



**State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities  
Recreational Trails Program  
Environmental Review Checklist**

**Important Notice:** Grantees are responsible for obtaining all Federal, State, and local permits and authorizations prior to project construction.

**SECTION V: Environmental Documentation and Compliance** includes a list of required attachments. All attachments must be included for form to be considered complete.

**SECTION I: Project Information**

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Category:      Motorized      Non-Motorized      Diverse      Safety/Education

Project Location:      Nearest town: \_\_\_\_\_

                                 Latitude/Longitude: \_\_\_\_\_

                                 Township, Range and Section: \_\_\_\_\_

Land Ownership:      Public land      Private land

Landowner(s) Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Description: Provide a concise and complete description of the project.



## SECTION II: Environmental Resources

### A. Land Use

Y N

Identify land use and management plans applicable to the project.

Is the project consistent with the applicable land use and management plans?

Will the project result in impacts to planned growth or land use for the area?

Does this project affect U.S. Forest Service managed lands or require a consent for an easement?

Explain finding for answers provided above.

Are there any commitments and/or mitigation measures?

### B. Social and Economic

Y N

Does the project have the potential to impact the local or regional economy?

Does the project have the potential to affect neighborhoods or community cohesion?

Does the project have the potential to affect travel patterns and accessibility (e.g., vehicular, commuter, bicycle, or pedestrian)?

Does the project have the potential to affect school boundaries, recreation areas, churches, businesses, police, and fire protection, etc.?

Explain finding for answers provided above.

Are there any commitments and/or mitigation measures?



### C. Right of Way, Property Acquisitions and Easements

Y N

Regulations regarding real property acquisition policies:

Federal	49 CFR Part 24 <i>Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition for Federal and Federally Assisted Programs</i>
State	AS 34.60.120 <i>Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Practices</i>

Will the project involve right of way acquisitions or easements?

Will the project require right-of-entry (ROE) permissions for access to complete environmental surveys?

Is the project seeking permanent acquisitions from private landowners or businesses?

If "yes," if the project seeking full or partial acquisition?	Full	Partial
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Is the project seeking transfer of Federal or State land?

Will the project involve a permanent easement to private property where money will change hands?

Explain finding for answers provided above.

Are there any commitments and/or mitigation measures?

### D. Cultural Resources and Historic Properties

Contact the Alaska Office of History and Archeology (OHA).

Y N

<http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/index.htm>

If a Cultural Resources survey is required, it **must** be complete within 18 months of applying for grant funding.

OHA Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

OHA Contact Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Identify cultural resources and historic properties (any prehistoric, historic, or Tribal district, site, building, structure, or object included in, or eligible for inclusion in, the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)) present within the project's Area of Potential Effect (APE).



Does the proposed project have “No Potential to Cause Effects, as described in **36 CFR 800.3(a)(1)**?

Are there National Register listed or eligible sites in the project area?

Will the project impact any listed or eligible sites?

Explain finding for answers provided above.

Are there any commitments and/or mitigation measures?

#### E. Tribal Consultation

Contact the Tribal Liaison for the project’s region.

<http://dnr.alaska.gov/commis/tribal.htm> [Alaska DNR]

**Y**

**N**

<https://www.poa.usace.army.mil/About/Offices/Tribal-Coordination/> [USACE]

<https://www.ncai.org/tribal-directory?utf8=%E2%9C%93&area=6&submit=Search>

Tribal Liaison Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Liaison Contact Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Identify tribes with land (reservations, trust, and fee), interests (e.g., Traditional Cultural Properties) or treaty rights within the project area or project vicinity.

List applicable treaties, known tribal resources or lands within the project area or project vicinity.



Describe tribal consultation efforts for the project (e.g., letters, meetings, site visits) and reference copies.

Identify tribal concerns and explain findings for answers provided above.

Are there any commitments and/or mitigation measures?

**F. Waters of the U.S. (Including Wetlands)**

Contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Regulatory Office.

**Y**

**N**

<https://www.poa.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Regulatory-Contacts/>

USACE Contact Name:

USACE Contact Title:

Date of Contact:

Are there surface waters within the project area?

Are there wetlands within the project area?

Will this project area impact wetlands?

If "yes:"

Total wetland acres impacted:

Total wetland fill (Cubic Yards):

Total dredge quantity (Cubic Yards):

USACE Authorization Required:

None

NWP

Individual

Other

Will the project impact a water body (stream, pond, lake, river, etc.)?

If "yes:"

Will the project impact navigable waters?

Section 9 of the Rivers and Harbors Appropriation Act



<https://www.epa.gov/cwa-404/section-9-rivers-and-harbors-appropriation-act-1899>

Will the project impact waters of the U.S., as defined by the following?

Section 404 of the Clean Water Act

<https://www.epa.gov/cwa-404/overview-clean-water-act-section-404>

Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Appropriation Act

<https://www.epa.gov/cwa-404/section-10-rivers-and-harbors-appropriation-act-1899>

Is the project area within a designated **Sole Source Aquifer Area**? If so, provide further information regarding compliance and coordination, required, or completed.

Is the project area within a designated **Wild and Scenic Rivers Area**? If so, provide further information regarding compliance and coordination, required, or completed.

Explain finding for answers provided above. Describe impacts and list permits.

Are there any commitments and/or mitigation measures?

### G. Floodplains

Contact the borough/municipality where project area is located.

Y

N

Borough/Municipality Contact Name:

Borough/Municipality Contact Title:

Date of Contact:

Will the proposed project impact a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) mapped 100-year floodplain?

<https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home>

If "yes," would the project increase the backwater elevation of the 100-year floodplain one foot or greater?

Is the impact a significant encroachment, as defined by 23 CFR 650.105(e)?

**23 CFR § 650.105(e)**

*Encroachment* shall mean an action within the limits of the base flood plain.

Will the project impact a flood protection levee or other civil works project?

Is the project within a regulatory floodway?

If "yes," does the project adversely impact the floodway?

Explain finding for answers provided above. Describe impacts and list permits.



Are there any commitments and/or mitigation measures?

USACE can be a resource for planning, however floodplain management and permits are issued through the associated boroughs or municipalities that participate in FEMA. If an entity does not participate in FEMA, the entity may not have floodplain regulations. Each borough/city that does participate in FEMA will have their own floodplain administrator within the planning department.

If Borough/Municipality does not participate in FEMA, contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Floodplain Management Services.

<https://www.poa.usace.army.mil/About/Offices/Engineering/Floodplain-Management/>

USACE Contact Name, if applicable:

USACE Contact Title, if applicable:

Date of Contact, if applicable:

#### H. Water Quality

Contact the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

Drinking Water Program (DWP):

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/dw.aspx>, or <https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/dw/contact/>

Y N

Storm Water Program (SWP):

<https://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater/stormwater>

DEC DWP Contact Name:

DEC DWP Contact Title:

Date of Contact:

DEC SWP Contact Name:

DEC SWP Contact Title:

Date of Contact:

Does the project impact a public or private drinking water source?

Does the project have the potential to affect surface waters (e.g., ground disturbance, in-water work, adding impervious surface, changing run-off patterns, etc.?)

Does the project impact a designated impaired water body?

<https://dec.alaska.gov/water/water-quality/integrated-report/>



GIS Map of Impaired Waters:

<https://www.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=f30de7b6ac1d4568be6456d2052237e3>

How many acres of ground-disturbing activities will result from the project?

(1 acre = 43,560 feet<sup>2</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a municipal separate storm system (MS4) with a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, or will runoff be mixed with discharges from an NPDES permitted facility?

Does this project require a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)?

Required for projects disturbing 1 or more acres of land.

If "yes," must apply for coverage under the Construction General Permit (CGP).

Explain finding for answers provided above. Describe impacts and list permits.

Are there any commitments and/or mitigation measures?

#### I. Hazardous Materials

Contact the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

Y N

Contaminated Sites: <https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/csp>

DEC Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DEC Contact Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any known or potentially contaminated sites and/or structures within ½ miles radius of the project area?

GIS Map of Contaminated Sites:

<https://www.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?webmap=315240bf84aa0b8272ad1cef3cad3>

Explain finding for answers provided above.

Are there any commitments and/or mitigation measures?





#### J. Threatened and Endangered Species

Contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

<https://www.fws.gov/offices/Directory/ListOffices.cfm?statecode=2>,  
<https://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/>

Y N

USFWS Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

USFWS Contact Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Are there Endangered Species Act (ESA)-listed species and/or designated critical habitat present within the project impact area?

If "yes," would project affect species or critical habitat?

Explain finding for answers provided above. Describe impacts and list permits.

Are there any commitments and/or mitigation measures?

#### K. Fish and Wildlife

Contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (DFG), Habitat Division.

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=contacts.habitat>

Y N

DFG Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DFG Contact Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Identify non-Endangered Species Act (ESA) fish and/or wildlife sensitive species known to occur within the project area. List fish bearing streams within the project area.

Identify if the proposed project is located in an area with a known history of wildlife/vehicle accidents and/or will the project bisect wildlife migration corridors.



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Are anadromous or resident fish populations present?

DFG's anadromous waters catalog can be referenced at  
<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/sf/sarr/awc/>.

Will the project impact a catalogued anadromous fish stream?

Will the project involve any of the following actions / installations regarding rivers or streams?

Bridge	Culvert	Embankment fill	Temporary Diversion
Motorized vehicle crossing		Ice bridge	Permanent Diversion

Does the project affect wildlife resources (game/subsistence species)?

Are migratory bird habitat or raptor nests present?

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)'s clearing window to avoid disturbing  
migratory bird nests can be referenced at  
<https://www.fws.gov/alaska-bird-nesting-season>

Will the project cross Essential Fish Habitat (EFH)?

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) can be referenced at  
<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/habitat-conservation/essential-fish-habitat>

Essential Fish Habitat Mapper

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/resource/map/essential-fish-habitat-mapper>

Is the project area within a designated **Wilderness Areas**? If so, provide further  
information regarding compliance and coordination, required, or completed.

Is the project area within a designated **Coastal Zone Management Area**? If so, provide  
further information regarding compliance and coordination, required, or completed.

Have compliance requirements been met for **Marine Mammal Protection Act**?

Have compliance requirements been met for **Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act**?

Have compliance requirements been met for **Migratory Bird Treaty Act**?

Explain finding for answers provided above. Describe impacts and list permits.

Are there any commitments and/or mitigation measures?



#### L. Air Quality

If the project is **motorized or diverse** and is within an air quality non-attainment or maintenance area. Contact the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

<https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/epa-region-10-pacific-northwest>,

[https://www3.epa.gov/airquality/greenbook/anayo\\_ak.html](https://www3.epa.gov/airquality/greenbook/anayo_ak.html)

Contact the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

<https://dec.alaska.gov/air/anpms/communities/>

Y N

EPA Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

EPA Contact Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Contact \_\_\_\_\_

DEC Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DEC Contact Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Is the project located in a “non-attainment” or “maintenance” area?

If “yes,” is the project listed exempt from an air quality analysis, per 40 CFR 93.126?

If the “non-attainment” area is located in a metropolitan area, is the project included in the Metropolitan Planning Organization’s (MPO’s) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) air quality conformity analysis?

N/A

Indicate the criteria pollutant(s) (e.g., carbon monoxide, particulate matter (PM), ozone). \_\_\_\_\_

Identify the date of project-level conformity determination: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain finding for answers provided above. Describe impacts and list permits.

Are there any commitments and/or mitigation measures?

#### M. Noise

If the project **motorized or diverse** and generates noise impact

Y N

Is the project within an existing designated recreational land use area or park?



Is the project located near any of the following?

Residential Areas

Campgrounds

Wildlife Refuges

Wilderness Areas

Indicate the type and estimated number of mechanized vehicles using the trail by season:

Summer /  
Snow-Free: # of Vehicles Per Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Type(s) of Vehicles: \_\_\_\_\_

Winter /  
Snow: # of Vehicles Per Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Type(s) of Vehicles: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain finding for answers provided above. Describe the proximity and noise impacts to areas, if any.

Are there any commitments and/or mitigation measures?

### SECTION III: Environmental Commitments and Mitigation Measures

Describe all environmental commitments and mitigation measures that will be taken to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any impacts identified in Section II, if any. List all permit conditions, if any.

N/A



#### SECTION IV: Public Involvement

Describe how public involvement was solicited. If any public opposition or concerns, describe how applicant plans to address public opposition or concerns.

#### SECTION V: Environmental Documentation and Compliance – Required Attachments

##### SECTION I: Project Information

Vicinity Map of Project Location

##### SECTION II: Environmental Resources

###### A. Land Use

Copies of land use and management plan(s) applicable to the project.

###### C. Right of Way, Property Acquisitions and Easements

Property Acquisition/Easement Form, if applicable.

N/A

###### D. Cultural Resources and Historic Properties

Documentation of consultations with OHA, State Historic Preservation Office.

Survey Report

N/A

Agreements for resolution of adverse impacts, if any.

N/A

###### E. Tribal Consultation

Documentation of consultations with Tribal Liaison.



#### **F. Waters of the U.S. (Including Wetlands)**

Documentation of consultations with USACE.

USACE Authorization, if applicable. [NWP, Individual, Other]

N/A

#### **G. Floodplains**

Copy of FEMA Flood Map of project location.

Documentation of consultations with Borough/Municipality.

Documentation of consultations with USACE, if applicable.

N/A

#### **H. Water Quality**

Documentation of consultations with DEC, Drinking Water Program.

Documentation of consultations with DEC, Storm Water Program.

Copy of GIS Map of Impaired Waters.

Copy of Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan, if applicable.

N/A

Copy of Construction General Permit (CGP), if applicable.

N/A

#### **I. Hazardous Materials**

Documentation of consultations with DEC, Contaminated Sites.

Copy of GIS Map of Contaminated Sites.

#### **J. Threatened and Endangered Species**

Documentation of consultations with USFWS.

Print of IPaC website, Information for Planning and Consultation tool.

#### **K. Fish and Wildlife**

Documentation of consultations with DFG.

Documentation of consultations with USFWS.

Print of USFWS website, highlighting location and date ranges applicable.

Documentation of consultations with NOAA.

Print of NOAA website, Essential Fish Habitat Mapper tool.

#### **L. Air Quality**



Documentation of consultations with EPA.

Documentation of consultations with DEC.

### SECTION III: Environmental Commitments and Mitigation Measures

Copies of permits, if any. N/A

### SECTION IV: Public Involvement

Copy of Public Notice.

Public Notice Posting List, listing the locations and dates posted.

Copies of public opposition or concerns, if applicable. N/A

### SECTION VI: Applicant Certification

I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the information provided on this form is true, complete, and accurate.

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Signature	Date
Printed Name: _____	
Phone Number: _____	
Email Address: _____	

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<b>Land Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>
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Are Section 6(f)(3) properties impacted by the project?

If "yes," will the use of the property constitute a conversion?

Further coordination required.

Further coordination is not required.

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Signature	Date
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Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Recreational Trails Program (RTP)</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>
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Does the project qualify as a Categorical Exclusion, per 23 CFR 771.117?

Does the project qualify as a Stipulation 1 or 2 of the Programmatic Agreement between the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR)?

Signature	Date
Printed Name: _____	
Title: _____	
Phone Number: _____	
Email Address: _____	

<b>Federal Highway Administration</b>
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Signature	Date
Printed Name: _____	
Title: _____	
Phone Number: _____	
Email Address: _____	





## Submission of Environmental Compliance Review Packet

Please name your submission attachments as follows:

- RTP25\_(Project Name)(ERC)(Section & Attachment #s)

**Example:**

**RTP25\_(Alaska Trail)(ERC) I**

**RTP25\_(Alaska Trail)(ERC) II-A-1**

**RTP25\_(Alaska Trail)(ERC) II-C-1**

**RTP25\_(Alaska Trail)(ERC) II-D-1**

**RTP25\_(Alaska Trail)(ERC) II-D-2**

**Etc.**

Please submit your environmental compliance review packet attachments in order as outlined on Pages 13-15, ***"SECTION V: Environmental Documentation and Compliance."***

**\*\*The Environmental Compliance Review packet is a separate packet from the RTP Application packet.\*\***

- The Environmental Compliance Review undergoes a separate review process from the RTP Application, with multiple agencies involved.
- This form may include documents already required for the RTP Application, however must also be included with this Environmental Compliance Review to ensure all items are available for this separate review process.