

June 6, 2022

Dear KPB Assembly,

I am opposed to the proposed land reclassification of 13.32 acres of KPB-managed land in the Eastern Peninsula from Recreational/Unclassified to Utility/Transportation for the Grant Lake Hydro project, dba Kenai Hydro, LLC.

According to the KPB Land Classification Definitions, " 'Utility/Transportation' does not include **electricity generation or production facilities**.

This reclassification would allow the power lines, but not electricity generation or production facilities.

The Grant Lake Hydro project is an electricity generation and production facility.

In addition to the powerhouse, the production facility includes an intake, bypass weir, penstock, tailrace, surge chamber, and detention pond. The powerhouse turbines will generate excessive noise, disruptive and incompatible for the surrounding recreational activities and wildlife.

This use is best classified as Industrial, which is incompatible with the Kenai Area Plan, associated Land Classification Order, the Kenai River Comprehensive Management Plan, and the associated Special Use Designation which all support retaining recreational use for this area. The range and number of publicly vetted plans that must be amended is in itself reason to pause and consider the value of this public land to the people of Alaska, to the wildlife and their habitat, and to the local economy.

Please retain the ever-so-appropriate Recreational status of these precious wild lands. Deny the reclassification from Recreational/Unclassified to Utility/Transportation for Grant Lake Hydro project on borough-managed lands.

The access road intersection around Mile 26 Seward Highway is located at a very constricted area between the western mountain slope and a hilly, forested area by the lake on a curve. According to Kate Dueber, the Alaska Railroad Right of Way Manager, neither ARRC or DOT have been engaged to begin the required Diagnostic Team Study process and have not permitted access across their ROW for this project. Without access, this whole project is moot.

Sincerely,
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