



**Minutes Final**  
**Girdwood Trails Committee Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, Aug 5 2025 7:00PM**

Girdwood Trails Committee meetings are taking place on Teams with in-person attendance at the Girdwood Community Room, 250 Egloff Rd.

GTC Voting members are defined as any person eighteen (18) years of age or older who has attended one or more Trails Committee meetings in the last 12 months, and is:

- a) a current resident and/or property owner, business owner or designated representative of a non-profit association; and
- b) who has resided in, owned property in, owned a business located in, or operated as a non-profit association for the preceding ninety (90) days or longer in Girdwood Valley.

Attendance is verified through a sign-in sheet available at each meeting, or equivalent process.

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The Girdwood Trails Committee operates under the Girdwood Public Meetings Standards of Conduct.

**Call to Order** 7PM Brian Burnett, co-chair

Approval of Aug 5 meeting agenda

Crews/Brodin

Assent with amendment

Amendment to agenda: addition of Item #6 to New Business

Sandberg/Crews

Approval of May 6 2025 meeting minutes

Crews/Brodin

Assent

**Announcements & Presentations:** None

**Introductions:** New Member/returning Member Amanda Tuttle

**Public Comment (3 minutes each):** None

**Old Business:**

1. Girdwood Comprehensive Plan RE Parcel 6-011 and Upper Valley Trails: No new information regarding Parcel 6-011 (within Holtan Hills) and upper valley trails.
2. Update on Winner Creek Trail Bridge at Glacier Creek  
GVSA is preparing to put project out for a construction bid this fall or early winter. Field work in process to get information to ensure tight bidding.  
GVSA is formalizing the final agreement with USFS on construction bidding and ownership after construction is completed.
3. Consider Community Trails Info message for upcoming month to be shared on social media  
Go use the trails and if you come across our Alaska Trails Volunteers, thank them for their work this summer!  
Barb mentions planning a BBQ to thank the crew before they leave for the season.
4. Girdwood Trails Management Plan Revision and Review  
Brian inquires about changing the language on page 29 related to responsibility for cost of realignment of trails. This is pertinent currently to the Middle INHT and Holtan Hills development and in the future likely the area north of the airport. These trails do not have easements. HLB has advised for the language currently in the draft document, which states that cost for realignment of trails is on a case-by-case basis. The 2020 Management Plan does not address this issue. Barb and Kate requested direction from HLB and were told that the responsibility for the cost of realignment is on a case-by-case basis. This issue will be discussed further in September. They seek clarification if the Trails Management Plan, as supplement to the Trails Plan, needs to be approved by GBOS and MOA after Trails Committee approval.  
In September, Barb and Kate will seek motion of support for the chapters they have worked on.  
They will also look for a structure for review of Appendix 2, which lists and describes each of the trails in detail.

**New Business:**

5. RTP Grant cycle 2026 Discuss proposed projects and request for GBOS Resolution of Support.  
Grant cycle is expected to be announced soon. Deadline likely in the fall. Staff will recommend trails for consideration by GTC to pursue for grant funding.

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6. Schedule CY Investments Field Tour with designated contact and GTC representatives  
Brian Burnett recommends that GTC schedule a field tour with the designated contact for CY investments to review the trail alignment and re-route of trail. Goal is to schedule this field tour in September and designate members of GTC to accompany the tour.

**Other:**

7. Ongoing Trails Issues for update:
  - Trails maps: See meeting packet
  - Status of Trails grants: See meeting packet
  - Summer Trails Project List and status updates: See meeting packet

A substantial amount of work has been completed on the middle Iditarod between the US Forest Service boundary and the Girdwood School sections. A crew of five from Alaska Trails has been working on drainage and tread improvements for the last several weeks and has made significant progress. Silver bridges have either been rebuilt or added to the trails to improve crossings at creeks or drainage areas. Thank you to Paul Crews for leading design and build of several bridges this summer. thank you to the volunteers who showed up for the last Tuesday night trails party to haul in buckets of gravel to one of the new Turnpike builds on the trail. Alaska Trails is finishing up their current hitch this week and will take a two week break for work with USFS and then return or do two more weeks.

  - Other Trails Issues: Maybe BBQ for Alaska Trails crew.
  - Trails work parties. Possibly one more to work on the last bridge.
8. Monthly LUC/GBOS Meeting Representative: Brian Burnett. However Brian will not be at the September GTC meeting.
9. Written Reports are included in the meeting packet.

**Adjourn 7:40**