

Sen. John Coghill

From: John Johnston <bearqst@ak.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 09, 2017 12:42 PM
To: Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Mia Costello; Sen. Kevin Meyer; Sen. Pete Kelly
Subject: Klutina Lake and RS2477 concerns

Dear esteemed Senator's,

I wish to express my concerns about Gov. Walkers office negotiating any type of modification to an established RS2477 access route.

As an active trail user in the Interior, this issue is specifically related to the designation of RS2477 access routes and will directly impact those of us in the Interior and throughout the state. RS2477 is the designation of routes that guarantees all trail users in Alaska the right to access to and through lands, be they private or public, to access state lands and recreational opportunities.

If, as being proposed by the Governor, RS2477 access determination is ignored or modified, we will/could lose our ability to use local trails.

If this is allowed to happen anywhere in the state it can and will affect us all. Please ask the Governors office not to change any RS2477 designated routes.

As President of the Fairbanks Snow Travelers, I know I speak for all our members when I ask that you intervene to prevent changing any aspect of RS2477 routes. Many access routes, utilized by a variety of Alaskans, is only possible due to their RS2477 designation. To implement or modify any changes that would jeopardize that access for subsistence, recreation or any form of traditional egress would be a travesty to the citizens of Alaska.

Thank you

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