

2019-042

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Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Public Comment on Resolution 2019-042

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Dear Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly members,

I would like to take the opportunity to address the Assembly on Draft Resolution 2019-42. My work schedule prevents me from attending in person to deliver this message to your body, the Mayor and the general public.

Having read through the draft resolution, I agree with the supporting facts and aims of the resolution.

I can assure you that Alaska State Parks is a willing partner in the outlined collaborative process of agencies, stakeholders, and the public. We support the goal of providing better public access and recreational use along the Funny River corridor, in a sustainable, safe manner that minimizes negative impacts to the environment and adjoining / community land owners.

While the planning, development, and sustainable operation of such infrastructure for suitable and safe public access along this river corridor faces the reality of a challenging fiscal climate at both the state and municipal levels – it is worthwhile and important to collaborate on this goal sooner rather than later, to be better prepared as monetary sources and funding opportunities do become available.

Towards that end, I understand that the Kenai River Special Management Area (KRSMA) Advisory Board has identified the shortcomings of public access to the Kenai River along the 36-mile Funny River road system as an important discussion topic for its upcoming 2019 – 2020 meeting cycle. I look forward to that public dialogue and would very much welcome the passage and support of Resolution 2019-42.

Respectfully,

Ricky Gease
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From: Blankenship, Johni
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2019 8:53 AM
To: Broyles, Randi
Subject: FW: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Public comment

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough [mailto:webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us]
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2019 5:15 PM
To: BoroughAssembly <Borough-Assembly@kpb.us>
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

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Subject: Funny River Boat Launch

Message:

I am in support of the proposed boat launch at approximately mile 12 of Funny River Road. This boat launch would help bring our community together as well as give us an appropriate area to launch boats that we currently do not have. I would still agree to this even if I owned property on the Kenai River because it would save me from having to drive outside of my community at least by 12 miles in order to simply put my boat on the river. I currently do not own a boat but support the proposed boat launch 100%. We need a responsible area for boat owners to be able to go, some people are afraid of too many people using it or that people will come from all around, those people are going to come either way so why not create a safe place for them? I appreciate your time and thank you!