



March 2024 Report Girdwood Trails Committee

Thank you!

Thanks to Paul Crews for the work on the bridges on Beaver Pond Trail and the groundwork for new bridges on the Middle Iditarod NHT. We'll be hauling in materials for bridge construction to all 3 sites this spring while we have snow.

Thank you to all the groomers and volunteers keeping our trails in great shape!

Thanks to the Kohlers for working on deadfall on the Beaver Pond Trail. There is a lot of work to do this spring as many trees came down in the early winter storms.

Updates and other business:

Girdwood Valley Trails Management Plan. Current version is posted on the GBOS website. Management Plan meetings are on hold until Trails Master Plan is complete.

Girdwood Trails Master Plan. Plan was approved by the Assembly at their Feb 27 meeting!

Imagine! Girdwood. Imagine! Girdwood is rolling out the Girdwood Comprehensive Plan Draft and will be presenting at LUC and GBOS in March.

Financial report: \$72,697.81 held with Girdwood Inc.

Grants Status report:

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. Construction goal is 2024/2025.

Rasmuson Tier II Grant: GVSA has reapplied for funding for this project now that we are nearing our funding goal.

Alaska Community Foundation Trail Care Grant: GVSA applied for \$2451 for trail tools for volunteer projects.

KMTA 2024 Grant cycle: No grant cycle in early 2024. Pending info on next grant cycle

Recreational Trails Program Grant (RTP): GVSA submitted RTP grant application for work on Middle INHT Oct 31.

Progress through the ORTAB was positive, pending hearing final outcome.

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. We'll start to work on this in the spring.

Trail Map Project: Staff received a rough draft from the graphic designer and met with maps committee in December and February. Staff and committee are working through changes with the contractor.

Trails Commercial Use Permits: 2024 permits are being issued.