

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

MEMORANDUM

TO: Peter Ribbens, Assembly President
Members, KPB Assembly

FROM: Willy Dunne, Assembly Member (WD)

DATE: December 3, 2024

SUBJECT: LAYDOWN Resolution 2024-055, Supporting Alaska State Parks Application for an Interagency Land Management Assignment ADL 233649 for trails in the Cottonwood Eastland Unit of Kachemak Bay State Park (Dunne)

Located on the north side of Kachemak Bay State Park is the Cottonwood Eastland Management Unit (“Cottonwood”). Cottonwood covers roughly 2,643 acres and is accessible by road.

There are currently no state approved trails in Cottonwood. Resolution 2024-025 supported efforts to establish trails in Cottonwood.

The current management plan for Cottonwood sets out the need for more intensive multi-modal trail-based recreation opportunities and facilities within Cottonwood to accommodate current and future trail-based recreation. Land suitable to create vehicle trailhead parking, particularly in a way that avoids conflict with neighboring residents, is currently unavailable. The ILMA between Alaska DNR and DPOR supported in this resolution would facilitate the creation of suitable trailhead parking areas.

Your consideration is appreciated.