

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Jesse Bjorkman, Assembly Member 
Tyson Cox, Assembly Member 
Bill Elam, Assembly Member 

DATE: May 4, 2021

RE: Resolution 2021-036, Requesting Prioritization and Completion of a Fire Fuel Break Protecting Fire Adapted Communities of the Central and Western Kenai Peninsula (Bjorkman, Cox, Elam)

Fire fuel breaks have been identified as essential safety infrastructure to help protect communities of the Kenai Peninsula from wildland fires. Fuel breaks also assist in containing the spread of fire to large areas of fire fuels.

Fire fuel breaks and mechanical forest treatments have been very effective at protecting Kenai Peninsula communities from the Funny River Fire (2014), Card Street Fire (2015), and Swan Lake Fire (2019).

This resolution is brought forward to raise awareness of the critical need for fire fuel breaks, to support and encourage land managers in their work to mitigate hazard fire fuels through fuel breaks, and to recognize all stakeholders for continuing their excellent cooperative work on the Sterling Fuel Break Extension.

Your consideration is appreciated.