

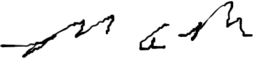



Kenai Peninsula Borough

Planning Department – Land Management Division

MEMORANDUM

TO: Brent Johnson, Assembly President
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

THRU: Charlie Pierce, Mayor 
Robert Ruffner, Planning Director 
Marcus Mueller, Land Management Officer 

FROM: Julie Denison, Land Management Technician 

DATE: May 25, 2022

RE: Resolution 2022-038 Classifying or Reclassifying Certain Borough-Managed Land in the Moose Pass Area for Transportation and Utility Purposes Associated with a Hydro Project (Mayor)

Pursuant to KPB 17.10.080, Alaska Electric and Energy Cooperative, Inc., dba Kenai Hydro, LLC has submitted a petition for classification / reclassification of borough land in the Moose Pass area, in support of the Grant Lake Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 13212. The project received a Final Environmental Impact Statement in May of 2019 and is working with the Kenai Peninsula Borough ("Borough") and the State of Alaska to acquire surface use authorizations.

This resolution classifies or reclassifies approximately 13.32 acres of Borough-managed land as utility/transportation. Pursuant to KPB Resolution 2016-045, all but one of the land units were classified as Recreational. If enacted, this resolution will classify / reclassify portions along the anticipated project corridor as utility/transportation. The remaining areas of the land outside of the project corridor will remain classified as recreational or undesignated, respectively.

Land Management has prepared a staff report to inventory and characterize the land, resources, and uses. The findings, analysis and conclusions of the staff report support a recreational and utility/transportation classification of these lands.

The Moose Pass Advisory Planning Commission (MPAPC) has scheduled a meeting on May 5, 2022. The MPAPC recommendation will be considered by the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission on May 23, 2022. The recommendations from these public hearings will be reported to the Assembly.

Your consideration of this resolution is appreciated.