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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



SENATOR JOE THOMAS

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Identifier (file name): SB195-DNR-TAD-02-04-2010

Title Make Goldstream Public Use Area Permanent Dept. Affected: Natural Resources
 RDU Resource Development
 Component Title Acquisition and Defense
 Sponsor Sen. Thomas
 Requester Senate Resources Component Number 2459

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2011	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Contractual								
Supplies								
Equipment								
Land & Structures								
Grants & Claims								
Miscellaneous								
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES								
CHANGE IN REVENUES ()	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts								
1003 GF Match								
1004 GF								
1005 GF/Program Receipts								
1037 GF/Mental Health								
Other Interagency Receipts								
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2010) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)
 DNR anticipates no need for additional funding under this proposed legislation.

Prepared by: Dick Mylius, Director
 Division: Mining, Land and Water
 Approved by: Tom Irwin, Commissioner
Natural Resources

Phone 269-8600
 Date/Time February 4, 2010
 Date February 4, 2010

Brief facts on Senate Bill 195

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

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

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

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

All uses are statutorily allowed in the area:

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

Impact on the state:

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

SB 195 is supported by:

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February 15th, 2010

Representative Craig Johnson
Co-Chair, House Resources Committee
Alaska State Capitol, Room 126
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Senate Bill 195 - An Act relating to the repeal of the establishment
of the Goldstream Public Use Area

Representative Johnson,

I write today to respectfully request that the House Resource schedule Senate Bill 195: *An Act relating to the repeal of the establishment of the Goldstream Public Use Area* for a hearing at your earliest possible convenience.

This bill removes the sunset clause of July 1st, 2010 from the Goldstream Public Use Area. The bill is actively supported by Alaska Outdoor Council, Alaska Dog Mushing Association, Alaska Miners Association, Nordic Ski Club of Fairbanks, Alaska Trapper's Association, Skijoring and Polk Association, Fairbanks Snow Travelers, Northern Area State Parks Advisory Board, Fairbanks North Star Borough Trails Advisory Board, Alaska Trails, Interior Trails Preservation Coalition, Interior Alaska Land Trust, Arctic Audubon Society, and the *Fairbanks Daily News-Miner*. Nearly one hundred individuals have also voiced their support.

Attached is the most recent version of the sponsor statement and the attached zero fiscal note.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at 465-2327

Sincerely,

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Senator Joe Thomas

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Letters of Support for Senate Bill 195

Alaska Outdoor Council

Alaska Dog Mushing Association

Alaska Miners Association,

Nordic Ski Club of Fairbanks

Alaska Trapper's Association

Skijoring and Polk Association

Fairbanks Snow Travelers

Northern Area State Parks Advisory Board

Fairbanks North Star Borough Trails Advisory Board

Alaska Trails

Interior Trails Preservation Coalition

Interior Alaska Land Trust

Fairbanks North Star Borough

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A central park: Goldstream public use area needs permanent designation

12.25.09 - 11:31 pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The Goldstream Public Use Area: Keeping the public-use designation will benefit Fairbanks

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The variety of groups that want to continue the Goldstream Public Use Area tells quite a bit about the level of support for this long-standing recreation area that is in need of legislative reauthorization.

The Alaska Outdoor Council, the Nordic Ski Club of Fairbanks, the Alaska Miners Association, the Arctic Audubon Society and the Fairbanks North Star Borough trails advisory group all want the area continued in its current form.

The Legislature in 1990 set aside the 2,000-acre space for public recreation purposes, but that designation will expire in July unless the Legislature acts to renew it. The Senate on Friday passed a renewal measure by a vote of 15-0, with five members absent.

The area, in the vicinity of Ballaine Road along Goldstream Creek, is popular with a variety of user groups. It's largely swampy, making it good for berry picking in the fall. It's also used by hunters and, in winter, by snowmachiners and dog mushers.

The bill, Senate Bill 195, would repeal the sunset clause of the original measure, making the Goldstream Public Use Area a long-term fixture of Fairbanks. Few things are permanent, of course, and the Legislature could, after passage of this bill, change the purpose of the area if the need arose.

For now, however, the general sentiment is to keep the area as it is. More than 100 letters of support have been submitted on behalf of the bill.

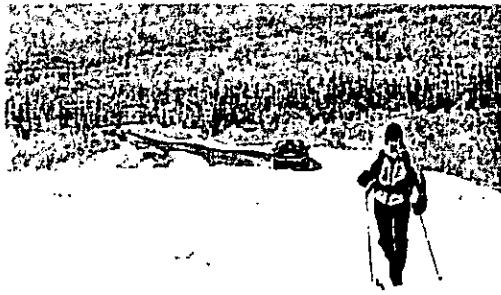
The Senate's strong vote of support and the backing of a mix of user groups should make it easy for the House to pass the measure and for Gov. Sean Parnell to sign it into law.

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Groups work to preserve public use area in Goldstream Valley

by Tim Mowry / tmowry@newsminer.com
12.21.09 - 02:17 am



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Mushers, bicyclists, snowmachiners, skijorers, walkers, trappers, I've passed them all," Borba said.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

through the Legislature this session.

Contact staff writer Tim Mowry at 459-7587.

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Dear Senator Thomas:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Richard H. Bishop

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

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

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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

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.

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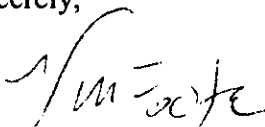
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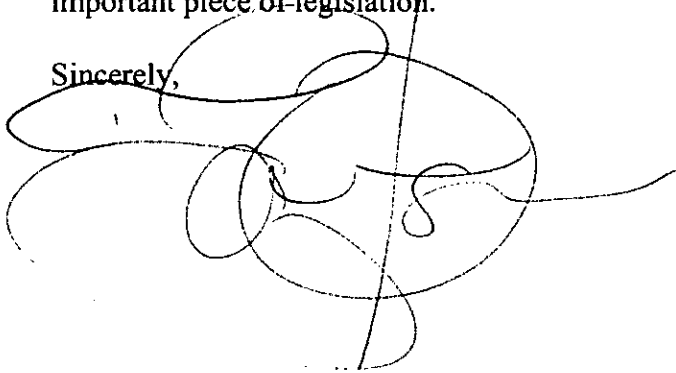
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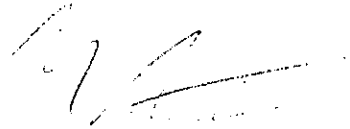
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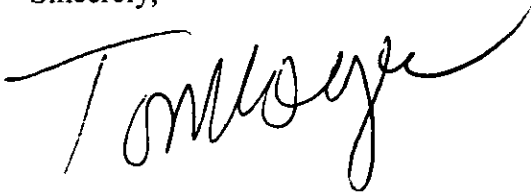
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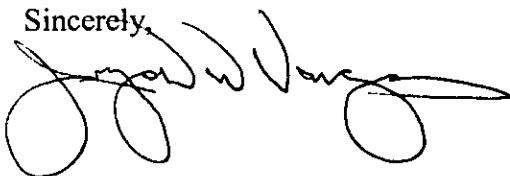
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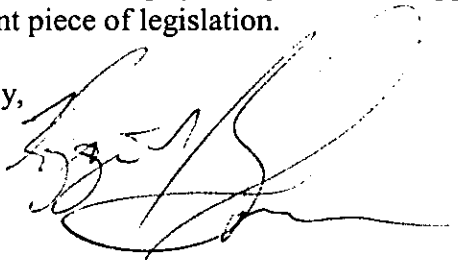
My name is Reggie and I support the Goldstream Public Use Area.

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Sincerely,

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Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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Grant *Cirre*

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Sincerely,

Shannon Erhart

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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

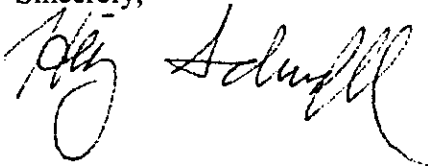
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Sincerely,

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Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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

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Sincerely,

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Dear Alaska State Legislature,

My name is Ed Arak¹⁹ and I support the Goldstream Public Use Area.

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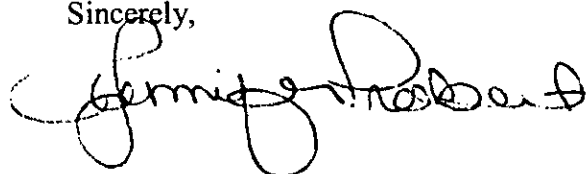
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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Paul L. Gregory

P.O. Box 55501
NORTH POLE AK 99705

HOME 907-488-1597

CELL 907-687-8023

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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

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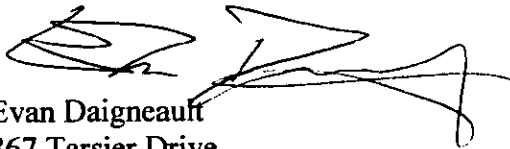
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Sincerely,



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

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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

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Sincerely,

Don Gray
399 Hillside Dr.
Fairbanks, AK

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James Louisa 12-04-09

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Fred Heflinger

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Sincerely,

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

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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Sincerely,

V. Murdt
PO Box 84608
Fairbanks, AK
99708

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John M. Moran

1621 Wolverine Ln

Fbx, AK 99709

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

Charlotte M. DAVIS

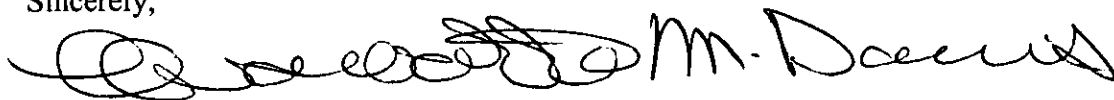
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Two Rivers, AK

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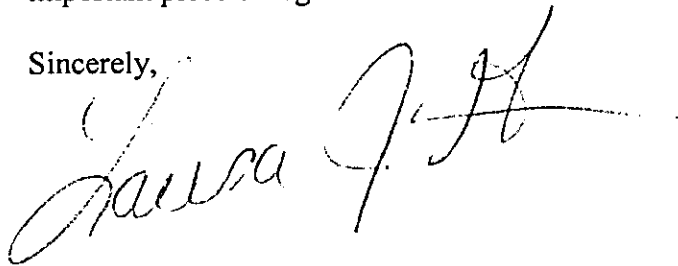
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Sincerely,

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CHURCH and I support the Goldstream Public Use Area.

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Sincerely,

Geord Rafson
1912 Gilmore Trail
Fairbanks, AK 99712

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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

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Sincerely,

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

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

Linda De Foliant

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Sincerely,

Linda De Foliant

3908 Murphy Dome Rd.

Fairbanks, AK 99709

455.6928

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Sincerely,

Dan Chagnon

Dan Chagnon
2005 Carr Ave.
FBKs. AK 99709

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ph. 907-479-4673

email bjamieson@acsalaska.net

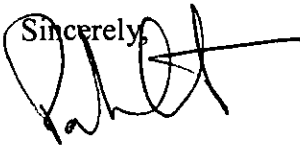
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Sincerely,


PATRICK COTTER
1070 Evergreen St.
Fairbanks, AK 99709

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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Sincerely,

Lissa Hughes

Address:

2920 Portillo Pl.
Fairbanks, AK.
99709

Fairbanks Alaska
January 11, 2010

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Sincerely,

Name and address:

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

Larry Mayo
282 HAY WAY
Fairbanks, AK 99709

Fairbanks Alaska
January 11, 2010

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Sincerely,

Name and address:

JARY NEWMAN 1083 ESRO, FAIRBANKS 99712

Ronald Kotyk 4005 DIANE RD JUNEAU 99801
Ronald Kotyk

PAULETTE WILHE 1220 CITENARIDGE RD. FAIRBANKS 99709

Ridelle Musick 4231 Aspenwood Fbx 99709

Mary Shultz 2699 WZEDHIA FBX 99709.

Jackie Martin PO Box 195 Ester, AK 99725

Fairbanks Alaska
January 11, 2010

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Sincerely,

Name and address:

Pam Webster Pam Webster POB 71642 Flx 99709
Ronald A Yarnell Ron Yarnell PO Box 84651 Fair. 99708
Alison York 1170 Sundance loop Fairbanks 99709
Janet Duley 3875 Geist Rd. E113 Fairbanks 99709
Gail Mayo, 282 Hay Way, Fairbanks, 99709

Grier Hopkins

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

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

My name is J. Brook Gamble 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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Sincerely,

J. Brook Gamble
325 Yana Court
Fairbanks, AK 99709
(907) 456-3775

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"Ten thousand flowers in spring, the moon in autumn, a cool breeze in summer, snow in winter: if your mind isn't clouded by unnecessary things, this is the best season of your life." -Wu men

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

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

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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Bessie 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  
**Flag Status:** Completed

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

Mailing address: P.O. Box 750435 Fairbanks, Alaska 99775  
Physical address: Mile 3 Chena Hot Springs Road, Fairbanks, Alaska

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Eleanor K. Wirts M.Ed.  
Northern Studies Graduate Student  
606 D Gruening Building  
University of Alaska Fairbanks  
907-750-0208

## 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  
**Flag Status:** Completed

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  
**Flag Status:** Completed

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

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

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.

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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  
**Flag Status:** Completed

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  
**Flag Status:** Completed

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 skjoring, I'm concerned that these trails might loose 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  
**Flag Status:** Completed

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 joring. 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  
**Flag Status:** Completed

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  
**Flag Status:** Completed

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  
**Flag Status:** Completed

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  
**Flag Status:** Completed

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  
**Flag Status:** Completed

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,

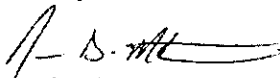
My name is Timothy D. Mortensen and I support the Goldstream Public Use Area.

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,



Timothy D. Mortensen

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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

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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, skjoring 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:** christyuncker 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 skjoring, 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,

*Matt McClurg* & the McCLURG FAMILY  
JENNIFER, ABBY, LEVI, SETH  
11 85 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 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,  
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 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 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@mosquionet.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.**

**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:

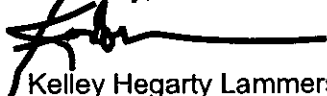
- hunting,
- dog mushing,
- motorized and non-motorized access,
- skiing and skijoring,
- boating,
- berry picking,
- trapping, and
- many others.

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,



Kelley Hegarty Lammers



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## 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.

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,

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.

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,

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 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. 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.

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.

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 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,

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.

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,  
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

<Goldstream PUA support letter.doc>

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.

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,

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 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. We use this trail system for skijoring and mushing our 5 dogs. We have introduced numerous individuals to skijoring 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, snowmaching, 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 of see lost.

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,

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 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,

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 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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Sincerely,

Natalie Monacci

Fairbanks, AK

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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

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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 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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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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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

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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

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Sincerely,

Susan Todd

3255 Edby Road  
Fairbanks, Ak 99709  
907-479-5642

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University of Alaska Fairbanks  
Fairbanks, AK 99775-7200  
Phone 907-474-6930  
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Dear Alaska State Legislature,

My name is Cathy Weeg 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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Sincerely,

Cathy Weeg

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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Sincerely,

Deb Lawton

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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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,

Nicole Smith  
1370 Jones Road  
Fairbanks, AK 99709

> Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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> I support the Goldstream Public Use Area. I use it often for skijoring and berry picking, and it is a critical visual addition to my drives through that area.

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

Sincerely,

Jane Lanford  
5041 Vancouver Road  
Fairbanks, AK 99709

My name is Robert Pristash 1745 Snowhook Trail , Fairbanks,Ak and I support the Goldstream Public Use Area.

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Sincerely,

## Grier Hopkins

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**Sent:** Saturday, January 30, 2010 1:08 PM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Goldstream valley

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Sincerely,  
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**From:** Tom McGrane [tom.mcgrane@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 30, 2010 12:55 PM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
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These two trails systems, along with several others in the Fairbanks area, help make Fairbanks the mushing capital of the world and contribute significantly to the winter economy by supporting local businesses and bringing in out-of-town visitors.

As Fairbanks has grown, access to many trails has been lost due to new construction blocking unofficial trails. It's critical that key existing trails be protected from future encroachment. Fortunately, the Goldstream Public Use area is so wet that there are few alternative uses that are practical and continued multi-use recreational use is clearly the highest and best use.

Thanks.

Tom McGrane  
879 Musers Road  
Fairbanks, AK 99712  
[tom.mcgrane@gmail.com](mailto:tom.mcgrane@gmail.com)

January 26, 2010

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

Our names are Susan Slifer and Cliff Moore. We live in the Goldstream Valley and 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 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 us in supporting the continued existence of this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

Cliff Moore  
Susan Slifer  
2141 Penrose Lane  
Fairbanks, AK

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** Phyllis Morrow [pmorrow@alaska.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 27, 2010 10:17 AM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Goldstream Public Use Area

Grier Hopkins  
Office of Sen. Joe Thomas  
Office: (907) 465-3802  
Fax: (907) 465-5241  
[Grier.Hopkins@legis.state.ak.us](mailto:Grier.Hopkins@legis.state.ak.us)

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

My name is Phyllis Morrow 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 use this area frequently -- to ski, walk, pick berries and watch birds. 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,

Phyllis Morrow

Address:  
1674 Red Fox Dr.  
Fairbanks, AK 99709-6622

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** John Lyle [kanakaukoa@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 26, 2010 9:43 AM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Goldstream Valley Public Use Area

Dear Senator Thomas,

I have been living in and using the Goldstream Public USe Area for 30 years now and want to thank you and encourage others to support this legislation which would benefit Fairbanksans and visitors for eternity. It's a win-win piece of legislation. I could go on and on about it's merits but in brief, want to thank you for sponsoring this. Please keep me informed as to how, where and when I can continue supporting support for this bill.

Best regards,

John and Susanne Lyle

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** Marjie Richards [marjierichards@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 26, 2010 9:36 AM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Re: Goldstream PUA

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

My name is Marjorie Richards and I use and support the Goldstream Public Use Area.

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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,

Marjorie Richards  
2046 Toboggan Lane  
Fairbanks AK 99709

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** Viereck Eleanor [tviereck@alaska.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2010 5:36 PM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Re: Goldstream

Dear Alaska State Legislature

My name is Eleanor Viereck and I support the Goldstream Public Use Area. The large area is an incredibly valuable asset to dog mushers who need long trail systems for training and recreation. I have used this area for fifty years for berry picking, skiing, biking, bird watching, and field trips when I teach ethnobotany and ecology courses or take young people on nature quests. I drive over to Goldstream valley from my home in Pearl Creek Valley to get a good look at a sky without light pollution in the winter dark. The land values in Pearl Creek valley (adjacent to Goldstream Valley) are enhanced by the existence of our ski trails. And as an ecologist I feel strongly about the importance of this undisturbed area as a resource for our long-term well-being, and even for our survival.

Thank you,

Eleanor G. Viereck, Ph.D.

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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

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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,  
Dan Pagel

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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

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In addition portions of this area are home to Sandhill Cranes, Canada Geese and a variety of other water fowl that return to nest every spring. Under the current designation this land provides a peaceful and safe landing place for these beautiful birds and should be preserved.

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

Sincerely,  
Mary Kay Pagel

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** Sen. Joe Thomas  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2010 7:42 AM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** FW: Goldstream Trails

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

**From:** jreynolds@guru.uaf.edu [mailto:jreynolds@guru.uaf.edu]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 24, 2010 2:28 PM  
**To:** Sen. Joe Thomas  
**Subject:** Goldstream Trails

Senator Thomas,

I strongly support the effort to convert the Goldstream Public Use Area to permanent status.

I live in Goldstream Valley, on Pine Wood Road (top of Pandora), several miles from these trails, and I regularly use them in the winter for dog mushing and skiing. I personally contribute to maintenance of the trails by grooming some of them in winter (for dog mushing) using snowmachine and iron drag. I also occasionally enter the area in late summer for berry-picking.

The Goldstream Public Use Area is very important to the character of the area. My experience is that yes, people are able to share these trails for all types of recreational activities, because of the generally cooperative attitude of the users. This type of non-regulated, cooperative use is the type of thing Alaskans often say they want. I strongly support making the public-use status of the area permanent.

Thank you for your efforts.

Jennifer R. Reynolds

P.O. Box 83886  
Fairbanks, AK 99708

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** Shay Wilson  
**Sent:** Friday, February 05, 2010 10:42 AM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** New Pom:SB 195 Make Goldstream Public Use Area Permanent

Michael Kolasa Po Box 72461 Fairbanks 99707-2461, I would like to support this legislation.

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** steven sheehy [woemkrab69@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 03, 2010 6:42 AM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Goldstream

As a resident of Fairbanks, I am a skier, and dog musher and live in the Goldstream Valley and I support making the Goldstream Public Use Area into a permanent public use area.  
Steven Sheehy

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** Lorien N [doublehappyjoy@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 31, 2010 2:17 PM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Goldstream Valley Public Use Area

Howdy - Just wanted to register my support for extending the Goldstream Valley Public Use Area into perpetuity. The trails are irreplaceable, and get used by a huge section of the public. I skijor my dog, ride my bike, and generally appreciate the existence of these trails, and would very much like to see them continue to exist forever.

Thank you

Lorien Nettleton, Fairbanks

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** D Garland [sgarland@alaska.edu]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 31, 2010 2:00 PM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Goldstream public use area

I support making the Goldstream valley public use area permanent. The area does get a lot of public use from a wide range of users. It is an asset to the community. Once public use areas like that are lost, it is nearly impossible to get anything like it back.

Sarah Garland  
Fairbanks, Alaska

## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** Peggy Raybeck [paycheck39@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 31, 2010 12:45 PM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Support for Goldstream Public Use Area

Greetings,

I live in Goldstream Valley and have been using the trails here for over 15 years. These trails are very popular and get regular use by a wide range of people and their pets and working animals from horses to dogs. I must admit I haven't seen cats on the trails yet. It's a prime blueberry picking area in the summertime. I see hikers and bow hunters in the Fall. Popular with mushers, skiers, skijorers, walkers, snowmachiners, and bicyclists in winter. I strongly support preserving this area for public use.

Thank you for your consideration.

Peggy Raybeck, 2129 Odonata Ct. Fairbanks, 99709

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## Grier Hopkins

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**From:** bhpartee@gmail.com on behalf of Barbara Partee [partee@linguist.umass.edu]  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 30, 2010 8:22 PM  
**To:** Grier Hopkins  
**Subject:** Goldstream Public Use Area

Dear Mr. Hopkins,

I'm writing to support the bill to make the Goldstream Public Use Area on the outskirts of Fairbanks into a permanent public use area. I'm not a constituent, so I don't merit a real vote in the matter, but my son David Partee and daughter-in-law Carol Kaynor are, and they are directly affected, since they live close by. I had my first mushing lessons last March (at age 68, but better late than never!) on trails that start at their place and connect into trails in the Goldstream Public Use Area, and I appreciate what a wonderful area it is and how much use it gets by mushers, skijorers, hikers, photographers, blueberry-lovers, bird-watchers, ... . It's a treasure, and should surely be preserved for future generations.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Partee

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Barbara H. Partee  
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Home page: <http://people.umass.edu/partee/>  
Jan - Aug 09: Moscow. Sept - Dec 09: Amherst.

## Grier Hopkins

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Melissa Rouge

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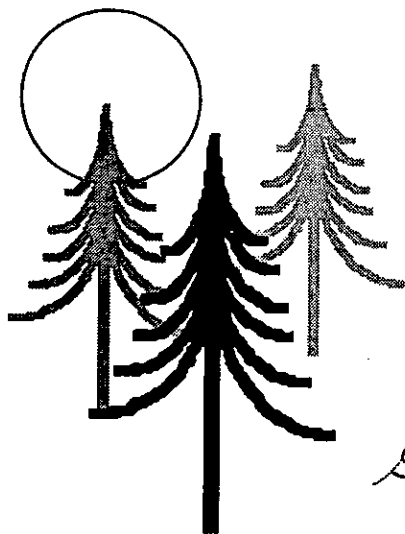
These two trails systems, along with several others in the Fairbanks area, help make Fairbanks the mushing capital of the world and contribute significantly to the winter economy by supporting local businesses and bringing in out-of-town visitors.

As Fairbanks has grown, access to many trails has been lost due to new construction blocking unofficial trails. It's critical that key existing trails be protected from future encroachment. Fortunately, the Goldstream Public Use area is so wet that there are few alternative uses that are practical and continued multi-use recreational use is clearly the highest and best use.

Thanks.

Tom McGrane  
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February 7, 2000



Senator Joe Thomas  
Alaska State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Senator Thomas:

I support your bill to protect the  
Goldstream Public Use Area.

Maintaining Fairbanks' quality of  
life for present and future residents is essential.  
I hike and pick berries in the areas in question,  
and would support adding lands to the Public  
Use Area.

I live in the valley, and regard the Area as  
part of my neighborhood.

Thanks,

Birch (Ray) Paulsky  
6063 Reconstruction Rd.  
Fairbanks, 99709

Senator Thomas,

I live in Goldstream Valley and am an extensive user of the Goldstream Public Use Area.

My wife + I use the trails for winter walks on a regular basis. I also cross country ski regularly and occasionally ride my snow machine on these trails. Thank you for taking this project on and making it a priority.

Bob Zachel

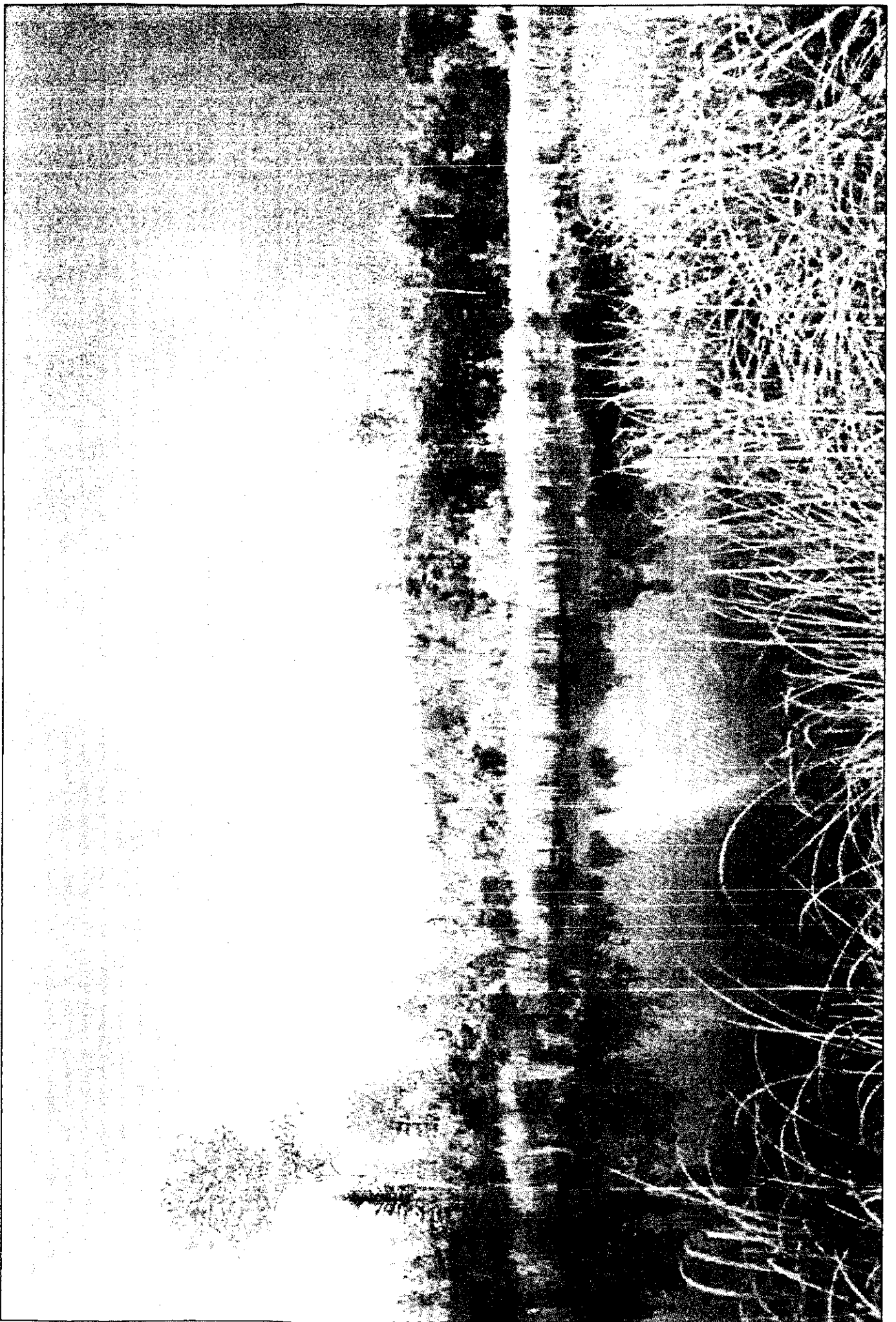
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P.S. I am a 25+ years resident of Goldstream Valley and don't plan on moving. I own + operate a saw mill in Goldstream dBA Alaska Buck Works.





## Letters of Support for Senate Bill 195

Alaska Outdoor Council

Alaska Dog Mushing Association

Alaska Miners Association,

Nordic Ski Club of Fairbanks

Alaska Trapper's Association

Skijoring and Polk Association

Fairbanks Snow Travelers

Northern Area State Parks Advisory Board

Fairbanks North Star Borough Trails Advisory Board

Alaska Trails

Interior Trails Preservation Coalition

Interior Alaska Land Trust

Fairbanks North Star Borough

*Fairbanks Daily News-Miner*

*"For the past 20 years, the state-owned portions of the lowlands have been held in that undeveloped condition by the Goldstream Public Use Area, a popular, legislatively designated withdrawal. The withdrawal is about to expire, so the legislature needs to reaffirm it – permanently this time."*

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



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December 16, 2009

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Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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

Sincerely yours,

Bill Iverson  
President

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# Alaska Dog Musher's Association

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December 16, 2009

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

The Alaska Dog Musher's Association supports the Goldstream Public Use Area.

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Shannon Erhart  
President



# ALASKA MINERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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February 15, 2010

Honorable Joe Thomas  
Alaska State Senate  
Capitol Building  
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Senate Bill 195, Repeal of Sunset on Goldstream Public Use Area

Dear Senator Thomas,

The Alaska Miners Association supports SB-195 which would repeal the sunset requirement on the Goldstream Public Use Area. The Goldstream Public Use Area allows for multiple use and specifically for mineral entry (staking mining claims) and mineral development if economic deposits are found at some time in the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill and we urge that it be passed this session of the legislature.

Sincerely,

Steven C. Borell, P.E.  
Executive Director

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## NORDIC SKI CLUB OF FAIRBANKS

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Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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

We believe the access and opportunities to outdoor recreation of all types that are available because of the Goldstream Public Use Area are essential to maintaining a strong quality of life for our membership and our entire community. This Public Use Area is home to a wide variety of uses, including hunting, dog mushing, motorized and non-motorized access, skiing and 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, including our membership. The loss of this open space, access to trails and beautiful scenery would be a major loss to every resident of Fairbanks, no matter their lifestyle.

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

Sincerely,

Mike Ruckhaus  
President



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December 22, 2009

To: Alaska State Legislature

RE: Letter of Support for Goldstream Public Use Area

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Jamie Marschner  
President, Alaska Skijoring and Pulk Association

## Grier Hopkins

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

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

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

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

Sincerely,

Jody Formon  
President  
Fairbanks Snow Travelers

***Alaska Trappers Association  
PO Box 82177  
Fairbanks, AK 99708***

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

**12/22/09**

**Dear Senator Thomas:**

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

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

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

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

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

**Sincerely,**



**Randy Zarnke, President**



## Northern Area Alaska State Parks Citizen Advisory Board

3700 Airport Way Fairbanks, Alaska 99709-4609 (907) 451-2695

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December 17, 2009

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

Dear Senator Thomas,

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

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

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

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

Respectfully,

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

December 17, 2009

Senator Joe Thomas,

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

Sen. Thomas,

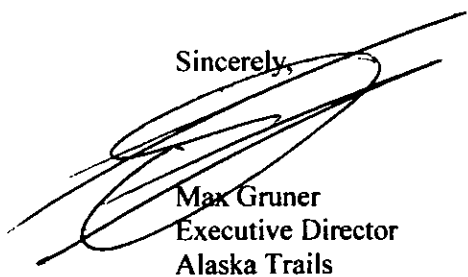
Alaska Trails greatly appreciates your efforts in helping to preserve the Goldstream Public Use Area. We hope the Legislature sees the wisdom in saving this very valuable resource in interior Alaska by keeping the public use area and eliminating the sunset clause.

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Max Gruner  
Executive Director  
Alaska Trails



## **INTERIOR TRAILS PRESERVATION**

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# **ITPC**

Tuesday, December 15, 2009

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

Re: The Goldstream Public Use Area

Dear Sen. Thomas,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Eric Troyer  
Vice President  
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## BOARD RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



# Fairbanks North Star Borough

Office of the Mayor

PO Box 71267, Fairbanks AK 99707 907-459-1300, 459-1102 fax

January 12, 2010

Alaska State Legislature  
% Senator Joe Thomas  
1292 Sadler Way, Suite 308  
Fairbanks Alaska, 99701

**Re: Goldstream Public Use Area**

Dear Members of the Alaska State Legislature:

The Goldstream Public Use Area, Alaska Statutes 41.23.140-170, is an important asset to the Fairbanks North Star Borough community. Senator Joe Thomas is proposing a bill that would remove the "sunset" clause of July 1, 2010 from the Goldstream Public Use Area, AS 41.23.140, and preserving it in perpetuity. As recommended to me by the Borough Trails Advisory Commission and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, I support this legislation.

For many years this area of approximately 2,000 acres has been used for a variety of summer and winter outdoor recreational activities. These activities range from motorized to non-motorized uses and include snow-machining, sled dog-mushing, skiing, skijoring, snowshoeing, hunting, hiking, trapping, berry picking, walking, and canoeing to name a few. With its proximity near a major urban area the Goldstream Public Use Area not only provides for these uses but also serves as a vital link to an ever expanding network of recreational trails, extending beyond the boundaries of the borough, and enjoyed by local and state-wide residents alike.

The outdoor recreational opportunities within the Goldstream Public Use Area provide significant economic and social value to the Borough, its residents, and visitors to our community. To lose this public use area would be a tremendous loss to our community. I urge your support of this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

Luke Hopkins, Mayor  
Fairbanks North Star Borough

cc: Michael Cox, Director, FNSB Parks and Recreation  
FNSB Trails Advisory Commission  
FNSB Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission