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**RE: Public Comment on the Title 21 Public Draft #2 Regarding Chugach State Park Access**

Ensuring public access to Chugach State Park and perpetual use by all Alaskans is an important issue as development along the Park boundary increases. Chugach State Park is a public park and remarkable natural resource and amenity for the Anchorage Municipality and all Alaskans. With green space in Anchorage becoming increasingly scarce, the ability to access wild open areas becomes an increasingly valuable asset to maintaining the standard of living and quality of life for Alaskans.

I support the language now found in Public Review Draft #2, Chapter 21.08 Subdivision Standards, Section 040 E Dedication , which incorporated easement requirements at current access points denoted in the current version of the Chugach Park Access Inventory, to guarantee continued public access to Chugach State Park. Any approved plats should require public rights-of-way to the Park boundary that provides reasonable and feasible access.

I also support adding language to this Section (21.08 .040 E) which denotes any required pedestrian easement as a minimum requirement. During platting, it may be desirable to incorporate vehicle parking at public access areas (either on or off-street) or maintaining rights-of-way that can, at a future date, be widened to include vehicular access into the Park for such diverse reasons as Park maintenance, municipal fire prevention/safety, or public access.

In addition, I would like to comment that a solution to the Mt Baldy access from the Skyline Drive area is badly needed in the Eagle River area. The current stalemate is ridiculous. We also support a trail through the greenbelt along Eagle River, where we live. It is important for access, fire protection, and pedestrian transportation. It is much safer and better than a trail adjacent to Eagle River Road.

Regards,

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