

Alaska

Recreational Trails Program funded 18 projects in 2023.

RTP Funds Total \$2,218,168.62, Other Funds (Match) Total \$90,045.41, (Non-Participating) \$9,271.50

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 2023 and 2025.

Anchorage Area

Alaska Trails, Inc., Russian Jack Mountain Bike Trails [2023-108]:

RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$187,328.00, Other Funds (Match) \$20,815.00, (Non-Participating) \$0.00

Total Participating Cost \$208,143.00, Total Project Cost \$208,143.00.

Alaska Trails, Inc. will construct a mile long, two-way perimeter trail for mountain bike riding at Russian Jack Park on the east side of Anchorage with connections to Chester Creek Trail and Greenbelt Trail system.

DNR DPOR Design & Construction Section, Bird Creek Valley T railhead improvements [2023-111]:

RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$252,000.00, Other Funds (Match) \$28,000.00(Non-Participating) \$0.00

Total Participating Cost \$280,000.00, Total Project Cost \$280,000.00

DNR DPOR Design & Construction Section plans to regrade and resurface 28,000 sq.ft of parking area; installation of a vaulted toilet; construction of orientation kiosk; construction of ATV loading ramp; installation of picnic tables and barrier rocks; and changing site signage as needed

US DOI Bureau of Land Management, Campbell Tract New Single Track Construction [2023-113]:

RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$54,000.00 Other Funds (Match) \$6,000.00, (Non-Participating) \$0.00

Total Participating Cost \$60,000.00, Total Project Cost \$60,000.00

US DOI Bureau of Land Management plans to construct a new year-round, multi-use single track trail approximately 1.5 miles in length and 2 to 3 feet wide, with a 100-foot buffer either side. This project will expand the existing trail network and enhance recreational opportunities in Campbell Tract.

DNR DPOR Design & Construction Section, CSP: Eklutna Lake Trailhead Improvements [2023-115]:

RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$455,272.00, Other Funds (Match) \$50,578.00, (Non-Participating) \$0.00

Total Participating Cost \$505,850.00 Total Project Cost \$505,850.00

DNR DPOR Design & Construction Section plans to improve Eklutna Lake Trailhead in Chugach State Park. This project will include paving approximately 40,000 sq. ft of existing driveway and parking area, striping the finished pavement, construction of new orientation kiosk, and replacing site signage as needed.

Matanuska-Susitna Valley

DNR DPOR - Matanuska-Susitna Region, Byers Lake Loop Trail Brushing and Tread Repair [2023-103]:

RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$40,134.60 Other Funds (Match) \$4,459.40, (Non-Participating) \$0.00

Total Participating Cost \$44,594.00, Total Project Cost \$44,594.00

DNR DPOR - Matanuska-Susitna Region plans to reduce vegetation and make repairs to damaged trail tread along the Byers Lake Loop Trail adjacent to the Byers Lake Campground in Denali State Park along the trail's corridor which is approximately 5 miles long.

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DNR DPOR - Mat Su/Copper River Basin Region, Matanuska Lakes Trail Enhancement Project [2023-107]:
RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$29,687.20, Other Funds (Match) \$3,298.80, (Non-Participating) \$0.00
Total Participating Cost \$32,986.00, Total Project Cost \$32,986.00.

DNR DPOR - Mat Su/Copper River Basin Region plans to restore 2 miles of existing non-motorized trail within the Matanuska Lakes State Recreation Area. This project will consist of brushing and lodging out the trail corridors and repairing a 200 sq. ft section of badly eroded existing trail tread at the carry-in canoe landing at Matanuska Lake.

Curry Ridge Riders, Friends of Denali State Park, South Denali Winter Trails [2023-112]:
RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$50,585.00 Other Funds (Match) \$5,620.56, (Non-Participating) \$0.00
Total Participating Cost \$56,205.56, Total Project Cost \$50,205.56.

Curry Ridge Riders plans to purchase of a 8'x16' drag-behind groomer. The drag groomer will be used to maintain 55 miles of public-use South Denali Winter Trails. This equipment will be utilized by fully -trained operators, for 16 weeks from December to April on annual basis.

Willow Trail Committee/Willow Area Community Organization, Willow Trails Rehabilitation [2023-118]:
RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$35,946.18, Other Funds (Match) \$3,994.02, (Non-Participating) \$0.00
Total Participating Cost \$39,940.20, Total Project Cost \$39,940.20.

Willow Trail Committee plans to rehabilitate trails originally constructed in 2014 and 2016. Work will be done at the north and south ends of Windsock Trail, at the east end of Propwash Trail and at the Windsock/Shirley Lake intersection. Degraded areas of the ATV designed trails will be smoothed and hardened with mixed grades of gravel to make these trails sustainable.

Interior Alaska

Delta Junction Trail Association, Delta River Walk Trails Ph 2 [2023-116]:
RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$45,049.50, Other Funds (Match) \$5,005.50 (Non-Participating) \$0.00
Total Participating Cost \$50,055.00, Total Project Cost \$50,055.00.

Delta Junction Trail Association plans to construct three new trails: Connector Trail (270 ft) that joints existing looping trail system with Dike Trail; Lookout Trail (350 ft) that loops from Dike Trail to the Lookout Site and back to Dike Trail; Picnic Area Trail (170 ft) that loops around outside limit of picnic area and provides access to it.

Southeast Alaska

City and Borough of Juneau, Parks and Recreation Dept., 35 Mile ORV Riding Park [2023-110]:
RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$299,970.00, Other Funds (Match) \$33,330.00, (Non-Participating): \$0.00
Total Participating Cost \$333,300.00 Total Project Cost \$333,300.00.

City and Borough of Juneau plans to construct Juneau's first Off Road Vehicle (ORV) Riding Park. The park will have a gated entry area, parking lot, a trail system and loop trails designed for diverse riding levels. The entire park encompasses 565 acres on City and Borough of Juneau land and the construction will be phased. This grant will fund construction of 6000 LF Lower Loop Trail.

Southwest/ Kodiak

DNR DPOR - Southwest Region, Woody Island Trails [2023-109]:

RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$31,500.00 Other Funds (Match) \$3,500.00, (Non-Participating) \$0.00

Total Participating Cost \$35,000.00, Total Project Cost \$35,000.00.

DNR DPOR Southwest Region plans to improve Woody Island State Recreation Site trails connecting ocean beach, public use cabin, Long Lake, Crab Lagoon and Salt Lake areas by brushing, clearing and improving tread on existing trail; replacing a small puncheon, installing puncheon in wet and muddy sections; installing trail signs and trail markers.

Kenai Peninsula/Valdez

DNR DPOR Kenai Region, Caines Head SRA Trail Improvements - Rainforest/ Alpine [2023-104]:

RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$98,192.50, Other Funds (Match) \$10,910.28, (Non-Participating) \$0.00 Total

Participating Cost \$109,102.78 Total Project Cost \$109,102.78.

DNR DPOR Kenai Region plans to repair and rehabilitate portion of the Caines Head State Recreation Area (CHSRA) Trails system. This project will address general maintenance needs such as repairing and hardening trail tread, building log and treated puncheon, improving drainage to increase safety and maintain greater long-term sustainability of CHSRA trails. Work will take place on the Rainforest and Alpine Trails.

DNR DPOR - Kachemak Bay State Park, China Poot Lake Trail - Flood Reroute [2023-105]:

RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$145,657.44 Other Funds (Match) \$23,510.08, (Non-Participating) \$9,271.50

Total Participating Cost \$169,167.52, Total Project Cost \$178,439.02.

DNR DPOR - Kachemak Bay State Park plans to re-route 700-foot section of the China Poot Trail that is flooded due to a permanent change of course of a stream. This project will include new trail alignment with tread construction, bridge construction, and tumpike construction with cross drains and finishing construction of two existing log bridges that were built in 2020 and 2022.

HoWL, Inc, HoWL Stewardship Expedition [2023-106]:

RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$73,985.00, Other Funds (Match) \$45,129.60, (Non-Participating) \$0.00

Total Participating Cost \$119,114.60, Total Project Cost \$119,114.60.

HoWL, Inc. plans multiple remote trail improvement projects in Kachemak Bay State Park during 2023 and 2024 field seasons. Activities will include brushing, improving trail visibility in airplane areas, and maintaining campsite trails.

Snomads, Inc., Caribou Lake Trail Rehabilitation [2023-114]:

RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$171,830.80, Other Funds (Match) \$19,418.00, (Non-Participating) \$0.00

Total Participating Cost \$191,248.80, Total Project Cost \$191,248.80.

Snomads, Inc. plans to rehabilitate severely degraded Caribou Lake Trail, known locally as Boardwalk Trail. The project addresses the first 1.9 miles of trail. Rehabilitation of Caribou Lake Trail will be divided into three execution phases: 0, 1, and 2.

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Valdez Adventure Alliance, Shoup Bay Trail Ph 3 [2023-117]:

RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$66,810.00, Other Funds (Match) \$7,496.17 (Non-Participating) \$0.00

Total Participating Cost \$74,306.17, Total Project Cost \$74,306.17

Valdez Adventure Alliance plans to complete Phase 3 on the project for maintenance of Shoup Bay Trail. Phase 1 cleared first 1,500 ft of the trail, placed and compacted fabric, and filled gravel. Phase 2 added directional signage, rehabilitated bridge, repaired drainage trench and did landscaping at the trailhead, and installed a bench. Phase 3 will focus on cutting 2.5 mile section from the point just past the marsh to the camping area at Gold Creek.

Statewide

DNR DPOR, FY2023 RTP Administrative Allowance [2023-100]:

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.

DNR DPOR Interpretation & Education Section, Bird Point Education Project - Phase I [2023-101]:

RTP Funds (Federal Award) \$73,265.40 Other Funds (Match) \$8,363.00, (Non-Participating) \$0.00

Total Participating Cost \$83,628.40, Total Project Cost \$83,628.40.

DNR DPOR Interpretation and Education Section plans to design and fabricate ten (10) educational panels to replace outdated existing panels at Bird Point, Chugach State Park. This project will update two (2) bulletin boards with current safety messages and regulations with site-specific information. Additionally, the spotting scopes will be refurbished with new heads and lenses.