

Description	Location	Developer	Status	Further information	Public comments?	Notes
Hotel & Retail Store	Alyeska Hwy by Brewery	Tim Cabana	Pending ACE Wetlands Fill Permit	http://www.poa.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Public-Notices/Article/3437767/poa-2023-00206-glacier-creek-pn/	Via email or mail by July 24, 2023	No Municipal planning application yet
Multifamily houses	Alyeska Hwy by Glacier Creek Bridge	Tim Cabana	Pending ACE Wetlands Fill Permit	https://www.poa.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Public-Notices/Article/3437227/poa-2021-00278-glacier-creek-pn/	Via email or mail by July 24, 2023	Active construction under MOA permits 21-005 and 22-001
Holtan Hills	North of Girdwood School	CY Investments	Rejected by Assembly	See GBOS webpage	n/a	Alternative proposals possible before June 2025
Backup gas line - clear ~5000ft of section line easement	Between Ruane Rd & Virgin Creek Drive	Enstar	Pending DNR decision	https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=211721	Via mail by July 20, 2023	Clearing ~5000ft x 20ft wide along section line easement
Lodge and associated facilities	Girdwood Airport	Glacier Valley Lodge	Pending DOT lease decision	https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=211450	Via mail by July 13, 2023	~11 acres beyond new hangers

Water booster pump station	Vail Drive	AWWU	Awaiting Planning Application	n/a	n/a	Replaces booster pumps on Vail & Timberline and Echo Ridge
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GIRDWOOD ROADS, FACILITIES, PARKS & RECREATION



DATE: August 21, 2023

TO: Girdwood Board of Supervisors

FROM: Kyle Kelley, Girdwood Service Area Manager & Margaret Tyler, Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT: Roads, Facility, Cemetery & P & R Monthly Report

Our summer parks caretakers and volunteer John Gallup have completed 3 new parks ramps. The first two new ramps replaced others that were in tough shape after years in the park. The last one is a new addition, a wedge hip, which brings a new element for riders in the park. All three are designed to improve flow in the park.



Parks caretakers, Kyle and volunteer Zach Behney brushed the Beaver Pond Trail the first week of August, the first brushing since crews worked on the trail in early June. Other projects taken on by our summer crew and volunteers are:

- Brushing connector trail and adding netting to the connector trail from Crow Creek Road to the school.
- Replacement/installation of bridges to cross several wet sections of the lower part of Abe's Trail. Thanks to Pastor Nico Reijns and the volunteer visitors who helped with installing one of the bridges on Abe's Trail!

Much of the trails work work by staff and volunteers listed above will be applied as match for the KTMA trails grant!



Friends of Girdwood Trails has completed Deb's Way work, improving trail tread and drainage. Thanks to all of these volunteers and especially to Paul Crews and coordinators Kalie Harrison and Shannon O'Brien. Friends of Girdwood Trails has done fantastic work throughout the summer. The group plans to continue work through mid-September. To learn more about Friends of Girdwood Trails' activities, join their email list: friendsofgirdwoodtrails@gmail.com.



Finally, thanks to the many other volunteers who are assisting with pulling weeds, picking up trash, removing deadfall and branches from trails and pathways. If you want to volunteer on an independent project, contact our office: tylerms@muni.org to make a plan and we'll see how we can support you with materials and supplies.

Our summer invasive weeds program has begun. Crew is pulling weeds, picking flowerheads, and will be spraying with a non-glyphosate product in some locations. They are posting their proposed spraying sites.

As we approach the fall storm season, let us know if you come across downed trees or other trails issues that need attention. Please contact Margaret: 907-343-8373 or tylerms@muni.org.

GTC, Friends of Girdwood Trails and Parks and Rec encourage all trail users to be wildlife aware this fall. The fish are in, berries are ripening. Make noise and keep a safe distance from wildlife. It's been a relatively quiet bear year so far, let's keep it that way!

As always, pick up dog poop and dispose of it properly.

Trails: GTC returned to meetings in early August after taking June as a work party and July as a break.

Winner Creek Trail Bridge over Glacier Creek: GVSA has received 35% design plans for the bridge to replace the hand tram. \$1.2M has been secured from the State of Alaska through Alaska Trails for construction of the bridge. Once design and engineering is complete, we'll have a shovel-ready project to take to bid this fall aiming for construction in summer 2024. GVSA will re-apply for Rasmuson Foundation funding when appropriate and will seek additional funds to complete the project and interpretive display.

Trail Maps: GTC and staff are working on new trail maps. Goal is to have mapping available in print, on-line and maps that reflect seasonal trails posted at main trailheads.

Trails Plan: Blueline Candidate draft of the Girdwood Trails Plan received HLBAC review and support in May. Plan next moves to Planning and Zoning, aiming for approval this fall. The document is available for review here [Municipal Road Maintenance Service Areas Girdwood Trails Plan](#)

Parks & Amenities: No dogs on the baseball field, playground, tennis courts, and skate park.

- *Campground:* Kira and Jared are overseeing the campground and pavilion rentals and plan to be in place into September.
- *Annual Beautification:* Wow! After a slow and chilly start, the plants have really taken off!
- *Playground:* Open. Needs wood chips and sand in 2023. Currently unable to get playground quality wood chips for this project.
- *Lions Club Park:* Working on a plan to add a pavilion to the Lions Club Park
- *Disc golf:* Open.
- *Library/Community Center:* Library is open TUE-SAT 10-6.
- *Tennis Courts:* Planning to fill cracks and paint next summer.
- *Soccer field:* Open. Nets are up and FVCS soccer program is on!
- *Sladen J Mohl Ball Field:* Group is working on funding for an MOA ball field sign with the new name.



- *Skate Park:* Skate park work is underway as recommended by the Friends of the Girdwood Skate Park.

GBOS Non-profit Grants: The 2024 grant cycle is open. Applications are available and accepted now thru September 15, 2023.

Other Grants:

Rasmuson Foundation: GVSA submitted application for \$250,000 Tier 2 Grant to assist with construction of the suspension bridge to replace the decommissioned hand tram. Application has been deferred until project is farther along.

Land and Water Conservation Fund – We have projects that would be a good match for this 50/50 grant match program when it opens again, including Lions Club Park Pavilion.

KMTA Grant: GTC was awarded KMTA 1:1 matching grant funding for trail crew work in summer 2023. Main project has been completed, however match can be used from other projects on specific trails this summer.

Anchorage Park Foundation: No challenge grants in 2023, next opportunity is 2024.

RTP grant: Grant cycle expect to open Aug 2023 with fall/winter application due date.

Alaska Community Foundation: GVSA was not awarded Trail Care fund grant in 2023



Social Media & Websites: GBOS, committee and sub-committee meetings are now available on a calendar view. Go to www.muni.org/gbos/events and see what meetings are coming up!

We are active on Facebook as Girdwood Board of Supervisors

GVSA Websites are:

GBOS: www.muni.org/gbos

Cemetery: www.muni.org/gc

LUC: www.muni.org/gluc

Parks and Rec: www.muni.org/gpr

GTC: www.muni.org/gtc

Girdwood Trails Plan: www.muni.org/gtp

PSAC: www.muni.org/gpsac

GHEC:

www.muni.org/gbos-ghec

GBOS videos are on line! Follow the link on our website to our YouTube videos or copy this: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOUINInprZEjhbvpPiJOIEA>

Roads

Road Status: Many large projects have been completed in July along with standard maintenance of grading roads, dust control, and cleaning out existing drainages. Several more projects will be completed in September and into October depending on the availability of funding.

Major project updates:

The Moose Meadows Creek fish culvert improvement project at Lake Tahoe Road has been completed. The new culvert is a significant improvement for the fish habitat, the flow of the creek in all weather conditions under Lake Tahoe, and protection for the residential homes in that area. Pink salmon were spotted using the creek and culvert last week.

Sproat road digs out were completed and when trucks are available Western will haul down RAP to put a final finish on the road. A large number of logs and stumps were removed from the original roadway and replaced with rock and gravel that will mitigate the several soft spots in this section of road

Brenner circle creek had new driveway culverts installed and the creek banks armored to improve flow through the area and protections for the residential homes.

Expenses and Budget:

Undesignated Fund Balance - Girdwood Service Area: \$390,542.05 as of August 16, 2023.

Roads: Road Expenditures by Month:

Month	2021	2022	2023
January	\$78,859.68	\$81,466.17	\$62,791.19
February	\$41,023.01	\$75,435.50	\$32,793.17
March	\$60,812.38	\$43,523.63*	\$45,857.72
April	\$89,644.88	\$18,723.00	\$31,161.25
May	\$19,589.00	\$68,628.00	\$34,288.75
Remaining Flood Repair		\$112,529.20	
June	\$23,223.00	\$1,682.40	\$20,791.25
July	\$42,976.00	\$1,818.35	
August	\$11,061.34	\$3,500.00	
September	\$16,360.00	\$33,872.25	
October	\$203,490.50	\$105,700.00	
November	\$34,908.75	\$35,353.73	
December	\$43,830.00	\$42,085.81	
Total thru December:	\$515,368.95	\$696,269.27	\$227,683.33

Public works operation budget expended for 2023: \$615,339.40 of \$1,387,381.00 = 51%

2023 Capital Roads Project fund (406): \$621,005.20

Parks:

2023 Expended Budget: \$127,851.01 of \$414,869.00 = 35%

2023 Capital Park Project (406) Reserve Fund available: \$679,125.58

2023 Winner Creek Trail Suspension Bridge funds = \$506,078.42

2023 Winner Creek Trail Suspension State Grant Funds = \$1,200,000

2023 Community Room Capital Reserve Fund (406): \$47,793.39

Police:

2023 Expended Budget: \$404,118.80 of \$811,323.00 = 50%

Fire:

2023 Expended Budget: \$817,803.54 of \$1,590,800.00 = 52%

2023 Fire Undesignated Capital fund (406) = \$422,273.00

Request:



Christina Cope Hendrickson <christina.cope@gmail.com>

Public Comments: POA 2021-00278 & 2023-00206

1 message

Christina Cope Hendrickson

<christina.cope@gmail.com>

To: Andrew.W.Gregory@usace.army.mil

Cc: "Kelley, Kyle T." <kyle.kelley@anchorageak.gov>, "Tyler, Margaret S." <margaret.tyler@anchorageak.gov>, Jennifer Wingard <skijester@gmail.com>, Mike Edgington <gbos.medgington@gmail.com>, "Briggs, Tiffany E" <tiffany.briggs@anchorageak.gov>

Mr. Gregory,

Kindly confirm receipt of this email.

I am writing to provide comments on the subject permit applications. Photos and videos of past infractions cited in the narratives below are available upon request. I recognize the limitations of .mil addresses to receive these files.

A. Pre-permitting construction activities**Ongoing construction activities make both applications appear after-the-fact.**

On both parcels, the applicant is already engaged in construction activities within the wetland areas. To date, applicant's family and vendors cleared, grubbed, and are filling wetlands and staging construction equipment in wetlands, without proper spill response best management practices, within both application areas. This conduct appears to eschew permitting procedures and are akin to the after-the-fact permit granted to Mr. (Col) Baldwin. The Agency's conduct sets a precedent of valuing "asking for forgiveness" rather than "permission."

B. SWPPP Violations**The applicant fails as a steward of the public assets adjacent to his proposed developments.**

This Municipality of Anchorage is remiss in conducting weather-driven event audits of the improper best management practices installed on 2021-00278. In both heavy rain events October 2022 and July 2023, the significant rainfall amounts deteriorated the partial covering on already excavated material. This led to unfiltered runoff onto adjoining Heritage Land Bank parcels and into Glacier Creek. Mr. Cabana stores construction equipment on this parcels without mitigating best management practices, such as duck ponds. Ergo, the unfiltered runoff contains oil sheens.

C. Traffic**Conduct a formal traffic study with the Department of Transportation and Municipality of Anchorage.**

The proposed capacity of both parcels warrants a review of Girdwood's road designations and engagement with the Department of Transportation for Alyeska Highway. The cumulative impact of traffic from two outlets on Alyeska Highway warrants a safety corridor evaluation and potential for larger road design through the wetlands. AMC 21.09.070 provides specific designs for collector roads, which these proposed roads should be designated based on the numbers and the proposed and current commercial uses, such as fisheries laydown and storage area and the brewery. These access roads shall contain bike paths, lighting and other safety features that meet or exceed the goals of our walkable community and seamlessly tie in with nearby infrastructure, such the Gird to Bird Bike Path.

D. Cumulative Impacts

A legally-defensible analysis of these two applications will not result in a Finding of No Significant Impact and does not qualify either as a Categorical Exclusion.

A full vetted Environmental Assessment will identify the adverse impacts to drainage within our alluvial fan, especially "up valley" from Glacier Creek. Throughout Alyeska Basin, the Heritage Land Bank owns and manages green spaces through which wildlife and water (in all its forms) flows. The layout of these proposed impermeable surfaces will negatively impact current residential structures and undercut established roads and adjoining infrastructure, such as utility corridors. I look forward to reading a DRAFT Environmental Assessment (EA) that addresses snow storage, green space, surface water discharge, lighting, traffic and incorporates AMC 21.09 and the proposed mitigation measures that the applicant shall adhere to. I encourage the EA's Social Resources subsection to include an Economic Study that could be leveraged by local planning initiatives, such as the Girdwood Area Plan update. I encourage the Agency to coordinate reviews of the DRAFT document with the Municipality and its Advisory Boards, including but not limited to the Heritage Land Bank Advisory Board and the Girdwood Board of Supervisors. Adherence to 33 CFR 230 is crucial to avoid litigation and incorporate substantive comments during the public review period.

E. Quantity of Wetlands and Classifications

The small amount of wetlands potentially impacts on the two applicants is under-estimated.

The true size of impacted wetlands based on construction and staging activities documented to date exceeds the amounts listed on the applications. The applicant must restore wetlands AND cease work until all federal, state and local permitting and zoning are completed and in-hand- regardless of the known need for additional housing in our community. All development should be in accordance with the legal standards outlined clearly in applicable codes.

Christina Hendrickson
PO Box 978Girdwood, AK 99587

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- Christina

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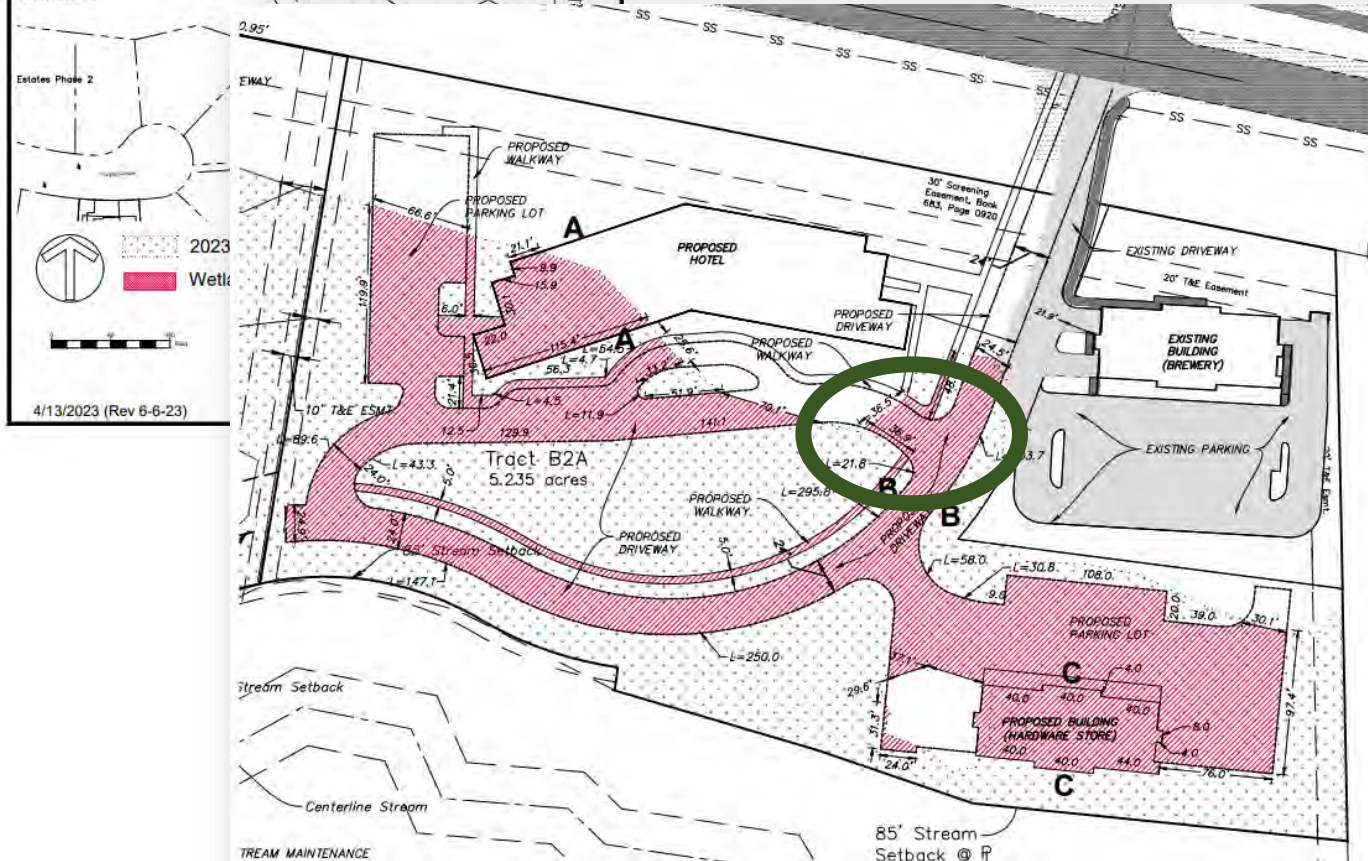
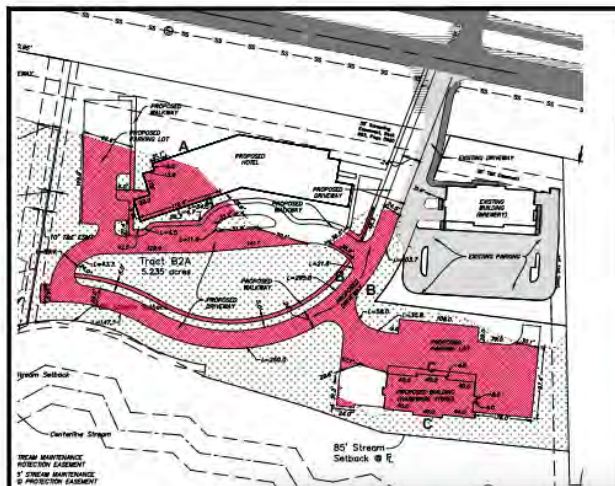
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25 July 2023 at 0730



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Service Request

SERVICE REQUEST NO. 222235

Request Type	Building, Fill, or Excavation without a Permit
Request Date	7/27/2023
Address	
Location	Parcel ID 07516342000
Request Description	Construction in wetland without USACE or Land Use Permit. Photo will not attach.
Inspector Assigned	Yes
Request Completed	No
Resolution Date	
Resolution	N/A



**Municipality of Anchorage
Project Management and Engineering**



MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 30, 2023

TO: Municipality of Anchorage Standard Specifications (MASS) Users

FROM: Brandon Telford, P.E., Design Manager

SUBJECT: Soliciting Comments for MASS Update

The Project Management & Engineering Department (PM&E) is preparing to update the Municipality of Anchorage Standard Specifications (MASS). The current version of MASS was issued in March 2015. The intent is to update all divisions within MASS and possibly restructure the organization of some of the divisions.

PM&E is seeking input from MASS user stakeholders including but not limited to: municipal departments, agencies, product vendors, and from the engineering and construction community for consideration of inclusion in the update. PM&E expects to release a draft update for comment in October 2023 with the goal of issuing the complete update in 2024.

PM&E will be accepting comments until 5:00 pm on **Friday August 18, 2023**.

Please send questions or comments to massupdate@anchorageak.gov

We appreciate your involvement in this process!!

TO: Land Use Committee C/O Girdwood Board of Supervisors
FROM: Christina Hendrickson, PO Box 978, Girdwood, AK 99587
DATE: July 27, 2023

RE: 2024 MASS Update & AWWU 2024 Design Construction Practices Manual

Respectfully recommend the Land Use Committee direct Girdwood Board of Supervisors (GBOS) to submit comments containing but not limited to:

1. A comprehensive packet of issues of concern related to the Girdwood Industrial Park (GIP), as communicated in Municipality of Anchorage-GBOS meetings (dating back to 2018) and conveyed by Lease Holders in Heritage Land Bank Advisory Committee (HLBAC) meetings.
2. Focused comments to address the infrastructure needs for any future plating actions for GIP. Demonstrate the economic drivers of supporting further the diversification of our local economy via local businesses that are already situated and underserved in that area. The content may be gathered from but not limited to: public comments provided to HLBAC for the Work Plan and testimony from Girdwood residents, lease holders.
3. A summary of our culvert upgrades in response to climate change-related weather events. Kyle Kelley will be able to articulate how he's had to solve problems within our alluvial fan. Our local glacial fed ecosystem varies from other areas of increased development in the Anchorage bowl, such as but not limited to Bear valley, South Addition, etc.

The letter should courtesy copy the landowner, the Heritage Land Bank. The oversight from HLB staff by not including this in their July 2023 meeting agenda further underserves our community, economy, and reduces resident's place at the table.

Please see the update below from James Armstrong, Project Manager in the Engineering Division for Anchorage Water & Wastewater Utility:

The MOA is currently soliciting comments on our current edition of the [Municipality of Anchorage Standard Specifications \(MASS\)](#). The MOA is pulling together and reviewing comments received after the last MASS update provided via email at massupdate@muni.org and combining those comments with ones being generated during this most recent open period. I kindly ask that you use the MASS update email address rather than mine if you are commenting on this MASS update effort.

In addition, I would like to add to this announcement an interim update to AWWU's own [Design and Construction Practices Manual \(DCPM\)](#) update efforts. The inclusion of trenchless design requirements, on-site private system extensions, force sewer services and a few other items have delayed the final draft publication. With the recently started MASS Update, it now seems like fate has intervened so that they could be finalized together or at least that is the hope.

I am using my contact list for the DCPM updates to spread the word about this important MASS update in an effort to provide robust community involvement for these critical public documents.

Sincerely, James Armstrong, P.E.

Municipality of Anchorage



*P.O. Box 390
Girdwood, Alaska 99587
<http://www.muni.org/gbos>*

David Bronson, Mayor

*GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Briana Sullivan and Jennifer Wingard, Co-Chairs
Mike Edgington, Amanda Sassi, Guy Wade*

Resolution 2023-xx Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors **RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING IN THE GVSA**

WHEREAS, Girdwood Valley Service Area (GVSA) transportation planning is currently under the 2001 Girdwood Commercial Areas and Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the existing plan was written to coincide with the outdated 1995 Girdwood Area Plan which has been found to not be in alignment with modern community sentiments; and

WHEREAS, the existing plan does not address key areas of Girdwood's transportation infrastructure, including Alyeska Highway, Seward Highway, Girdwood Airport, Crow Creek Road, and the Railroad, and

WHEREAS, the existing transportation system lacks secondary access and egress of the Girdwood Valley and the current proposed plan appears unfeasible, requiring an update to this critical element in basic transportation planning; and

WHEREAS, efforts for GVSA application for grants to improve roads with federal funding has received feedback that GVSA needs to have a plan that identifies these projects in order for applications to be seriously considered; and

WHEREAS, the GVSA will require funds from outside the Girdwood Valley Service Area property tax base in order to achieve certain road construction or significant road repair projects; and

WHEREAS, it is understood that a comprehensive transportation plan will need to be funded, which will likely require commitment of GVSA funds as well as funds from other sources, which will have to be discussed and approved; and

WHEREAS, this action has been discussed and considered by the Girdwood Land Use Committee, which voted 9 in favor, 0 opposed and 7 abstaining to recommend this resolution at their July 10, 2023 regular meeting.

THEREFORE, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors supports comprehensive transportation planning in the Girdwood Valley Service Area, to include local and state roads within and adjacent to the Girdwood Valley Service Area as well as other transportation elements such as the Girdwood Airport and Alaska Railroad.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a vote of xx in favor and xx opposed this xxth day of xxx 2023.

Amanda Sassi
GBOS Police, Roads and Utilities Supervisor

Attest

Presentation is 2 hours long. We'll take a look at some basic functions of Instagram and Snap Chat – the two apps we see kids getting in the most trouble with and what parents need to know about these apps. I talk about sextortion and how that happens to kids and what it does to them. I talk about cyberbullying and share the very bleak statistics on what our kids are self-reporting when it comes to suicidal ideations. We'll talk about what parents can do, some resources and what to look for in your children.

I will need a projector, screen and speakers (preferably not Bluetooth speakers)

As far as costs go:

My time – 8 hours @ \$84/hr. (6 hours driving and 2 for presentation) - \$672

Mileage – 372 miles at \$.655 per mile - \$243.66

Per Diem - \$73

Total: \$988.66 to be paid to 'City of Homer.'

LT. Ryan Browning



Homer Police Department
625 Grubstake Avenue
Homer, AK 99603

“GBOS would like to begin by acknowledging the indigenous peoples of Alaska, whose land we reside on. The community of Girdwood, situated between the areas known to be Dena'ina and Alutiiq homeland, respects the people who were stewards of this land for generations. We commit to the continued stewardship of this land and are grateful to be part of a wider community that seeks to maintain a sustainable use of Girdwood Valley for present and future peoples.”

As we gather together today/this evening, GBOS would like to begin by acknowledging the stewardship of the indigenous peoples of Alaska, whose land we reside on and surrounding waters we depend on. Girdwood Valley is situated between the areas known to be Dena'ina and Alutiiq homeland. A necessary connection for Alaska Native people, the landscape and waters around us served to carry their traditional ways of life; to gather here and harvest Native foods. The community of Girdwood respects the Dena'ina and Alutiiq people, who were stewards of this land for generations. We strive to join in the continued stewardship of this land and are grateful to be part of this wider community who seek to maintain a sustainable use of the Valley for present and future peoples.

Edited from LUC Land Acknowledgement:

As we gather ~~with a common intention for our GVSA this evening, LUC~~ **together today/this evening, GBOS** would like to begin by acknowledging the stewardship of the indigenous peoples of Alaska, whose land we reside on and ~~the~~ surrounding waters we depend on. ~~The current area of~~ Girdwood **Valley** is situated between the areas known to be Dena'ina and Alutiiq homeland. A necessary connection for Alaska Native people, the landscape and waters around us served to carry their traditional ways of life; to gather here and harvest Native foods. The community of Girdwood respects the Dena'ina and Alutiiq people, who were stewards of this land for generations. ~~We will continue to be stewards of this land and are grateful to be a part of this community.~~ **We strive to join in the continued stewardship of this land and are grateful to be part of this wider community who seek to maintain a sustainable use of the Valley for present and future peoples.**

WHEREAS, volunteer fire departments provide critical public safety services to many non-urban communities across the state of Alaska and the nation; and,

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Fire Department (AFD) is the public safety department responsible for providing emergency response to the citizens and visitors of Anchorage, providing fire services across most of the Anchorage Bowl and much of Eagle River, with EMS coverage extending throughout the 1,961sq miles of the entire Municipality of Anchorage (MOA), and

WHEREAS, the main community of Girdwood is over 30 miles via highway from the closest AFD Fire Station 9 in Anchorage, and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage has two volunteer fire departments within its boundaries, namely Chugiak Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company (CVFRD), serving the communities of Chugiak, Peters Creek & Eklutna, and Girdwood Volunteer Fire and Rescue (GVFR) serving the Girdwood and Turnagain Arm region; and;

WHEREAS, Mutual Aid agreements exist between the AFD, GVFR and CVFRD, and others, and

WHEREAS, Girdwood Fire Department was originally established in 1959 to provide fire protection in Girdwood Valley and took on responsibility for Emergency Medical Services in 1974; and;

WHEREAS, Girdwood Volunteer Fire and Rescue was incorporated in 1998 as a member run non-profit organization to provide fire, EMS and rescue services in the Girdwood and Turnagain Arm region under contract with the Girdwood Valley Service Area (GVSA) and the Municipality; and,

WHEREAS, retention of qualified volunteers continues to be a challenging aspect of managing a volunteer fire and EMS department; and,

WHEREAS, significant time and taxpayer funds are allocated to the recruitment and training of volunteers to meet and maintain state qualifications, so it is in the fiscal interests of both the GVSA and the Municipality to retain qualified volunteers; and,

WHEREAS, other Alaskan boroughs, including Fairbanks North Star and Kenai Peninsula Boroughs, have established a property tax exemption for volunteer fire and EMS personnel to acknowledge the significant investment of time and energy these community members make to their fellow citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the GVFR Board of Directors supports a property tax exemption for current and active volunteers; and,

THEREFORE, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors recommends that the Municipality adopts policies to encourage retention of qualified volunteer firefighter and emergency medical providers, both to acknowledge the critical service such volunteers provide to our community, and as good fiscal policy,

ALSO THEREFORE, GBOS requests that the Anchorage Assembly establish a property tax exemption for current and active volunteers of a registered fire department operating within the Municipality, with an associated ballot question to be put to the voters in the 2024 MOA election.

Passed etc...

Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and EMS Personnel

The details of the Ordinance would be determined by the Anchorage Assembly, but here are some notes on how it could be structured

- Other Alaska boroughs enacted a property tax exemption for current and active volunteer fire fighters and EMS service providers. Examples:
 - Fairbanks North Star Borough [FNSB code 8.04.060 N](#)
 - Kenai Peninsula Borough [KPB code 5.12.113](#)
- Property tax exemption amount is \$10,000 of the appraised value or up to \$20,000 when two or more owners are volunteers
 - this is in addition to other residential exemptions
- Would apply to property owners across MOA, not just Girdwood, and to volunteer members of both Chugiak and Girdwood volunteer fire departments.
- Chiefs of each department certify that members are “current and active” each year
- The exemption would not change the amount of tax collected, but adjust overall MOA rates very slightly
- Would likely require a ballot question for all voters in MOA election

The following items are available for public to review on the GBOS webpage:

<https://www.muni.org/Departments/operations/streets/Service/Pages/GirdwoodBoardofSupervisors.aspx>

GBOS Info on Holtan Hills:

[HLB Memo responding to GBOS request](#)

[Holtan Hills Bifurcation Agreement](#)

[Site Concept Map](#)

[GBOS request for HLB Holtan Hills Follow up](#)

These items were discussed at the MOA GBOS meetings in April and July, minutes are available here:

[MOA GBOS Quarterly July 24 2023 agenda final](#)

[MOA GBOS Quarterly July 24 2023 minutes draft](#)

[MOA GBOS Quarterly April 24 2023 minutes final](#)

Videos of these meetings are included in the library of GBOS meetings available on YouTube:

[MOA GIRDWOOD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS GIRDWOOD, ALASKA - YouTube](#)

WINNER CREEK TRAIL BRIDGE AT GLACIER CREEK

Girdwood, AK



GIRDWOOD TRAILS
ALASKA

Meeting Purpose: 35% Design Update

PROJECT LOCATION

Glacier Creek Trail Bridge: Winner Creek Trail
Proposed Bridge over Glacier Creek as identified in the Girdwood Trails Plan.

Project Background

Glacier Creek Bridge Site

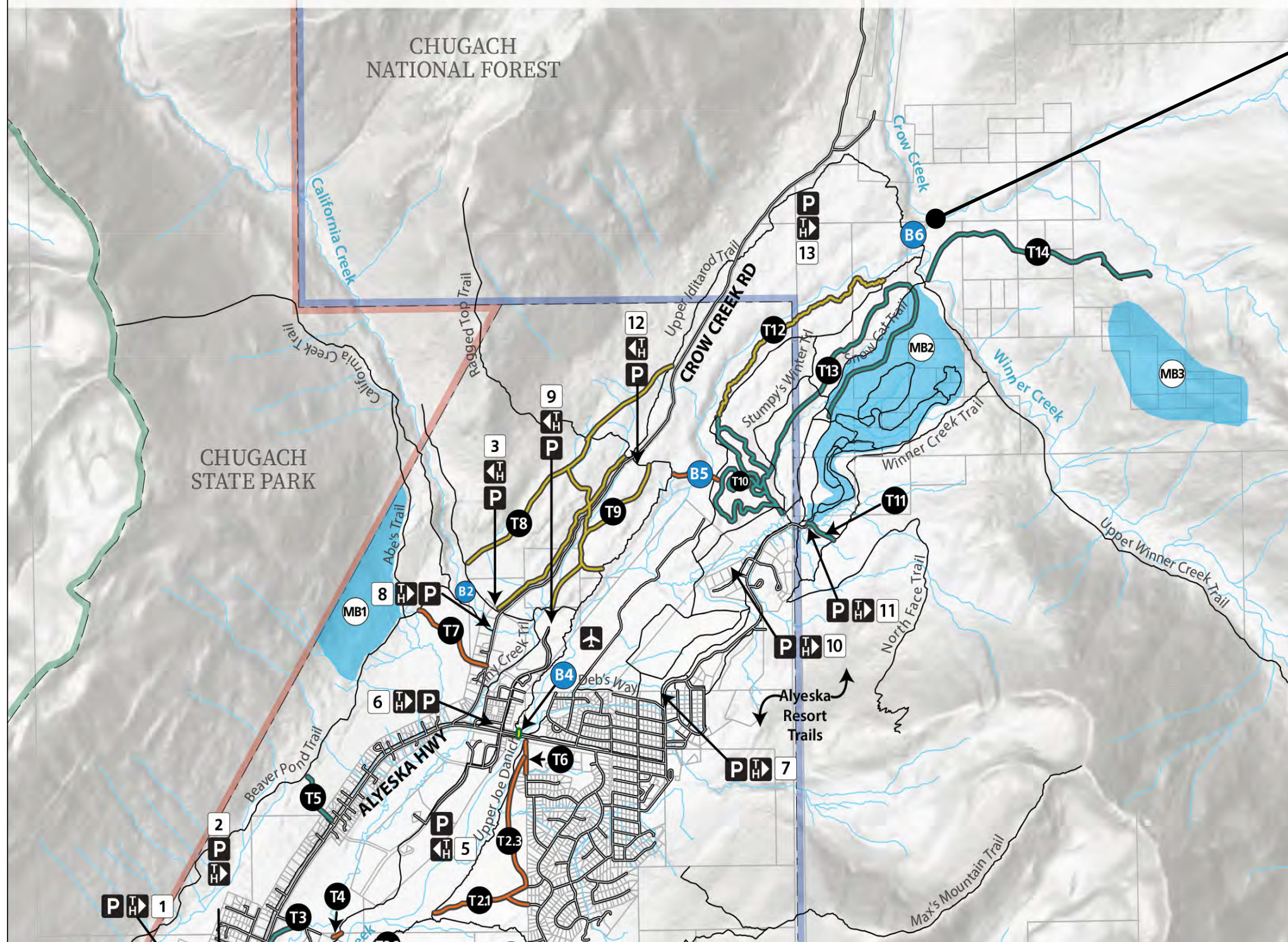
Bridge Design

Interpretive Shelter

NEXT: September 5, 2023 APPROVAL

GIRDWOOD TRAILS PLAN: PROPOSED TRAIL NETWORK

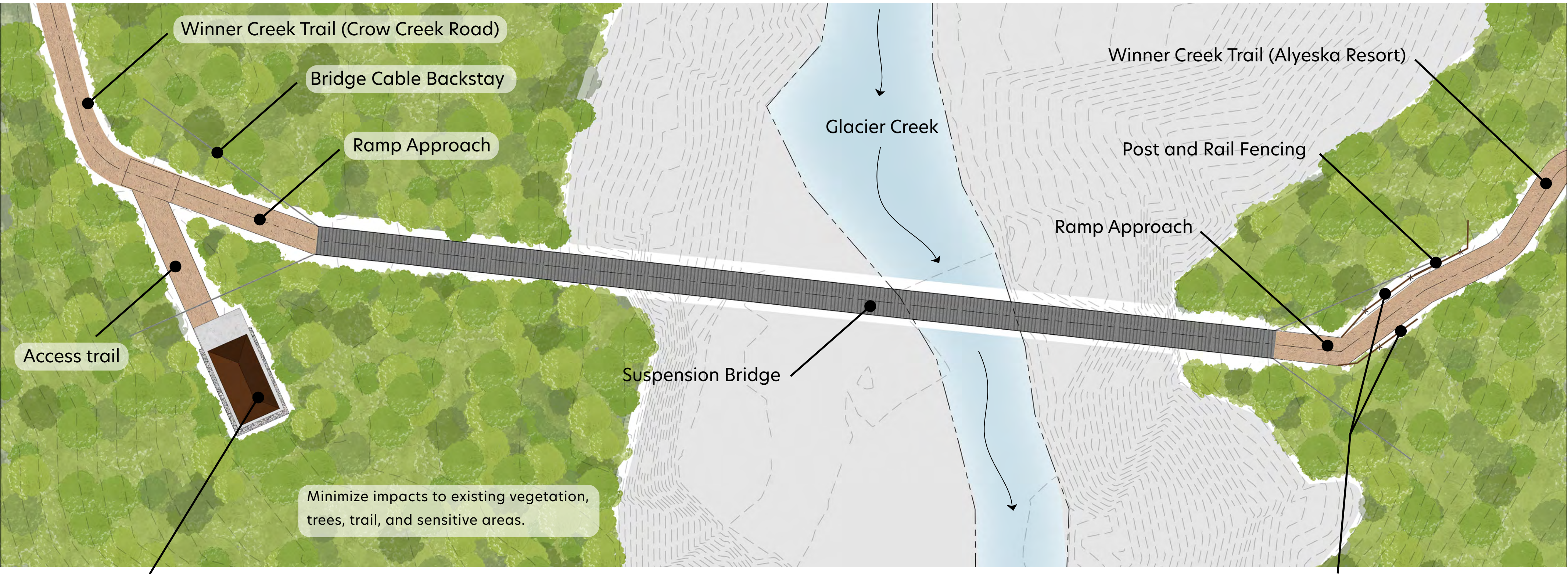
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| Trail Class 5 (Fully Developed) | Streets | Trailhead Number | Chugach National Forest |
| Trail Class 4 (Highly Developed) | Railroad | Proposed Bridge | Chugach State Park |
| Trail Class 3 (Developed) | Creeks | Proposed Area for Mountain Bike Trail Development | Chugach State Park Wilderness |
| Trail Class 2 (Moderately Developed) | Parking | | |
| Trail Class 1 (Minimally Developed) | Trailhead | | |
| Existing Trails | | | |



GLACIER CREEK BRIDGE SITE PLAN

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EAST APPROACH



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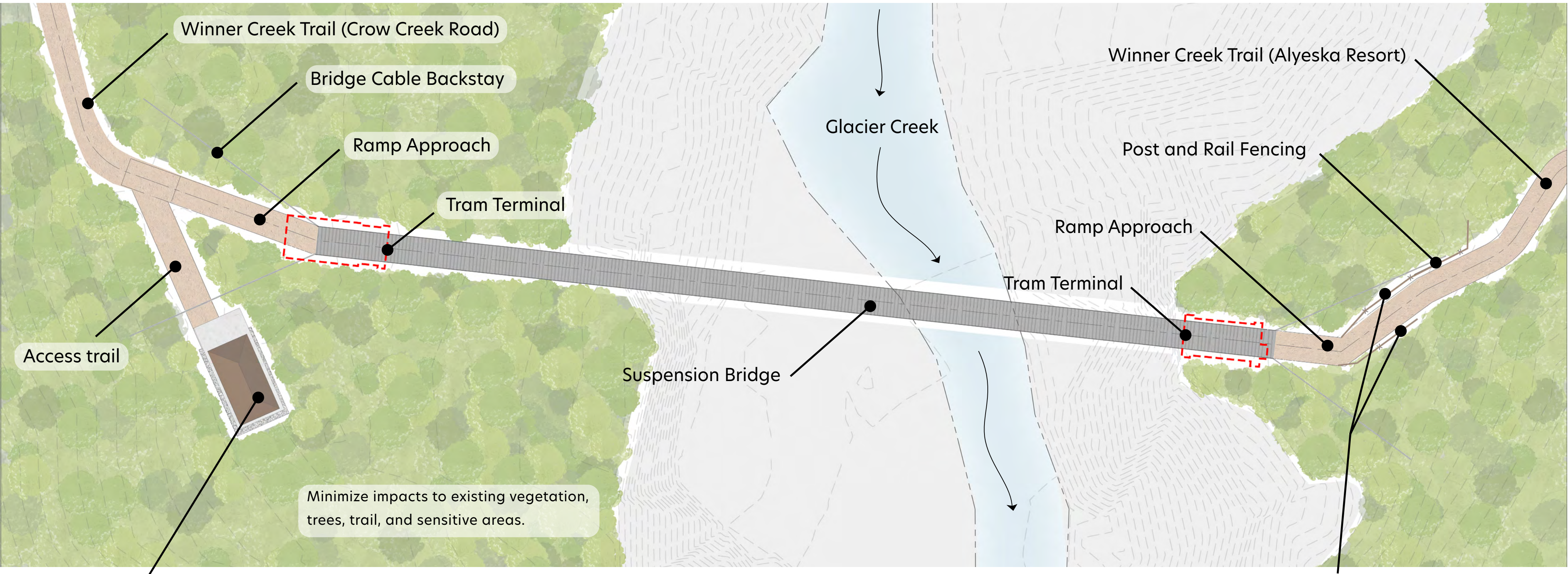
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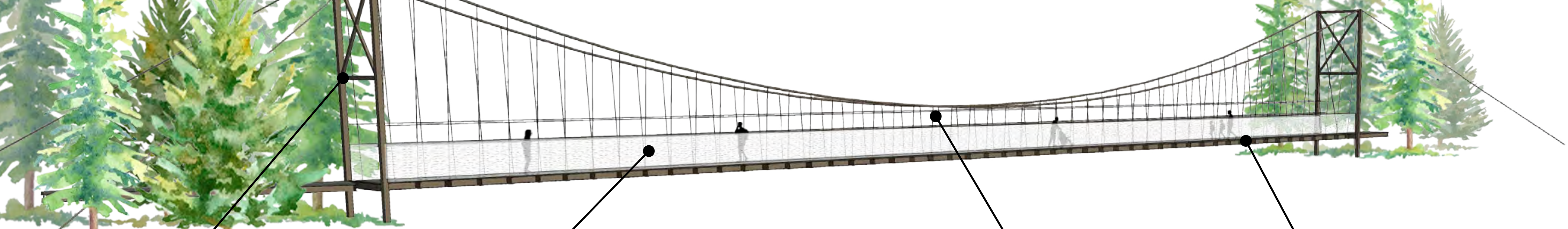
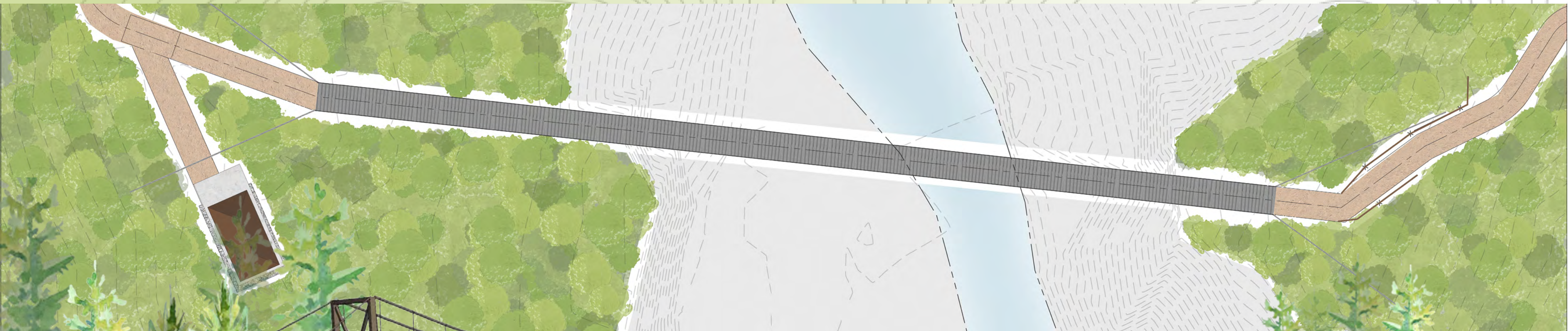
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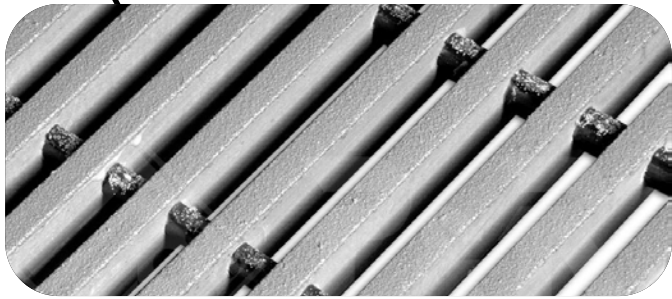
Steel Towers & Cable
Galvanized Steel provides a longer life span and durability.



Safety 'Webnet'
Deck to rail height (0-54")
'webnet' for fall protection.



Longitudinal Cable
7' above deck and vertical hangers at 4' along the bridge.



Decking
Pultruded fiberglass grating in light gray with a 24" dog strip.

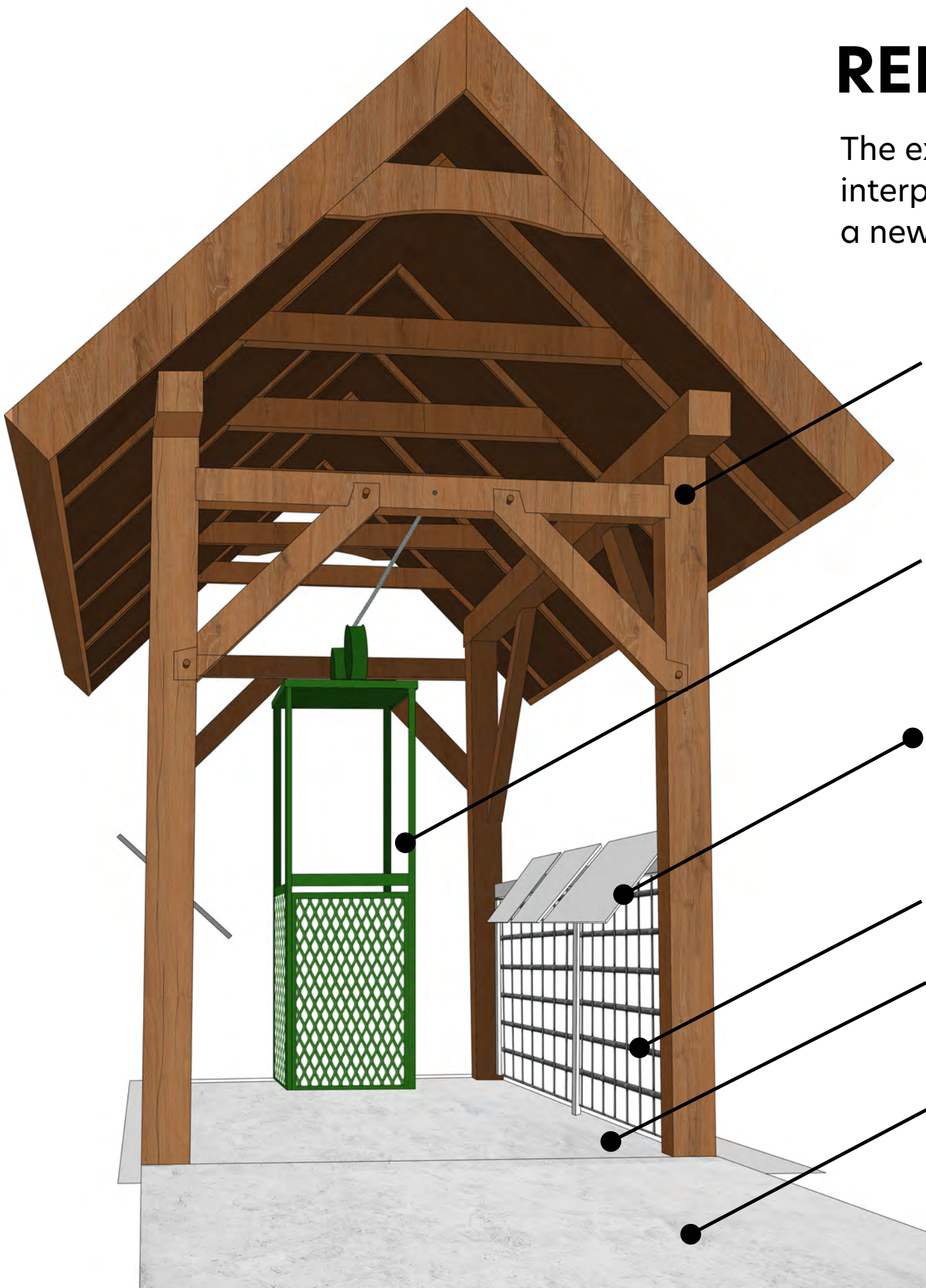
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INTERPRETIVE SHELTER

RELOCATED HAND TRAM STRUCTURE

The existing hand tram structure is to be disassembled and relocated adjacent to the new bridge to create an interpretive shelter. A short access trail will connect the interpretive shelter to the main trail. The shelter will have a new concrete slab foundation. Siting of the structure will be sensitive to existing trees and vegetation.



Timber frame hand tram structure
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Tram Cart
Installed as a fixed-in-place interpretive element.


Interpretive Panels
Attached to railing inside tram structure

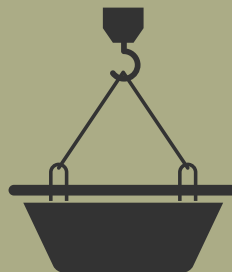
Existing Railing

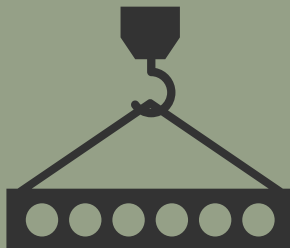
Concrete Flooring
Wood grain stamped concrete

Access Trail
A short access trail will connect the interpretive shelter to the main trail.

INTERPRETIVE THEMES:

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History of surrounding Glacier Creek area
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Hand Tram History & Construction
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Hand Tram Engineering & Materials