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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION
Application for: Rover's Run (Mellen's Way) Trail Reroute

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Project Title:

Rover's Run (Mellen's Way) Trail Reroute

Project Description:

Rover's Run Trail, also known as Mellen's Way, is a popular trail approximately 3700 feet long within the 80-mile Far North Bicentennial Park trail system. Currently the trail parallels Campbell Creek within approx. 100 feet of the stream bank. While proximity to the creek generally enhances the trail/park experience, an increasing number of encounters with bear feeding along the creek have necessitated closing the trail for periods of time.

When closed, trail users must detour approximately one mile around the closed section of trail, adding at least 1000 feet of out-of-direction travel and increasing traffic and wear on other trails. The proposed reroute would provide an alternative route also parallel to the creek but approximately 200 feet further from the bank, allowing safe clearance of the prime wildlife corridor. Thus, the new trail would require only approximately 400 feet detour rather than nearly one mile.

The new trail would be built to current Class 3 standards using sustainable trail design and construction techniques. Because the new trail also would be located on higher ground, the trail would be more stable and durable, reducing maintenance costs and providing a more reliable surface for year-round use by a variety of non-motorized trail users.

This project is among the more important identified in the "Far North Bicentennial Park Trail Improvements Plan" recently adopted by the Municipality of Anchorage after an extensive public involvement process.

Construction of the trail would be planned as a project for Anchorage's "Youth Employment in Parks" program. This program is funded by private donations and provides youth with valuable training under qualified leadership to promote individual work skills development for participants, and facilitates much needed support to meet the construction and maintenance needs of the Anchorage Park system.

Nearest Community: Municipality Of Anchorage

