



Minutes Final
Girdwood Trails Committee Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 5 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 May 5 2026 meeting agenda P Crews/P Hamre

Approval of April 7 2026 meeting minutes P Crews/P Hamre

Announcements & Presentations: Tour of new Equipment for Summer 2026! New dump wheelbarrow, donated by Paul and Barb.

Introductions: No new members.

Public Comment (3 minutes each):

Briana Sullivan: Girdwood Nordic Ski Club & volunteers have finished grooming the 5K for the season. It's currently very icy and will be probably be soft once the ice melts. GNSC has a year-end survey available on their website and social media.

Old Business:

1. Update on Holtan Hills Development Phase 1 and Middle Iditarod National Historic Trail reroute.
Confirmation of easement and formal agreement. (Barb/Brian/Kyle)
Platting process is still under way.
2. Update on Winner Creek Trail Bridge at Glacier Creek, bid closed 3.12.26 (Kyle)
MOA Purchasing is completing contract. Once that is complete we can move forward with contractor and schedule.
Likely that 2026 will be foundation work and construction in 2027.
3. Consider Community Trails Info message for upcoming month to be shared on social media
Trails are soft.
4. 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)
Maps are nearly complete. Work on other appendices is pending.
5. Girdwood Comprehensive Plan RE Parcel 6-011 and Upper Valley Trails
No update.
6. Summer trails project list and volunteer events spring 2026
Summer work party dates:
May 12 5:30PM Lower INHT
June 9 6PM Davos/Alyeska Highway connector
7. Alaska Trails Statewide Trails Conference May 6-8. GTC Scholarships for 2 people to attend @ NTE \$120 per person.
Vote to award scholarships.
Barb and Paul will attend WED and FRI. Kyle will attend THU/FRI

New Business:

8. Easements on unplatted Lower and Middle GwINHT segments with IHTA (staff)

IHTA has offered help via grant to secure easements for Girdwood Iditarod NHT that are not already included on plats. Received quote from R&M, who is a term contractor for MOA for the work, meetings specs provided by MOA surveyor. Staff plans to apply for funds based on the quote. Quote is broken into 3 sections in case funding can't cover full project.

Other:

9. Ongoing Trails Issues for update:

- Trails maps: Winter trails map meeting this week should complete this process. Summer map is posted at the 5K
- Status of Trails grants: GTC was awarded 1:1 matching grant from Anchorage Park Foundation for interp signs for the hand tram/new bridge. Kickoff party is at Cuddy Amphitheater at the Loussac Library on May 15 at 12PM.
- Other Trails Issues 5k grooming done for the year. Thanks to all groomers. Special thanks to Cal Larsen for grooming Lower INHT.
- Summer trails project list: reviewed.

10. Monthly LUC/GBOS Meeting Representatives:

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

Next scheduled meeting is August 4.

June meeting is work party June 9

July meeting is canceled for July 4th holiday.

Adjourn 7:45PM