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This is a letter of support for the USKH plan for the Mat Su Boroughs Jim Creek motorized area as a Butte resident and local power sports sales person I recommend this area to many customers for ATV, UTV and off road motorcycle use. A motorized vehicle training area is a good use for part of this land they could start an off road motorcycle training class and the local ATV safety instructors would have a place to teach classes. Commercial Recreation use is also a good idea having a secure area with access to KRPUA is long overdue.

Robert Brooke Clements



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Letter of support for the Jim Creek Motorized Master Plan

Team CC Inc in Wasilla, the employee's and many of the 16,000 customers support the Motorized use of Jim Creek Area that USKH has designed. We depend on having access to the area, and having a plan like the Jim Creek Motorized Master Plan as described in the Asset Management Plan for Borough Owned Lands in the Butte Area is a healthy plan that we want to be a part of using in the future.

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Korey Cronquist  
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**Hatcher Pass Polaris Wasilla**  
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To Whom It May Concern:

I, Chris Graeber General Manager of Hatcher Pass Polaris Wasilla fully support the Jim Creek Motorized Master Plan as written at present time by USKH. This plan would be beneficial to many businesses like ours in the Mat-Su Valley. This plan would also benefit all off-road enthusiasts. I feel that being a ATV/UTV dealer, it is very beneficial to offer off-road safety training at local facility. Please consider keeping the Jim Creek Motorized Master Plan as is.

Thanks You,

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Chris Graeber

Hatcher Pass Polaris Wasilla

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Alaska Toy Rental supports USKH's plan for Jim Creek motorized area.

A parking fee for RV's and camping could be enabled to help fund this project for Jim Creek.

Jim Creek needs some type of solution to maintain and regulate a cleaner more user-friendly environment. Let's not let it be a site that gets halfway started and sits in process like the Wishbone trail.

This trail is essential to our business and tours for my business. We will gladly support efforts to enhance this area. 90% of my renters are from Anchorage and are headed to Jim Creek.

Sincerely,  
Thomas Hannam  
Alaska Toy Rental

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**Letter of Support for the Jim Creek Motorized Master Plan**

**Mat Su Borough Assembly  
USKH**

**October 3, 2012**

As a business owner of ATV On and Off Road Specialties parts and services, I appreciate the creation of the Jim Creek Motorized Master Plan that will be beneficial to my business.

This parcel will be a destination for some of the many motorized customers that frequent my business. The mention of a Rock Crawling course will be an added attraction along with the RV parking lot for overnight stays. Having a training lot will help to educate the public and returning military in the safe use of motorized vehicles and to have respect for other user groups that also use the trails throughout the State of Alaska.

I applaud the work that you and USKH have done to create an area for all to enjoy for now and the future.

Randy Randall



# Wasilla Arctic Cat LLC.

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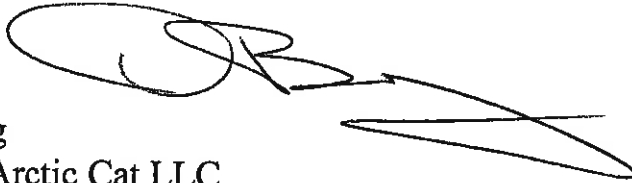
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To Whom It May Concern:

I, Dan Berg owner of Wasilla Arctic Cat LLC fully support the Jim Creek Motorized Master Plan as written at present time by USKH. This plan would be beneficial to many businesses like ours in the Mat-Su Valley. This plan would also benefit all off-road enthusiasts. I feel that being a ATV/UTV dealer, it is very beneficial to offer off-road safety training at a local facility. Please consider keeping the Jim Creek Motorized Master Plan as is.

Thank you,



Dan Berg  
Wasilla Arctic Cat LLC.

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To Whom It May Concern,

In Alaska, and in the Matanuska Valley, motor sports is the main source of entertainment. Here at Fish Creek Sales we see the benefit that people gain from this industry and the community growth that is involved.

Recreational spots like Jim Creek offer the residents of Alaska the chance to experience Alaska at its best. The Jim Creek Master Plan is a terrific idea, and it can only improve upon what is there. It will also help the local economy as well, by dedicating a small section of land to commercial use. This will in turn help boost tourism, by making Jim Creek a more convenient location for people to visit.

We here at Fish Creek Sales, see this as a terrific opportunity to bolster what we here in the Valley know to be a good thing. We are in full support of this motorized development plan, and want to see further developments like this in the future. It is obvious that much thought and dedication was put into this plan, and we would like to congratulate the people who are responsible for this planning.

  
Mike Keim





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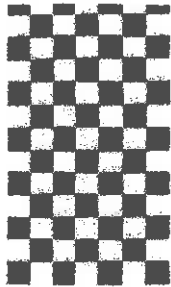
I, Paul Ramage, General Manager of Denali Harley-Davidson fully support the Jim Creek Motorized Master Plan as written by USKH. This plan will benefit the community, businesses, and the citizens of the Mat-Su Valley. Our interest here at Denali Harley-Davidson is that we provide a Basic Motorcycle Training Course, Riders' Edge. The training facilitation of the plan would be a direct benefit to such courses that promote motorcycle safety. Please keep the plan as is.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Ramage".

Paul Ramage

General Manager/Denali Harley-Davidson



**EAGLE  
RIVER  
POLARIS &  
ARCTIC CAT, LLC**

Subject: Jim Creek Motorized Master Plan

Dear Assembly,

We appreciate the support and funding that you have offered for the development of a Master Plan for the Jim Creek Motorized Parcel. Eagle River Polaris & Arctic Cat llc. has over 10,000 customers in our database and a large percentage of these customers actively use the Jim Creek Motorized Parcel for recreation, hunting, and fishing in the Knik River Public Use Area. Many of our customers are residents of the Mat-Su Borough and surrounding areas that include a large majority of military personnel who recreate in this area. Due to the continually growing number of motorized off road enthusiasts, safe and well planned access to areas like this is vital. We understand that both motorized and non-motorized enthusiasts were involved in the planning process and we support the plan as developed by USKH.

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Sincerely,

Paul Hughes  
Owner  
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October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Elizabeth Truett  
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To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter in support of the plans that the Butte Community Counsel has presented for future improvements of the Jim Creek public use area. I am a local home and business owner in the Butte. I have attended the public meetings and am pleased with what has been presented. The outside company that they have utilized for plan development has successfully completed such tasks in the lower 48 with much recognition.

I firmly believe that improving the area will not only increase local business but will also draw people to the area that may not have otherwise utilized it before. By managing the area it will help reduce the vandalism and littering. It is a common fact that the Butte has a reputation of not being favorable. However; I have seen much improvement in the last 10 years and see that there is still much more to do. What a better way to change that reputation by making even more positive improvements in the area that everyone could benefit from in one way or another.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Truett

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Mayor Larry DeVilbiss  
Mat Su Borough Assembly  
Eric Phillips  
USKH

Subject: Jim Creek Motorized Master Plan

The Butte Community Council supports the 471 acre Jim Creek Motorized Master Plan conducted by USKH and the public. Many of our neighbors and friends of the parcel were in attendance in the planning process held at the Butte Community Council building and the Butte Elementary School.

In the planning sessions many good ideas were put into the plan, some of which address the training area for 1<sup>st</sup> time ATV/UTV riders, camping for RV's that would be away from the main day parking lot and the Veteran's View . There were some ideas that would be better served in other areas of borough owned lands in the Butte such as the Skate Board Park would be better served at a location available to the EMT station for emergencies.

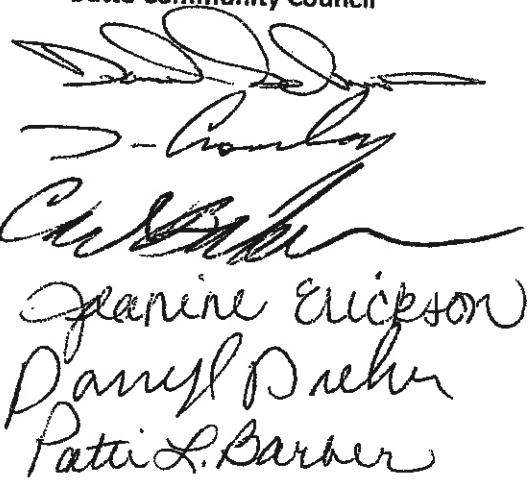
Existing businesses in the Butte will benefit which will bring more customers from Anchorage and the Mat Su Borough to their places of business. This will be an opportunity for future small businesses that offer parts or supplies to be established within the corridor for concessionaires.

One of the Councils concerns in the plan is the mention of a seasonal moose migration to the Knik Flats for calving. We do not feel that this is a true statement. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game has not conducted a study on moose migration for this area. We agree with the non-motorized and the reduced speed on certain trails which will help to reduce conflicts between user groups.

The planning process was done in a timely manner with many opportunities to contact the planners with concerns.

We thank you for the opportunity to voice comments from the Butte residents and other trail users from around the State.

Butte Community Council



Jeanine Erickson  
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October 5, 2012

The Honorable Larry DeVilbiss  
Mayor of the Mat-Su Borough  
350 East Dahlia Ave.  
Palmer, AK 99645

Dear Mayor DeVilbiss:

As the leading hunting-conservation group in Alaska, SCI Alaska Chapter applauds your efforts to support motorized access to the Knik Public Use Area through the Jim Creek Motorized Use Plan. Alaska is a hunting state, and many hunters including our members own and operate off road vehicles to access their traditional hunting grounds.

It is crucial that such areas be set aside for multiple uses so that important traditions may be continued. Many of our older members remember traveling up the Knik River in what in those days were called swamp buggies. Today's new ATVs and UTV's are more prevalent as they have provided the average Alaskan with an affordable means to access Alaska's great outdoors. The point though is that motorized transportation to access hunting areas dates back well into territorial days and that needs to be recognized and provide for in areas such as the Knik River.

We would like to thank you, the Assembly and USKH for the work you have put into this plan and for the time and consideration you will give to our views on preserving access for motorized uses of the area.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Gearhart', written in a cursive style.

Gary Gearhart  
President

cc: Mat-Su Borough Assembly  
USKH

**SCI's Top Gun Chapter**



## Alaska ATV Club - ARL

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USKH  
MatSu Borough Assembly

Comments on Jim Creek Motorized Master Plan Update

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Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the draft of the Updated Master Plan for the Jim Creek Parcel off Sullivan Rd in Butte. The ATV Club is a segment of the Anchorage Racing Lions Club, a local organization of 230 members from the Matsu and Anchorage Boroughs, who use the Jim Creek Parcel as a gateway to the Knik River Public Use Area and as a destination in itself for motorized activities including recreational riding, hunting, fishing and other family oriented activities. The ATV Club is the host of the annual Jim Creek Cleanup. The 400 participants (last 4 year average) at our cleanups have picked up over 115 tons of trash from this area in the last 10 years.

We participated the public meeting in June and support the Draft Plan as presented by USKH at their public input meeting at the Butte Elementary School on Aug 21, 2012. At this time our only concern is apparent lack of access for motorized traffic from the parking area to the RS2477 trail (NE corner of plot) that doesn't require operating OHVs on Sullivan Rd itself. In the current draft, that corner of the plot is allocated for a non-motorized trailhead area for a yet to be designed non-motorized trail out to the Jim Creek dunes. We would ask that that area not be designated as non-motorized until the non-motorized trail is actually built and some way for motorized traffic to access the RS2477 trail from the parking area is established.

The ATV Club has always supported access for all users in all areas. We do not support exclusive access by subsets of users to public lands. Experience has proven that educated users of all types can safely use the same trails and areas at the same time. With that said, some user groups are still stating that motorized and non-motorized users can not co-exist on the same trails or areas. To satisfy these users, we would like to propose that any new distinctly non-motorized developments (ball fields, soccer fields, walking paths etc) be developed on the plot of undeveloped borough land just west of the raceway that is, and has been, designated non-motorized in the current Borough Master Plan.

Thank You

*Mike Erickson*

Mike Erickson  
Secretary, Alaska ATV Club - ARL  
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**To: The Matanuska Susitna Borough Assembly**

**Subject: Jim Creek Motorized Master Plan**

Dear Assembly,

The Alaska State Snowmobile Associations appreciates your supporting and funding for the Jim Creek Motorized Master Plan developed by USKH. ASSA has over 700 members, many of which use the Jim Creek Motorized Area to access the Knik River Public Use Area. We represent winter and summer recreationists in access activities throughout Alaska and want to reiterate our support of the USKH product plan that addresses the Jim Creek Motorized Master Plan as described in the Asset Management Plan for Borough Owned Lands in the Mat-Su Butte Area. Participation in the planning process was key to responsible input and will enhance recreationist's support of the final plan.

Kevin Hite  
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To whom it may concern:

The Matanuska Valley Sportsmen is a 1250 member, all-volunteer, non-profit, 501 (c) (3) organization dedicated to the promotion of the hunting, shooting, and outdoor recreation of many types.

Our members come from Anchorage to Houston and beyond to enjoy the recreational activities that the Matanuska – Susitna Valley has to offer.

Many of our members not only live in the Mat-Su Borough, but actively use the Jim Creek Motorized Area to access the Knik River Public Public Use area. Many of our members are also older, and have physical limitations that necessitate motorized access to enable enjoyment of this area.

The members of the Matanuska Valley Sportsmen support the plan that USKH has put together for Borough-owned lands in the Butte area.

The plan states that the primary use for this parcel should be developed for motorized recreation off road use.

Respectfully,

Steve Montgomery, Treasurer  
Matanuska Valley Sportsmen, Inc.

**The Matanuska Valley Sportsmen, Inc. are dedicated to firearms safety education as a public service; marksmanship training as a contribution to individual preparedness for personal and national defense; and the sports of shooting and hunting as wholesome forms of recreation.**



Alaska Frontier Trappers Association  
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To, Mat-Su Borough Assembly

I represent the Alaska Frontier Trappers Association. We have a membership of about 180 members, the majority of whom live and recreate within the Matanuska- Susitna Borough. Many of our members utilize the Jim Creek Motorized Use Area to access the Knik River Public Use Area. Our membership supports the planning put forth by USKH for the Jim Creek Motorized Master Plan as described in the Asset Management Plan for Borough Owned Lands in the Butte Area. We would like this area to be and remain open to motorized access for enjoyment by our membership and other user groups.

Thank You,



Steven Schafer  
President, AFTA

5 Oct 2012

From: Mark Whatley  
(For Alaska Cruiser Crew BOD)

To: Kenny Barber/Alaska Outdoor Access Alliance

Subject: Jim Creek Motorized Master Plan.

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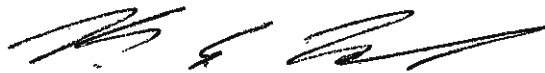
Per our phone conversation, I have perused Jim Creek Motorized Master Plan and discussed it with members of the ACC.

As I indicated that I expected after our initial contact on the subject, the ACC is in agreement with the goals and the plan as shown in the information we have received.

We support the Jim Creek Motorized Master Plan as it currently exists and expect to be watching and participating in further developments, as well as continuing to use the Knik Valley public lands for both motorized and non-motorized recreation as we have been doing for decades.

Please include this letter of support in your records and provide it to any persons or agencies who have interest in the Jim Creek Motorized Master Plan.

Regards,



Mark E. Whatley (For Alaska Cruiser Crew BOD)

The Alaska Cruiser Crew is an enthusiast organization (club) made up of members brought together by an interest in or ownership of Toyota Land Cruisers and their use both on and off road. Membership in the ACC is not restricted to or limited in any way based on the type of vehicle which our members chose to utilize however.

We currently have approximately 60 Member Families in the ACC. Our membership is primarily drawn from the Matanuska-Susitna valley and Anchorage areas with our "clubhouse" provided by Cruisers Only and Blue Moose Overland in Wasilla Alaska,

MEMORANDUM FOR: Matanuska Susitna Borough Assembly

7 October 2012

From: Alaska Outdoor Access Alliance (AOAA)  
P.O Box4 053  
Palmer, AK 99645

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Subject: Jim Creek Motorized Master Plan

Dear Assembly,

Thank you for supporting and funding Jim Creek Motorized Master Plan developed by USKH. AOAA has over 300 members and most actively use the Jim Creek Motorized Area to access the Knik River Public Use Area and many of the members live within the Mat Su Borough. The members support the planning that USKH has put together for the Jim Creek Motorized Master Plan as described in the Asset Management Plan for Borough Owned Lands in The Butte Area. Both motorized and non-motorized enthusiasts were involved in the planning process and we support the final action developed by USKH. Please feel free to contact us if there are any questions regarding this issue.

Sincerely,

Melvin B. Grove Jr.

  
President, Alaska Outdoor Access Alliance



# Alaska Outdoor Council

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The Alaska Outdoor Council (AOC) is a statewide organization protecting hunting, trapping, fishing and access rights for all Alaskan's with over 10,000 members statewide.

AOC was heavily involved in the legislation, planning and implementation of the Knik River Public Use Area (KRPUA). As you know, the KRPUA is being managed for "multiple use" with the majority of the use being motorized recreation. The State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources has invested significant resources in the planning and management of this area. The KRPUA is successfully accommodating a significantly high number of motorized recreation users.

The borough owned 471 acres designated for the Jim Creek Motorized Master Plan is the most used access point for the KRPUA. This parcel is located between the KRPUA and the Alaska Raceway. AOC believes this parcel is not well suited for quiet or non-motorized use – and never will be. Rather this is an ideal parcel for designated motorized use activities and should be enhanced for that purpose.

Many of our members live within the Mat Su Borough and have been to this site many times for a family outing or trip on the Knik River for hunting, fishing or trapping. The plan for camping whether it's for RV's or tent camping will make this a desired location for an extended weekend getaway close to home.

The designation for a Veteran's View is something we need to honor our returning military and veterans.

AOC fully supports the current Jim Creek Motorized Master Plan that has been planned by the public and USKH. This parcel has a long history of motorized use and this plan will address the concerns that have been voiced by the public.

Sincerely,

Rod Arno

Executive Director  
Alaska Outdoor Council

Bill Iverson

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Alaska Outdoor Council

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2 broke 2 play four wheelers  
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## 2 BROKE 2 PLAY FOUR WHEELERS

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My name is James Jones I am the president of a group of Alaskan's who have formed a club called 2 broke 2 play four wheelers. We are one of the largest full size off-road clubs in Alaska; we are a family orientated group who enjoys using Alaska's back country for multiple sorts of recreation. I have recently looked over the Jim Creek Motorized Master Plan, I can say with relief that this is long overdue and our members are looking forward to seeing a plan such as this put in place for the Jim Creek area.

While our name implies a full size vehicle type use for the area, our members use Jim Creek in ways as diversified as plan explains I myself use it for cross country skiing in the winter as well as for winter snowmobiling. In the summer months many of the club members find themselves using the trails in their full size off road trucks or on All Terrain Vehicles.

The Jim Creek area is in desperate need for this plan to take effect. We support it and will help in whatever way we can to ensure this area gets the needed attention and improvements that it and Alaskans deserve.

Thank you very much  
James Jones

Subject: Jim Creek Motorized Master Plan

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Dear Assembly,

We appreciate the support and funding that you have offered for the development of a Master Plan for the Jim Creek Motorized Parcel. We at Anchorage Suzuki/Arctic Cat inc. have many customers that use Jim Creek on a regular basis as there are no areas that anyone can go to that are close to Anchorage. A large percentage of these customers actively use the Jim Creek Motorized Parcel for recreation, hunting, and fishing in the Knik River Public Use Area. We have many of our customers that are residents of Mat-Su. Due to the continually growing number of motorized off road enthusiasts; safe and well planned access to areas like this is vital for Alaska and the local business. We understand that both motorized and non-motorized enthusiasts were involved in the planning process and we support the plan as developed by USKH.

Sincerely,

Brad Helwig

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The Butte Community Council supports the Jim Creek Motorized Master Plan as written and recognizes it for what it is, a compromise allowing for all uses. Although the majority supported multiuse of the entire area it would seem to the community that a great deal of attention was given to certain individuals and or organizations that does not represent the community to the borough or conduct open meetings so as to have an accurate view or opinion that should be associated to our community. That being said it seems USKH did an adequate job of trying to please everyone. Addressing the Madd Maxx issue that has been raised, the community has seen no evidence that increased access or motorized use and or motorized course areas is causing criminal activity that sets bad examples for our young people. On the contrary, we have seen an increase in people teaching proper care and use of OHV's and the land they are traveling on. The community of Butte already has several non-motorized trails and designated quiet zones as are the majority of the parks and public lands adjoining our community. A large number of our community, the majority, own OHV's and also pay taxes to enjoy this area. We dispute the so called information in the foldout that several people have mistakenly assumed came from Assemblyman Warren Keogh and or the Matanuska Borough, several people have voice their displeasure that the BCC supported any of the alternatives in the pamphlet, which the B.C.C. does not support. We attempt to address these so called alternatives beginning with;

- 1) There are extremely few homes directly across from Sullivan and no buffer exists on the state land access or at the Knik River bridge and there seems to be no insurmountable problems generated at these locations as of yet.
- 2) The community feels that a community park should be located in the proposed town-square area as stated in the Asset Management Plan for Borough owned Lands in the Butte Area. However, a community park with fire pit and picnic tables has been deemed to be fine located as specified in the USKH plan.
- 3) We are aware of no "poll" and have not seen such, we have questioned several individuals in the community and none were "polled" and were unaware of any such "poll". If this is akin to the "survey" that the former members of the B.C.C. did to attempt closure of the paths to OHV's then the B.C.C. would protest any credence be given to any such "poll". The majority of the community and user groups contacted by the council support the inclusion of the ATV learning area loop as written in the plan by USKH.
- 4) The non-motorized trail should stay in the area it is shown in the USKH plan, Russ Ennis the consultant felt this would be the easiest area to make this trail and be able to isolate it at all. He felt as does the B.C.C. the most intelligent area would obviously be in the already designated non motorized quiet zone adjoining the racetrack as it could be accessed from either Sullivan Rd. or the Old Glenn Hwy. The Butte Community also feels that the camper, RV area should remain where it is shown in the USKH plan. As for competing with other camper parks area competition of businesses the B.C.C. supports fair trade for the consumer.

- 5) The visitor service zone is in the most accessible area and the B.C.C. supports this portion of the plan as written.
- 6) The B.C.C. supports the parking area as located in the USKH plan nothing should be changed. Limiting businesses so they do not compete is un-American, competition between businesses supports fair trade in the community and newly developed businesses in our area should be supported and not discouraged.
- 7) The B.C.C supports 24/7/365 access of the area. This is an important access to the Knik River, Jim Creek, and the KRPUA and as such is used for subsistence hunting fishing and cannot be shut down at certain times as tides, seasonal flooding all occur at sporadic intervals that demand access at all hours and times of year. The Community views limiting access as an invitation to litigation for the Borough and that would be improper use for the local tax payers.
- 8) Again, we support the USKH plan as written and believe that the park and picnic tables are located in the most logical area. Any other park should be located in the proposed town square area adjacent to the Butte Elementary School.
- 9) The trails are best left as outlined in the plan by USKH all of the existing trails on this parcel except the non-motorized trail outlined in the USKH plan are multi-use and the community wishes these to remain as multi-use.
- 10) The B.C.C. wishes the flood plane zone and open zone to remain rustic and unchanged and all the multi-use trails in this area also remain unchanged.
- 11) The B.C.C. supports the Veterans View as written in the USKH plan and is pleased to see our area in our community honoring our armed force veterans and our country any other interpretive local history kiosks or monuments belong where they can be enjoyed by everyone at or by the visitor center.
- 12) The community has indicated that a motorized attraction zone is desired and supports it in the location stated in the USKH plan. The Jim Creek Motorized Master Plan should include the motorized attraction zone as they seem to compliment each other. The B.C.C. believes this will bring some use of the area that is already generating a level of positive interest and will promote tourism.

In Conclusion, much time has been spent by the B.C.C. and the community on this plan, we do not agree with everything in this plan. The portion stating that some users feel squeezed out should be stricken from the plan as it is not necessary, breeds animosity and is a non supported fact that would only serve to support some type of litigation against the Borough. This plan already represents all the "give and take" and contested items and emerged as this document which the B.C.C. supports.

We would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide our input and to remind you we are the official spokespersons for the Butte Community Council to the Matanuska Susitna Borough.

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