

**Recreational Trails Program funded 19 projects in 2021.**

***RTP Funds Total \$1,133,768.05, Other Funds (Match) Total \$124,738.99, (Non-Participating) \$42,544.41***

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 2021 and 2023.

**Anchorage Area**

**Alaska Trails, Eklutna Lakeside Trail Brushing [2021-101]**

**RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$75,000.00, Other Funds (Match) \$8,333.33, (Non-Participating) \$20.67**

**Total Participating Cost \$83,333.33, Total Project Cost \$83,354.00**

Alaska Trails plans to provide improvements to Eklutna Lakeside Trail. This project will include hiring two (2) contractors to brush the Eklutna Lakeside Trail, and Alaska Trails engaging in several volunteer days to clear more difficult portions of the trail that need to be accessed without the benefit of machinery. Alaska Trails will collaborate closely with Chugach State Park on all aspects of the project.

**Alaska Trails, Little O'Malley Peak Trail [2021-102]**

**RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$72,000.00, Other Funds (Match) \$8,000.00, (Non-Participating) \$0**

**Total Participating Cost \$80,000.00, Total Project Cost \$80,000.00**

Alaska Trails plans to provide improvements to Little O'Malley Peak Trail. This project will re-route a steep and treacherous route up the O'Malley gully to a sustainable and more gradual ascent. Trail crew will perform all work with hand tools, for a total length of trail remaining to be constructed of approximately 1.0 mile and include several retaining walls to stabilize switchbacks.

**DNR DPOR Interpretation and Education Section, Chugach Video Trail Guides [2021-104]**

**RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$35,581.80, Other Funds (Match) \$3,953.53, (Non-Participating) \$1,732.00**

**Total Participating Cost \$39,535.33, Total Project Cost \$41,267.33**

DNR DPOR Interpretation and Education Section plans to create safety and education videos for Chugach State Park. This project will create a set of three (3) video trail guides to familiarize visitors with the unique challenges of the Alaskan outdoors and to show them where and how to safely experience the park. All videos include safety and planning information, trail etiquette, area-specific tips, and brief interpretive messages, offering information for visitors of all abilities and skill levels.

**Friends of Eagle River Nature Center, Inc., Eagle River Nature Center Trails [2021-116]**

**RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$49,200.00, Other Funds (Match) \$5,465.00, (Non-Participating) \$0**

**Total Participating Cost \$54,665.00, Total Project Cost \$54,665.00**

Friends of Eagle River Nature Center, Inc. plans to provide improvements to Eagle River Nature Center Trails. This project will include the construction of an upgraded trail access between a lower parking lot and the Nature Center building. This project will also include the purchase of lumber to repair boardwalk, gravel to repair eroded trails, and a Mini Bobcat attachment for clearing snow from trail access points and viewing decks.

**Matanuska-Susitna Valley**

**Hatcher Alpine Xperience, Skeetawk Summer Trails Construction, Phase I [2021-117]**

**RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$75,000.00, Other Funds (Match) \$8,333.00, (Non-Participating) \$37,232.60**

**Total Participating Cost \$83,333.00, Total Project Cost \$120,565.60**

Hatcher Alpine Xperience plans to provide improvements to Skeetawk Summer Trails in Hatcher Pass, Alaska. This project will include trail design for this phase, new trail construction to connect existing trails, and enhancing public opportunity.

**Willow Area Community Organization, Tracks for Trails [2021-118]**

**RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$23,177.70, Other Funds (Match) \$2,575.30, (Non-Participating) \$0**

**Total Participating Cost \$25,753.00, Total Project Cost \$25,753.00**

Willow Area Community Organization plans to provide improvements to the Willow Area / West Gateway Trail System. This project will include the purchase and installation of a set of Mattracks, a rubber track conversion system, on a Willow Trail Committee owned pickup truck. This will allow Willow Area Community Organization to provide better quality snow grooming of the West Gateway Trail System.

**Petersville Community Non-Profit Corporation, Reflective Wands [2021-119]**

**RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$13,500.00, Other Funds (Match) \$1,500.00, (Non-Participating) \$0**

**Total Participating Cost \$15,000.00, Total Project Cost \$15,000.00**

Petersville Community Non-Profit Corporation plans to provide improvements to various trails within Petersville, AK. This project will include the purchase of 600 reflective wands, and placing the reflective wands across various areas within the existing trail system in Petersville, AK, consisting of over 150 miles. This will improve visibility during winter trail-use and promote safety for motorized trail-users.

**Interior Alaska**

**Delta Junction Trails Association, Delta River Walk Park, Phase I [2021-103]**

**RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$75,000.00, Other Funds (Match) \$8,333.00, (Non-Participating) \$2,443.00**

**Total Participating Cost \$83,333.00, Total Project Cost \$85,776.00**

Delta Junction Trails Association plans to provide improvements to Delta River Walk Park. This project will include Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan & Mobilization; Design & Layout to Nordic X-Country Ski trail standards; and Clearing, Excavating, and Finish-It to create turnpike (raised tread) using material excavated from trailside.

**Fairbanks North Star Borough, Chena Lake River Park Trails Reroutes [2021-114]**

**RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$74,986.91, Other Funds (Match) \$8,331.89, (Non-Participating) \$0**

**Total Participating Cost \$83,318.80, Total Project Cost \$83,318.80**

Fairbanks North Star Borough plans to provide improvements to Chena Lake River Park Trails. This project will reroute sections of the Chena Lake River Park ski trails and nature trail where the Chena River has eroded large sections of trail along the riverbank. Four (4) sections of trail may be rerouted, constructing up to approximately 1,500 linear feet of new trail route. Construction will require clearing vegetation along the new trail corridor, placing a hardened gravel surface, and installing drainage features.

**Fairbanks North Star Borough, Isberg East-West Multi-Use Trail, Phase II [2021-115]**

**RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$204,258.16, Other Funds (Match) \$22,695.35, (Non-Participating) \$0**

**Total Participating Cost \$226,953.51, Total Project Cost \$226,953.51**

Fairbanks North Star Borough plans to continue to provide improvements to Isberg East-West Trail. This project will continue where Phase I of trail construction ended in the summer of 2020 and restore approximately 1,300 additional linear feet of degraded trail by adding durable, gravel materials and installing drainage features. This project phase crosses the wettest, most damaged segment of the trail. The trail connects the Oboe Court trail head parking in the west with the upland trails on the park's east side. The new surface will hold up to the intended motorized and non-motorized uses, reduce trail braiding and allow natural vegetation to regrow along the trail corridor.

**Southeast Alaska**

**DNR DPOR Southeast Region, Haines Area Multi-Use Trail Maintenance [2021-109]**

**RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$74,781.56, Other Funds (Match) \$8,309.06, (Non-Participating) \$806.14**

**Total Participating Cost \$83,090.62, Total Project Cost \$83,896.76**

DNR DPOR Southeast Region plans to provide improvements to multiple trails located within the Haines Area. This project will include hired trail crew assisting Haines Area State Parks staff with maintenance of year-round multiple-use trails located within the vicinity of 25 mile Haines Highway within the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve. Work will consist of brushing, thinning and limbing trees, and the long-term rental of a wood chipper to assist with disposal. This project also includes improving a facility built by volunteer labor by adding a fire ring and an interpretive panel to the existing kiosk at the trailhead.

**DNR DPOR Southeast Region, Halibut Point SRS & Mosquito Cove Trail Improvements [2021-110]**

**RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$54,415.27, Other Funds (Match) \$6,046.14, (Non-Participating) \$50.01**

**Total Participating Cost \$60,461.41, Total Project Cost \$60,511.42**

DNR DPOR Southeast Region plans to provide improvements to Halibut Point State Recreation Site and Mosquito Cove Trail. This project will include building an Orientation Kiosk, hardening two (2) miles of trail tread, and replacing an entrance sign at Halibut Point State Recreation Site. This project will also include cutting brush and limbs along the trail corridor at Mosquito Cove Trail.

**DNR DPOR Southeast Region, Point Bridget State Park Trails, Phase II [2021-112]**

**RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$71,900.28, Other Funds (Match) \$7,988.92, (Non-Participating) \$38.88**

**Total Participating Cost \$79,889.20, Total Project Cost \$79,928.08**

DNR DPOR Southeast Region plans to provide improvements to the Point Bridget State Parks Trails. This project will continue where Phase I completed, and will include clearing the existing trail corridor, resurfacing the trail tread, and repairing trail structures to the next public use cabin and recreation access point.

**Sitka Trail Works, Sea Lion Cove State Marine Park Trail Repairs [2021-120]**

**RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$38,536.37, Other Funds (Match) \$4,301.70, (Non-Participating) \$0**

**Total Participating Cost \$42,838.07, Total Project Cost \$42,838.07**

Sitka Trail Works plans to provide improvements to Sea Lion Cove State Marine Park Trail. This project will improve trailtread to create a safer and more sustainable trail surface on this 2.5 mile long trail to a large

beach. The goals of the repair project are to create a more sustainable trail that reduces long-term maintenance requirements and make the trail accessible to most hikers as a moderate-difficulty hike.

### **Kenai Peninsula/Valdez**

**DNR DPOR Interpretation and Education Section, Grewingk Glacier Management Unit [2021-105]**  
**RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$17,900.00, Other Funds (Match) \$1,988.89, (Non-Participating) \$221.11**  
**Total Participating Cost \$19,888.89, Total Project Cost \$20,110.00**

DNR DPOR Interpretation and Education Section plans to create safety and education materials for Grewingk Glacier. This project will create two (2) educational and information safety panels that will be installed near Grewingk Lake, and will update the park brochure and area information on the Alaska State Parks website and social media platforms.

**DNR DPOR Kenai Region, Caines Head SRA Trail Maintenance [2021-106]**  
**RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$43,958.00, Other Funds (Match) \$4,886.75, (Non-Participating) \$0**  
**Total Participating Cost \$48,844.75, Total Project Cost \$48,844.75**

DNR DPOR Kenai Region plans to provide improvements to Caines Head State Recreation Area Trails. This project addresses general maintenance needs such as brushing, repairing and hardening trail tread, and replacing rotting log puncheon and stairs on the Alpine and Rainforest trails within Caines Head State Recreation Area. Work will also take place on the Fort and South Beach Trails.

**DNR DPOR Kenai Region, Ninilchik State Parks Trail Grooming Equipment [2021-107]**  
**RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$11,706.00, Other Funds (Match) \$1,312.25, (Non-Participating) \$0**  
**Total Participating Cost \$13,018.25, Total Project Cost \$13,018.25**

DNR DPOR Kenai Region plans to purchase trail grooming equipment, and conduct winter trail grooming for Ninilchik State Recreation Area. This project will include the purchase of three (3) trail grooming attachments to maintain winter recreation trails. The first used for rolling and compacting the trails after a heavy or deep snow; the second used for creating a smooth, 60-inch-wide skiing lane; and the third used for setting tracks for classic skiing. The equipment will be used to groom 1.1 miles of non-motorized winter trails at the Ninilchik State Recreation Area.

**Valdez Adventure Alliance, Shoup Bay Trail, Phase II [2021-121]**  
**RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$15,911.00, Other Funds (Match) \$1,767.88, (Non-Participating) \$0**  
**Total Participating Cost \$17,678.88, Total Project Cost \$17,678.88**

Valdez Adventure Alliance plans to continue to provide improvements to Shoup Bay Trail. This project will continue where Phase I of trail work finished in the summer of 2020, and will include clearing, leveling, and resurfacing 620 feet of trail before the bridge. Work will also include adding directional signage at Eagan Street, adding skier legal notice signage at trailhead, rehabilitation of the bridge, repairing drainage trench at trailhead, landscaping at trailhead, and purchasing and installing a bench. This project will also include research, development, and production of a small fourth-grade level "field guide" specific to the trail, with emphasis on native uses of the plants.

**Statewide**

**DNR DPOR, FY2021 RTP Administrative Allowance [2021-100]**

**RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$106,955.00, Other Funds (Match) \$10,617.00, (Non-Participating) \$0**

**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 requestion Outdoor Recreational Trails Advisory Board to attend their annual meeting in Anchorage.

**Awarded, however projects withdrawn:**

DNR DPOR Kenai Region, Saddle Trail Tread Reshaping [2021-108]

DNR DPOR Southeast Region, Halibut Point State Recreation Site Latrine [2021-111]

DNR DPOR Southeast Region, Totem Bight Trail Improvements [2021-113]