



## Land Management

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Charlie Pierce  
Borough Mayor

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State of Alaska  
Department of Natural Resources DMLW, SCRO  
Attn: Evan Dodd, Easement Unit  
550 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 900C  
Anchorage, AK 99501  
(Via Email [evan.dodd@alaska.gov](mailto:evan.dodd@alaska.gov))

RE: ADL 233843 – Watermelon Trail Easement

Dear Mr. Dodd,

The Kenai Peninsula Borough is the landowner at the Watermelon Trail Trailhead and works with the Snomads organization through a Community Trail Management Agreement as to the borough land involved along that trail. KPB Land Management has been in discussions with Snomads concurrent with the easement application for ADL 233843, pertaining to those sections of Watermelon Trail on State land. KPB Land Management has at the same time had discussions with the SOA DNR DMLW SCRO Easement Unit to evaluate whether KPB should hold the easement as grantee, to determine the scope of interests that KPB would hold under this easement, and to design the easement such that KPB would have a managing interest, permitting, and regulatory authority within the scope of the easement purpose. The contemplated easement would then allow KPB to permit development, use, and maintenance within the purpose and scope of the easement, subject to plan review by the DMLW; for example KPB could extend the Snomads Community Trail Management Agreement to the ADL 233843 area.

With this understanding, and subject to approval of the KPB Assembly pursuant to KPB 17.10.040 and acceptance by the KPB Mayor, I hereby request that ADL 233843 Watermelon Trail Easement be granted with Kenai Peninsula Borough named as Grantee.

ADL 233843 – Easement Request

Upon receiving a draft easement, a resolution will be prepared for Planning Commission recommendation and Assembly Approval which may take 45-60 days.

We appreciate SCRO's work to solidify the Watermelon Trail within the Kenai Peninsula Borough to provide appropriate management tools.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Marcus A. Mueller".

Marcus A. Mueller  
Land Management Officer

CC: Robert Ruffner, KPB Planning Director  
Charlie Pierce, KPB Mayor