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I have been a resident of Eagle River/Chugiak since 1990 (minus a couple temporary duty assignments in Oklahoma) and raised a family here. The Park which is managed by the Eagle River Lions is an extraordinary thing which every community would benefit from having. Besides providing a green space in the midst of suburban sprawl, it provides all our youth a place for recreation - which is a far better activity than loitering or playing electronic games. Baseball, softball, football, tennis...all available, free of charge. Nearly every evening in the summer it is packed with kids and parents attending some sporting event.

The thought that we could lose this park because the state would not renew the lease is horrifying. Yes the land is now very valuable - it could be subdivided and developed and the state would make lots of money - but at what expense? It is the heart of our community...please allow it to remain.

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