

# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## Planning Department – Land Management Division

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Brent Johnson, Assembly President  
Members, KPB Assembly

**THRU:** Peter A. Micciche, Mayor *PM*  
Aaron Hughes, Land Management Officer *AH*

**FROM:** Julie Denison, Land Management Technician *AH*

**COPY:** Brenda Ahlberg, Emergency Manager  
Robert Ruffner, Planning Director

**DATE:** June 27, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Resolution 2024-031, Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Lease Agreement with the USDA Forest Service for the Cooper Mountain Communications Site to Support Emergency Management Communications Equipment (Mayor)

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The Kenai Peninsula Borough (“KPB”) owns and operates communication equipment at the Cooper Mountain Communications site in Cooper Landing. The property the site is located on is owned by the USDA Forest Service and managed by the Seward Ranger District.

The KPB Office of Emergency Management (“OEM”) desires to continue its use at the site, to maintain consistency with Goal 3, Focus Area: Public Safety and Emergency Services, Objective A of the 2019 KPB Comprehensive Plan. The attached Communications Use Lease and Cooper Mountain Communications Site Management Plan have been prepared by the Seward Ranger District to authorize KPB’s continued use at the site.

The Resolution authorizes the Mayor to enter into the lease agreement with the USDA Forest Service on behalf of the KPB OEM and pursuant to KPB 17.10.030(C). Rental fees have been waived because of the public safety nature of KPB’s use of the site.

Your consideration is appreciated.