

Kenai Peninsula Borough

Planning Department – Land Management Division

MEMORANDUM

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

THRU: Charlie Pierce, Mayor *JCB*
Melanie Aeschliman, Planning Director *MA*
Marcus Mueller, Land Management Officer *MM*

FROM: Julie Denison, Land Management Technician *JD*

DATE: February 4, 2021

RE: Ordinance 2021-09, Authorizing a Community Trail Management Agreement with Snomads, Inc. (Mayor)

Snomads, Inc., a non-profit organization, ("Snomads") develops, maintains and manages snow machine trails on borough land near Homer. Snomads has applied for a Community Trail Management Agreement ("CTMA") to continue its trail management activities into the future.

A CTMA has been prepared that provides a framework and set of management tools that can be used to implement a Trail Management Plan (TMP) in balance with other interests of the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

The trail facilities proposed are year-round, motorized and non-motorized, and human-powered uses which would be groomed in the winter and maintained in the summer. The TMP would allow for administrative amendments where modifications are consistent with the general scope authorized by the assembly. Major amendments that introduce significant changes in location, use, fees, or regulations, would go before the assembly for additional approval.

This proposal considers authorizing the trail manager to implement a trail regulation restricting public use in the form of prohibiting motorized wheeled vehicles on groomed trails during the winter season.

Your consideration is appreciated.