



City of Valdez  
Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services  
PO Box 307  
Valdez, AK 99686

February 17, 2018

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Attn: City Council  
PO Box 307  
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Subject: Support of Recommendation to Approve the Purchase of 120 Acres of UAA Land Located Along Mineral Creek Road, Identified as Portions of USS 698 and 687.

Dear Mayor Knight,

The Parks & Recreation Commission would like to express their support of the above purchase. Having ownership of this property would make available its year round use. City ownership would allow the Parks Department to identify needs and address them without being tied to a very restrictive permit. We encourage the council to move forward with the purchase of this area before it is made available for others to buy, as that could take away the possibility of our residents' use of it in the future and could diminish our ski trail system by nearly half.

Please let us know if there are any further actions required of the Commission to facilitate this request. I can be reached at: [mattsmelcer111@hotmail.com](mailto:mattsmelcer111@hotmail.com) or (907) 830-4330.

Sincerely,

Matt Smelcer  
Valdez Parks & Recreation Commission Chair

CC: Marcie Robertson, Acting Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services