The City of Cordova
Trails Committee

Regular Meeting
July 21, 2023 @ 6:00 pm
The Cordova Center
City Council Chambers

AGENDA

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

B. Approval of Regular Agenda

C. Correspondence/Visitors
   1. Presentation of Correspondence
   2. Invited Visitors Presentations

D. Discussion Items
   1. Expanding trails committee members from six (6) members to seven (7) members
   2. Review draft RTCA “Comprehensive Trails Plan Template” document
   3. Review draft “Cordova Trails Plan Outline” document
   4. Review committee member assignments for trails plan writing and data gathering

E. Election of Officers
   1. Election of Committee Chairman
   2. Election of Committee Secretary

F. Next meeting date & place/agenda items

G. Adjournment
City of Cordova
Comprehensive Trails Plan
2023
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Cordova's trail system is a valuable community resource. The trails allow residents and visitors access to pristine and undisturbed areas within a variety of natural environments. Near town trails provide accessible opportunities for residents to exercise, walk their dogs and decompress. This proximity to town allows visitors to experience the spectacular scenery around Cordova. Trails outside of the immediate downtown area can be accessed by bike, walking, or vehicle.

Cordova's trails provide a range of walks from gentle shoreline strolls, moderate climbs to strenuous alpine hikes. These trails provide for a variety of experiences from beginner to those who demand more challenging hikes. Most of the trails within this system are multi-purpose, providing access for a variety of users including backpackers, campers, climbers, hikers, mountain bikers, skiers, snowshoers and subsistence users. ATV use and snow machine activities are also available on some of the trails within the recreation system. Cordova's tradition of respecting the rights of each group's use of these trails and common courtesy make for a friendly outdoor experience.

The purpose of this document is to record each of these trails, to develop a management plan which ensures the basic trail infrastructure is safe, usable and the best it can be. Priorities are based upon public comment and the desire for safe, enriching outdoor experiences. Proposed projects are based upon improving user safety, developing trail connectivity from the port of Cordova to existing trail systems, improving mapping, wayfinding and trail amenities and including traditional Tlingit place names in current and future trail names and signage.
Executive Summary

One major goal that we would like to achieve is the desire of the community to create greater connectivity between existing trails so that users may move thru the system in a safer and more diverse manner. as the community grows it is important to establish new safe corridors for travel around the community.
Geography

Within the Chugach National Forest, Cordova is nestled in a coastal temperate rainforest that stretches 1000 miles from the Canadian Border to the island of Kodiak. It has a total area of 61 square miles, over 23% of which is water. Sitting on Orca inlet in the southeast portion of Prince William Sound, Hawkins Island is directly to the west and to the east - the Copper River Delta - a 35 square mile wetland complex providing critical habitat for migratory birds, salmon and numerous other species of wildlife.

Located with the Chugach National Forest, Cordova and vicinity is the ancestral homelands of the Eyak dAXunhyuu ("the people"). The Copper River Highway (AK-10) begins at the Alaska Marine Highway ferry terminal and passes through downtown Cordova, connecting the majority of the city's 2600 residents through several small city or state maintained roads. The highway crosses over the Eyak River and proceeds to Merle K. Mudhole Smith airport at mile 13. It continues to the east across the Copper River Delta, then north crossing a series of bridges, eventually coming to an end at mile 50 and the Million Dollar Bridge. Erosion caused by shifting river currents created a washout at mile 36 in 2011 and has since been unpassable by wheeled vehicles.
Natural Environment

Ecology

Flora & Fauna
Historical & Cultural Aspects
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Early Trail Development & Management
Needs and Benefits of Trails

Current & Projected Community Needs

- Health and Wellness
  - An increase in screen time has created a disconnect to our outside world. Connecting with nature has many measurable health benefits. Studies show more time spent in green spaces reduces stress levels, cortisol levels, muscle tension, and heart rates - all leading to better cardiovascular health.
  - In addition to physical wellness, green spaces and a connection to nature plays an important role in mental wellness. There is a lower risk of depression and faster psychological stress recovery.
  - Trails and spaces for people to gather are more crucial in today's world with isolation being another epidemic we are facing. In coastal Alaska, the amount of rain can have a negative effect on mental health, and giving more space for individuals to gather with friends and get outside to connect with the community and nature is enough of a propellant to create a comprehensive trails plan.

- Youth Engagement
  - The many benefits of outdoor recreation aren't exclusive to adults. Youth have full access to the internet and social media, and it disconnects them from their peers and negatively affects their mental health. Having a space to disconnect and reconnect with peers is essential to any community. Recreation is crucial for the social-emotional development of youth. Having a system of trail and recreation sites outside creates socialization opportunities for youth.
  - There are several studies on the effects of regular engagement with nature and the positive development of kids and youth.
    - Youth who engage with nature are more physically fit and in better overall health. One hour outside in nature can lead to significant improvements in youth's overall moods. It can also increase self-esteem and problem-solving skills.
    - Youth who spend more time recreating outside have higher academic achievement and brain function. It also increases creativity while decreasing behavior problems due to an overall decrease in stress.
    - Youth who spend more time outside have a connection to and care for nature and this carries into adulthood. Time spent outside as a youth as well as having role models who care for the environment have a positive correlation to environmental stewardship in adults.
Needs and Benefits of Trails

Current & Projected Community Needs

• Economy

  - Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting are the primary industries. Cordova's economy relies heavily on commercial fishing. Fish harvesting and processing provides jobs to over half of the households in Cordova. The retail industry, public administration, healthcare and social assistance follow behind.

  - Trails and recreation are an important part of getting those people involved in the community and connecting them to the place they work in every day. There are several members of the community who would love to see more covered spaces and places to gather when it is raining out. Trails close to town are important for seasonal workers without transportation to get outside and recreate as well as see all Cordova has to offer. They are also important for families with kids. More covered spaces and trails within walking distance from town make it easy to get outside after work and school and create a healthy balance of incorporating time outside in nature with their hectic schedules.

  - Cordova's economy is heavily dependent on commercial fishing. The town doubles in size each season. With very little tourism, having a trail system is beneficial to the local retail and arts/entertainment industries.

• Transportation

  - Cordova has a lot of kids and people milling about and walking in the streets, with little traffic control especially in the summer months. Having more trails in town may reduce foot traffic in areas that don't have any sidewalks or good places to walk. It would be safer and give people more/safer opportunities to commute by bike or foot.

  - Developing trails in town would also give more hiking opportunities to people who may not have access to a vehicle or a way to get to some of the trails off the road. Developing trails closer to town also makes it more accessible to go for a walk at lunch or take the kids or dog on a hike during a busy day.
Overview of Planning Process

Planning Team
City of Cordova Parks & Rec; Cordova Trails Ad Hoc Committee

July 2021
Assess existing trails and conditions

January 2022 - October 2022
Values, Mission, Vision, Goals, Stakeholder Assessment; Public Outreach; Drafting Plan

Summer 2022 - Public Outreach Phase 1
Letter to land managers; Newspaper Announcements; Public Flyer and Online Surveys; Tabling at Local Events

Fall 2022 - Public Outreach Phase 2
Open House Meeting; Survey; Interactive Map; Meeting with Land Managers

Spring 2023 - Public Outreach Phase 3

March 2023
Design Charrette in Cordova attended by RTCA, Nancy Casey, Cordova Trails Ad Hoc Committee; Cordova Parks and Rec, Sheridan Alpine Association. Site walks to proposed covered shelter locations and proposed ski hill trails.

Summer 2023
Trails assessment
Public Involvement

Methods

Committee Meetings

Stakeholder Meetings

Results

Draft Review and Comments
Values

**Community**: We embrace the inclusive and diverse community of Cordova.

**Stewardship**: We steward our assets and resources thoughtfully.

**Opportunity**: We create opportunities to connect places, people, ideas, and resources.

**Kinship with Life**: We embody the instinctive need to seek out natural places for rejuvenation and connection

Mission and Vision

**The Mission** of The Cordova Trails Committee is to create, enhance, maintain, and fund a community-driven, inspiring, and varied trail system for the benefit of all Cordovans and visitors.

**The Vision** is to have an inclusive, holistic, and well-managed local trail system that meets the diverse needs of the Cordova community and fosters connections through shared stewardship.
Goals

**Goal 1**: More and Better Trails
Priority is given to finish existing trails, expand existing trail system and construct new trails

**Goal 2**: Inclusive Trails
Creating connectivity from dock to trails, through town walking paths. Increase trail accessibility for all user groups.

**Goal 3**: Partnership and Collaboration
Establish successful collaboration with community stakeholders for the stewardship of Cordova's trail system by working with landowners for example, FS, City, NVE, Sheridan, etc. Accommodate community desires and encourage community support. Establish a work plan, organize volunteer groups and advocate trail use through tourism.

**Goal 4**: Trail Organization, Management, and Maintenance
Facilitate a governance group charged with the oversight, implementation, and management of Cordova's trail system. Develop consistent design & classification standards, wayfinding, and signage for existing and new trails. Establish sustainable trail management (sustainable trail construction/design, workforce, funding), and maintain a trail inventory document.

**Goal 5**: Funding
Identify and secure the financial resources to maintain, expand, and develop Cordova's trail system now and into the future. Create a 5 year plan - including maintenance and identify funding sources. Keep a record of funding opportunities & associated filing system and create documents to help apply for grants.
Existing Conditions

**Hikers**
Cordova is a hiker and backpacker friendly destination. The trail system is easily accessible from town. Cordova’s trail systems offer a wide variety of trail difficulties for hikers of all abilities. The trails access coastline, lakes, and a variety of ecosystems including, temperate, boreal, sub alpine, alpine and glacier. There is something for everyone! Climbers and paddlers also utilize the trail system to access crags, bouldering, frozen waterfalls, and rivers.

**Bicyclists**
The needs of trail bicyclists vary based on their experience and familiarity of the trail network. Casual trail bikers might prefer a wide trail that allows passing and side-by-side riding. Bicyclists may also prefer smooth, compact surfaces or paved surfaces with gentle to minimal slopes. Aggressive trail bikers, on the other hand, might enjoy more challenging trail experiences including the thrill of a narrow, single track trail, just wide enough to allow passage of one bicycle.

**ATV**
In Cordova All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs), and motorcycles that are not licensed for use on the highways are the predominant off-road vehicles used. In most areas the organic material is 6-12 inches thick and acts as topsoil, beneath which lies a rocky gravel base. Due to their contribution to erosion and effect on plant life, trails supporting ATV use can most benefit from sustainable layout, surface hardening where required, and natural features that help to maintain trail alignment, while minimizing impacts on surrounding resources.
Existing Conditions

**Trail Users**

Snowmachiners technically do not require actual trails to operate, many snowmachiners prefer to operate along trails for orientation and familiarity. It is preferable for snow machines to operate along trails, minimizing the potential damage to vegetation with thin snow cover. Snowmachine trails consist of heavily compacted snow and are typically 10'-15' in width. General routes have been developed over time, though these routes change frequently due to conditions.

**Snowshoers**

Snowshoers typically prefer to walk on snow with at least an 8" base. Snowshoers use existing trails to gain access to the backcountry. Snowshoes perform poorly on ice and steep terrain. Therefore, most users prefer to walk along trails that have minimal changes in grade or go off-trail to maintain level elevations and avoid ice.

**Subsistance Users**

Skiing is a primary form of winter recreation and will continue to grow as trail improvements and grooming efforts improve. Thanks to the dedication and efforts of the Sheridan Alpine Association trails are becoming a reality. There are several areas that are being proposed for trail expansion and establishment. There is world class backcountry skiing in and around Cordova and cabins to support shelter in these areas. There is a desire from the backcountry community to explore and expand areas within the Cordova Borough.
Existing Conditions

Trail Amenities

Signage
Municipal trails use color coded directional symbols to assist in navigation. The National Park Service and Forest Service trails each have their own signage. Alpine trails are not signed, and rock cairns are typically used but are not well developed, use caution!

Outhouses
Existing Conditions

Trail Amenities

Cabins
Trail Classification

Trail Classes are general categories reflecting a trails development, arranged along a continuum. The Trail Class identified for the Cordova trail system prescribes its development scale, representing its intended design and management standards. Deviations from any Trail Class descriptor may be established based on trail-specific conditions, topography, or other factors, provided that the deviations do not undermine the general intent of the applicable Trail Class. This matrix is based on the established system used by the United States Forest Service (USFS). All MOS trails will have an identified class and are maintained to such standards:
The area in green highlights the intended planning area for the Cordova Trails Plan. At the northern edge, the area includes Power Creek Trail, and at the southern end follows the trails off Whitsed Road.

The area currently includes a total of 17 formal trails, nearly 30 miles of maintained trails. There are multiple landowners across the planning area, namely US Forest Service, Eyak Corporation, State of Alaska, and the City of Cordova.

Below, each of the 17 trails are outlined in more detail with trail data and supporting map.
Cordova Formal Trails – Existing Condition

Breakwater Trail

The Breakwater trail provides the best access to Cordova’s bustling harbor and views of ocean life right in town. The trail starts at a small day use site with a picnic table garbage receptacle. The 3-foot wide trail allows pedestrians to walk along the harbor’s edge, ending with interpretive signage from Cordova Parks and Recreation Department and a bench for visitors to use. The trail is in close proximity to Cordova’s amenities, as well as harbor restroom facilities. The maintained trail ends before the breakwater turns towards the northeast, at 0.25 mi.

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Cordova Formal Trails – Existing Condition

Crater Lake Trail

This trail begins at Skaters Cabin and vehicle pullout. The trail climbs a steep grade passing through mature spruce-hemlock forest to a picturesque alpine bowl where Crater Lake sits. The first half climbs over rough, rocky sections with numerous switchbacks, and muddy areas as well as wood bridges. The second half continues to climb, but at a gentler grade, through hillsides that are abundant with wildflowers during the summer months. A bench is provided midway up the trail for a great view of Eyak Lake. At 1.2 miles O’Leary Loop Intertie Trail provides access to the Eyak Ski Hill Trail. At the lake the hiker has the option to access the Alice Smith Intertie or climb Mt. Eyak. The entire loop from Crater Lake trailhead to Power Creek trailhead is 12 miles (USFS).

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<td>USFS signage, City of Cordova Skaters Cabin with garbage receptacle and vault toilet.</td>
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Cordova Formal Trails – Existing Condition

**Evergreen Trail**

This historic trail begins where town meets the forest, passing through a mature spruce-hemlock forest before reaching open muskeg fields with stunning views of Cordova Harbor and Eyak Lake. The trail is a consistent, steady climb over rocks and roots, often crossing small inlets of flowing water. The trail brings hikers to the Mambo Ski trail, also to a flat area with a great viewpoint, looking south. **Eyak Mountain Trail** can be combined with the trails of the Mt. Eyak Ski Hill and further on to the Eyak Peak Trail, **O’Leary Loop Trail**, and on to Crater Lake trails for a more challenging loop.

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Cordova Formal Trails – Existing Condition

Eyak River Trail

This trail follows the west bank of the Eyak River for one quarter mile through mature Sitka spruce forest before opening into rolling muskeg meadows. At mile 1.5 the trail reunites with Eyak River for the remainder of the distance before reaching Mountain Slough. At the end of the trail the flora composition changes to a typical delta habitat of dense alder and grasses. This is a popular access site for anglers during the coho salmon season from August to mid-September. The trail is muddy and wet in places, especially after heavy rain. Portions of this trail are “17(b)” easements. *(USFS)*

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Cordova Formal Trails – Existing Condition

Mambo Ski Trail

This wide ski route/trail leads up over rocky slopes that offer a great view of Eyak Lake and the Orca Inlet. A little less than \( \frac{3}{4} \) of a mile, the trail ends at Midway Shack where you can adventure towards the top of Tripod Hill and have a choice of going around the south end of Mt. Eyak to connect with the USFS Crater Lake Trail or make the steep climb to the top for an excellent panoramic view. The trail is designed for winter use but during the other seasons, you can see residents and visitors hiking and biking up the trail. During the winter, winter recreation users can ride the single seat chair lift to the top and shred down the trail. The Sheridan Alpine Association maintains the trails throughout the year and when snow is not on the trail, it has sections of gravel, grass, dirt, and woodchips with moderate to steep incline. Walking on the trail, hikers can find Alaskan berries to snack on along the corridor and picnic tables at the top of Midway Shack and Tripod Hill.

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Cordova Formal Trails – Existing Condition

Heney Ridge Trail

The first section of trail follows the contour of Hartney Bay and offers excellent birdwatching and wildlife spotting opportunities. Spawning salmon may also be viewed from mid-July to August. The first mile of trail is a “17(b)” easement.* The next two miles moderately climb through spruce-hemlock forest and muskeg areas scattered with wildflowers. The last mile is a steep climb onto Heney Ridge following rock cairns above treeline. Once on the ridge you are treated to spectacular views of the Copper River Delta, the Prince William Sound, and Kayak Island (on clear days). There are many unique wood structures to assist hikers with traversing the varied terrain. The trail is muddy and wet in places, especially after heavy rain (USFS).

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Cordova Formal Trails – Existing Condition

**CAT Route @ Ski Trails**

This route is maintained by the Sheridan Alpine Association (SAA) to serve maintenance needs in both summer and winter. It is open to visitors and provides great views of both Orca Inlet and Mt. Eyak from the top of Tripod Hill. The road is a fully gravel surface, bringing walkers to the top stop for the Mt. Eyak chairlift and the warming shelter. Users can find a picnic table at the summit of Tripod Hill for public use and great 360 degree views. The trail is designed for winter use but during the other seasons, you can see residents and visitors hiking and biking up the trail. During the winter, winter recreation users can ride the single seat chair lift to the top and shred down the trail.

| Location          | Mt. Eyak Area  
| Base of Road @ 60.55063, -145.74075 |
| Land Ownership    | State of Alaska |
| Management Agency | City of Cordova (lease); Sheridan Alpine Association; End of CAT trail exits leased area onto State Land |
| Trail Length      | 0.59 mi |
| Elevation Gain    | 445 ft |
| Min/Max Altitude  | Min. 756 ft; Max. 1183 ft |
| Trail Type        | Winter and Road |
| Class              | ? |
| Current Use        | Downhill ski run, hiking, biking |
| Designed Use       | Downhill ski run and maintenance road |
| Managed Use        | Downhill ski run |
| Prohibited Use     | ? |
| Trail Facilities   | Single seat chairlift; parking lot and ski hill amenities |
| Color on Map       | Pink |
Cordova Formal Trails – Existing Condition

Towers Ski Trail

Running on the ground under the historic Mt. Eyak Chairlift, the Towers trail is the direct route up to the Midway Hut, the first place for skiers to dismount the lift. The trail is designed for winter use but during the other seasons, you can see residents and visitors hiking and biking up the trail. During the winter, winter recreation users can ride the single seat chair lift to the top and shred down the trail. The Sheridan Alpine Association maintains the trails throughout the year and when snow is not on the trail, it has sections of gravel, grass, dirt, and woodchips with moderate to steep incline. Walking on the trail, hikers can find Alaskan berries to snack on along the corridor and picnic tables at the top of Midway Shack and Tripod Hill.

| Location       | Mt. Eyak Area  
                 | Base of Run @ 60.54985, -145.74947 |
|----------------|----------------|
| Land Ownership | State of Alaska |
| Management Agency | City of Cordova (lease); Sheridan Alpine Association |
| Trail Length   | 0.46 mi |
| Elevation Gain | 681 ft |
| Min/Max Altitude | Min. 374 ft; Max. 1033 ft |
| Trail Type     | Winter |
| Class          | ? |
| Current Use    | Downhill ski run |
| Designed Use   | Downhill ski run |
| Managed Use    | Downhill ski run |
| Prohibited Use | ? |
| Trail Facilities | Single seat chairlift; parking lot and ski hill amenities |
| Color on Map   | Pink |
Cordova Formal Trails – Existing Condition

Hidden Cabin Trail

Originating at the Mt. Eyak Ski area base, this gravel trail ascends a part of the Hidden Ski Trail and culminates at the Hidden Cabin, maintained by Sheridan Alpine Association (SAA). The Cabin can be reserved through the SAA and is accessible year-round. It includes an outhouse, firewood, and the cabin facility.

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<td>Downhill ski run and Cabin access trail</td>
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<td>Trail Facilities</td>
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Cordova Formal Trails – Existing Condition

Odiak Pond Boardwalk

This out-and-back boardwalk trail takes visitors across Odiak Pond, walking over wooden boardwalks at the northeast corner of the pond after about 400ft of walking through the wooded area south of Cordova Community Medical Center. A covered pavilion at the center of the walk provides great viewing for pond-life, including birds, and features a picnic table for visitor use. The trail beings on the north side of Hollis Henrichs Park. Park facilities, including two restrooms, are provided at the trailhead.

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Cordova Formal Trails – Existing Condition

Mount Eyak Trail

The first mile and a half of this trail leads hikers uphill over open rocky slopes, muskeg meadows, and spruce forest while offering incredible views of Orca Inlet and Eyak Lake. The trail then splits leaving a choice between walking around the south end of Mt. Eyak (approx. 1.5 miles) to connect with the USFS Crater Lake Trail, or making the steep climb to the top for an excellent panoramic view (USFS).

Currently measured from summit of Mt. Eyak to End of Evergreen Trail @ 60.54998, -145.73975

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Cordova Formal Trails – Existing Condition

Power Creek Trail

*A lot of different numbers re: trail distance – good trail for Nicole of Dylan to get a track on.

This trail follows the river through Power Creek drainage, then leads the hiker up several switchbacks. Midway, at the beginning of Surprise Valley, the recently built Cordova Electric Hydropower Dam can be seen. The last half of the trail follows the creek up the Power Creek Basin, passing by several beaver ponds and hanging glaciers to the Power Creek Cabin. The cabin site has wonderful panoramic views of the valley and surrounding mountains. At mile 3.0 the Alice Smith Intertie accesses the Crater Lake Trail. The entire loop from Power Creek trailhead to Crater Lake trailhead is 12 miles (USFS).

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Cordova Formal Trails – Existing Condition

dense fog that can obscure the trail. The entire loop from Crater Lake trailhead to Power Creek trailhead is 12 miles (approximate time is 10 - 12 hours) (USFS).

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Cordova Formal Trails – Existing Condition

General Ski Area Map

Mt Eyak Ski Area offers alpine skiing and snowboarding on Mt Eyak above the town of Cordova, Alaska. Mt Eyak uses an historic 1939 American Steel and Wire single chair lift, as well as a rope tow on the beginner slope. The base elevation is 400 feet, rising to 1200 feet at the top of the single lift, for a vertical drop of 800 feet. The annual snowfall averages 350”. With approximately 30 different trail options, including a new easy trail down the hill, the area offers something for everyone (mteyak.org). A ski area map, made by MapSynergy, gives an overview of the downhill ski trails maintained at Mt. Eyak. The Sheridan Alpine Association manages the ski area.
Recommendations

Prioritization

Prioritization of the maintenance and improvements to Cordova's trail system drafted in this plan are based upon consideration of the following variables, listed in descending order of importance:

- Public Safety
- Frequency of Trail Use
- Availability of Trail for Multiple Use, including ADA accessibility
- Proximity to Town
- Ease of Project Completion
- Expense/Availability of Funds

Top trail projects are identified as:
Proposed Projects
## Proposed Project #1

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Use: walking/hiking
Proposed Project #2
Proposed Projects #3
Proposed Project #4
Proposed Project #5
Proposed Project #6
Covered Spaces

Proposed covered space locations with a pedestrian and bicycle trail linking spaces along the coast.

Cordova Covered Spaces Project
Proposed sites Fall 2022

1. Hartney Bay
2. Three Mile bay
3. Ball Field area
4. Hollis Hendricks Park
5. Breakwater Trailhead
6. Mt. Eyak Ski Hill area
7. Skaters Cabin
8. Watershed behind PWSSC
9. Fish cleaning station
10. Orca
11. Power Creek Trailhead
12. Slide Zone area
13. Power Creek culvert
Covered Spaces

Covered Space Size Examples

- Small
- Medium
- Large
Covered Spaces

Charrette March 2023

The Cordova Trails Committee along with RTCA evaluate potential sites for Covered Space amenities during a site visit/charrette in March 2023. The sites are utilized for a multitude of activities including, sports, music, festivals, events, strolling, tourists, education, kayaking, biking, hiking, fishing, skiing, picnics, weddings, birding, sight-seeing, sunsets, and paddle boarding. A covered space and trail linkages at multiple locations would improve the accessibility and year round enjoyment for all user groups.
Covered Spaces

Hollis Henrich's Park

Site Development Concept
Implementation

Funding Opportunities

A limiting factor to any maintenance and construction is the availability of funding. Current trail maintenance and improvements are funded by XXXXXXX

Potential sources for grant funding are:

- State Grants
- Foundation Grants
- Federal Highway Funds
- Public/Private Fundraising
- Cruise Lines/CPV Funds
Financial Supporters

Individual Financial Supporters:
Amy and Paul Gloe
Jeramiah Beckett
Nicole Nothstine
David Rosenthal
Leif Stavig
Sharon Ermold
Deryn Carter
Galen Meyer
Mike Adams
Liz Senear
Bert Stammerjohan
Tanya Zastrow
Dottie Widman
Natasha Casciano
Kinsey Brown

Organization Financial Supporters:
Cordova Community Foundation, an Affiliate of the Alaska Community Foundation
https://cordovacf.org/

Organization Supporters offering general letters of support:
The Cordova Historical Society
Cordova Community Foundation, an Affiliate of the Alaska Community Foundation
Cordova Chamber of Commerce
US Forest Service, Cordova Ranger District
Cordova Destination Leadership Team
City of Cordova Parks & Recreation Commission
Copper River Watershed
Native Village of Eyak
Cordova Family Resource Center

Businesses Supporters:
Reluctant Fisherman Restaurant - Heart Wall supporting Artists and The Cordova Trail and Covered Spaces Project 50/50
The Net Loft
Cordova Gear
Orca Adventure Lodge
Reluctant Fisherman Restaurant

Volunteers:
Liz Senear
Dave Zastrow
Toni Bocci
Helen Howarth
Dottie Widman
Natasha Casciano

Nancy Casey
Paula Payne
Michelle Hahn
Duncan Chisholm
Toni Godes
Ryan Schultze
Maintenance

This is by far the most important and usually the most neglected aspect of trail systems. Trails are exposed to constant environmental conditions and erosional factors. It is imperative that there is staff and a budget in place to support the trail system. Without this the system will rapidly fall into disrepair especially in this area. The Municipality, NPS and Forest Service all play a role in this.

Annual inspection & inventory of trail assets, especially multi use trails helps ensure that damage is minimized, risks are identified, and repairs can be made in a timely manner, enhancing safety and protecting investments as well as natural and cultural resources.
# Maintenance

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<td>Larger repair improvement planning</td>
<td>20% assets per year</td>
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<td>Clear dead fall, identify and repair immediate hazards</td>
<td>May-June as trails clear, post storm event</td>
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<td>Drain work, clear, repair, establish</td>
<td>Erosion control</td>
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<td>Tread assessment, trail integrity, hazard removal, grade reversals, outslope repair</td>
<td>Trail durability, stabilization, erosion control</td>
<td>Summer-fall</td>
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<td>Brushing</td>
<td>Improve sight lines, remove vegetative encroachment</td>
<td>Summer</td>
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Partnerships

National Park Service

The Native Village of EYAK

State of Alaska

US Forest Service
Appendix
Wish Lists, Community Concerns & Comments
Appendix

Community Plans included in this planning process
Executive Summary

Brief overview of plan

Targeting intended audience

Include overview of planning area with map

Context

Provides an introduction

History (Dave, Wendy, Toni)

Of planning area: Relevant Cordova history/culture

Of trails in the planning area: history of trails in Cordova

Geography (Ryan)

Within the Chugach National Forest, Cordova is nestled in a coastal temperate rainforest that stretches 1000 miles from the Canadian Border to the island of Kodiak. It has a total area of 61 square miles, over 23% of which is water. Sitting on Orca Inlet in the southeast portion of Prince
William Sound, Hawkins Island is directly to the west and to the east- the Copper River Delta; a 35 mile (sq. mile?) wetland complex providing critical habitat for migratory birds, salmon and numerous other species of wildlife.

Located within the Chugach National Forest, Cordova and vicinity is the ancestral homelands of the Eyak dAXunhyuu ("the people"). The Copper River Highway (AK-10) begins at the Alaska Marine Highway ferry terminal and passes through downtown Cordova, connecting the majority of the city’s 2600 residents through several small C (capitalized in this context?) or State maintained roads. The highway crosses over the Eyak River and proceeds to Merle K. Mudhole Smith airport at mile 13. It continues to the east across the Copper River Delta, then north crossing a series of bridges, eventually coming to an end at mile 50 and the Million Dollar Bridge. Erosion caused by shifting river currents created a washout at mile 36 in 2011 and has since been unpassable by wheeled vehicles.

Demographics (Toni, Wendy?)

*Who lives here? Who uses the trails (overview- specifics will be in existing cond.)*?

✓ Economy (Dave, Wendy)

*Describe the general economy of Cordova, how do recreation and trails fit in?*

Existing Plans (Liz)

*Provide information on relevant planning documents*

- Cordova Comprehensive Plan
- FS Relevant Plans - 10yr Trail Challenge, Sustainable Trail Strategy
- State Plans
- Ski Hill

Making the Case for Trails

✓ Why Trails?

*This section highlights why this plan is important.*

Need & Benefits of Trails (Dave)

- Health & Wellness
- Youth (Is there a better term for here? - youth engagement?)
- Economic
- Transportation
- Culture & Heritage
MISSION, VISION, GOALS

✓ **Our Mission**

The Cordova Trails Committee creates, enhances, maintains, and funds a community-driven, inspiring, and varied trail system for the benefit of all Cordovans and visitors.

✓ **Our Vision**

An inclusive, holistic, and well-managed local trail system that meets the diverse needs of the Cordova community and fosters connections through shared stewardship.

✓ **Goals**

1. **More & Better Trails - Do we want to edit this goal tagline?**

   Maintain, expand, and develop Cordova’s trail system. *(Isn’t maintain and expand equivalent to develop - something about this wording I don’t like) Continue to maintain and expand Cordova’s trail system?*

   ● Objectives (Sub-goals)
     
     ○ Strategies (or actions - what specific activities will accomplish these goals?)

2. **Inclusive Trails**

   Increase trail accessibility for all user groups.

   ● Objectives
     
     ○ Strategies

3. **Partnership & Collaboration**

   Establish successful collaboration with community stakeholders for the stewardship of Cordova’s trail system.

   ● Objectives
     
     ○ Strategies

4. **Trail Organization, Management, & Maintenance**

   Facilitate a governance group charged with the oversight, implementation, and management of Cordova’s trail system.

   ● Objectives
     
     ○ Strategies
5. **Funding**

Identify and secure the financial resources to maintain, expand, and develop Cordova’s trail system now and into the future.

- Objectives
  - Strategies

**PLANNING PROCESS ✓**

**Planning Team**

City of Cordova Parks & Rec

Cordova Trails Ad Hoc Committee

**Timeline**

2021

- July – Assess existing trails and conditions

2022

- January – March: Values, Mission, Vision, Goals, Stakeholder Assessment
- April – September: Public Outreach
- October – December: Drafting Plan

**Public Outreach**

Phase 1: Summer 2022

- Letter to land managers
- Newspaper Announcements
- Public Flyer and Online Surveys
- Tabling at Local Events

Phase 2: Fall 2022

- Open house meeting
- Survey
- Interactive map
- Meeting with land managers

Phase 3: Spring 2023

**EXISTING TRAIL CONDITIONS**

**✓ Trail Users**

*Describe in detail the various users of Cordova's trails*
Summer
- Walkers, Hikers, Trail Runners, Bikers, Dog Walkers, Foragers, Fishing and Hunting Access, etc

Winter
- XC Skiers, Ice Skaters, Backcountry Skiers/ Splitboarders, Downhill Skiers/ Snowboarders, Skijoring, Kick Sledgers, Snowmachine, Snowshoers

In these sections are we going to refer to all users or the users that this plan addresses - i.e. are we talking about any ORV use on any of them and is there any hunting access. Would trappers use any of these trails.

Trail Type
- Standard/ Terra
- Snow
- Water

✓ Trail Classification

USFS Trail Classification Standards *(very commonly used)*
- Class 1 - Minimally Developed
- Class 2 - Moderately Developed
- Class 3 - Developed
- Class 4 - Highly Developed
- Class 5 - Fully Developed

✓ Existing Trails

- *Include tables with relevant details (Trail type, length, difficulty, etc)*
- *Descriptions of trails in paragraph form*
- *Map showing existing trails*

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Breakwater Trail

**Evergreen Trail - Include or not?**

Odiak Pond Boardwalk

Meals Reservoir Trail

Michael O’Leary Trail - *To become O’Leary’s Loop Trail*

Mount Eyak Trail - *Under City or Ski Hill Assoc?*

Ski Hill - Sheridan Alpine Association

CAT Route @ Ski Trails

Hidden Cabin Trail

Mambo Ski Trail

Towers Ski Trail

Chugach National Forest – Cordova Ranger District

Alice Smith Intertie Trail

Crater Lake Trail

Eyak River Trail

Heney Ridge Trail

Power Creek Trail

Ibeck North?

Ibeck South?

**Implementation**

**Standards**

*Describe the desired standards for existing and future trail infrastructure*

- Trails
  - Trail Management Objectives (TMO’s) -
Sustainability
   ■ Can refer to USFS sustainable trails guide, other trail organizations

Trail Naming

● Amenities
   ○ Covered Spaces
   ○ Shelters
   ○ Cabins
   ○ Signage
   ○ Parking

Selection Process
Selection Criteria / Prioritization Method

Describe how you are prioritizing projects

Recommendations

Proposed Projects
Complete & Improve Existing Trails

1. Breakwater Trail
2.

New Trails

1. Scout Lake Trail
2.

Ski Hill Complex

3. Expand opportunities at Ski Hill
   a. Accessible trails
   b. Bike trails
   c. Loops
   d. Amenities

Covered Spaces Project

1. Coastal trail concept
   a. Trails
   b. Coverings
   c. Interpretive Signs

Amenities
● Covered Spaces, Shelters, Cabins, Benches
● Trailheads and parking, restrooms
● Signage, wayfinding, maps
Roles & Responsibilities
City of Cordova
Sheridan Alpine Association
Forest Service
Native Village of Eyak
Covered Spaces

Maintenance
*Maintenance activities, schedules, costs*

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Funding
Existing Funding
Opportunities

Partnerships, Volunteers, Trails Advocacy
Trails Organization
Volunteer Program
- Trail Building
- Maintenance

Appendix
*This section can include the detailed information supporting this document*

Examples:
- *Public input details: survey results, comments received, etc*
- *Prioritization scores*
- *Trail design specifics, costing specifics*
- *Comprehensive list of all trails proposed*
● Extra maps