

Summer Trails Projects

- Glacier Creek Bridge on Winner Creek Trail
Bids Opened. Project awarded to Spernak and Sons. Timeline includes pre-work in 2026, construction in 2027.
- California Creek Bridge replacement (Town Center to Crow Creek Rd Crossing)
Funding received and permitting complete. Project started 7/7/26 and wrapping up early Aug.
Volunteer effort is proposed to work on the Crow Creek Road access trail



- Middle Iditarod NHT
RTP \$80,000 reimbursement received.

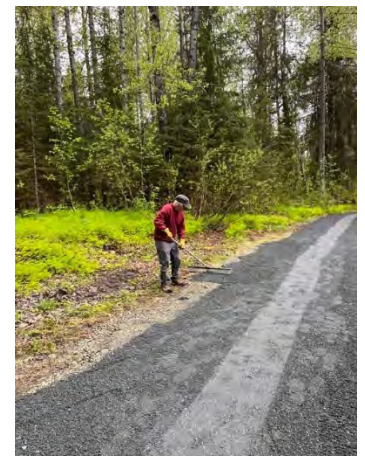
- AK Trails worked 2 weeks in June; YEP crew 1 week in June. AK Trails returns in AUG for another hitch.
Focus of this years' work is moving town valley toward the school to the location where the trail will be re-routed around Holtan Hills subdivision.
- Lower Iditarod NHT
Early season work to remove sticks and overgrowth. Brushed in July by seasonal crew.

- Beaver Pond Trail
Continuation of drainage and trail tread improvements. Alaska Trails Crew brushed the trail end of June.

- Connector trails from Alyeska Highway to Lower Davos Rd.

Work party June 2026 for drainage work and gravel

- Lower Virgin Creek Trail (from Virgin Creek Rd to Danich)
Project is trail clearing, work on establishing a single route up the hill to meet the social trail on the ridge.
Trailhead, map and signage installation when work is complete.





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Updates and other business:

Girdwood Parks Master Plan is now underway. Next up is Planning and zoning review/approval at P&Z August 10: www.girdwoodparksplan.com.

Girdwood Valley Trails Management Plan. Current version is posted on the GTC page. Barb Crews has initiated review of this document with the goal of updating it to match the Girdwood Trails Master Plan.

Girdwood Trails Master Plan. Adopted version is posted on the GTC page. [GirdwoodTrailsPlan_February2024.pdf](#)

Girdwood Comprehensive Plan. Final version was formally adopted in early April 2025.

Financial report: \$81,467.32 as of 5/10/26. Balance does not include restricted donations.

Trail Projects: Status of GVSA Trails projects:

- Bridge replacement over California Creek adjacent to Town Square Park/Crow Creek Road funded by private donation. **NEARLY COMPLETE**
- Trail work and trailhead signage on the Lower Virgin Creek Trail (a social trail that connects Virgin Creek Road to Danich Trail). **PENDING**
- Bidding for Suspension bridge to replace the Hand Tram funded by a variety of sources. Build expected in 2026 to provide time for material acquisition. **IN PROGRESS**
- Tread and drainage work on the Middle Iditarod National Historic Trail between the school and USFS Boundary co-funded by GVSA and RTP **IN PROGRESS**
- Easements: Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance (IHTA) potential assistance in getting easements on the Girdwood Iditarod NHT. **IN PROGRESS**

Grants Status report:

Anchorage Park Foundation Challenge Grant: GTC (Kate and Barb) applied for interp signs to be installed at the new suspension bridge. **IN PROGRESS**

Alaska Community Foundation: GPR was not awarded the trail care fund grant. **NOT AWARDED**

State of Alaska, Capital Budget: State awarded \$1.2M for the suspension bridge project via Alaska Long Trail Funding.

Rasmuson Tier II Grant: GVSA was awarded funding for this for suspension bridge. **IN PROGRESS**

Recreational Trails Program Grant (RTP): GTC did not apply for RTP in 2025. 2024 grant was awarded for the Middle INHT. GPR is wrapping up that project scope in 2026, ongoing reimbursements. **IN PROGRESS**

Dugan Family donation for trails signs on Middle Iditarod Trail and bench at the 5K parking almost complete. Summer trail sign and frame are ready at the 5K. See map project below. **NEARLY COMPLETE**

Dugan Family donation for work on MINHT starting in 2026. **COMPLETE**

Trail Map Project: Summer map project complete and installed at the 5K. Winter map nearly complete. Will be printed and displayed with change of season. Click link to view the current Winter Map, requesting GTC input and approval:

 [2026-07-28 GPR Winter Trail Map.pdf](#)

Trails Commercial Use Permits: Any business operating commercially on Girdwood trails should have a permit issued locally. Contact for requesting permits is girdwoodpermits@anchorageak.gov 907-343-8373. Report operators without permits to Kyle Kelley: kyle.kelley@anchorageak.gov 907-343-8374.