

i support the new development of trails near service for single track.

It will keep some mountain bike users off of the multiuse trails in that area, so things will be less congested.

It will be great for me to take my kids to and show them the trails and get better at biking. Other kids at service or in the area can come and play around on the trails and get better on their own.

It also is really well located for its proximity to other trails(FNB and other single track) so it will create a real destination for mountain biking in south anchorage near the hillside.

I love to mountain bike! Its super fun!

-Jason Slemons
9140 Jupiter Dr, Anchorage, Ak 99507



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

New hillside trails

1 message

David Slyker <d.slyker@icloud.com>

Tue, Mar 28, 2023 at 4:35 PM

To: Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

I wanted to add my support of the proposed Service Singletrack project. I am an avid user of the Anchorage STA trails and am very excited at the thought of expanding the current trail system. I fully agree with STA and believe all of the following to be true.

The project would provide a new, complimentary recreational resource in an area of FBNP that currently does not have any purpose-built singletrack trails.

All trails encourage an active lifestyle.

The project utilizes an already disturbed area of the park that is designated for 'high density of recreational use'.

The terrain in the project area is less steep than existing Hillside STA trails, making it an ideal location for skill-building and for a wider range of users, including youth and those looking for a less strenuous ride/walk/ski.

The project would provide great connectivity between Service, Abbott, Hilltop and the north end of the powerline trail.

Single-direction travel and multiple entry/exit locations disperse traffic and minimize user conflicts.

Thank you,
David Slyker



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Support for Service High Trails

1 message

Christopher Sorich <sorichsopoor@gmail.com>
To: singletrackadvocates@gmail.com

Tue, Mar 28, 2023 at 9:27 PM

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed new single track mountain bike trails on the Hillside. As an avid mountain biker, I believe that these new trails would be a valuable addition to our recreational infrastructure. It is a sorely needed project for the hundreds of kids who are enrolled in the Mighty Bike program.

One of the primary benefits of these new trails would be the opportunity they provide for Mighty Bikers to develop their skills and confidence in a safe and controlled environment. Mountain biking is a challenging and rewarding activity that requires focus, balance, and physical fitness. By providing dedicated trails designed specifically for beginner and intermediate riders, we can help encourage more young people to take up the sport and build healthy habits that will last a lifetime.

The new single-track trails would also provide important connectivity to existing trails in the area. This would create a network of trails that allows riders of all skill levels to explore and enjoy the natural beauty of our community. It would also help promote tourism and economic growth by attracting visitors who are interested in mountain biking and outdoor recreation.

I understand that there may be concerns about the impact of the new trails on the local environment and wildlife. However, I believe that with careful planning and management, it is possible to create trails that are both fun and sustainable. By working with local experts and stakeholders, we can ensure that the trails are designed in a way that minimizes erosion, protects wildlife habitats, and preserves the natural beauty of our community.

Overall, I believe that the proposed new single-track mountain bike trails would be a tremendous asset to our community. They would provide important recreational opportunities for riders of all ages, promote connectivity to existing trails, and support tourism and economic growth. I urge you to give serious consideration to this proposal and to support the development of these trails.

Sincerely,
The Sorich Family. Chris, Mary Kay, Aviana, Matthew, and Declan



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Support for Service Singletrack Proposal

1 message

bensmithbobbomsue <strattonbenjamin@gmail.com>
To: singletrackadvocates@gmail.com

Tue, Apr 4, 2023 at 11:50 AM

I am writing in support of your Service Singletrack Project. The proposed trail alignment will serve to fill a gap in a trail network by providing a single track riding/walking/skiing experience connector through an area that, although it has a large number of trails, does not provide a developed/maintained single track option. I am an Anchorage resident in a neighbourhood adjacent to the proposed alignment and I wholeheartedly support the project.

Providing a year round single track alternative to trail users in the service trails zone will provide year round benefits to both users of the existing multiuse and ski trails and those that prefer a singletrack experience. The proposed trail alignment will help provide an attractive alternative to some users that will provide better separation/distribution of users that are at sometimes in conflict.

That the proposal is unidirectional will provide additional safety to all trail users in the area. It will help mitigate head on traffic to users of the singletrack while providing a more predictable flow of traffic at intersections- giving users of both systems a better feel for where they need to be looking for possible cross traffic.

A third benefit of this system is to our younger trail users and those new to biking in the community. The proposed trail will provide a safe (unidirectional) single track experience for youth and beginners on gradual terrain and provide a progressive learning experience by providing access to other more advanced single track trails on the hillside.

I sincerely hope that the trail is approved and feel that it will benefit all trail users in the area.

Thanks,
Ben Stratton
10201 Lone Tree Dr.
Anchorage, AK 99507



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Support for Service Singletrack Project

1 message

Jason Tomberlin <jtomberlin@gmail.com>
To: singletrackadvocates@gmail.com

Tue, Mar 28, 2023 at 3:27 PM

To whom it concerns, I want to add my support for the service singletrack project. The project would improve the trails and park making the area more accessible and useful for getting residents out and active year round. I appreciate that the project won't disturb untouched areas and will make currently disturbed areas better.

Given the similarities with similar trails nearby I think it's important to recognize the area being developed opens the trails to younger and or less experienced individuals. Accessibility is critical to keeping a healthy community.

I fully support the project.

Jason Tomberlin
Anchorage Resident



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Letter in support of service singletrack project

1 message

Neil <akneil@yahoo.com>

Tue, Mar 28, 2023 at 1:50 PM

To: singletrackadvocates@gmail.com

Dear singletrack advocates,

I am writing in support of the proposed service singletrack project.

Anchorage needs more purpose built singletrack trails for mountain biking. As the father of a young son I am excited for new trails in an underutilized area of far north bicentennial park that are moderate and will be great for kids and families.

New trails help promote a healthy outdoor lifestyle in a period where technology is becoming more and more intertwined with our lives and time moving/exercising away from screens is more important than ever.

Additional trailbuilding also helps promote Anchorage as a great place to live and will help attract families and great employees to our city.

Thanks for considering my comment and let's build the new trails!

Neil Waggoner
Anchorage, AK

Sent from my iPhone



Singletrack Advocates <singletrackadvocates@gmail.com>

Support for new trail project

Tim Woody <timwoody@gmail.com>

Thu, Mar 30, 2023 at 10:36 AM

To: singletrackadvocates@gmail.com

I am a 26-year resident of Anchorage, have been a mountain biker for 33 years, and spent a decade as a volunteer member of the steering committee for Singletrack Advocates, an advocacy organization that has benefited countless members of our community.

The trail networks built and maintained by Singletrack Advocates have improved the overall quality of life in Anchorage by improving outdoor recreational opportunities and facilitating active, healthy lifestyles for people of all ages. This organization's latest proposed trail project will only add to that impressive legacy.

The proposed project would utilize an already popular area of Far North Bicentennial Park to provide sustainable recreational mountain biking trails that encourage fun, active and healthy recreational options that are less steep and physically demanding than the impressive—and incredibly popular—existing Hillside trails adjacent to Hilltop Ski Area.

These new trails would disperse traffic from our massively popular existing singletrack trails and provide accessible recreation opportunities to a wide array of people, including entry level users and those who may be physical incapable of enjoying more strenuous trails.

Every trail-building project that Singletrack Advocates has undertaken since the organization's inception has added to the quality of life in our community and resulted in the Municipality of Anchorage proudly boasting about our trail networks. Let's keep that momentum going. Let's build the next set of trails that will benefit generations of people who love Anchorage trails.

Tim Woody
Anchorage