

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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

I 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 me 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 skjoring, 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,

Sally Andersen

Grier Hopkins

From: Elizabeth Green [bessie.bug@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, December 07, 2009 10:24 AM
To: Grier Hopkins
Subject: Goldstream Public Use Area

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Hello. I'm writing about the sunseting of the provision to protect the Goldstream Public Use Area. As a frequent recreational user of the area, I really appreciate the tremendous opportunity we have to ski in the woods right outside our back door. Recreational opportunities like this are what make Fairbanks such a great place to live. I would like to encourage Sen. Thomas to work to extend the provision.

thanks,
elizabeth green markley

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## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** Laura Grage [lgrage@acsalaska.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 07, 2009 9:49 AM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Goldstream Valley...

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Hi Mr. Hopkins,

I'm emailing you to let you know I received word of the sunset on the provision that protects the Goldstream Valley Recreation area in 2010. My husband and I were recently able to purchase land in Goldstream area in the neighborhood where we have rented for a long time. The primary reason that we wanted to remain permanently in this neighborhood off of Line Drive was because we can skijor from our front door into Goldstream Valley and beyond. We can also commute to work on our bikes or skis. These things are precious to us--not having to drive our old car around in the winter in order to get out with our dogs. We spent much of last winter building a house on our property and have thoroughly enjoyed to be able to transition into a more permanent status here, next to all these great trails!

Please pass this on to Senator Thomas, in hopes that he will consider extending or making this protected area a permanent feature here in Goldstream Valley!

Laura Grage

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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

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Sincerely,

Eleanor K. Wirts

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## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** Lou Brown and Jon Miller [jonmiller@acsalaska.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 06, 2009 9:06 PM  
**To:** Sen. Joe Thomas  
**Cc:** Grier Hopkins; chenafats@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Goldstream Public Use Area

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear Senator Thomas:

We are writing to express our support for the continued protection of the Goldstream Public Use Area and to urge you to pursue legislation to extend and enhance the conservation status of these properties. We frequently use Goldstream Valley for recreation, skiing, running and biking on the many trails that lace the valley, picking berries in the wetlands, and occasionally even canoeing the creek. These trails, the uncluttered landscape, and the wildlife that lives in the valley add immensely to our quality of life, and to that of our neighbors! Unfortunately, changing land ownership has resulted in the closure of a number of important trails over the past several years, and residential construction is encroaching on the valley wetlands.

At a minimum, we'd like to see existing Goldstream Valley Recreation Area parcels protected indefinitely. We would also like to see the area enlarged and made more continuous, as opportunity permits. On the west side of Ballaine Road the recreation area parcels are scattered along the valley with much private land interspersed, although most of this boggy area remains undeveloped and would serve the public better in the future as a recreational sanctuary than as a rag tag assemblage of subdivisions and rental cabins.

It is my understanding that DNR has been reluctant to acquire additional land to add to the Recreation area, even to the extent that they turned down land offered to them by the Interior Alaska Land Trust. Furthermore, when we spoke to DNR staff at the in Fairbanks office, they were barely aware of the existence of the Goldstream Public Use Area...let alone that it was their department's job to manage it! We feel that adding to the Recreation Area is golden opportunity that won't last long.

The Goldstream Valley Public Use Area is a much loved and well used public resource that adds character and a lovely backdrop to the area, even for residents who do not actively recreate here. As a recreation area, it offers a huge benefit to a wide range of outdoor enthusiasts who access the trail system from their own neighborhoods. Again, the western portion is less protected than would be optimal. We urge you to look into ways to protect and enlarge this excellent playground for the future.

Thank you,

Jon Miller and Lou (Linda) Brown  
2630 Home Run  
Fairbanks, AK 99709  
479-5629

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** Jessica Guritz [jlguritz@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 06, 2009 6:50 PM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** goldstream valley public use area

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear Mr. Hopkins,

I recently found out that the public use area in the Goldstream Valley may lose its protected status. We cannot let this happen! This area is an integral part of who we are as a community, providing recreational opportunities to those who may not otherwise have such opportunities. It has been a blessing for the past several years to be able to walk out my back door and skijor for miles through this area whenever I wanted to. I know there are hundreds of other mushers, skiers, and other recreational users of these trails that feel as strongly as I do that we must keep this area protected.

Sincerely,  
Jessica Guritz

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** Barbara O'Donnell [bodonnell@alaska.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 05, 2009 10:22 AM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Goldstream Rec Area  
**Attachments:** image001.jpg

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Hello Grier,

Please forward my support for maintaining the Goldstream Recreation Area to Senator Joe Thomas.

Having lived in this area for 30 years I have seen a lot of irresponsible and inappropriate development. This area is mostly a wetlands, drainage, and mining tailings subject to instability and permafrost. Traditional recreation is the best use of this area (multiple use trails, non-motorized access in the summer).

Senator Thomas is very reasonable and I trust he will work towards the highest level of permanent protection.

Thank you for your hard work on our behalf,

Barb O'Donnell  
POB 325  
Ester, AK 99725  
479-0302

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** John Lyle [kanakaukoa@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 04, 2009 11:52 AM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Goldstream Valley Public Use Area

Dear Senator Thomas,

I have lived next to and used the Goldstream Public Use Area for 30 years and learn that it's protection may end in 2010. I also understand you may be submitting legislation which would make this area protected permanently. I support this idea 100%. I wish it would have happened 20 years ago. The area is not suited for development, however for multi-use all-year recreation, it's perfect. It's a resource that needs protection in a permanent way, so I can't encourage you strongly enough to do this. Thank you very much. I know I speak for all my neighbors who have used this area for years as well. Best regards, John and Susanne Lyle



Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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

I 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 me 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.

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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,  
Jon Underwood  
1253 Salmonberry Lane  
Fairbanks, AK

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** Sarah Drew [sdrew@northstar.k12.ak.us]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 03, 2009 2:17 PM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Goldstream Public Use Area

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Hello Grier,

I just got notice about the Goldstream Public Use Area being in danger of losing protected status in 2010. PLEASE help us protect this unique ecosystem that is already in danger due to global warming issues. The land IS NOT suitable for development of any kind. The protected status it holds today is the most beneficial for all peoples who may visit the area, and all animals that inhabit the land. I may be wrong, but I do believe this piece is part of the 100 mile trail system that is suppose to be dedicated to public use.

I was involved with a huge rezone project in the borough that occurred this fall. My farm borders state land that was rezoned into public usage. I rezoned my farm from general usage to Rural Ag 10 to protect it from over building and loss of fragile habitat. I am sure that the group that worked so hard on this rezone will be contacting you to urge that the land remain protected.

PS Congratulations to your dad and you for a successful campaign. My son and I went twice to the polls to make sure the right candidate was elected. This was the first time my son got to vote ( as he just turned 18 this summer). At first he did not think the election was important enough to vote, then he listened to the candidates and knew he had to go vote...we voted together in the same booth and we celebrated together once the race was won!

pss I still remember you in class at Ryan Middle School...smile.  
Seems you are doing very well in life.

Sincerely,  
Sarah Drew

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** Lauren Attanas [lauren.attanas@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 03, 2009 1:48 PM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Goldstream Public Use Area sunset...

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Hi, Grier-

Recently, someone forwarded a little article about the impending sunset of the Public Use Area designation for the Goldstream Valley's trail system. As a frequent, year-round user of these trails, both for bird watching and skijoring, I'm concerned that these trails might lose protection in 2010. I support any efforts that Sen. Thomas and his staff make to permanently designate these trails as a Public Use Area. Please let me know how I can help.

Sincerely,

Lauren Attanas

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** Joseph Rueter [jrueter@alaska.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 01, 2009 10:54 PM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Goldstream Trails

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Hi Grier,

I am contacting you regarding the Goldstream Public use area. I use the area both East and West of Ballaine for hunting, berry picking, and skiing and ski jouring. It is Accessable to me via the new Sky Ridge Park on top of Ski Boot hill road. I live off of Grenac Road. One Idea that comes to mind is to sell the permant status as an adjoining plot of Rec. land to this new borough park.

Let me know what I can do to help preserve this area for recreation use.

Thanks,

Jose Rueter

Joseph Rueter  
PO Box 83585  
Fairbanks AK  
99708  
(907) 479-9101

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** ben abbott [benabbo@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 01, 2009 5:05 PM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Support the Goldstream Trails Public Area

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Hi I just wanted to write that I strongly support the Goldstream Trails public area that is potentially losing its protection in 2010. Trails are one of the biggest community assets Fairbanks has. They distinguish this city from any other 100,000 person sprawl anywhere else. Trails increase property value of the houses around them, improve community health by facilitating exercise and improving air quality by allowing non-motorized travel.

Please protect this area!

Thank you,

Ben Abbott  
3590 Isberg Road  
Fairbanks, AK 99709

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** Jane Lanford [jane@usibelli.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 01, 2009 3:41 PM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Goldstream PUA

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Sen. Thomas:

I have used the Goldstream Public Use Area, as defined below, for running and snowshoeing for several years, and I would like it to continue to be available for such uses. Maybe someday I'll get out there skiing and/or berry-picking also. Please consider me a supporter of your bill to keep the area available for public recreation.

Thank you,  
Jane Lanford

The Goldstream Public Use Area, a nearly two thousand acre patchwork of designated recreation land in the Goldstream Valley north of Fairbanks, is set to sunset on July 1, 2010. This means the recreation area which encompasses a number of heavily used trails, hunting areas and berry picking opportunities extending from Cash Creek to the Steese Highway will dissolve and be removed from state statute. The Goldstream Public Use Area is used avidly by dog mushers, runners, snow machiners, skiers, hunters of all types, berry pickers, bird watchers and trappers to name a few. Its close proximity to the population of Fairbanks allows our families and outdoor enthusiasts of all levels an easy opportunity to enjoy our great outdoors.

Senator Joe Thomas (D-Fairbanks) will be introducing a bill to remove this sunset date and have the Public Use Area remain in perpetuity during the upcoming legislative session starting January 19, 2010. Because of the quickly approaching sunset date, time is of the essence and Senator Thomas must move this bill through the entire legislature in just 90 days. The most effective way to show legislators from across the state the importance of keeping this public use area intact is to show its wide spread support by those that use it.

If you recreate in this area, know somebody who does, or you just enjoy all that the Goldstream Valley's open space has to offer, please contact Senator Thomas' office and ask how you can help. He will have form letters for you to sign on to, a list of supporters and groups to lend your name to and will work with you to make it as easy as possible. Contact his staff, Grier Hopkins at [grier.hopkins@legis.state.ak.us](mailto:grier.hopkins@legis.state.ak.us) or (907)456-8161 to find out how you can help protect this integral part of our Fairbanks lifestyle.

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** Sara Tabbert [sara@saratabbert.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 01, 2009 2:51 PM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Goldstream Valley

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Please let me know what I can do to help extend the protection of this part of Goldstream Valley. My boyfriend and I own 90 acres adjacent to this part of Goldstream and we ski, skijor, winter bike, and berry pick all over the area. These trails are well used and very loved. On my way home today (a rare +30 December day in Fairbanks) there were all sorts of people parked at the main Ballaine road trailhead loading and unloading.

Tell me who to write to or call, and I'd be happy to do so.

Sincerely,  
Sara Tabbert  
907 479 0456  
[sara@saratabbert.com](mailto:sara@saratabbert.com)

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** Max Kaufman [amkaufman@alaska.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 01, 2009 1:41 PM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Re: Goldstream Public Use area. letter of support.

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Sen Joe Thomas,

I support the effort to extend or make permanent the current status of the Goldstream Public Use area. I live at 1039 Pika Road, uphill to the south of the area. I am a frequent winter user of the trail system in this area of Goldstream valley, east of Ballaine road. I would like to see the area maintain it's current status as a multi-use recreation area. It's too cold and the ground is mostly permafrost, so it's not good for any kind of housing or industrial development.

If any changes are made, I'd like to see restrictions on summertime use of 4 wheelers, which tear up the main trail in wet or boggy areas.

Sincerely,

Alexander Kaufman



## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** John Shook [john\_shook@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 01, 2009 12:47 PM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Goldstream Rec Area

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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I'd like to help protect the Goldstream Rec Area. I've lived in and recreated in the Goldstream area for more than a decade (ski, ski-joring, running, berry picking, biking, hunting, birding, and in the last year now commute on the winter trails).

Let me know how I can help support the initiative to preserve the area for recreational use.

Thanks, John

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** John Gaedeke [jgaedeke@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 01, 2009 9:56 AM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Goldstream Public Use Area Support

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Please forward this to the appropriate authority, thank you.

I am in full support of extending the provision to protect the 2,000 acre Goldstream Public Use Area created in 1990. Fairbanks needs every square inch of recreational land it can provide for its citizens and this is a particularly useful area enjoyed by many in the Fairbanks North Star Borough.

Thank you for continuing this provision and serving the public good,

Sincerely,

John Gaedeke  
235 Henrik Ct.  
Fairbanks AK 99709

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

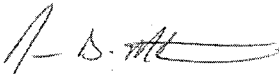
My name is Timothy D. Mortensen and I support the Goldstream Public Use Area.

I 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 me 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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Timothy D. Mortensen', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Timothy D. Mortensen

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

My name is Dean Phillips and my family and I support the Goldstream Public Use Area.

I 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 me 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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Sincerely,

Dean C. Phillips, Jr.  
465 Bullion Dr.  
Fairbanks, AK

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

My name is Michael A. Wilson and I support the Goldstream Public Use Area.

I 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 me 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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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. A. Wilson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael A. Wilson

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** James L. Davis [jrox@acsalaska.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 11, 2010 8:07 PM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Goldstream Public Use Area

To Senator Joe Thomas,

I would like to express my support for this use area. It has gone unmanaged for many years which makes it a quality area to frequent. It does not need rules and regulations for it to function well. Hopefully, there is no economic value to it but is invaluable for quality recreation.

Sincerely,  
Roxie Davis

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

My name is Carol Kaynor and I support the Goldstream Public Use Area. Please help us to protect this valuable resource.

The Goldstream Public Use Area is used for a host of summer and winter activities, including hunting, wildlife photography, motorized and non-motorized access, boating, berry picking, trapping, dog mushing, skijoring, snowmachining, and hiking. The area also provides important wildlife habitat. As most local Fairbanksans know, a pair of trumpeter swans often visits the pond next to Ballaine Road in the spring, and waterfowl are common all over the area. Moose browse on the willows, foxes hunt the ptarmigans. Blueberries grow rampant in the boggy fields north of the creek.

There is major community support for the public use area. A good example is the support shown to the Interior Alaska Land Trust several years ago when they endeavored to acquire the "Blueberry Preserves," a piece of property that lay in between two large blocks of state-owned land in the public use area. The land trust received a huge outpouring of community donations and in-kind support, enabling them to make that purchase.

As a dog musher and skijorer, access to protected trails is extremely important to me. When I moved to Snowhook Trail in 1996, I thought I had died and gone to heaven. Several friends and I bought property there specifically because the parcels bordered the Goldstream Public Use Area. My neighbors and I could run our sled dogs right from our yards, and we could access the extensive network of trails that wind through the public use area. I relocated to Snowhook from another area that had once had a beautiful but unprotected trail system, a trail system now crisscrossed with driveways.

My neighbor and running partner, Bonnie Borba, and I have spent many years maintaining about 10 miles of these trails in the public use area. We spend hours and hours brushing for safety and line of sight, removing stumps, and filling holes, as well as grooming after each snowfall. While grooming or running dogs, we've encountered dog mushers, skijorers, hikers, bicycle riders, four-wheelers, and snowmachiners. From personal experience, I can say that the portion of the public use area that we groom gets heavy and constant use in the winter. We know of many winter users who access the public use area not just from the pullout at Ballaine, but from the El Dorado Creek trail, Willow Run, and several other trails.

The Goldstream Public Use Area is an important and valuable asset to our community. Please support its continued existence.

Sincerely,

Carol Kaynor

Senator Joe Thomas  
Alaska State Senate  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Hi Joe,

We just want to weigh in on the Goldstream Recreation Area issue. As you know, we've been in this area since 1961 and have seen it evolve over the years. Although my wife and I were teaching in the Bush when Mike Travis was able to set the area aside as recreational, we were thankful that he was foresighted enough to do this. Now that it's coming up for renewal, Jennifer and I are heartily in support of your taking this issue seriously and pushing for a permanent recreational designation.

I couldn't count on all my fingers and toes ten times how much we and our friends from all over Fairbanks have used this area for recreation, whether for skiing or walking in winter or bird watching and walking in summer. I also included it on the Audubon birding and hiking map when I designed the map two years ago.

So, yes, we support your attempts to make this recreational area a permanent one for the Fairbanks North Star Borough. Go for it. Make it so, as Capt. Jacques Piccard said.

Sincerely,

Frank and Jennifer Keim  
2220 Penrose Lane  
Fairbanks, AK 99709  
451-9308



## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** Sen. Joe Thomas  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 31, 2009 10:31 AM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** FW: Goldstream Public Use Area

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Laurie Smith [mailto:laurie\_smith@live.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 22, 2009 4:54 PM  
**To:** Sen. Joe Thomas  
**Subject:** Goldstream Public Use Area

Dear Senator Thomas,

After reading the December 21, 2009 article in the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, "Groups work to preserve public use area in Goldstream Valley," I decided to write you.

I live in Goldstream and use the trails in this public use area frequently. One thing that never ceases to amaze me about this trail network is that, despite the high traffic volume it sustains, it never seems to show the wear and tear of crowds. If someone is inconsiderate enough to litter, someone else who is a little more civic-minded seems to come along right behind them and clean it up. I've never had problems with vandalism, theft, or any other issue that tends to plague so many public-use areas in other places.

As a matter of fact, early this winter, a car had been abandoned at the pullout. After a few weeks, I became sick of looking at it. I contacted the Troopers who referred me to the Borough. The Borough referred me to Alaska DOT. I called a gentleman at DOT and left a voicemail describing the problem. That evening, as I went home, I saw that the car was gone. I was ecstatic that a response had come so quickly. I sent a grateful email to the gentleman at DOT.

A few days later, he called me to say that he was glad that the car was gone, but DOT hadn't done it.

I think that someone else who calls Goldstream home, who takes pride in our little piece of paradise, coincidentally got sick of looking at it the same day I did, towed it away, and ponied up the \$60 to dump it legally.

This is only an anecdote, but it certainly lends credence to my idea that something as precious as this kind of a playground in our own back yards is worth taking care of, and it's obvious that the area is well-loved and well-stewarded by those who use it.

Goldstream is a wonderful community nestled into a great town, and much of the flavor of our community comes from the trail networks and the people who use them. Every morning, as I come into town and hit the crest of Ballaine and the flats stretch out in front of me, I think to myself how lucky I am to live in such a beautiful area. Every evening, as I come down the hill and pass the pullout for the Public Use Area, I think the same thing.

Your work to preserve this area for the use and enjoyment of everyone, in perpetuity, will be noted and appreciated by all who use this area. Even those who have never used the Public Use Area would surely miss it, once it's gone.

Thank you for reading this.

Sincerely,

Laurie Smith

PO Box 70611

Fairbanks, AK 99707

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** shideler@acsalaska.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 29, 2009 9:41 AM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Goldstream Public Use Area

Mr Hopkins:

I support Senator Thomas filing a bill to eliminate the "sunset clause" on the Goldstream Public Use Area. I am a 36-year resident of Goldstream Valley, and supported the initial legislation that was introduced by Representative Mike Davis. I have used the trails in the area since I moved here in 1974, and hunted and picked berries there. In fact, access to the trails and the rest of that area was one reason for my moving to Goldstream Valley. When I still had a dog team I probably used the trails at least 3 times a week for 17 years during the mushing season, and even now I'm out there at least once a week skiing, skijoring or just walking. I've watched as new houses have extended down into the valley from both the north and south sides, and have seen what happened to the trail system west of Ballaine Road where it used to be possible to access trails on both sides of Goldstream Creek. Although the mine has disrupted the original trails on the upper end, the miners have provided alternative access through their claims. However, this is voluntary on their part and I am sure that without the official designation for recreational use, we'd have lost a lot of the trail system to poorly planned development in the valley. This area supports a lot of recreational activity now, with virtually no infrastructure improvements. The only real change from 30 years ago is the Ballaine Road pullout, which has enhanced access to the area. So it seems to me that this has been a real benefit for the public at very little cost. I hope we can keep it that way. Sincerely,

Richard Shideler  
PO Box 81465  
Fairbanks 99708

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** Kathy Turco [kath@alaskas-spirit.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 28, 2009 1:43 PM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** support of Goldstream Public Use Area-

Hello Grier,

This email is in support of a permanent status designation of the Goldstream Public Use Area: I have lived in the Goldstream Valley for over 21 years and know that the networks of trails have been extensively used over this period by myself along with many skiers, mushers, snow shoers, snowmachiners, bikers, runners, walkers, berry pickers, canoers, bird watchers, and more. I was just on the trails last week for an hour in the late afternoon, and at minus 20 I saw 4 pairs of walkers, 3 dog mushers, 3 snowmachiners, 1 skier with her dog and 2 runners- the area is very much a favorite public winter playground for people and their families. The Goldstream Public use area is a unique part of Fairbanks that many residents enjoy and want to keep a free access designation. Please use this email in any way you can to voice my support of this. This letter is also supported by Alaska's most legendary sprint sled dog racing Champion George Attla, who is living in the Goldstream Valley this winter while coaching a young person training a sprint team to race throughout the state. He also told me to mention that he feels Fairbanks is an exceptional community in its support of traditional winter sports, and why change a good thing. He told me to add his name with mine below.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this email.

Thank you for your time.

*Kathy*

Kathy Turco (& George Attla)  
2825 Triplehorn Lane  
Fairbanks, AK 99708  
907-455-4286

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** Ann Farris [farris.ann@googlemail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 22, 2009 9:15 PM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Goldstream PUA

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

My name is Ann Farris and I support the Goldstream Public Use Area. I've lived in Fairbanks for 16 years and find I utilize the Goldstream Public Use Area more and more each year. Please support legislation to maintain this area for public use.

I 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 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. 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 for your continued support and protection of this area for public use.

Sincerely,  
Ann Farris

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** Heather Best [hbest25@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 22, 2009 4:36 PM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Goldstream Public Use Area

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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

I 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 me 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. And in all my years of use, I have not had one bad encounter with other types of users.

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 me in supporting the continued existence of this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,  
Heather Best  
Fairbanks, AK

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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

I 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 me 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. 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 me in supporting the continued existence of this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely, John E. Shook

733 Dalton Trail  
Fairbanks, AK 99709

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** George Happ [gmhapp@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 19, 2009 5:52 PM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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

I 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 me 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. I have helped groom the winter trails in the public use area since 1995. 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. 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 me in supporting the continued existence of this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

George Happ

1695 Snowhook Trail

99709

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** christyyuncker happ [christy.yuncker.happ@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 19, 2009 5:50 PM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Goldstream Public Use Area.

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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

I 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 me 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. It is an exceptional area for wildlife. At least three Sandhill crane pairs nest in the Public Use Area. 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. 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 me in supporting the continued existence of this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,  
Christy



Dear Alaska State Legislature,

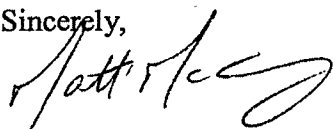
My name is MATT and I support the Goldstream Public Use Area.

I 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 me 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 skjoring, 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. 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 me in supporting the continued existence of this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

 & the McCLURG FAMILY

JENNIFER, ABBY, LEVI, SETH

1185 GRENAC RD.

FAIRBANKS, AK 99709

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

Lona  
My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I support the Goldstream Public Use Area.

I 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 me 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. 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 me in supporting the continued existence of this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,



Lona R. Boyarsky

1678 Amidon Dr.

Fairbanks, AK 99712

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** kfranzen@att.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 16, 2009 12:06 PM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Re: Goldstream Valley Public Use Area

Grier Hopkins  
Office of Sen. Joe Thomas  
Office: (907) 456-8161  
Fax: (907) 456-8163

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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

I 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 me 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 skjoring, 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. 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 me in supporting the continued existence of this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,  
Karin FRanzen

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** heather mcintyre [heathermc48@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 16, 2009 10:10 AM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Goldstream valley public use

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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

I 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 me 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. 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 me in supporting the continued existence of this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,  
Heather McIntyre  
800 Smythe Street  
fairbanks AK 99709

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** phyllis haggland [phaggland@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 16, 2009 9:24 AM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Goldstream Public Use Area

Grier Hopkins  
Office of Sen. Joe Thomas  
Office: (907) 456-8161  
Fax: (907) 456-8163

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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

I 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 me 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. 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 me in supporting the continued existence of this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,  
Phyllis Haggland  
907-479-6737

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** John and Kathleen Wright [wrights@acsalaska.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2009 9:41 PM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Continue Goldstream Public Use Area

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

I strongly support continuing the Goldstream Public Use Area.

The Goldstream Valley Public Use Area is a key to this northern portion of Fairbanks. The rural character of the area is dependent upon open space and the multi-use trails that have long been used within it. Like Creamer's Refuge on the edge of the city, the Goldstream Public Use Area helps preserve the traditional of the community.

Please vote to extend this legislation that makes Fairbanks a wonderful place to live.

Sincerely,

John M and Kathleen K Wright

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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

I 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 me 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 (mmm blueberries!), 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. 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 me in supporting the continued existence of this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

Davya Flaharty

Dear Senator Thomas,

I am writing you to support the preservation of public lands in the Goldstream Valley as open space. As an avid trail user in this area and the author of "Outside in the Interior", I have extensive knowledge of the trails here. These trails are all multi-use trails, that is, they are utilized by snowmachiners, cross-country skiers, skate skiers, skijourers, people walking and talking their dogs for walks, berry pickers, wildlife enthusiasts and bicyclers. There are 4 main subregions of the Goldstream Valley - Cache Creek, Ace Lake, West Goldstream and East Goldstream. The latter two are divided by Ballaine Road. Numerous trails are contained within each subregion and many other trails and trail systems are adjacent to these areas. The West Goldstream area has already undergone significant development which has lead to the outright loss of some trails and the reduction of others. Currently, the trail systems are intact enough that they are somewhat still linked. Please do what you can to protect these well used and loved trails and open areas. Further, improvements, such as a tunnel connecting the East and West areas under Ballaine, should be investigated. Protection of these areas will be a great gift to future Fairbanksians. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or if I can be of assistance in this endeavour. Thank you.

Kyle Joly  
Fairbanks



## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** Henszey Family [henszey@acsalaska.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 14, 2009 10:09 PM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Support for Goldstream Public Use Area

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

We are Bob and Joann Henszey, and we support the Goldstream Public Use Area.

In addition to the form letter below, we support the Goldstream Public Use Area as a valuable green space asset already in place for the public's enjoyment. As one of the founding supporters for the Chena Flats Greenbelt Project at the base of Chena Rigde in Fairbanks ([www.chenaflats.org](http://www.chenaflats.org)), we know how difficult it is to purchase green space from private ownership so a traditional common use area can continue to be enjoyed by the public in the midst of a rapidly developing community. Chena Flats would have been much easier if our local government had the foresight to set this area of wetland bogs aside in the first place like 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 our family 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. 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 of this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,  
Bob and Joann Henszey

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The Henszeys  
(Bob, Joann, Ryan, and Erin)  
540 Tuxford Ct. Fairbanks, AK 99709  
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Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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

I 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 me 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. 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 me in supporting the continued existence of this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

Bill Schneider

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** Karen Brewster [karen.brewster@alaska.edu]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 14, 2009 4:32 PM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Goldstream Public Use Area

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

My name is Karen Brewster and I am writing to express my support for the Goldstream Public Use Area in Fairbanks. I am a regular user of the trails in this area and believe it is critical that they remain open and available to full public access. Having this wide open undeveloped space and vast trail network in the heart of Fairbanks is a key part of what makes life in Fairbanks so wonderful. Studies have shown that living close to greenspace and having access to outdoor recreation opportunities create a better quality of life and make people happier and healthier.

I 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 me 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. 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. With the continued protection of this public use area, I would also like to see some minimal management to deal with conflicting uses and trail maintenance issues.

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

Sincerely,  
Karen Brewster  
1022 Prindle Court  
Fairbanks, AK 99709  
[karen.brewster@alaska.edu](mailto:karen.brewster@alaska.edu)

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** Joan Hardesty [joan-kevin@gci.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 14, 2009 1:53 PM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** In support of Goldstream Valley Public Use Area

Please forward / include with other letters of support - thank you, Joan Hardesty

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Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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

I 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 me 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 dog trails I use for running my ◆sleddog◆ bird dogs extend into the Goldstream Public Use area. It would be a great loss to Goldstream Valley, and the community of Fairbanks, if the Goldstream Public Use Area were allowed to ◆disappear.◆ In March, there's no other place in the world I'd rather be than behind 2 floppy eared setters running for the joy of running.

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 me in supporting the continued existence of this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,  
Joan Hardesty  
1815 Snowhook Trail  
Fairbanks, AK 99709  
[joan-kevin@gci.net](mailto:joan-kevin@gci.net)

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** Tom George [tgeorge@mosquitonet.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 14, 2009 12:21 PM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** RE: Thank you for helping the Goldstream Valley

You got it! -Tom

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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

I 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 me 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. 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 me in supporting the continued existence of this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

Tom George  
PO Box 83750  
Fairbanks, AK 99708

December 14, 2009

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

My name is Doug Braddock and I support removing the sunset date for the Goldstream Public Use Area (GPUA). I live near the GPUA and am a regular user of the trails in the area.

The Fairbanks North Star Borough is in the process of taking over ownership and management of Bender Mountain Park, located to the south of the GPUA. The trail systems within Bender Mountain Park and the GPUA are complementary and allow for many great multiple-use recreational opportunities.

For the above reason, I would like to see the Goldstream Public Use Area remain in existence without the need to periodically remove a sunset date.

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

Sincerely,

Doug Braddock  
Fairbanks, Alaska  
[djbraddock@gmail.com](mailto:djbraddock@gmail.com)  
(907) 479-4071

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** Gretchen Hundertmark [gretchenhund@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 14, 2009 11:11 AM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Goldstream Valley Public Use Area

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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

I 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 me 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. 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 me in supporting the continued existence of this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Hundertmark  
1962 Red Leaf Road  
Fairbanks, AK 99709  
907.456.2250

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** jimbrader [jimbrader@mosquitonet.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 13, 2009 9:03 PM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Goldstream Public Use Area

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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

I have used this area for both winter and summer recreation for 19 years. I have used this area for hiking, hunting, berry picking, skiing, and snow shoeing. It is used by many other people for bird watching, snow machining, mountain biking, and dog mushing. I also own property in the area and access to the Goldstream Public Use Area is one of the reasons I bought the property. This area offers great outdoor recreation for all types of people and is very close to Fairbanks. 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.

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

Sincerely,  
Jim Brader  
PO Box 74263  
Fairbanks AK 99707



## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** Jorgenson [jorgenson@alaska.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 13, 2009 9:01 PM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Goldstream

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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

My family and I live in Goldstream Valley and we have used the trails through the public use area in both winter and summer for the past 2 decades. Our house overlooks the valley and we love the view. This area is very important to us.

Sincerely, Janet Jorgenson

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** Paul Reichardt [pbreichardt@alaska.edu]  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 13, 2009 8:12 PM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Fwd: Goldstream Valley Public Use Area

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

Our names are Paul and Cordelia (Terry) Reichardt and 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. We regularly ski in this area in winter (even today with the temperature at -15 degrees), and we pick berries there each summer. However, 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. 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 of this important area by passing the legislation that is necessary to keep it as a Public Use Area.

Sincerely,

Paul and Cordelia (Terry) Reichardt

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** Grier Hopkins [grier.hopkins@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 13, 2009 6:35 PM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Fwd: Goldstream Public Use Area

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Karl Kassel <[canoeak@acsalaska.net](mailto:canoeak@acsalaska.net)>  
**Date:** December 13, 2009 6:27:09 PM AKST  
**To:** Grier Hopkins <[grier.hopkins@gmail.com](mailto:grier.hopkins@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Goldstream Public Use Area

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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

I 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 me 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.

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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,  
Karl Kassel

1670 Willow Run Road  
Fairbanks, AK 99709

907-455-6115

KELLEY HEGARTY & ASSOCIATES, L.L.C.

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**Community & Regional Planning Consultants**

501 Prospectors Trail ✦ Fairbanks, Alaska 99712  
planners@gci.net ✦ (907) 457-2400 ✦ fax 457-5200

December 11, 2009

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

I am writing today in support of the Goldstream Public Use Area.

I 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 me and our entire community. This Public Use Area is home to a wide variety of uses, including:

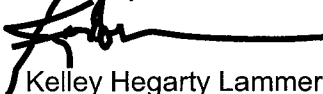
- hunting,
- dog mushing,
- motorized and non-motorized access,
- skiing and skijoring,
- boating,
- berry picking,
- trapping, and
- many others.

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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,



Kelley Hegarty Lammers

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** Bonnie Borba [borba@mosquitonet.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 12, 2009 9:01 PM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Goldstream Valley Public Use Area

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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

I 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 me 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, canoeing, 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,

Bonnie Borba  
1740 Snowhook Trail  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99709

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

My name is Tim Obritschkewitsch, and I support the Goldstream Public Use Area.

I 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 me 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.

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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,

Tim Obritschkewitsch

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

My name is Bob Ritchie, a 35 year resident of the Goldstream Valley. I support the Goldstream Public Use Area.

I 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 me 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. 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. Importantly, it has more value for these pursuits than any commercial or residential uses (e.g., housing).

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

Sincerely,

Bob Ritchie  
2671 Black Sheep Lane  
Fairbanks, AK 99709

(907-479-2694)

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** Amy Turner [amymarieturner@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2009 1:37 PM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Goldstream PUA

Hello Grier,

I have included my personal letter below in support of the Goldstream Public Use Area.

Thank you!  
Amy

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

As a resident of the Goldstream Valley, I put high value on the Goldstream Public Use Area and the many ways it allows for the recreation and enjoyment for all Fairbanksans. I urge you to continue to support the existence of Goldstream Public Use Area and keep this near town public use area open for us to continue to enjoy this beautiful area.

Sincerely,

Amy Turner

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" The heart that breaks open can contain the whole universe." joanna macy



## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** Jon Holmgren [machine@alaska.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2009 10:38 AM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Support for Goldstream Public Use area

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

My name is Jon Holmgren and I live in Goldstream Valley. I highly support the Goldstream Public use area. I spent 3 hours skiing through the upper section towards Fox on Sunday and would like to see this area remain like it is, a place for unstructured recreation. We don't want a Park with rules and regulations, just an open area to enjoy nature.

Thanks,

Jon

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** Don Logan [donald\_logan@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 09, 2009 11:48 PM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Re: post t-day

### Grier Hopkins

Office of Sen. Joe Thomas  
Office: (907) 456-8161  
Fax: (907) 456-8163

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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

I 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 me 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.

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There are enough subdivisions in the Fairbanks area with room for more buildings. This is Fairbanks, and we value the remoteness of our home. If we build on all the available land, it will no longer be Fairbanks. The corner of New Steese and the Mitchell Expressway already looks much like parts of Anchorage or towns in the lower 48. While I like the convenience, I liked the raw land better. Some good bike trails are under that asphalt.

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

Sincerely,

Don Logan

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** samd@gci.net on behalf of Martha Raynolds [mraynolds@gci.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 09, 2009 10:31 PM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Re: Thank you for helping the Goldstream Valley

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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

I 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 me 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.

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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,

Martha Raynolds

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Martha Raynolds  
[mraynolds@gci.net](mailto:mraynolds@gci.net)  
(907) 479-3726

Michael Whalen  
PO Box 85033  
Fairbanks, AK 99708

December 9, 2009

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

As a resident of the Goldstream Valley I wholeheartedly support the Goldstream Public Use Area.

I believe the access and opportunities for 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 myself and our entire community. This Public Use Area is home to a wide variety of activities, 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 great Alaskan 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,  
Michael Whalen

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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

I 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 me 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.

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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,

1105 Jure Road A Fairbanks AK 99709

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Brent Sass  
Wild and Free Mushing  
[brent@wildandfreealaska.com](mailto:brent@wildandfreealaska.com)  
[www.wildandfreealaska.com](http://www.wildandfreealaska.com)

"Pain is Inevitable Suffering is optional"

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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

I 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 me 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. I have spent many hours skiing, hiking, mushing, ski-joring, and berry picking in Goldstream. 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,

Elizabeth Markley

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Bessie Green Markley  
M.S. Candidate, Dept. of Biology and Wildlife  
Alaska Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit  
201 Irving I  
902 N. Koyukuk Drive  
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## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** Aren Gunderson [arengunderson@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 08, 2009 11:19 AM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Re: Thank you for helping the Goldstream Valley

To Senator Joe Thomas, care of Grier Hopkins,

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

Our names are Aren and Jen Gunderson and 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, skiing and skjoring, 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. 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. We use this trail system for skjoring and mushing our 5 dogs. We have introduced numerous individuals to skjoring and mushing on these trails and others in the Goldstream Valley. This trail system is unique in that it is so close to town and heavily used, yet maintained and regulated entirely by local residents through their mutual respect for the land and its users at no cost (that we am aware of) to the state or borough.

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

Sincerely,

Aren and Jen Gunderson

590 Mammoth Drive, Fairbanks, AK

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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

I 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 me 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.

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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,

Jen and Aren Gunderson  
590 Mammoth Drive  
Fairbanks, AK 99709  
[Jen.gunder@gmail.com](mailto:Jen.gunder@gmail.com)



## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** Kate Beattie [kbeattie@abrinc.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 08, 2009 9:24 AM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Thank you for helping the Goldstream Valley

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

My name is \_Katherine Beattie\_ and I support the Goldstream Public Use Area.

I 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 me 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 skjoring, 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,

Katherine Beattie

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** kumi rattenbury [krattenbury@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 08, 2009 9:06 AM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Goldstream Valley Public Use Area

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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

I 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 me 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. My husband and I enjoy the trails to run our dog team, to skijor and to bike-jor as well (it's excellent in the winter!). 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. 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 me in supporting the continued existence of this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

Kumi Rattenbury

1982 Eldovista Pkwy

Fairbanks, AK 99709

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** Carolyn Parker [clparker@alaska.edu]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 07, 2009 8:47 PM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Re: Thank you for helping the Goldstream Valley

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

My name is Carolyn Parker and I support the Goldstream Public Use Area. I have lived in the Goldstream Valley area for almost 40 years and have used the area north of Ballaine Road (as well as a lot of the area downstream of Ballaine Road, following Goldstream Creek all the way to S of Murphy Dome, for skiing, ski-joring, snowmachining, bird watching and berry picking. Most of us realize that most of this area is totally unfit for subdivision efforts due to the saturated and permafrost rich soils, but its use for berry picking, wildlife habitat, and all forms of winter recreation is invaluable for those of us who live in the area. It is a 'green belt' we would certainly hate to see lost.

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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,

Carolyn Parker

1698 Old John Trail  
5 Mile Murphy Dome Road  
455-4113

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

Barbara O'Donnell and Linda Bode 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 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.

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

Sincerely,

Barbara O'Donnell  
Linda Bode  
POB 325  
Ester, AK 99725  
479-0302

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** mareca guthrie [marecaguthrie@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 07, 2009 6:36 PM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Re: Thank you for helping the Goldstream Valley

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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

I 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 me 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 skjoring, 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,

Mareca Guthrie  
2183 Nottingham Dr.  
Fairbanks, AK 99709



Dear Alaska State Legislature,

My name is Joel Buth, owner of Goldstream Sports and I support the Goldstream Public Use Area.

I 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 me 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 skjoring, 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,

Joel Buth

711 Sheep Creek Rd  
Fairbanks, AK 99709

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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

I 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 me 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.

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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,

Amanda Byrd

PO Box 81644  
Fairbanks, AK 99708

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

My name is Deborah C. Manning and I support the Goldstream Public Use Area.

I 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 me 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.

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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,

Tim A. Manning  
Deborah Coccia Manning  
[debtim@acsalaska.net](mailto:debtim@acsalaska.net)  
907-456-6561



## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** Natalie M Monacci [nmonacci@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 04, 2009 10:08 AM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Goldstream Valley

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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

I 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 me 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 skjoring, 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,

Natalie Monacci

Fairbanks, AK

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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

I 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 me 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.

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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,

Anthony Gasbarro

2687 Horsetail Trail

Fairbanks, AK 99709

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** Tom Clark [aksnowbiker@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 04, 2009 1:52 AM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Re: Thank you for helping the Goldstream Valley

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

My name is Thomas M. Clark of Fairbanks, Alaska and I support the Goldstream Public Use Area.

I 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 me 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.

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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,  
Tom Clark  
PO Box 81134,  
Fairbanks AK 99708

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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

I 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 me 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.

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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,  
Karen Moritz  
2390 Inclination Dr.  
Fairbanks, AK 99709

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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

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Sincerely,

Michael Wald, Ester AK Dec 3 ,2009

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** Susan Todd [sktodd@alaska.edu]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 03, 2009 5:46 PM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Re: Thank you for helping the Goldstream Valley

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

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Sincerely,

Susan Todd

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Deb Lawton



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Sincerely,

Nicole Smith  
1370 Jones Road  
Fairbanks, AK 99709

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> Sincerely,

> Gail Davidson

> 3638 Rosie Creek Road

> Fairbanks, AK 99709

> 479-7127

December 3, 2009

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

My name is Jane Lanford, and I support the Goldstream Public Use Area. I have personally used the area off and on since 1994 for running and snowshoeing, both for training and in races. I keep meaning to get out there berry-picking and cross-country skiing, and I hope it stays available until I do. I also enjoy looking for, and often spotting, moose and other critters every time I drive through on Ballaine or other roads.

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Jane Lanford  
5041 Vancouver Road  
Fairbanks, AK 99709

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