



MINUTES DRAFT
Girdwood Trails Committee Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 3 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 March 3 2026 meeting agenda	BB/CB	Assent
Amended to move new business item #9 to become Old Business #7 based on time sensitivity	PH/CB	Assent
Approval of Feb 3 2026 meeting minutes	BB/KS	Assent

Announcements & Presentations:

Girdwood Parks Master Plan <https://girdwoodparksplan.com/> project is on-going.

Introductions: No new/returning members

Public Comment (3 minutes each): Public Comment must be on subjects not listed on the agenda.

Old Business:

1. Update on Holtan Hills Development Phase 1 and Middle Iditarod National Historic Trail reroute.
Confirmation of easement and formal agreement. (Kate)

Kate received a copy of the final resolution from the Planning and Zoning Commission from Ryan Yelle with HLB. In it are the items that GTC requested, except for confirmation of who will pay for realignment and easement. It is understood that the stakeholders named in the resolution will sign off on the plat. This item is turned over to Brian Burnett and Barb Crews to continue to monitor and report back to GTC on at future meetings. Brian Burnett will also provide update to GBOS.

2. RFP for Winner Creek Trail Bridge at Glacier Creek, bid closed 2.28.26 (Kyle)

Contractors working on bids for the project requested additional question period, which was granted through March 2. This shifted the bid opening date to March 12. Once bids are opened, Kyle will share information. It will be discussed at the GBOS meeting March 23.

3. Consider Community Trails Info message for upcoming month to be shared on social media

GTC is concerned about trail users safety during break-up because of the ice flows and ice build-up on trails.

4. Girdwood Trails Management Plan Revision and Review

Status of Appendix 1 (maps): GTC has completed the summer map; winter map is under revision.

Appendix 2 (list and descriptions of trails): Barb and co are using Gaia on winter trails so that the information is up-to-date. Seeking help from someone to measure Snow Cat Trail to the Powder cabin soon.

Appendix 8 (land management agreements and easements): ongoing task.

5. Girdwood Comprehensive Plan RE Parcel 6-011 and Upper Valley Trails

Aspirational community goal of transfer of parcel 6-011 and upper valley land to Girdwood Parks and Rec is to be included in the Girdwood Parks Master Plan draft. This is contrary to current efforts to transfer parcel 6-011 to Pomeroy, but provides support for the ongoing community interest to preserve the area. Girdwood Parks Plan requires approval by Planning and Zoning but not the Assembly. Similar effort in adoption of the Girdwood Comprehensive plan did not make it through the Assembly approval process.

6. Summer trails project list and volunteer events spring 2026

MAP grant status: no news yet on this grant application for MINHT work.

See list in the meeting packet.

First project is likely the California Creek Bridge. Materials and permits are in hand, pile driver is scheduled and summer parks crew comes back April 20. Plan to work on this as soon as possible.
First work Party likely in May, date to be determined at April GTC meeting. Project will be the connector trail from Alyeska Highway to Davos.
Additional work parties likely in May/June.

7. Consider GTC application for Anchorage Park Foundation grant for interpretive signs at the Glacier Creek Bridge. 1:1 Match requires NTE \$TBA from TBA fund and GBOS Resolution of Support
Pending budget information from contractor for signs. Currently estimating a project total NTE \$30,000, with \$15,000 request to APF and \$15,000 to be provided through in-kind, GTC non-profit funds and Girdwood Parks and rec funds. Grant spans 2 years, installation would be timed with bridge project overall, as it would be located under on the west side under one of the relocated tram buildings.

Motion:

GTC moves to recommend a GBOS Resolution of Support for GTC's Anchorage Park Foundation Challenge Grant application to create, design, print and install interpretive signs to be located at the new suspension bridge on the Winner Creek Trail.

Motion by PH/CB

Motion carries by Assent

New Business:

8. Request for GTC to consider additional No Vehicle Camping sign and elimination of overnight parking at the 5K parking lot (Deb Essex).

Additional signs can be added for No Vehicle Camping. Public parking overnight is allowed in this area by code and is necessary for those who are using the backcountry area accessed from this location. New ownership of Powder Cabin is changing use in the area, more people are using it. Concern regarding snow clearing should be addressed.

9. Alaska Trails Statewide Trails Conference May 6-8. GTC Scholarships for 2 people to attend @ NTE \$120 per person. Members of GTC who want to attend can request reimbursement via GTC. GTC will review at their April meeting.

Other:

10. Ongoing Trails Issues for update:

- Trails maps: Hope to have winter map for review in April. Deb advises that GNCS has decided to change their map. 5k is now blue in the 2 and 4K and black on the 5K extension. Map committee will adjust the winter map accordingly in the next revision.
- Status of Trails grants: discussed
- Other Trails Issues:
- Winter grooming: limited to 5K currently due to lack of snow and formation of ice in meadows. Thanks to groomers for all their work.

11. Monthly LUC/GBOS Meeting Representatives:

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

Adjourn 8:10PM