

Snowmobile Trail Development Program and Grants**FY2017 Request:****\$250,000****Reference No:****33690****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Parks / Recreation**Category:** Natural Resources**Location:** Statewide**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Impact House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Contact:** Fabienne Peter-Contesse**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2016 - 06/30/2021**Contact Phone:** (907)465-2422**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Snowmobiling is one of Alaska's fastest growing outdoor activities and a very important transportation resource for rural communities. There is a growing demand to develop and maintain trails and trailheads to provide for safe riding opportunities and transportation routes, and to educate riders about safe riding practices. Funds for this program are provided by snowmobile registration fees paid by Alaskans. Funds are distributed in the form of matching grants for trail development and maintenance, trail marking and signing, safety education, and to establish legal trail easements.

Funding:	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	Total
1195 VehRcpts	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$1,500,000
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Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
Totals:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

Sec1 Ch38 SLA2015 P5 L30 26 \$250,000
 Sec1 Ch18 SLA2014 P58 L30 119 \$226,800
 Sec1 Ch16 SLA2013 P72 L24 18 \$250,000
 Sec1 Ch17 SLA2012 P125 L29 160 \$250,000
 Sec1 Ch5 SLA2011 P93 L18 46 \$250,000
 Sec7 Ch43 SLA2010 P31 L29 230 \$250,000
 Sec1 Ch15 SLA2009 P18 L10 75 \$250,000
 Sec13 Ch29 SLA2008 P72 L31 221 \$250,000

Project Description/Justification:

This project provides reimbursable, matching grant funds for a highly popular and successful program for non-profit organizations, businesses, agencies, and local governments to groom snowmobile trails, trail easement acquisition, development and maintenance of trails and trail-related facilities, and provide for snowmobile safety and education programs statewide. Funds for this program are provided by snowmobile registration receipts varying between \$200,000 and \$250,000 paid by Alaskans annually. The Department of Administration, Division of Motor Vehicles collects receipts from snow machine registrations and each month an inter-agency transfer is made to the Division of

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Parks and Outdoor Recreation. These receipts are accounted for in the capital budget, not the operating budget.

In FY2015 Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation awarded the following 17 snowmobile trail grooming grants totaling \$218,857.94.

Area	Organization	Amount Awarded
Big Lake	Alpine General Services	\$6,820.45
Big Lake	Big Lake Trails	\$14,888.41
Caribou Hills - North Kenai Peninsula	Cabin Hoppers	\$23,476.61
Denali Highway	Denali Highway Trail Club	\$11,390.85
Denali Highway	Denali – Alpine Creek Lodge	\$3,028.64
Hatcher Pass	Hatcher Pass Contract	\$17,379.38
Juneau Area	Trail Mix	\$6,314.88
Lake Louise area trails	Lake Louise Snowmachine Club	\$14,459.69
Lower Susitna River / Lower Yentna River	Dave Luce/ Luce's Lodge	\$11,411.07
Mid-Susitna Valley	Mid-Valley Trail Club	\$10,334.20
Montana Creek area trails	Montana Creek Motor Mushers	\$4,292.58
Chena River State Recreation Area	DPOR Northern Region Contract	\$7,828.57
Petersville area	AK Snowcat	\$35,688.77
	Snomads	\$20,625.17

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Kenai Peninsula

Willow area trails	Willow Trail Committee	\$16,679.16
Upper Yentna River	Yentna River Services	\$4,891.18
Yukon Quest trail Fairbanks	Yukon Quest Int. Ltd.	\$9,348.33

Total awarded \$218, 857.94

Line Item	Amount
71000 - Personal Services	\$25,500
72000 - Travel	
73000 - Contractual	
74000 - Commodities	
75000 - Capital Outlay	
77000 - Grants	\$224,500
Total Request	\$250,000

Position Detail:

Partial funding for existing positions located in Anchorage
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Sec1 Ch16 SLA2013 P72 L24 SB18 \$250,000

Sec1 Ch17 SLA2012 P125 L29 SB160 \$250,000

Sec1 Ch5 SLA2011 P93 L18 SB46 \$250,000

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In FY2016, the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation awarded funds to the following 17 organizations for snowmobile trail grooming grants, and to two organizations for safety and signage projects:

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Big Lake	Alpine General Services	5,869
Big Lake	Big Lake Trails	15,235
Caribou Hills - North	Cabin Hoppers	25,204
Denali Highway	Denali Highway Trail Club	11,348
Denali Highway	Alpine Creek Lodge	2,054
Hatcher Pass	Hatcher Pass Contract	18,875
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Petersville	AK Snowcat	39,381
Caribou Hills - South	Snomads	19,148
Willow	Willow Trail Committee	17,314
Upper Yentna/ Lower Su	Yentna River Services - Phillips	5,355
Yukon Quest	Yukon Quest Int. Ltd.	8,804
Grooming Total		216,815
Signage and Safety		
	City of White Mountain	10,000
	AK Avalanche Information Center	10,000
Total		20,000

Grand total allocated

236,815

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1000 - Personal Services	\$25,500

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