

**SENATE BILL NO. 195**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATOR THOMAS

Introduced: 1/19/10

Referred: Resources

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1    **"An Act relating to the repeal of the establishment of the Goldstream Public Use Area."**

2    **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3       \* **Section 1.** Section 2, ch. 48, SLA 1990, is repealed.

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



SENATOR JOE THOMAS

## Senate Bill 195 – An Act relating to the repeal of the establishment of the Goldstream Public Use Area

### Sponsor Statement

The Goldstream Public Use Area (GPUA) was created in 1990 by Senator Bettye Fahrenkamp and Representative Mike Davis in order to preserve the recreational opportunities, traditional uses and atmosphere of the local neighborhoods. The GPUA is set to sunset on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 unless Senate Bill 195 is passed this session.

The GPUA encompasses a patchwork of nearly 2000 acres of state land bordered by Sheep Creek Road to the east, Goldstream Road to the north and the Steese Highway to the east. The GPUA is home to an ever-growing network of trails that connect users to the Chatanika River Valley, the White Mountains and the Fairbanks area, all from a central location close to Fairbanks' population base. The GPUA is passively managed by the state and the trails are maintained by volunteers at no cost to the taxpayers.

All uses are allowed in the area and the GPUA is utilized year round by a variety of outdoor enthusiasts and families.

The repeal of the GPUA's sunset clause is actively supported by the Alaska Outdoor Council, Alaska Dog Mushing Association, Alaska Miners Association, Nordic Ski Club of Fairbanks, Alaska Trapper's Association, Skijoring and Polk Association, Fairbanks Snow Travelers, Northern Area State Parks Advisory Board, Fairbanks North Star Borough Trails Advisory Board, Alaska Trails, Interior Trails Preservation Coalition, Interior Alaska Land Trust, Arctic Audubon Society, and the *Fairbanks Daily News-Miner*.

Do we have any more people  
comments from PDA & town  
DNR or someone else  
in the area about it??

Individuals have written letters of support.

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center for outdoor recreation, a sort of Central Park for  
Fairbanks. It deserves permanent designation."

*Fairbanks Daily News-Miner Editorial, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009*

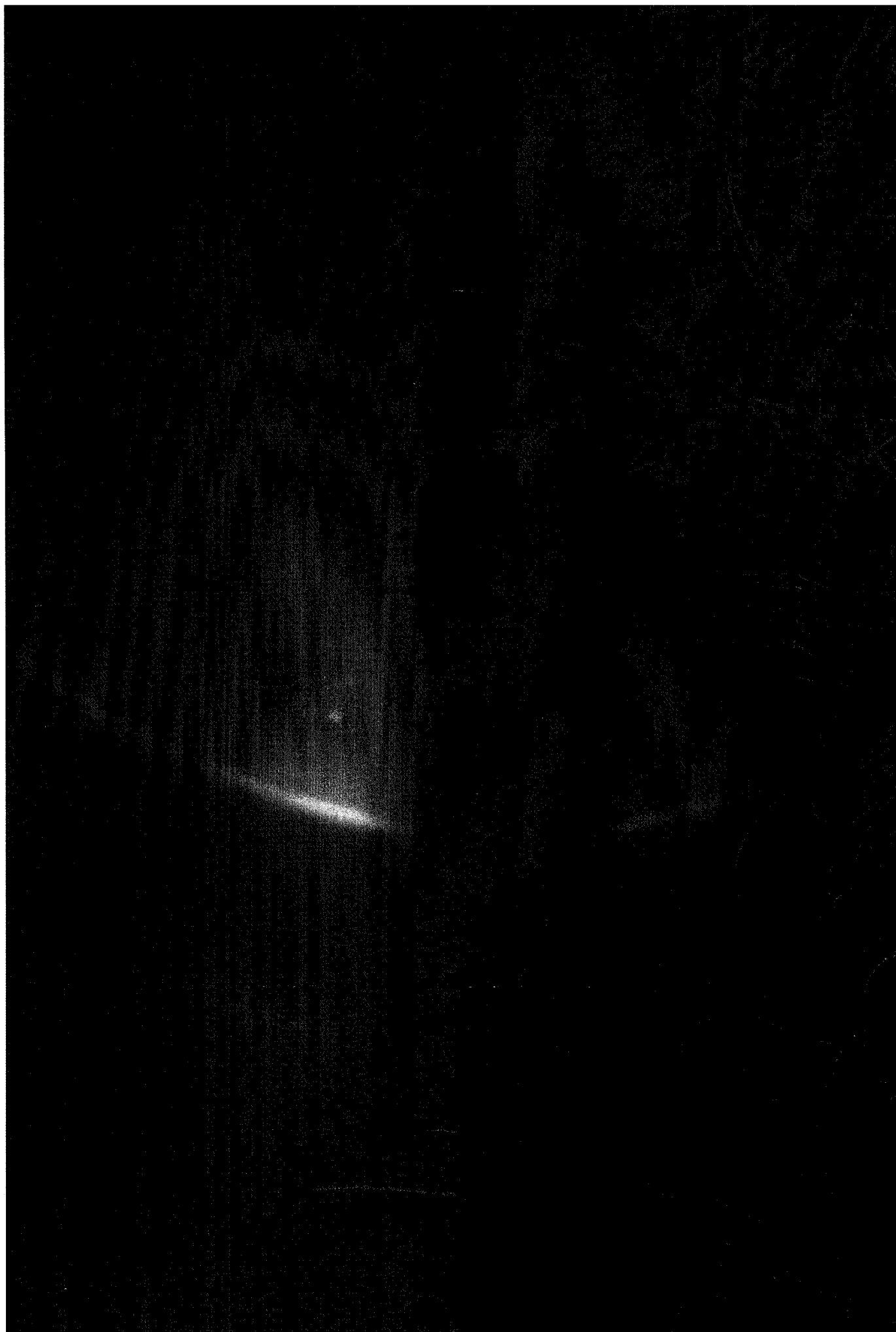


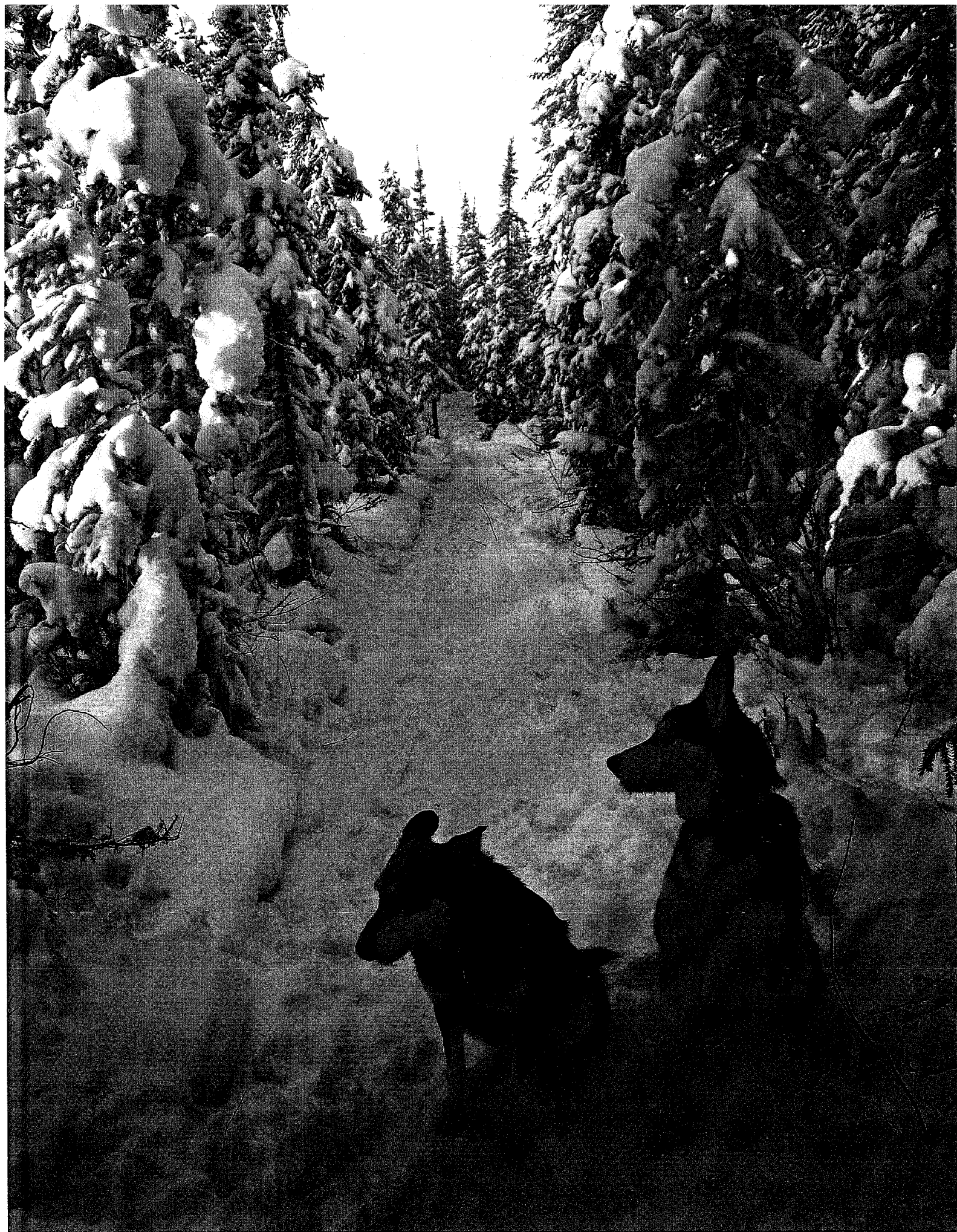
— Goldstream Public Use Areas



Fairbanks North Star Borough  
Department of Parks and Recreation

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# **Brief facts on Senate Bill 195**

**The Goldstream Public Use Area was created in 1990 by Sen. Bettye Fahrenkamp and Rep. Mike Davis and is set to sunset on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010:**

The GPA is a patchwork of nearly 2000 acres of state land between the Steese Hwy to the east, Sheep Creek Rd to the west and south of Goldstream Rd to the north.

There is an expanding network of trails that can connect you from the Steese Hwy to Minto Flats and the Richardson Hwy to the White Mountains.

The Tanana Railroad Trail is the main trail within the GPUS and is a future section of the 100 Mile Loop Trail. Also, a proposed connector to the Skyline trail system is also in the works. A substantial maze of smaller trails is also maintained by volunteers.

## **All uses are statutorily allowed in the area:**

Sec. 41.23.150 (c) ...the commissioner shall allow uses within the Goldstream Public Use Area, including but not limited to horseback riding, hiking, mining, all terrain vehicle driving, bicycling, dog sledding, cross-country skiing, skijoring, snowmachining, camping, and other traditional public uses of fish and wildlife populations such as fishing, hunting, trapping, viewing, and photographing of moose, trumpeter swan and other waterfowl, otter, beaver, mink, muskrat, and fox.

## **Impact on the state:**

The state passively manages the GPUA and there are no financial costs incurred by this area. Its trails are maintained by volunteers throughout the year.

## **SB 195 is supported by:**

Alaska Outdoor Council, Alaska Trapper's Association, Alaska Dog Musher's Association, Alaska Mining Association, Nordic Ski Club of Fairbanks, Skijoring and Polk Association, Northern Area State Parks Advisory Board, Fairbanks North Star Borough Trails Advisory Board, Alaska Trails, Interior Trails Preservation Coalition, Fairbanks Snow Travelers, Interior Alaska Land Trust, Arctic Audubon Society, and the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner

**"This all makes for an ideal center for outdoor recreation, a sort of Central Park for the Goldstream neighborhoods. It deserves permanent designation."**

*-Fairbanks Daily News-Miner Editorial, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009*

# Letters of Support for Senate Bill 195

Alaska Outdoor Council

Alaska Dog Mushing Association

Alaska Miners Association,

Nordic Ski Club of Fairbanks

Alaska Trapper's Association

Skijoring and Polk Association

Fairbanks Snow Travelers

Northern Area State Parks Advisory Board

Fairbanks North Star Borough Trails Advisory Board

Alaska Trails

Interior Trails Preservation Coalition

Interior Alaska Land Trust

Fairbanks North Star Borough

*Fairbanks Daily News-Miner*

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December 16, 2009

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Dear Alaska State Legislature,

The Alaska Outdoor Council continues to support the Goldstream Public Use Area because it is an important resource for the Fairbanks community. This area allows a wide variety of outdoor opportunities close to the hub of Fairbanks and has many established trails that get extensive use by many groups.

Sincerely yours,

Bill Iverson  
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# Alaska Dog Mushers Association

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December 16, 2009

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

The Alaska Dog Mushers Association supports the Goldstream Public Use Area.

We believe the access and opportunities to outdoor recreation of all types that are available because of the Goldstream Public Use Area are essential to maintaining a strong quality of life in our community. This Public Use Area is home to a wide variety of uses, including hunting, dog mushing, motorized and non-motorized access, skiing and skijoring, boating, berry picking, trapping and many others. This array of allowable uses gives every Fairbanks resident and family a place, close to town, where they can enjoy the Alaskan great outdoors.

The trails in the Goldstream Public Use Area are used extensively by mushers. Fairbanks is home to the best sled dog racing in the world and mushing brings millions of dollars to Fairbanks every year. Without access to trails like these, this would not be possible.

The Goldstream Public Use Area encompasses an ever growing number of established trails that are utilized year round by user groups of all kinds. The loss of this open space, access to trails and beautiful scenery would be a major loss to every resident of Fairbanks, no matter their lifestyle.

Thank you and I urge you to join us in supporting the continued existence of this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

Shannon Erhart  
President

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Dear Alaska State Legislature,

The Nordic Ski Club of Fairbanks supports the Goldstream Public Use Area and efforts maintain its current status.

We believe the access and opportunities to outdoor recreation of all types that are available because of the Goldstream Public Use Area are essential to maintaining a strong quality of life for our membership and our entire community. This Public Use Area is home to a wide variety of uses, including hunting, dog mushing, motorized and non-motorized access, skiing and skijoring, boating, berry picking, trapping and many others. This array of allowable uses gives every Fairbanks resident and family a place, close to town, where they can enjoy the Alaskan great outdoors.

The Goldstream Public Use Area encompasses an ever growing number of established trails that are utilized year round by user groups of all kinds, including our membership. The loss of this open space, access to trails and beautiful scenery would be a major loss to every resident of Fairbanks, no matter their lifestyle.

Thank you and we urge you to join us in supporting the continued existence the Goldstream Public Use Area by passing this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

Mike Ruckhaus  
President



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December 22, 2009

To: Alaska State Legislature

RE: Letter of Support for Goldstream Public Use Area

The Alaska Skijoring and Pulk Association (ASPA) is a nonprofit organization that promotes recreational and competitive skijoring in the Alaskan Interior. We host a variety of events each season, including how-to clinics, fun races, competitive races and trail tours. We have used the trails in the Goldstream Public Use Area for numerous events.

The ASPA Board supports the continuance of the Goldstream Public Use Area which encompasses an ever growing number of established trails that are utilized year round by user groups of all kinds. The loss of this open space, as well as access to trails and the beautiful scenery would be a major loss to every resident of Fairbanks, no matter their lifestyle or interests.

Thank you and we urge you to join us in supporting the continued existence of this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

Jamie Marschner  
President, Alaska Skijoring and Pulk Association

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** jody formon [jodyf\_us@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 14, 2009 6:42 PM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

I am the president of the Fairbanks Snow Travelers. We support the Goldstream Public Use Area. We believe the access and opportunities to outdoor recreation of all types that are available because of the Goldstream Public Use Area are essential to maintaining a strong quality of life for us and our entire community. This Public Use Area is home to a wide variety of uses, including hunting, dog mushing, motorized and non-motorized access, boating, berry picking, trapping and many others. This array of allowable uses gives every Fairbanks resident and family a place, close to town, where they can enjoy the Alaskan great outdoors.

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Thank you and I urge you to join me in supporting the continued existence of this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

Jody Formon  
President  
Fairbanks Snow Travelers



***Alaska Trappers Association  
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**Senator Joe Thomas  
1292 Sadler Way – Suite 308  
Fairbanks, AK 99708**

**12/22/09**

**Dear Senator Thomas:**

**Please allow the Alaska Trappers Association to add their voice to those in support of the Goldstream Public Use Area (GPUA) and your proposed legislation which would preclude the "sunsetting" of the current law.**

**ATA is a statewide organization with several hundred members in the Fairbanks area. At the time of the original legislation establishing the GPUA, our group, along with many other outdoor users, supported Senator Fahrenkamp and Representative Davis in their efforts to protect this area. Our support for keeping the area insulated from development and open to a wide variety of outdoor activities has not diminished.**

**We feel that the multiple uses of this area, particularly when it comes to wildlife, is a model of cooperation. The trails system is important to untold local recreationists, including trappers. The area is heavily used for moose hunting (currently by bowhunting only) and has been the site of habitat improvement and enhancement projects by ADFG and ADNR.**

**We are grateful that trapping was one of the designated uses when the area was established. This use remains important. Having areas such as the GPUA in proximity to town is very helpful to new and younger trappers who cannot travel great distances.**

**We appreciate and support your efforts to rid the statute of the "sunset" clause.**

**Sincerely,**

**Randy Zarnke, President**



## Northern Area Alaska State Parks Citizen Advisory Board

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December 17, 2009

Senator Joe Thomas  
1292 Sadler Way, Suite 314  
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Dear Senator Thomas,

Thank you for having Grier attend the Legislative Briefing presented by the Citizen Advisory Board of the Northern Area State Parks on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The members of the Board appreciated the opportunity to share our pride in, and our hopes for, Alaska State Parks.

The goal of Alaska State Parks is to assure quality management of our park units. We have implemented a wide range of ways to provide quality service with the least cost to the state. Tools include privatization, partnerships, grants, volunteers, and user fees.

Unfortunately these tools haven't proven successful for the three popular sites in the Northern Area as well as the 66.5 million dollar Deferred Maintenance Back-log. We ask for your support in strengthening the park system for the use, enjoyment, and welfare of the people.

Thanks again for attending the briefing and supporting Alaska State Parks! We look forward to working with you on issues and opportunities facing our State Parks. Please feel free to contact us with any comments or questions. Thank you for your support of Alaska State Parks!

Respectfully,

Jamie Marschner, Chair  
Northern Area Alaska State Parks Citizen Advisory Board

December 17, 2009

Senator Joe Thomas,

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**RE: SUPPORT OF THE Goldstream Public Use Area**

Sen. Thomas,

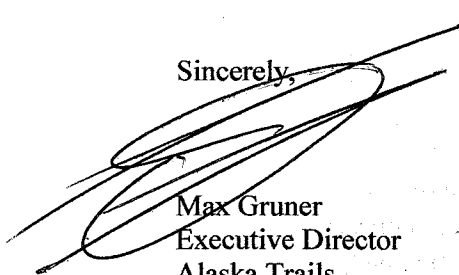
Alaska Trails greatly appreciates your efforts in helping to preserve the Goldstream Public Use Area. We hope the Legislature sees the wisdom in saving this very valuable resource in interior Alaska by keeping the public use area and eliminating the sunset clause.

The Goldstream Public Use Area has many points in its favor:

- It is used for a large variety of winter activities including snowmachining, mushing, Nordic skiing, ski-joring, running, walking, biking, and snowshoeing.
- Despite much of the public use area being boggy, it is still popular in summer and fall for berry picking, bird watching, and hunting.
- The main trail that traverses the public use area is integral to the 100-Mile Loop Trail, an important trail project of the Fairbanks North Star Borough.
- The area borders a parcel of land that the borough plans to turn into Skyline Ridge Park, a lightly managed park with an emphasis on trails. Trails already existing there connect to trails in the Goldstream Public Use Area.
- Winter tourism is growing in interior Alaska. A large component of that business is the easy availability of trails and the recreational opportunities they offer. Goldstream Valley offers one of the best wilderness trail experiences that can be had a few minutes from Fairbanks.
- Land in the public use area is mostly boggy. It is far more valuable as a public use area than it would ever be if it were developed.

Alaska Trails urges the Alaska State Legislature to support the Goldstream Public Use Area by continuing its existence without a sunset clause. This valuable resource needs to be protected.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Max Gruner".

Max Gruner  
Executive Director  
Alaska Trails



## **INTERIOR TRAILS PRESERVATION**

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### **ITPC**

Tuesday, December 15, 2009

Senator Joe Thomas,  
1292 Sadler Way Ste 314  
Fairbanks, AK 99701

Re: The Goldstream Public Use Area

Dear Sen. Thomas,

Thank you for taking up this very important issue. We strongly urge the state legislature to pass a law that would continue the Goldstream Public Use Area. This area is a highly popular and important part of winter recreation to interior Alaska for both residents and visitors. We were unaware of the sunset provision in the original law that created the public use area and were very concerned when we learned of it.

The nearly 2,000-acre PUA is heavily used by area residents and others. Goldstream Valley, of which this PUA is a critical part, is especially popular in the winter. The area has a network of trails used by mushers, snowmachiners, skijorers, winter bikers, skiers, runners, walkers, and snowshoers. The trails connect to other trails that lead to Fox, lower Goldstream Valley, El Dorado Creek Valley, O'Connor Creek Valley, and Skyline Ridge. The trails in the PUA can be accessed at several points including parking pullouts on Ballaine and Goldstream roads, Skyline Ridge trails, and subdivisions off Ballaine and Goldstream roads. This access and popularity make the PUA a very valuable resource.

Additionally, the main trails in the PUA make up a portion of the borough's 100-Mile Loop Trail, a trail concept that will connect existing trails to make a large circle around Fairbanks. The 100-Mile Loop Trail will greatly enhance the trail experience in Fairbanks. The trails through the Goldstream PUA are a critical part of that project. Trail connectivity is critical. Without it, trails can be unusable or even unsafe if trails must cross numerous roads. This is especially true for mushers, a significant portion of winter trail users here.

Yet another important aspect of the PUA, is its proximity to a planned borough park. The Fairbanks North Star Borough is working with the state Department of Natural Resources to assume ownership of a 400-acre parcel of land on Skyline Ridge that abuts the PUA. The borough intends to turn that parcel of land into a lightly managed park. The park and PUA would complement each other.

Much of the PUA is boggy during summer, yet it is still used by berry pickers, canoers,

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bird watchers, and hunters. The boggy land is ill-suited for development. However, experience has shown that with enough gravel people will build in all sorts of boggy land. That is why it is imperative that the PUA be protected. It is worth far more to the community as a public use area than if it were eventually sold and developed as sub-prime lots.

We ask that the PUA be continued without a sunset clause. We are confident that if given proper protections the Goldstream Public Use Area will be a valuable asset to the community for many years to come.

Sincerely,

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## BOARD RESOLUTION

RE: Removing sunset clause on the Goldstream Public Use Area designation

WHEREAS the legislation for the Goldstream Public Use Area (AS 41.23.140 - 41.23.170), a nearly two thousand acre patchwork of designated Alaska State land in the Goldstream Valley north of Fairbanks, is set to sunset on July 1, 2010, and

WHEREAS the Goldstream Public Use Area is used by dog mushers, runners, snow machiners, skiers, hunters, berry pickers, bird watchers, trappers and others for recreation, subsistence and other activities; and

WHEREAS the proximity of the Goldstream Public Use Area to the population of Fairbanks makes it especially valuable to families and outdoor enthusiasts of all levels; and

WHEREAS the Goldstream Public Use Area provides many other ecosystem services in its natural condition, including water filtering and storage capacity, wildlife habitat, and natural viewsheds; and

WHEREAS the Interior Alaska Land Trust owns 110 acres of conservation land adjacent to three parcels included in the Goldstream Public Use Area and has an interest in preserving the conservation values of the adjacent lands for its members and residents of the Fairbanks area; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Interior Alaska Land Trust supports legislation to remove the sunset clause from the legislation designating the Goldstream Public Use Area, and have that legislation stand until modified by vote of the legislature. The Interior Alaska Land Trust supports Senator Joe Thomas (D-Fairbanks) and any other legislators in their efforts to remove this sunset clause.

The Board of the Interior Alaska Land Trust unanimously voted to approve this resolution during a regularly scheduled monthly board meeting on 8 December 2009.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Roselynn Ressa, Board President

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## A central park: Goldstream public use area needs permanent designation

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A letter to the editor dated Nov. 23, 1959, from Jim Todd offered a hopeful vision for the Goldstream Valley, which lies just beyond the hills that form the northern horizon in Fairbanks.

Todd appealed to the territory's Bureau of Public Roads, or, rather, the "Bureau of Parallel Ruts," to divert some of its "superhighway"-building enthusiasm into a real road for Goldstream, where dozens of farmers were struggling in the mud.

"We beg your assistance, dear editor. Next year when these spendthrifts start blowing their measly millions, help them 'blow' a few thousand into roads into Goldstream Valley. Alaska's returns will be a thousandfold," Todd wrote.

The roads came to be, but Todd's vision did not. As a result, much of the valley bottom remains undeveloped. For the past 20 years, the state-owned portions of the lowlands have been held in that undeveloped condition by the Goldstream Public Use Area, a popular, legislatively designated withdrawal. The withdrawal is about to expire, so the Legislature needs to reaffirm it — permanently this time.

It was an accident both of Fairbanks' economic history and the swampy nature of the Goldstream Valley bottom that the area remained undisturbed. By the mid-1960s, the roads that Todd wanted were built. Sheep Creek Road was a modern, if still-unpaved, thoroughfare. Goldstream and Ballaine roads weren't far behind. The farmers didn't follow, though. Instead, the roads mostly brought homeowning commuters. Today, the evening view from the valley divide — whether at Happy Gap on Sheep Creek Road or the top of the big hill on Ballaine — reveals a constellation of house lights on the slopes to the north.

The valley bottom itself, where some of the farmers of Todd's day worked, remains empty in many places. Some of the land was never homesteaded because it was too wet or frozen. But the farmers also were undercut by the increasingly efficient road, rail, air and ocean connections to the Lower 48, which allowed importation of cheaper fresh food. So, aside from some large mining pits, Goldstream is more wooded today than it was in the 1950s and early 1960s.

The residential homeowners who replaced the farmers, however, have put the lowlands to use. The acreage has become a favorite year-round recreation area. The old Tanana Valley Railroad bed, along which ties and spikes sometimes still can be seen, provides a backbone trail through the area. The railroad intersects with a few roads and other trails from the homesteading era. Here and there, the old roads are sinking into lakes that began decades ago as drainage ditches, but they still work as winter routes. Ponds, swamps and creeks of various sizes are scattered throughout the area, containing the relatively rich variety of wildlife and vegetation that such areas support.

This all makes for an ideal center for outdoor recreation, a sort of Central Park for the Goldstream neighborhoods. It deserves a permanent designation.

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## Groups work to preserve public use area in Goldstream Valley

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by Tim Mowry / [tmowry@newsminer.com](mailto:tmowry@newsminer.com)

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FAIRBANKS — For the past 10 years, Bonnie Borba has been able to run her sled dogs right out of her home on Snowhook Drive in the Goldstream Valley.

Her property, like many of her mushing neighbors, bumps right up next to the Goldstream Public Use

Area, an almost-2,000-acre swamp along Goldstream Creek that transforms into a popular winter playground each winter for mushers, skiers, skijorers and snowmachiners in the Goldstream Valley.

“That’s why we moved there,” said Borba, a sprint musher. “Everybody on Snowhook Drive moved there for dog mushing purposes. We have access to the trails right from our house.”

What Borba and others didn’t know until recently is that there is a 20-year sunset clause on the Goldstream Public Use Area, which was created in 1990 by the Alaska Legislature as a result of a bill sponsored by Rep. Mike Davis and Sen. Bettye Fahrenkamp, both of Fairbanks. The area is set to lose its protected status this coming year.

“That’d be a real bummer if we lost it,” Borba said. “I can’t see anyone developing it. It’s a swamp. Its best use is the uses it serves now.”

Borba and her neighbors, along with several outdoor recreation groups, have sent letters to Sen. Joe Thomas, D-Fairbanks, asking him to keep the Goldstream Public Use Area the way it is in perpetuity. Thomas’ district includes the Goldstream Valley.

Sen. Thomas agrees, which is why the second-year senator plans to introduce a bill this legislative session to drop the sunset clause and make the Goldstream Public Use Area permanent.

“The legislation will remove the sunset clause and the conversation will ensue from there,” Thomas said. If somebody says, ‘Well, that means in perpetuity’ and we’ll say, ‘Yeah, that’s what we want.’ If people object, we work at it from there.”

The public use area is a patchwork of land east and west of Ballaine Road along Goldstream Creek. The biggest chunk, and the one that gets the most use, extends east up Goldstream Valley from Ballaine Road. Over the years, an intricate trail network has been developed in the biggest portion of the area.

“Mushers, bicyclists, snowmachiners, skijorers, walkers, trappers, I’ve passed them all,” Borba said.

The area is famous for its abundance of blueberries and attracts hordes of berry pickers in the summer.

Goldstream Valley resident Dick Bishop proposed the idea of a public use area to Rep. Mike Davis, his neighbor at the time, in the late 1980s as a way to preserve trail access on state land that was rapidly disappearing to residential development.

“My thought was that already for decades that area had been used by people for outdoor activities,” Bishop said. “It seemed like it was important to the extent possible to get the remaining state lands which hadn’t been put up for disposal in a category where those uses could continue.”

The public use area concept has worked out fabulously, Bishop said. It’s been a low-profile, high-use area with no bureaucracy involved. The area is maintained by users and the state hasn’t been involved in any way except for its creation.

“There’s been very few conflicts and very few problems,” Bishop said. “It seems to me it’s worked out real well.”

It was Davis who reminded Bishop of the sunset clause last spring. Bishop in turn contacted Thomas’ office.

Thomas in turn sent out a letter to multiple user groups soliciting support for the public use area, and his aide, Grier Hopkins, attended meetings with mushing, skijoring and snowmachine clubs, as well as outdoor and mining groups. So far, all Hopkins and Thomas have heard is support.

“We have not run into any opposition at all,” Hopkins said, noting that even the Alaska Miners Association wrote a letter in support.

Peg Bowers, who lives a mile or so from the area, skis on the trails about twice a week during the winter.

“For me it’s a place I can take my dog and let it run and I can ski at the same time,” Bowers said shortly after a ski with her golden retriever, Andra, on Thursday.

Like many, Bowers knew about the Goldstream Public Use Area but she didn’t know about the sunset clause. Hearing about it has spurred her to action. Bowers intends to write a letter to Thomas voicing her support for the public use area.

“I thought since it was a public use area it was going to be there forever,” she said. “I’d be really sad to lose it. It’s part of the joy of where we live.”

With lots of support and no opposition, Thomas is hopeful his bill will make it

through the Legislature this session.

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Dear Senator Thomas:

Thank you for proposing legislation to give the Goldstream Public Use Area permanent legal status by eliminating the sunset provision from state law. I strongly support this action.

I was very involved in the original Goldstream Public Use Area (GPUA) proposal in the late 1980's. As a Goldstream Valley resident, I was well aware of the area's many values. My family and I were regular users of the trails and wild areas for dog mushing, snow machining, hunting, bird watching camping, berry picking, and just enjoying the varied landscapes and water bodies. Several of our friends have trapped there in the past.

I knew that the Valley trails had been used by mushers, hunters, trappers, miners and others going back to the early 1900's. The old Tanana Valley Railroad grade, dating from the early 1900's, was and is the central east-west Valley trail. Well known sprint dog mushers Rosie Losonsky, Pete Machione, and others trained in the Valley, and it's a popular area for today's sprint, distance and recreational mushers, i.e. "Sunday Tail Waggers".

The trails run through the valley, with numerous connecting trails leading out of the area in all directions, so that in winter one can start in Goldstream Valley and go to most all of the outlying areas around Fairbanks and even to distant parts of Alaska.

In the late 1980's there was increased interest in sales of private and public lands for residential developments even on very poor lands for such use, including the Goldstream Valley lowlands, which are extensively underlain with permafrost. Important main and connector trails as well as numerous ponds, swamps, parts of creeks and good wildlife habitat occurred on the several large parcels of State lands in the Valley lowlands. If those lands were disposed of, much of the trail access could be blocked and other outdoor recreation such as hunting, trapping, wildlife viewing, etc., could be denied by private land owners. Some restriction had already occurred as former homesteads were broken up and pieces sold. People built cabins and larger homes on poor lands, often with complications following due to the extensive permafrost.

If the State lands followed the same pattern of use, important outdoor uses could be lost or restricted, and a lot of people could be disadvantaged by having unknowingly bought and built on unstable, wet, thaw-prone ground.

The situation prompted me and others to propose that all the State lands be kept in public ownership, and open to all the uses which had occurred there for decades.

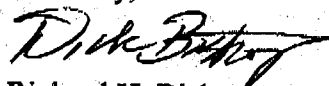
Representative Mike Davis agreed to introduce legislation to establish the Goldstream Public Use Area. Senator Betty Fahrenkamp took an interest in it. Senator Arlys Sturgelewski, Chairman of the Rules Committee, was convinced of its merits by a brief field-road trip near Session end. Support developed and opposition faded as legislators learned that the most valuable assets of the State lands were the trails and wildlife habitat and the continued opportunities for public use.

Since its establishment, the GPUA has remained pretty much as it was at the beginning as far as the lands, waters, habitats and trails, although some trails have been blocked by nearby private ownership. My impression is that outdoor uses have generally increased as more Fairbanks area residents have found the trails and other opportunities are really convenient and enjoyable. But public uses do not seem to have become congested, perhaps due to the many miles of trails and large undeveloped areas. To the best of my knowledge there have been no serious conflicts among the various uses, even though, mercifully, there are no formal rules or management dictates in place specific to the GPUA. There has been very little impact on ground cover, trail condition, or habitat from public uses. Users of the GPUA seem to take pretty good care of it.

In my opinion, the Goldstream Public Use Area has proven to be a great public outdoor asset and it has not been an impediment to various human uses and developments in Goldstream Valley.

Thank you again for preparing legislation to maintain the Goldstream Public Use Area. I will strongly encourage the Interior delegation to support it, the Legislature to pass it, and the Governor to sign it.

Sincerely,



Richard H. Bishop

cc: Interior legislators  
Commissioner Tom Irwin  
Commissioner Denby Lloyd  
Governor Sean Parnell

*P.S. Merry Christmas &  
Happy New Year!*

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

My name is ORVILLE HELMS and I support the Goldstream Public Use Area.

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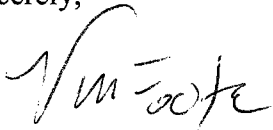
My name is Victoria Foote and I support the Goldstream Public Use Area.

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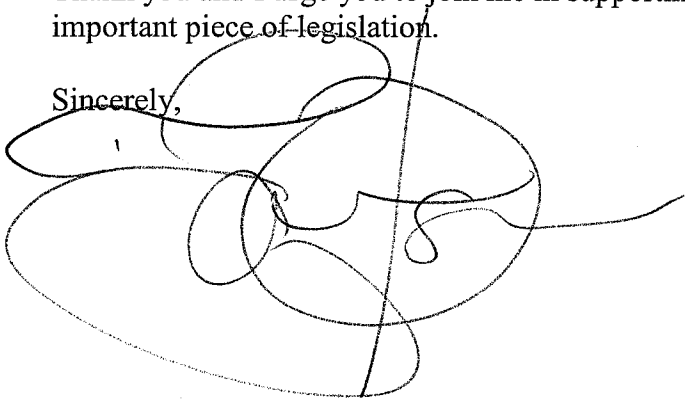
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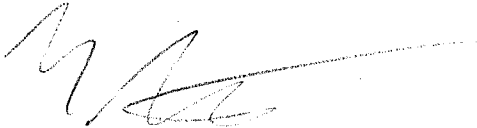
My name is Mike Wenstrup and I support the Goldstream Public Use Area.

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12/15/07

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Sincerely,

*Janelli Perry*

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

12/16/09

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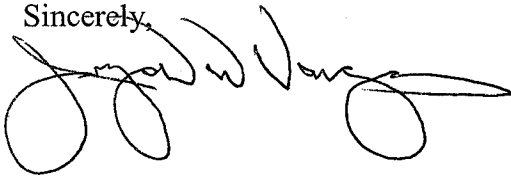
My name is <sup>JOE</sup>VARGAS and I support the Goldstream Public Use Area.

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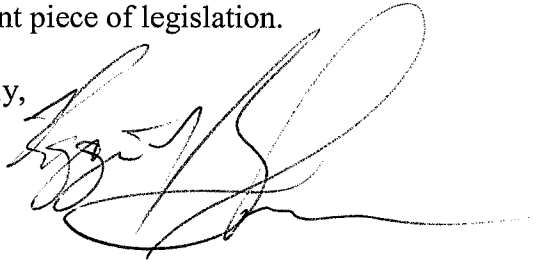
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Sincerely,

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Dear Alaska State Legislature,

<sup>Grant</sup>  
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Sincerely,

Shannon Erhart



Dear Alaska State Legislature,

My name is Henry and I support the Goldstream Public Use Area.

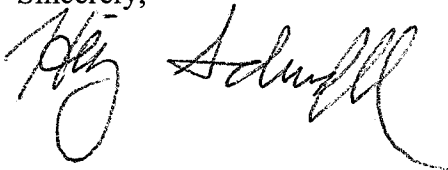
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Sincerely,

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My name is Ani Gestson and I support the Goldstream Public Use Area.

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Sincerely,

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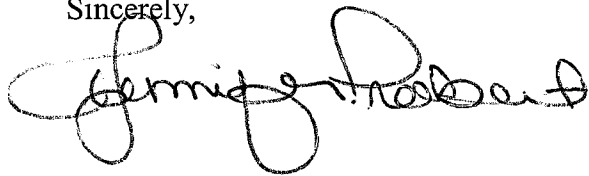
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Sincerely,

*Paul L. Gregory*

P.O. Box 55501  
NORTH POLE AK 99705

HOME 907-488-1597

CELL 907-687-8023

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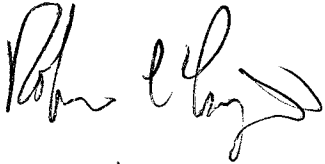
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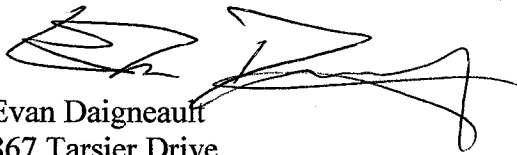
My name is Evan Daigneault and I support the Goldstream Public Use Area.

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Sincerely,

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Evan Daigneault  
867 Tarsier Drive  
Fairbanks, AK 99712  
Cell: 907-322-3235  
Home: 907-474-4292



Dear Alaska State Legislature,

My name is Courtney Roberts and I support the Goldstream Public Use Area.

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My name is Don GRAY and I support the Goldstream Public Use Area.

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Don Gray  
399 Hillside Dr.  
Fairbanks, AK

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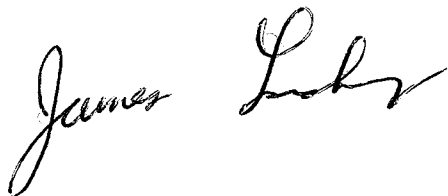
My name is James Lounsbury and I support the Goldstream Public Use Area.

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 12-04-09

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Sincerely,

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*Kathryn Grace Arlen B.A., M.A.*

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Sincerely,

*V. Murdt*  
PO Box 84608  
Fairbanks, AK  
99708

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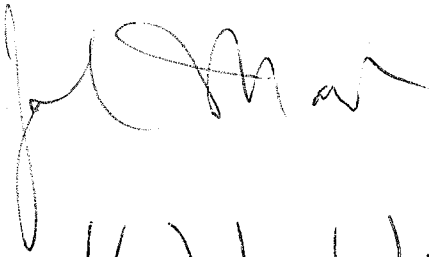
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Sincerely,



1621 Wolverine Ln

Fbx, AK 99709



Dear Alaska State Legislature,

Charlotte M. DAVIS

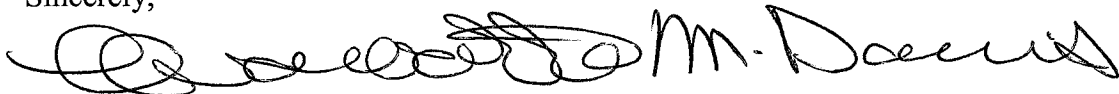
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Charlotte M. Davis  
Two Rivers, AK

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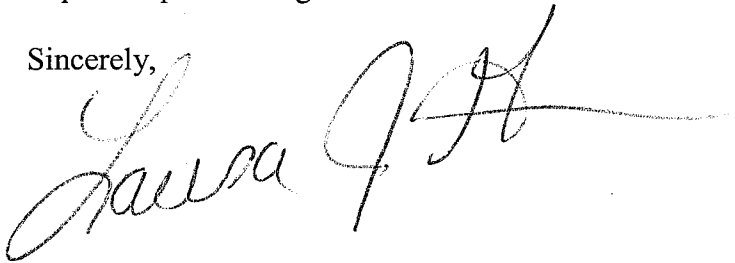
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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

*Gerald R L*

*1912 Baltimore Trail  
Fairbanks, AK 99712*

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Sincerely,

Brooks Lunde  
POB 82496  
Fairbanks, AK. 99708  
474-0333

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*Linda De Foliant*

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*3908 Murphy Dome Rd.*

*Fairbanks, AK 99709*

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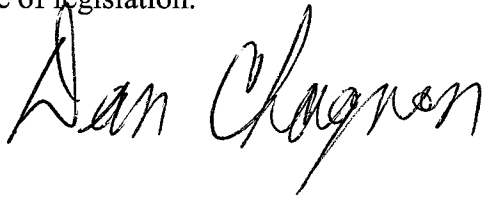
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Dan Chagnon  
2005 Carr Ave.  
FBKs. AK 99709

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ph. 907-479-4673

email: [bjamieson@acsalaska.net](mailto:bjamieson@acsalaska.net)



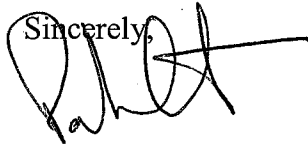
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Sincerely,  


PATRICK COTTER  
1070 Evergreen St  
Fairbanks, AK 99709

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Address:

2920 Portillo Pl.  
Fairbanks, AK.  
99709

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Name and address:

Keith E. Keith Behrmeyer  
Susan M. Campbell  
1042 Eldorado Rd  
Fairbanks, AK. 99709

Larry Mugo  
282 HAY WAY  
Fairbanks, AK 99709

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GARY NEWMAN 1083 ESRO, FAIRBANKS 99712  
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PAULETTE WILLE 1220 CITENARIDGE RD. FAIRBANKS 99709  
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Pam Webster Pam Webster POB 71642 Flx 99709  
Ronald A Yarnell Ron Yarnell POBox 84651 Fair. 99708  
Alison York 1170 Sundance loop Fairbanks 99709  
Janet Daley 3875 Geist Rd E113 Fairbanks 99709  
Gail Mayo, 282 Hay Way, Fairbanks, 99709

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** B. Gamble [brook.gamble@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 03, 2009 2:55 PM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Re: Thank you for helping the Goldstream Valley

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325 Yana Court  
Fairbanks, AK 99709  
(907) 456-3775

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