



City of Valdez
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services

**Parks and Recreation Commission
Trails Sub-Committee Letter of Solicitation**

The Parks & Recreation Commission is seeking a few members of the community who are highly motivated to improve the Valdez trails! The new acquisition of Meals Hill has greatly changed our trail composition. We are looking for **five (5) local residents** who are passionate about the outdoors and recreating in our vividly unique, Valdez environment. We are seeking representation in the following categories:

- (1) motorized winter user
- (1) motorized summer user
- (1) skier
- (1) hiker/dog walker
- (1) youth member (under 19 yrs. of age)

The scope of the Trails Sub-Committee is to identify current and recommended trail types and classes (modeled after Alaska State Parks Trails). The Trails Sub-Committee will give input on trail uses, access, signage and identify user groups. From these the Trails Sub-Committee along with the Parks Maintenance division will, from their observations of Valdez trails, make recommendations to the Parks & Recreation Commission. It is the Parks & Recreation Commission's obligation to bring forth actionable items to the Valdez City Council. The Trails subcommittee shall be a cross section of the community and work as liaison between the public and the commission, providing public feedback from their research into user group information and discussions regarding improvements and possible development. PRCS staff have final authority on operational outcomes from the Trail Sub-Committee and Recreation Commission recommendations.

This Sub Committee will come together in August 2022 when they collectively discuss summer trail observations. Individuals interested should submit a (1) **one-page letter of interest** identifying a single category (listed above) they most associate with and best represent. One Park Maintenance staff member will serve on the committee. The Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services department Director and Office Manager are non-voting members of the committee and will act as a facilitator and secretary respectively.

Interested applicants should email their letter of interest to Nikki Duhamel at aduhamel@valdezak.gov, or submit a letter in person at the PRCS Administrative Office located in the Civic & Convention Center, 314 Clifton Drive, no later than **Friday, April 29th at 5:00 PM**. For additional information, please call (907) 835-2531.

Sincerely,
Nicholas Farline, M.S., CPRE

City of Valdez Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director