



Minutes Draft
Girdwood Trails Committee Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 4 2026 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.

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

Call to Order

Approval of August 4 2026 meeting agenda	P Hamre/C Brodin	Assent
Approval of May 5 2026 meeting minutes	P Crews/P Hamre	Assent

Announcements & Presentations:

Wildfire Protection program offering sprinklers to those who live within the wildfire protection planning unit rated high, very high or extreme and are registered with Smart 911. See flyer for details.

Community volunteer weed project this THU Aug 6 at 1PM. Meet at the 5K.

Upcoming trails events: Alyeska Climb-a-thon (Sept 12) and Girdwood Trails Marathon (Oct 3). Volunteer opportunities available for both.

Introductions: Nancy and Steve Davis attending.

Public Comment (3 minutes each): None

USS Ted Stevens is being commissioned in Whittier Oct 3. (Patty Hamre)

Kristin Faulkner is cycling in the Tour de France now. (Patty Hamre)

Old Business:

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

Motion:

GTC moves to approve winter trails map as presented.

Motion by P Crews, 2nd P Hamre

Motion carries by unanimous consent.

2. Update on Holtan Hills Development Phase 1 and Middle Iditarod National Historic Trail reroute.

Confirmation of easement and formal agreement. (Barb/Brian/Kyle)

Staff met with HLB and walked the route, reviewed the location of the re-route, which will take the trail down into a drainage, likely requiring a bridge to be built. Alaska Trails crew will be working on the section from the TH at the school to the re-route and other parts of MINHT next week. Figuring out how to pay for the re-route is still being figured out, this is the responsibility of HLB.

CY Investments is interested in creating something at the entry to the subdivision. Developer has suggested a pavilion. GTC expresses interest in a trailhead/kiosk welcome area. Staff has concerns about parking as adjacent property is owned by ASD. This item will be added to GTC agenda in Sept as New Business.

3. Update on Winner Creek Trail Bridge at Glacier Creek (Kyle)

Bid construction bid was awarded to Spornak and Sons, however tariffs on steel and construction materials as well as high gasoline prices are impacting contractor's ability to accomplish the project within reasonable margin of what was quoted under the bid. MOA has purchasing requirements under Title 7.

4. Consider Community Trails Info message for upcoming month to be shared on social media QR code to donate to Girdwood Trails. This QR code goes to Paypal and funds are designated to the Girdwood Trails account at Girdwood Inc. Small donation signs have been installed at trailheads.

5. Girdwood Trails Management Plan Revision and Review
Status of Appendix 1 (maps); Appendix 2 (list and descriptions of trails); Appendix 8 (land management agreements and easements)
Postponed to September.

6. Girdwood Comprehensive Plan RE Parcel 6-011 and Upper Valley Trails
Placeholder, postponed to September.

7. Summer trails project list and volunteer events review: May 12, June 9
See meeting packet materials. Lots of progress on trails projects. One not yet started is Lower Virgin Creek Falls trail. Likely do some work this fall clearing brush and downed trees.

Alaska Trails will work on Winner Creek Extension trail, repairing runoff damage to the connector to Verbier next week. Otherwise they'll be working on Middle INHT drainage.

New bridge complete over California Creek near town center, named Chelsea's Crossing. This project was funded by private donation. Remaining elements of the project is signage and installation, GTC volunteer project to work on access route from Crow Creek Road, maybe AK Trails project to make steps up steeper access.

8. Easements on unplatted Lower and Middle GwINHT segments with IHTA (staff)
Iditarod Historic Trail Association approached staff this spring about funding platting for those sections of the Girdwood INHT that don't have easements. Contract has been signed for grant project, which will be completed through R&M.

New Business:

9. November GTC meeting conflict with general election in the community room Nov 3.
Options are to shift the date to another day, to hold the meeting Nov 3 via teams only, or to cancel the meeting.

Other:

10. Ongoing Trails Issues for update:

- Status of Trails grants:
RTP program is now administered by AKDOT. Unclear the grant cycle and projects to be considered.
Land and Water Conservation Fund grant open now with applications due Oct 31.
- Other Trails Issues (listed in public comment and announcements)
- Summer trails project list (see meeting packet)

11. Monthly LUC/GBOS Meeting Representatives: Brian will attend LUC, someone else should attend GBOS for GTC if possible as he will be traveling.

12. Written Reports should be submitted to include in meeting packet

Adjourn 8PM