

**Resolution of the
Basher Community Council
Regarding
Chugach State Park Master Plan and Areawide Trails Plan Review**

Background: The Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation has initiated a planning process to review the Chugach State Park Access Plan and Areawide Trails Plan. The Executive Committee attended the 2 April '08 workshop and through coordination with the Chugach Planning Project Manager, have secured us a position for focus group meetings to occur over the next 2 years.

Resolution:

Whereas, the Basher Community Council represents the approximately 150 homes encompassing what is commonly known as “Stuckagain Heights.” In addition, our council represents the land defined by the northern half of the Far North Bicentennial Park, including the Benny Benson School, the Botanical Gardens, and Fire Station #14. We are ecstatic with the DNR’s vision of reviewing the Chugach State Park Master Plan and Areawide Trails Plan. We share in your vision; “through this planning process, we will work to find alternatives with the greatest benefit for all Alaskans.” Further, we concur that “not all desired uses are compatible in the same place at the same time.” It is our opinion, if we stay true to these principles, this process will be a resounding success.

Whereas, we are surrounded by parks; Far North Bicentennial Park to our west, Chugach State Park to our East, and the Fort Richardson easement to our north. The residents of Stuckagain Heights are very compassionate regarding park access and trail preservation/ development. Further, our community is highly dedicated to an overall policy of “inclusion” not “exclusion” of our fellow Anchorage residents into the natural assets of the Anchorage Bowl. We can perhaps be considered the best group of people in Anchorage to address the balance between park access and the needs to preserve community’s senses of character and complexion.

Whereas, the balance between access and preservation of the character and complexion of our community is our #1 concern, it is imperative that we strike this balance. Recognizing that there are ~150 families residing in this single-family residential neighborhood, these families have a strong sense of equitably sharing our natural resources while preserving a reasonable sense of privacy typical of residential neighborhoods.

Whereas, the recently approved Title-21, Chapter 21.08: Subdivision Standards probably captures our sentiments best. “Lots and blocks should provide appropriate settings for the buildings that are to be constructed, make use of natural contours, and protect residents from adverse noise and vehicular traffic. New development should reflect and maintain the character of the neighborhood through layout of roads and lots,

