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## PROBLEMS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- There is increasing public demand for more access to Chugach State Park.
- Trails providing access are often on private property.
- Property owners near CSP are frustrated with cars blocking their roads and driveways, trash, dogs running loose and unwanted use of their land.
- Property owners are blocking access to their land.
- As Anchorage grows and large tracts are subdivided with required access to CSP, these problems will increase.
- A generous land owner has offered to give the Municipality 6 acres in Bear Valley.

## A SOLUTION

 Several properly built trailheads with parking and good trails in legal locations with maintenance by the Parks & Recreation Department.

## **HOW TO GET THERE**

- The Municipality funds and provides parks and recreation services through the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area (P&RSA).
- About 980 parcels are outside the P&RSA so cannot receive
  any parks and recreation services. These include some parcels in Stuckagain Heights
  with most in the southeast part of Anchorage's Hillside, including Bear Valley, Glen
  Alps and Upper Potter Valley. Many are large vacant properties. About 375 people
  live in the area outside the P&RSA.
- The Hillside District Plan (2010) recommends expansion of the P&RSA boundary to include all of the Hillside and into Chugach State Park. Extending the boundary into the State Park will allow the Municipality to be able to partner with the State on projects of mutual interest.
- The P&RSA can be expanded through a dual majority vote.

## BENEFITS

- Possible acquisition of Del's Woods in Bear Valley, maintenance of the McHugh Ridge trailhead at Honey Bear and the Rabbit Lake trailhead and actions towards resolution of access disputes at Stewarts Homestead Road and Brewster's Homestead Road.
- Possible contribution to road maintenance.
- There's no free lunch: Property owners added to the P&RSA will begin paying the property tax for park and recreation services of \$55 per \$100,000 of assessed value raising about \$121,150 per year.
- Properties already in the P&RSA will <u>not</u> pay any additional taxes.
- This proposal will not impact Girdwood, Turnagain Arm or the Chugiak Eagle River P&RSA.





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