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and February 6, 2017
Action: Approved

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 16-42**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
RECOMMENDING THE ASSEMBLY ADOPT THE UPDATE TO THE BOROUGH
RECREATIONAL TRAILS PLAN.

WHEREAS, a comprehensive update of the Borough Recreational
Trails Plan has not occurred since it was drafted in 2000; and

WHEREAS, the plan has been updated with all available current
information regarding the State of Alaska and the Matanuska-
Susitna Borough; and

WHEREAS, additional changes have been made to clarify certain
aspects of the plan; and

WHEREAS, nominations for trails to be added to, removed from,
or changed in the Borough Recreational Trails Plan have been
accepted and reviewed; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Recreational Trails
Plan recommends that trails to be added to the plan should have a
regional or local significance, be used primarily for recreation,
provide a quality recreational experience for a broad base of the
borough's population, and traverse primarily borough or state
land; and

WHEREAS, findings indicate that the following trails meet these criteria and should be considered for addition to the plan:

- 16-mile to Peak 4068 - Government Peak Route
- Visnaw to Little Su Trail
- Government Peak Recreation Area Trails
- Matanuska Greenbelt - Crevasse Moraine Trail Single

Track: Moose, Bear, and Fox Trails

- Dorothy Jones Borough Trail, Su Valley High Ski Trail;
- and

WHEREAS, findings indicate that the following edits to and deletion of trails are supported by communities in which they occur:

- Edits to the Talkeetna River Trail
- Edits to the Ridge Trail
- Removal of the Birch Creek Loop Trail
- Removal of Trail #205, Talkeetna Lakes
- Removal of Trail #210 Barlett; and

WHEREAS, these changes have been incorporated into the revised plan; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board adopted Resolution Serial No. 16-01 recommending Assembly adoption of the update of the Recreational Trails Plan, at their regularly scheduled meeting on May 23, 2016.

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission adopted Resolution Serial No. 16-26 recommending Assembly adoption of the updated Borough Recreational Trails Plan after reviewing the community proposed changes to the list of trails; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission opened a second public hearing on December 19, 2016, to review the complete update to the plan, and continued until February 6, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission does hereby recommend the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly adopt the updated Borough Recreational Trails Plan.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission this 20th day of March, 2017.



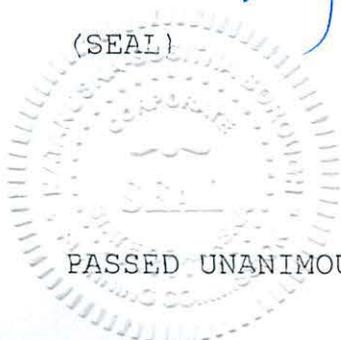
COLLEEN VAGUE, Chair

ATTEST



MARY BRODIGAN, Planning Clerk

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PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Vague, Anderson, Healy, Chesbro, Glashan, and Rauchenstein