

Alaska 2025

Recreational Trails Program funded 21 projects in 2025.

RTP Funds Total \$2,504,297, Other Funds (Match) \$415,151, Total \$2,919,448, (Non-Participating) \$0.00

The following Recreational Trails Program projects have been approved by the Outdoor Recreational Trails Advisory Board, the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, and the USDOT, Federal Highway Administration. These are reimbursable, grant-funded projects, happening throughout the state of Alaska between 2025 and 2027.

Anchorage Area

Chugach State Park, CSP Trail Brushing Equipment [2025-110]:

RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$217,374, Other Funds (Match) \$24,153, (Non-Participating) \$0.00

Total Participating Cost \$241,527 Total Project Cost \$241,527.

Chugach State Park will purchase mechanized trail brushing equipment to enhance trail maintenance in Chugach State Park. By improving access and safety for hikers and outdoor enthusiasts, the equipment will significantly reduce the time and labor required for trail upkeep, allowing for more efficient management of park resources. Additionally, the initiative will help preserve the park's natural beauty and biodiversity by that trails remain clear and accessible year-round.

Chugach State Park, Grooming and Access Equipment [2025-119]:

RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$61,166, Other Funds (Match) \$6,796, Non-Participating) \$0.00

Total Participating Cost \$67,962, Total Project Cost \$67,962.

This project will provide the park with a Polaris Ranger Crew 1000 to make maintenance of Chugach State Park trails and winter grooming significantly easier, safer, and more efficient for park staff to perform maintenance. The Polaris Ranger has a crew cab that allows transport a park crew safely, a towing rating of 2,500 lbs to transport gear/equipment, and the ability to utilize tracks for winter travel.

Matanuska-Susitna Valley

DNR DPOR - Matanuska-Susitna Region, Mat Su / Hatcher Pass Trail Equipment - Kubota [2025-102]:

RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$90,000, Other Funds (Match) \$10,000, (Non-Participating) \$0.00

Total Participating Cost \$100,000 Total Project Cost \$100,000.

DNR DPOR - Matanuska-Susitna Region plans to purchase equipment for staff to safely navigate winter terrain in Hatcher Pass to assist with grooming snow machine trails. Law Enforcement staff will also utilize this equipment where feasible for search and rescue operations.

DNR DMLW, Jim Lake Portage Trail [2025-112]:

RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$131,518, Other Funds (Match) \$14,613, Non-Participating) \$0.00

Total Participating Cost \$146,131, Total Project Cost \$146,131.

This project would improve the existing 40-60 ft. long Jim Lake portage trail, which provides access between Jim Lake and the wetlands system and adjoining lakes. Improvements would include removing the current system of PVC pipe rollers placed directly on bare ground and establishing a wood and metal walking surface held above ground by piers next to a roller carriage to enable users to portage their water craft without disrupting the ground itself.

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Hatcher Alpine Xperience, Skeetawk Trail Ph 1 [2025-116]:

RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$200,000, Other Funds (Match) \$160,250, (Non-Participating) \$0.00,

Total Participating Cost \$360,250, Total Project Cost \$360,250.

This project will prepare 10,600 of feet of mid-mountain ski trails for use when second lift is installed, and for skiers and snowboarders who travel uphill on Skeetawk's covered snow cat, as well as for backcountry skiing prior to the lift completion. The prepared area will also expand our summer use trails which are located on the lower part of the mountain, and this newly created access will interface with Government Peak Recreation Area trails.

Interior Alaska

DNR DPOR - Northern Region, Chena River State Recreation Area Trail Maintenance [2025-104]:

RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$115,022, Other Funds (Match) \$12,780, (Non-Participating) \$0.00

Total Participating Cost \$127,802, Total Project Cost \$127,802.

This project will provide improvements and trail maintenance to the Chena River State Recreation Area. The project includes purchasing equipment to groom and repair damaged trail tread for approximately 85 miles of trail within the Chena River State Recreation Area: Compeau Trail (18 miles), Angel Creek Winter Trail (6 miles), Angel Creek Hillside Trail (12 miles), Stiles Creek Trail (18 miles), Colorado Creek Winter Trail (5 miles), South Fork Winter Trail (7 miles), Mastodon Trail (12 miles) and Chena Hot Springs Winter Trail (7 miles).

Fairbanks North Star Borough, Isberg Recreation Area North-South Connector Trail Phase I [2025-117]:

RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$198,414, Other Funds (Match) \$22,046, (Non-Participating) \$0.00

Total Participating Cost \$220,460, Total Project Cost \$220,460.

This project would improve trail conditions on the east end of the existing 100-Mile Loop trail and initiate multi-phase improvements to build a north to south connector trail, creating a 3-mile motorized, multi-use loop. During the first phase at the south end, up to 2000' of trail would be hardened and improved.

Southwest/ Kodiak

DNR DPOR - Southwest Region, Kodiak Area State Parks Trail Equipment [2025-109]:

RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$148,802, Other Funds (Match) \$16,533, Non-Participating \$0.00,

Total Participating Cost \$165,335, Total Project Cost \$165,335.

This project will fund 2 (two) UTV(s), one (1) enclosed trailer and 2(two) camper trailers to enhance operational efficiency, providing secure storage for equipment and protecting staff and equipment from the elements of wilderness in remote locations.

Southeast

DNR DPOR - Southeast Region, State Park Snow Machine Replacement - Haines [2025-107]:

RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$35,588, Other Funds (Match) \$3,954, (Non-Participating) \$0.00 ,

Total Participating Cost \$39,542, Total Project Cost \$39,542.

This project will purchase the snowmachines for the Haines District's inventory. Acquisition of two 2025 Ski-doo Skandics outfitted for trail grooming will enable State Parks to continue providing quality winter recreation opportunities to the Haines community and visitors.

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DNR DPOR - Southeast Region, State Parks Equipment replacement - Sitka [2025-108]:

RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$22,570, Other Funds (Match) \$2,508, (Non-Participating) \$0.00 Total Participating Cost \$25,078, Total Project Cost \$25,708.

This project will replace old, unusable, and disruptive gas operated equipment in Sitka District to battery operated, including chainsaws, brush cutters, lawn mowers, and more. The purchased equipment and tools will improve maintenance at trail heads, trails, and facilities throughout all State Park units located in the Sitka district, making it easier for visitors to access recreational opportunities, and reduce noise and pollution produced by gas operated equipment.

City & Borough of Juneau, 35-Mile ORV Riding Park (Phase II) [2025-111]:

RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$299,970, Other Funds (Match) \$33,330, (Non-Participating) \$0.00 Total Participating Cost \$333,300, Total Project Cost \$333,300.

This project will fund Phase 2 of the 35 Mile ORV Riding Park project that constructs Juneau's first Off Road Vehicle Riding Park designed for motorized recreation. The entire project area encompasses approximately 565 acres of CBJ land, and will offer a system of loop trails designed for diverse riding levels. Phase 2 will fund continued construction of the Lower Loop Trail and South Loop Trail.

Sitka Trail Works, Inc., Mosquito Cove Trail Renovation [2025-113]:

RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$87,393, Other Funds (Match) \$9,728, (Non-Participating) \$0.00 Total Participating Cost \$97,121, Total Project Cost \$97,121.

This project will address recent storm damage while tackling other deferred maintenance. By improving tread, replacing decaying steps and repairing drainage structures, Sitka Trail Works will respond to community demands for improved access to highly popular family friendly hiking loop.

DNR DPOR - Southeast Region, State Park ATV replacement - Juneau [2025-120]:

RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$44,886, Other Funds (Match) \$4,987, (Non-Participating) \$0.00 Total Participating Cost \$49,873, Total Project Cost \$49,873.

This project will replace old and poorly functioning ski trail grooming equipment with two CAN AM ATVs. The updated ATVs will be more suited to the terrain of Eagle Beach. These ATV's are the standard equipment used by the ski club in town, that allows for similarity of grooming equipment across different organizations and promotes higher maintenance standards.

Kenai Peninsula

DNR DPOR - Kenai Region, Kenai Region State Parks Trail Equipment [2025-103]:

RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$50,000, Other Funds (Match) \$5,555, (Non-Participating) \$0.00 Total Participating Cost \$55,555, Total Project Cost \$55,555.

This project will purchase 4 (four) all terrain vehicles (ATV's). This equipment will be utilized to conduct trail maintenance and improvements across the Region (Seward to Homer). Specific locations include Caines Head State Recreation Area, Bing's Landing, Morgan's Landing, Deep Creek Beach, and Kachemak Bay State Park Units

DNR DPOR - Kenai Region, Kenai Region State Parks Trail Maintenance Equipment [2025-105]:
RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$55,321, Other Funds (Match) \$6,147, (Non-Participating) \$0.00
Total Participating Cost \$61,468, Total Project Cost \$61,468.

This project will provide funding for the purchase of equipment necessary to maintain and groom winter trails within State Parks campground units across the Region. The Kenai Prince William Sound Region is planning to provide a comprehensive multi-use winter trail maintenance and grooming within Bings Landing, Morgan's Landing, Johnson Lake, and River View Campgrounds.

DNR DPOR - Kenai Region, Seward Toolcat Purchase-Kenai Region [2025-106]:
RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$159,747, Other Funds (Match) \$17,749, (Non-Participating) \$0.00
Total Participating Cost \$177,496, Total Project Cost \$177,496.

This project will purchase a Toolcat 5600 and trailer to transport the machine. The Toolcat will be used to maintain two year-round trail head parking lots within the Caines Head State Recreation Area (CHSRA), which hosts over 50,000 vehicles annually. The Toolcat will provide brush clearing, grading, snow removal, sanding, post hole digging, mowing, heavy lifting, and at times trail crew transportation within the CHSRA.

Ground Truth Alaska, Trail Connecting Seldovia to Tutka Backdoor Trail [2025-114]:
RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$73,643, Other Funds (Match) \$8,274, (Non-Participating) \$0.00
Total Participating Cost \$81,917, Total Project Cost \$81,917.

This project will build a section of trail that finishes a 50-mile through hike and include acquisition and analysis of lidar for trail design, training of volunteers, and hiring a contractor to build the trail.

Homer Cycling Club, Cottonwood Eastland Multi-use Trail System [2025-115]:
RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$200,000 Other Funds (Match) \$22,223, (Non-Participating) \$0.00
Total Participating Cost \$222,223, Total Project Cost \$222,223.

The Cottonwood Eastland Multi-Use Trail System project will build approximately 11.5 miles of trails for hiking and mountain biking within a currently undeveloped 2,643-acre unit of Kachemak Bay State Park. Phase 1 of the project will build approximately 3.5 miles of multi-use pedestrian and mountain biking trails from the main access point to the heart of the State Park unit. This trail system will be road-accessible, fully open to the public, and accommodate a wide range of user skill levels and abilities.

Valdez-Cordova

Valdez Adventure Alliance, Shoup Bay Trail Ph 4 [2025-118]:
RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$129,532, Other Funds (Match) \$14,419, (Non-Participating) \$0.00
Total Participating Cost \$143,951, Total Project Cost \$143,951.

This project is Phase 4 of the Shoup Bay Trail Project and will continue work on repair wear damage in first 2,000 ft w/ fresh gravel and re-level it from the trailhead to new bridge; install 5 new benches; rebuild and resurface 2,500 ft from new bridge to meadow; re-mediate problems caused by rockslide in 2024; and include maddock/tool work for removal of roots, leveling, creating "steps", filling spaces as needed from marsh to Gold Creek campground.

Statewide

DNR DPOR, FY2024 RTP Administrative Allowance [2025-100]:
RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$106,955.00, Other Funds (Match) \$10,617.00, (Non-Participating) \$0.00
Total Participating Cost \$117,572.00, Total Project Cost \$117,572.00

This grant covers expenditures for administering the Recreational Trails Program. These costs include paying the wages of grants administration to administer the Recreational Trails Program awards, and administrative and accounting staff for billings, reimbursements, and accounting needs. This grant also pays for the expenses associated with the federally request on Outdoor Recreational Trails Advisory Board to attend their annual meeting in Anchorage.

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DNR DPOR Interpretation & Education Section, Updating S& E Signage at Willow Creek Campground [2025-101]: RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$76,396, Other Funds (Match) \$8,489, (Non-Participating) \$0.00 Total Participating Cost \$84,885, Total Project Cost \$84,885.

This project will replace 10 (ten) outdated panels on existing kiosks, and add bear-safe food storage at the Willow Creek State Recreation Area Campground. New panels will share boating and bear safety information; update Dena'ina information on topics such as geology, flora and fauna as noted in the Seward Highway Scenic Byway Master Interpretive Plan and the current SCORP. This project will invest in maintenance of the site, improve interpretive and educational signage and maps.