

Resolution 2024-03

Northeast Community Council (NECC)

May 16, 2024

Muldoon Perimeter Fire Safety Road and Multi-Use Trail Support

Whereas, the Northeast Community Council has already passed Resolution 2023-04, entitled JBER Muldoon Boundary Realignment and Trail which did not mention fire safety; and

Whereas, the new Chugach Foothills Connector Trail located South of Tudor Road, which is a de facto Fire Safety Road and multi-use trail that connects the East Muldoon neighborhood of Chugach Foothills with the Campbell Creek Greenbelt Trail has been recently completed, and if extended North to the Glenn Highway's Ship Creek Bridge could provide for the long discussed Muldoon Perimeter Trail connecting the Glenn Hwy. Bike Trail by way of the existing underpass under the Glenn Hwy. Ship Creek Bridge with the Chugach Foothills Connector Trail; and

Whereas, drought conditions or bad fire years are known to occur with some frequency, moving the JBER Boundary East and having a functional road for fire service vehicles that can double as a multi-use non motorized trail on Municipal property, with cleared sides like the Chugach Foothills Connector Trail, located on the East side of the gas line easement no less than 300 feet East of the current JBER Muldoon Boundary Fence and with a 100 foot buffer on the East side of said road / non motorized multis-use trail would allow for a wide swath to increase the chances of having a successful fire break, allowing for tanker trucks to access Ship Creek and both forks of Chester Creek as needed, reducing the chance of a fire from crossing the boundary from either side; and

Whereas, having any road or multi-use trail located too close to a fence can create a dangerous situation for non motorized and motorized travelers alike, with regards to megafauna, especially moose, a second moose fence like the one that currently exist north of Muldoon Elementary, with an ample number of moose gates, should be placed on the new proposed JBER Muldoon Boundary 100 ft. East of proposed Muldoon Perimeter Fire Safety Road and Multi-use Trail.

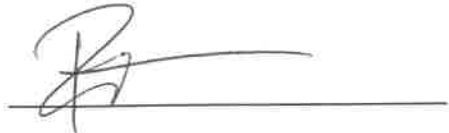
Whereas, studies have confirmed that high voltage power lines have negative health effects on humans the proposed Muldoon Perimeter Fire Safety Road and non motorized multi-use Trail should be placed to the side of any high voltage power lines, thus increasing the size of the fire break and not putting trail users at risk; and

Be it now resolved that the Northeast Community Council supports a Muldoon Perimeter Fire Safety Road and non motorized multi-use Trail located no less than 300 feet East of the current JBER Muldoon Boundary with a 100 foot space East of proposed road / trail with a moose fence marking the new JBER Muldoon Boundary. This proposed road / trail would extend from the Ship Creek Bridge on the Glenn Hwy. to the Chugach Foothills Connector Trail.

Resolution Vote: For 32 Against: 4 Abstain: 2



Ronald P. Meehan
President, NECC

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David Weber
Secretary, NECC