

# SB 47 Chugach State Park Easements

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# Chugach State Park



Chugach State Park (SP) is the most visited Public Land in Alaska

- Chugach SP: 495,000 acres
- 1.5 million visitors annually



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Source: DNR Division of Parks Briefing to Alaska Legislature on Chugach State Park



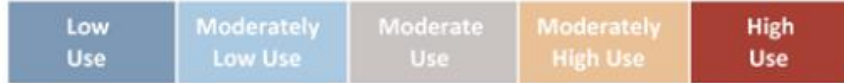


# Chugach State Park Use Data



## USE

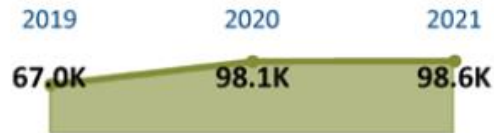
RELATIVE TO STATEWIDE  
LOCATIONS OF INTEREST



\*Use is defined by cluster analysis

## SAMPLE SIZE

ADJUSTED DEVICE DAYS BY YEAR



## TOP 5 LOCATIONS OF INTEREST

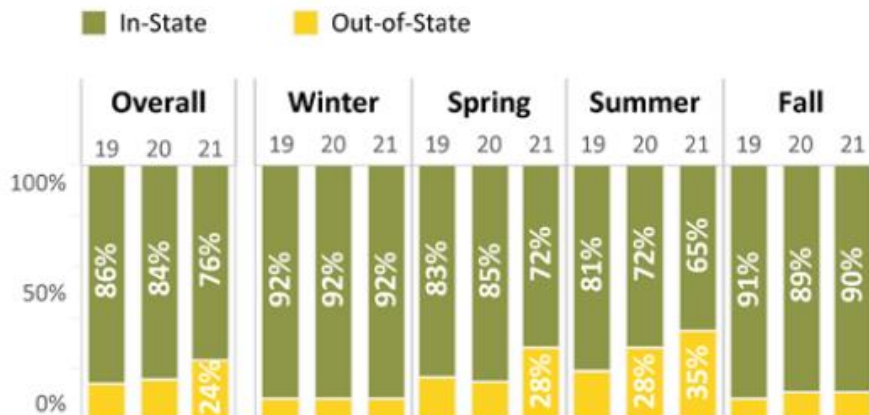
- 1 Glenn Alps Parking
- 2 Eagle River Campground
- 3 Turnagain Arm Trail
- 4 McHugh Trailhead
- 5 Glenn Alps Anchorage Overlook

## DISTRIBUTION OF USE



## VISITOR ORIGINS

PERCENT OF DEVICE DAYS BY SEASON AND YEAR



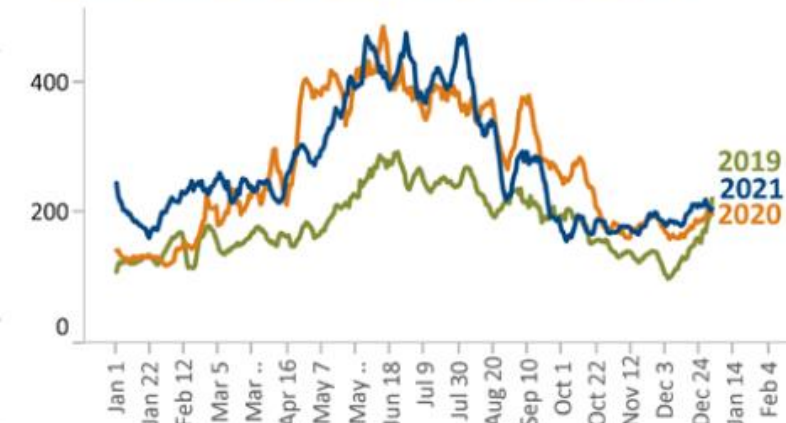
## VISITOR ORIGINS

PERCENT OF DEVICE DAYS BY BOROUGH (TOP 5) AND YEAR

	2019	2020	2021
Anchorage Municipality	71%	70%	64%
Matanuska-Susitna Borough	7%	7%	6%
Kenai Peninsula Borough	4%	4%	3%
Fairbanks North Star Borough	1%	1%	1%
Valdez-Cordova Census Area	0%	0%	0%
Other Alaska	1%	1%	1%
Out of State/International	16%	18%	25%

## PATTERNS OF USE

7-DAY MOVING AVERAGE OF DAILY DEVICE COUNTS





# Chugach Design & Construction Projects



## Completed:

- Completed the parking expansion and paving work at Eklutna Lake
- Completed new vaulted toilets at McHugh Creek, Eagle River Campground, and Bird Creek Campground
- Completed drainage improvements at Upper Huffman

## Ongoing:

- Continued construction of a public use cabins at Eagle River Campground and Bird Creek Campground
  - 2 at Eagle River
  - 1 at Bird Creek
- Began paving and improvements work at Prospect Heights
- Began improvements at Bird Valley Trailhead

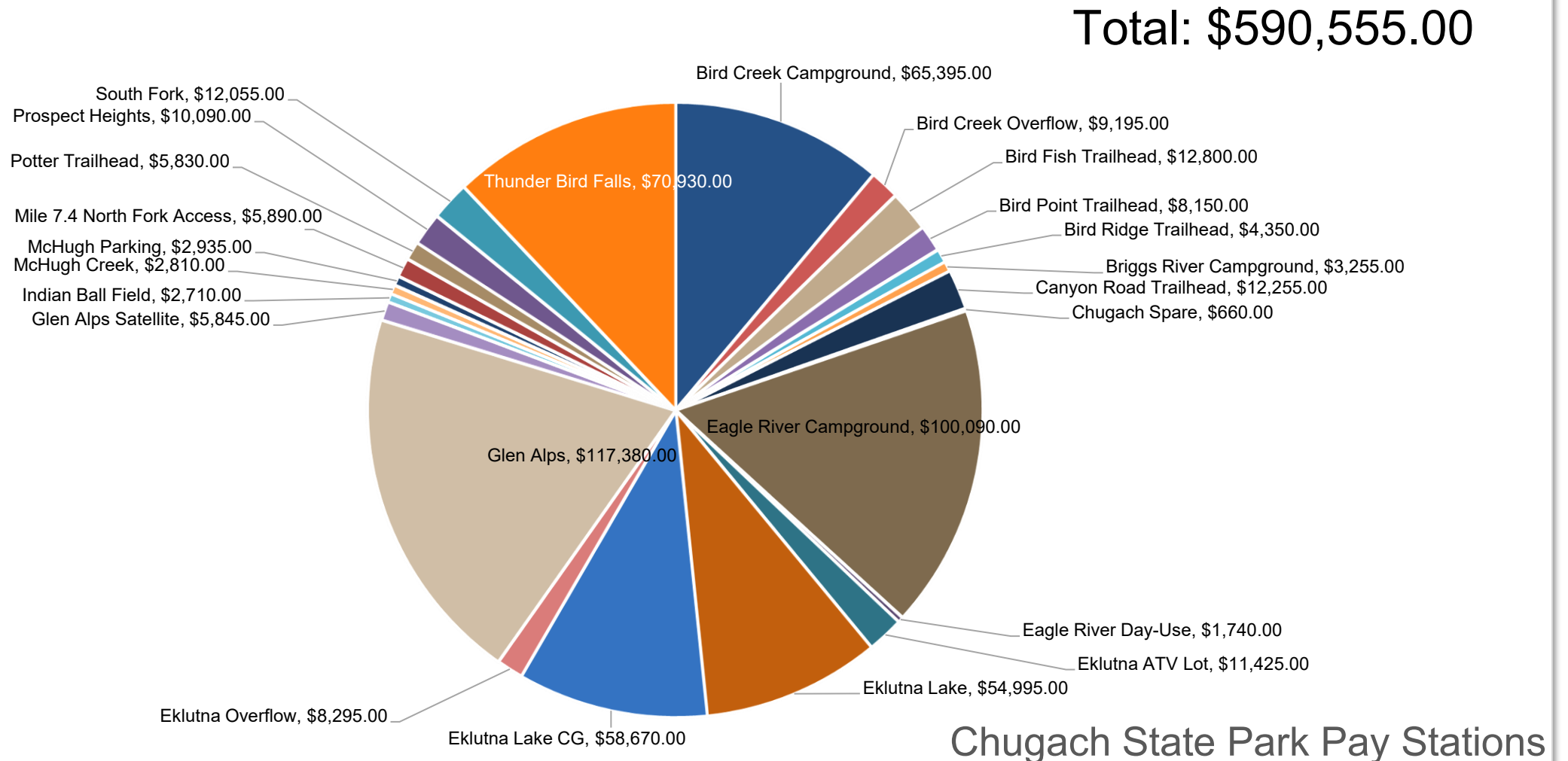
## Next Year:

- Begin construction of new parking area at Rabbit Valley Trailhead
- Additional new concrete vaulted toilets at Eagle River Campground
- Replace water heater and heating stoves at Bird Point cabin
- Alaska Trails and Chugach Park Fund projects

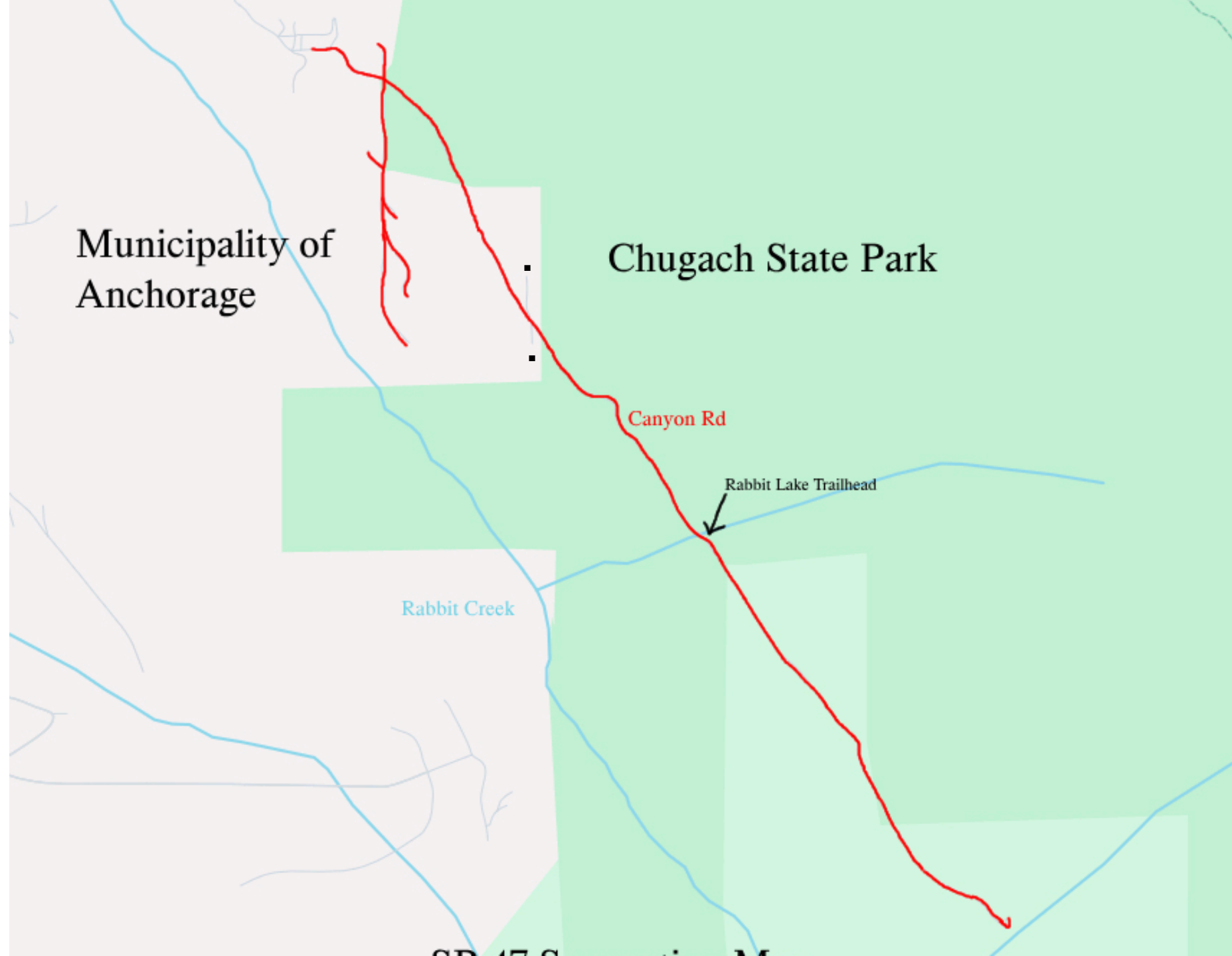




# FY24 Chugach SP Fee Station Revenue







# Thank you

Questions?