

## APPENDIX 5

# Trail Project Priority List, 2025-2035

### 2025-2030

- Reroute of Middle Iditarod near Phase 1 of Holtan Hills
- Continued improvements to Middle Iditarod Trail between the Girdwood School, Crow Creek Road and the boundary of the USFS portion of the trail.
- Easement secured for Middle Iditarod Trail
- Trail T4: Ruane Road Trail Connection to Lower Iditarod. There is a low spot that gets flooded near the trailhead by the AWWU plant. Either the drainage needs to be improved to drain the water away or the trail raised to get the tread above water level.
- Bridge B6: Glacier Creek Trail Bridge – Upper Valley and Interpretive kiosk
- Trail T6: Barren Avenue to Alyeska Highway
- Improvements to Lower Virgin Creek Trail (TH post, establish route to the bench from the TH)
- Easement secured for Lower Virgin Creek Trail
- Improve tread and drainage on the Shortcut Trail from Alyeska Hwy to Davos

### 2025-2035

- Trail T10: Forest Loop Trail
- Trail Head 11: Arlberg Trailhead Expansion
- Trail T11: Arlberg Connection to Winner Creek Trail
- Trail T14: Snowcat Trail Improvements
- Trail Head 5: Karolius Trailhead
- Trail T12: Canyon Rim Trail

Trail numbers correspond to proposed trails in the 2024 Trails Master Plan.



## APPENDIX 6

# Adopted Planning Documents that Affect Girdwood Trails

*Alyeska Resort Master Plan, 2025*

*Anchorage Park, Greenbelt and Facility Recreation Plan, Vol. 3: Turnagain Arm, 1987*

*Assessment of Ecological & Socio-Economic Conditions and Trends for the Chugach National Forest, 2014*

*Chugach National Forest: Land Management Plan, 2020*

*Chugach State Park Access Plan, 2010*

*Chugach State Park Management Plan, 2016*

*Chugach State Park Trails Management Plan, 2016*

*Crow Creek Neighborhood Land Use Plan, 2006*

*Girdwood Commercial Areas and Transportation Master Plan, 2001*

*Girdwood Comprehensive Plan, 2025*

*Girdwood Iditarod Trail Route Study, 1997*

*Girdwood South Townsite Master Plan, 2009, amended 2014*

*Girdwood Trails Plan, 2024*

*MOA Area-wide Trails Plan, 1997*

*MOA Title 21, Chapter 9 Girdwood Land Use Plan, 2005, amended with MOA Assembly approval on an ongoing basis*

*Winner Creek Trails Feasibility Study, 2007*

## APPENDIX 7

# Trail Partnerships

Documents outlining partnership agreements for trail work, such as interagency land management agreements, memoranda of understanding, and contracts made through Alaska Trail Volunteers and other organizations are available at the Girdwood Parks and Recreation Office.

### **Established Partnerships with Government Organizations:**

- Alaska Department of Natural Resources
- Alaska State Parks, Chugach State Park
- Girdwood Board of Supervisors
- Municipality of Anchorage, Heritage Land Bank
- US Forest Service, Glacier Ranger District

### **Grant Organizations:**

- Alaska Community Foundation: ACF Trail Care Fund and private donations
- Alaska Trails
- American Hiking Society
- Anchorage Park Foundation
- Kenai Mountain–Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area
- Land and Water Conservation Fund
- National Forest Foundation
- Rasmuson Foundation
- Recreational Trails Program (RTP)

### **Volunteer Organizations:**

- Student Conservation Association (SCA)
- Youth Employment in Parks (YEP)
- Alaska Trails Volunteers (Adopt-A-Trail)
- Bikewood
- Girdwood Nordic Ski Club

### **Other:**

- Various service organizations assist with work on Girdwood Trails under the supervision of the Girdwood Parks and Recreation office.
- Private donations through Girdwood, Inc.

The current language:

The Girdwood Board of Supervisors, its committees, and subcommittees are subject to the Alaska Open Meetings Act as found in Alaska Statute 44.62.310 and Anchorage Municipal Code 1.25 - Public Meetings.

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

How about:

The Girdwood Trails Committee operates under the Girdwood Public Meetings Standards of Conduct and follows the guidelines of the Alaska Open Meetings Act.



## December 2025 Report Girdwood Trails Committee

### Updates and other business:

Girdwood Parks Master Plan is now underway. Public meeting is Dec 16 at 6PM [www.girdwoodparksplan.com](http://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. Review the amendments: <https://www.muni.org/Departments/operations/streets/Service/Trails/Girdwood%20Trails%20Management%20Plan%20REV%20DRAFT%20Intro%20thru%20Chapter%204.pdf> 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: \$26,507.81.** RTP reimbursement #1 of \$42,935 received Oct 31. Updated report not requested for Dec 2025.

### Trail Projects: Status of GVSA Trails projects slated for 2025:

- Bridge replacement over California Creek adjacent to Town Square Park/Crow Creek Road funded by private donation. **IN PROGRESS**. Delay with permitting, project construction 2026
- Tread work on Virgin Creek Falls Trail funded by private donation assisting with YEP crew. **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. **PENDING**
- Tread and drainage work on the Middle Iditarod National Historic Trail between the school and USFS Boundary co-funded by GVSA and RTP Grant **COMPLETE**; next steps are platting and reroute/construction of trail segment.
- Construction of a pavilion in Lions Club Park, co-funded by GVSA, Lions Club, private donations and LWCF grant. **PENDING**
- Study storm damage to the Beaver Pond Trail/make repairs. **COMPLETE**

### Grants Status report:

Alaska Community Foundation: Girdwood Parks and Rec applied for Trail Care grant and was awarded \$1000 for trail backpack and chainsaw for trail work. Funds received and given to Girdwood Inc for GTC Account.

State of Alaska, Capital Budget: Thank you to Alaska Trails for including the suspension bridge to replace the Hand Tram in their requests for funding of the State of Alaska. State has awarded \$1.2M for this project as part of Alaska Long Trail Funding.

Rasmuson Tier II Grant: GVSA has been awarded funding for this project.

Recreational Trails Program Grant (RTP): RTP grant for 2026 has been announced. GTC did not apply. 2024 grant was awarded for the Middle INHT. Delays pushed it to 2025, wrapping up reimbursement.

Dugan Family donation for trails signs on Middle Iditarod Trail and bench at the 5K parking are nearing completion. Remaining is the trail sign that will be produced and placed.

Dugan Family donation for reconstruction of 2 bridges on the Middle Iditarod Trail; PROJECT COMPLETE These bridges are complete!

Private funder has donated funds for new bridge to connect Crow Creek Road to town center behind ACS building.

**Trail Map Project**: Summer map project complete and printed. Winter map project is under way.

**Trails Commercial Use Permits**: 2025 permits are being issued by Girdwood Parks and Recreation. Any business operating commercially on Girdwood public land and trails should have a permit issued locally. Contact for requesting permits is [girdwoodpermits@anchorageak.gov](mailto:girdwoodpermits@anchorageak.gov) 907-343-8373. Report operators without permits to Kyle Kelley: [kyle.kelley@anchorageak.gov](mailto:kyle.kelley@anchorageak.gov) 907-343-8374.