Kenai Peninsula Borough
Assembly

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, KPB Assembly

FROM: Ryan Tunseth, Assembly President

DATE: February 5, 2026

SUBJECT: LAYDOWN Resolution 2026-011, Authorizing a Letter of Support for the National Forest Foundation's Proposal to the Recreational Trails Program for the Construction of Wolverine Bridge (Tunseth)

The resolution provides necessary support from the Assembly, the governing body for the Kenai Peninsula Borough. As stated in the application narrative, the resolution will support, "a Recreational Trails Program application which specifically supports construction of a 120-foot trail bridge over Wolverine Creek along the Turnagain Pass segment of the INHT on the Chugach National Forest, approximately 15 miles south of Girdwood. Approximately 11.5 miles of the Turnagain Pass Trail were constructed beginning around 2011, connecting the Johnson Pass Trailhead in the south to the Upper Ingram ("Eddie's") Trailhead to the north. Current trail construction efforts are extending the route from the existing northern terminus toward a connection point along the Seward Highway at sea level. The Wolverine Bridge will be constructed within this new trail segment and is essential to creating a continuous, safe, and sustainable non-motorized trail corridor." This bridge project provides critical infrastructure along what is known as the Southern Trek of the Iditarod National Historic Trail route.

More information is provided in the accompany application narrative and resoluton. As required by the grant process, a letter of support from the governing body is requested to be provided by February 18, 2026.

Your consideration is appreciated.