

**Resolution  
Basher Community Council  
Regarding  
Project 24, Single Track Advocate (STA) Bike Trails - Phase II  
Proposed FNBP Trail Improvement Plan, March 2009**

**Whereas** Project 24, is the second phase of a system of bike trails proposed to be constructed by Single Track Advocates (STA) on the north side of Campbell Airstrip Road for mountain bikes and foot traffic. The Basher Community Council passed a resolution in support of the STA network of trails to improve access to Chugach State Park at its April 9, 2008, council meeting (See attached);

**Whereas** the STA volunteer bike group is finalizing 8 to 10 miles of the first Phase of trails south of the Spencer Loop trails. The trails will connect users to Chugach State Park. The Phase I STA trail system was identified in the FNBP Draft Trail Plan released in September 2008 as a STA project under construction;

**Whereas** the STA Phase II Project was removed from the September 2008 Draft Plan by MOA park planners and the Trail Design Team because of "wildlife concerns as well as concerns by park users who enjoy exploring areas of FNBP that are without trails." (Agency Meeting, Sept. 10, 2008);

**Whereas**, a representative of the Department of Fish and Game (Dept of F & G) advised the Basher Community Council at its March 31, 2009, meeting, that construction of the Phase II STA bike trails is proposed in a known wildlife corridor. One of the Trail Plan Improvement project goals is to "Respect wildlife and its known or discovered wildlife corridors."

**Whereas** the Dept. of F & G has advised Park Planners, the Design Team, and Basher residents since the release of the March 2009 Draft Trails Plan that the Phase II bike trails will increase the risk of surprise encounters and attacks with bikers, resulting in bears being shot, wounded, and posing further risks to other recreationists and neighborhoods. (See attached follow-up letter dated April 2, 2009, from Rick Sinnott);

**Whereas** the STA bike trails are proposed adjacent to the Basher (Stuckagain Heights) neighborhood, the bike trails impact existing neighborhood trails used for decades such as skiing, dog-walking, equestrian, nature and social trails. Although a STA representative has indicated trail boundaries could be adjusted, the Plan maps show trails "touch" the property boundaries of adjacent homeowners.

**Whereas** the STA have already constructed 8 to 10 miles of trails in the Phase I of the trail network, a high density trail system already exists on the south side of Campbell Airstrip Road, and in an effort to balance the needs of other park users, maintain social trails and preserve a natural undeveloped area in the park, respect wildlife corridors, and minimize negative impact from wildlife in the Stuckagain Heights neighborhood;

**Therefore be it resolved,**

The Basher Community Council amends its resolution dated April 9, 2008, regarding the STA bike trail system (Project 24) in light of new information and recent FNBP incidents regarding wildlife, safety and liability, input by other user groups, agencies, the Design Team, Park Planners and the Plan goals. The information includes:

- The Design Team/MOA September 2008 decision to remove Phase II of the STA project due to wildlife and other trail user concerns;
- The unfortunate bike/bear incidents in FNBP last summer;
- The project is proposed in a “known wildlife corridor;”
- The Department of Fish & Game advised the Council and the MOA Park Planners in March 2009 that Project 24 poses further safety concerns and risks for bikers, other park users in FNBP and Chugach State Park, and for “adjacent neighborhoods.”

Residents expressed support that this section of FNBP is a “wildlife corridor” and a “wildlife viewing area” and as such it should be set aside as “No Trail Development” in an effort to preserve a natural undeveloped area in the Park that is consistent with the park goals.

The Council does not support Project 24 of the FNBP Draft Trail Improvement Plan, proposed on March 2009.

Resolution Passed at a meeting held on April 27, 2009.

Respectfully submitted by residents of the Basher Community Council and board members of the Section 6/Campbell Airstrip Limited Road Service Area (LRSA).

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**Dave Keddington**, President      Date  
Basher Community Council

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**Ann Gabler**, Chair                      Date  
Review Committee  
FNBP Trail Improvement Plan