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Dear Darcy,

This letter is to express my support for Levitation 49's (dba Valdez Adventure Alliance) application seeking a State Recreational Trails Project grant for the Shoup Bay Trail. I appreciate the current efforts Valdez Adventure Alliance is undertaking in our community, as the permitted operator for the Valdez State Park. This grant, to upgrade the condition of the Shoup Trail, will be an ongoing benefit to our Valdez residents and visitors alike.

A past community survey has shown that the Shoup Trail is the highest priority trail among Valdez residents. The entire length of this trail provides expansive and scenic views of Prince William Sound. It needs to be made more accessible so everyone can enjoy this one of a kind hike and the exhilarating outdoor experience. The proposed upgrades will make this possible. I can think of no better placement for trail funds and encourage you to award this grant to Valdez Adventure Alliance.

Sincerely,

Mayor, City of Valdez