

Introduced by: Derkevorkian  
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Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION 2023-047**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF ROADS, TRAILS, AND  
AREAS IN THE CHUGACH NATIONAL FOREST FOR CLASS I AND II ELECTRIC  
BIKE USE**

**WHEREAS,** the Forest Supervisor or Ranger Districts for the Chugach National Forest may designate National Forest System roads, trails and areas for motor vehicle use by vehicle class, and, if appropriate, by time of year in accordance with the provisions of 36 CFR Part 212, Subpart B; and

**WHEREAS,** per the U.S Forest Service website, more than 60,000 miles of trails and “thousands” of miles of roads on national forests and grasslands are currently open to electric bicycles (“e-bikes”)—however, e-bike use is only allowed on a very small percentage of the trails within the Chugach National Forest; and

**WHEREAS,** the Chugach National Forest encompasses more than a million acres of the Kenai Peninsula; and

**WHEREAS,** designating more roads, trails, or areas within Chugach National Forest allow users increased access to public land, allow users to go farther into backcountry areas, and benefit users who have health issues by providing greater opportunity to explore national forest lands; and

**WHEREAS,** designating use of class I and class II e-bikes will reasonably limit the type and class of motorized vehicle use within the Chugach National Forest; and

**WHEREAS,** the Alaska State legislature passed House Bill 8 that classifies electric bikes <750 watts the same as normal bicycles and

**WHEREAS,** it is in the public’s interest to support increase access to public lands;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough supports, and encourages, the Forest Supervisor or Ranger Districts for the Chugach National Forest to initiate a public process and designate roads, trails and areas within the Chugach National Forest for class I and class II electric bicycle (e-bike) use in accordance with the provisions of 36 CFR Part 212, Subpart B.

**SECTION 2.** That the Borough Clerk will send a copy of this resolution to Jeff E. Shramm, Forest Supervisor, Chugach National Forest.

**SECTION 3.** That a copy of this resolution will be sent to Senator Lisa Murkowski, Senator Dan Sullivan, and U.S. Representative Mary Peltola.

**SECTION 4.** That a copy of this resolution and accompanying priority list will be provided to Governor Dunleavy, all legislators representing the Kenai Peninsula Borough, the City of Valdez and the City of Cordova.

**SECTION 5.** That this resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 20TH DAY OF JUNE, 2023.**

  
Brent Johnson, Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
Michele Turner, CMC, Acting Borough Clerk



Yes: Chesley, Cox, Derkevorkian, Ecklund, Hibbert, Ribbens, Tupper, Johnson

No: None

Absent: Elam