

Forestry/Recreation Partnership Projects Progress

Board of Forestry Meeting: August 2021

Rosie Creek: Road Work & Signage

Jon Underwood (Happy Trails, Inc.):

- completed brushing and regrading of the forestry roads,
- removed junk cars and trash from parking area
- graded parking area
- installed some signs, including no shooting signs in parking area.

Informational kiosk sign and remaining directional signs will be installed in the next few weeks.



Please!

No Shooting

An existing forestry road has been re-established for multi-use recreational access to the Rosie Creek Road system. This new trailhead is ~50 yards southwest of this notice, and shooting will endanger recreational users.

Thank You!

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Rosie Creek: Mapping

- Geoff Orth (Stray Dogs, LLC) created online maps for TrailForks App.



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Tanana Valley State Forest - Rosie Creek Mountain Biking Trails near Fairbanks, AK

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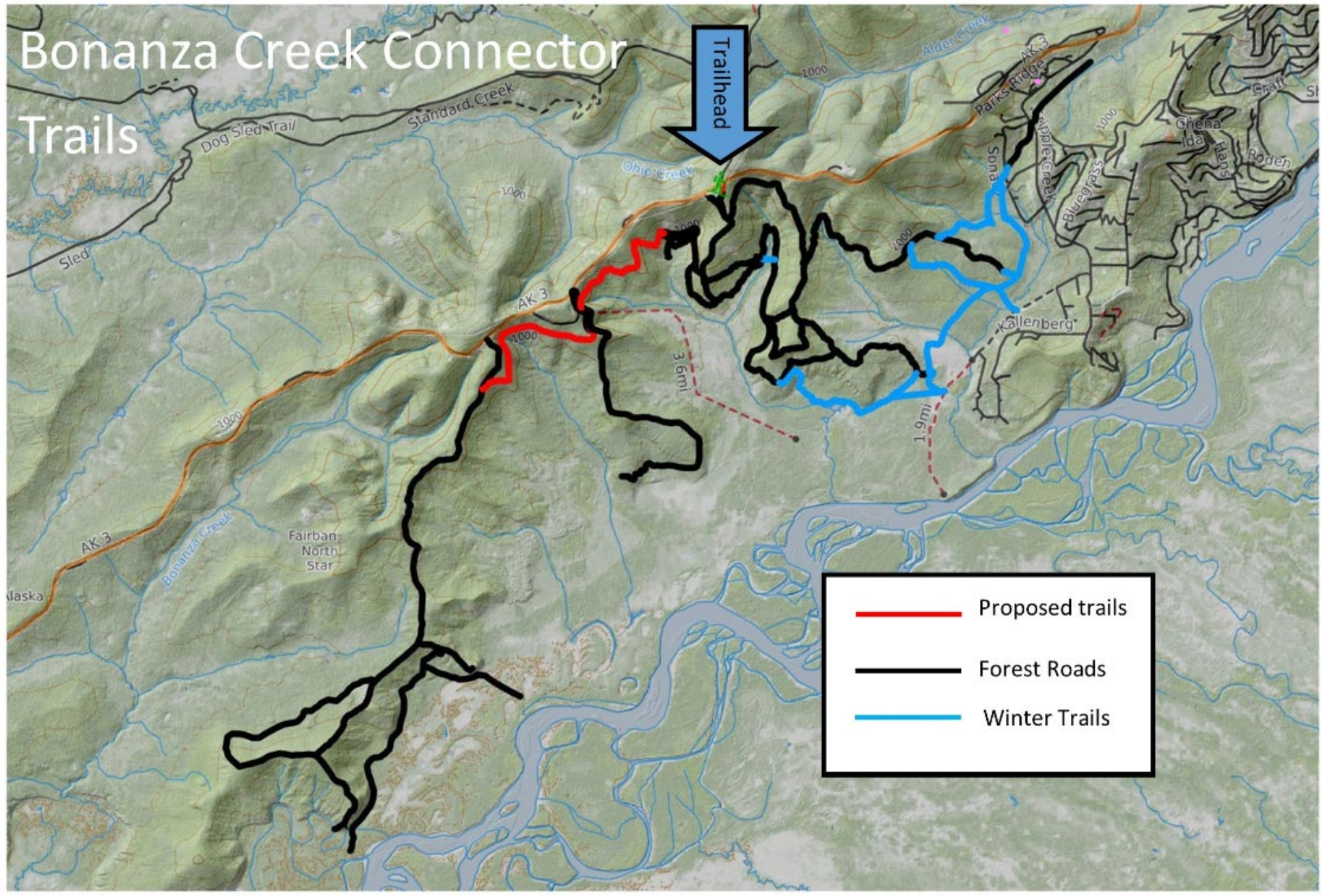
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- Lookout →
- Malone's Cutoff →
- Otter Slide →
- Pagh Road →
- Trailhead Access →

Bonanza Creek connector trails

- \$300,000 RTP grant application with Interior Alaska Trails and Parks Foundation was denied.
 - Proposal was to build 4 miles of trails connecting forestry roads.
 - Issues with road use by forestry vehicles.
- Received a Yamaha Outdoor Access Initiative Grant that was meant to be the 10% match.
 - Could re-apply for a RTP grant in the Fall.

Bonanza Creek Connector Trails



- Proposed trails
- Forest Roads
- Winter Trails

Alaska Long Trail: Update

- Governor vetoed \$215 million in spending, and among those vetoes was the \$13.2 M for the Long Trail.
- The Legislature is scheduled to be back in session August 1. Might be a window to reinstate Long Trail funding. Alaska Trails Initiative will be working on that.





In a typical year, if Alaska tourists were encouraged to stay in the state just one more day, it could mean more than \$100 million in additional visitor spending, testified Tim Dillon, executive director of the Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District.

Republicans, Democrats and independents are supporting it. Gov. Mike Dunleavy included funding for pieces in legislation earlier this year.

“In addition to the usual projects like roads and roof replacements, Gov. Dunleavy wanted to include something transformational that can become part of what Alaska is famous for,” said Jeff Turner, a spokesman for the governor.

“The Alaska Long Trail promises to be a world-class hiking adventure that will draw Alaskans and outdoor enthusiasts from across the globe. It will import new economic activity to Alaska and become a powerful marketing tool for the state’s tourism efforts,” Turner said.

Alaska Long Trail: Support

Momentum and bipartisan support for the Long Trail, including:

- Mat-Su Borough and Fairbanks North Star Borough Assemblies,
- Denali Borough Mayor Walker;
- Cities of Nenana, Girdwood and Seward;
- Visit Anchorage and Mat Su Borough CVB,
- Alaska Travel Industry Board (ATIA)
- Many other non-profits, economic development organizations, tourism businesses and trail users along the length of the Trail.