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I am a KPB Resident and member of the Kachemak Nordic Ski Club. I am submitting this public comment in support of 2018-22 An Ordinance Authorizing a Community Trail Management Agreement with Kachemak Nordic Ski Club KNSC is dedicated to providing quality enjoyment of the outdoors through cross country ski programs on the lower Kenai Peninsula. Established in 1980, KNSC is a member-based, nonprofit organization run by a committed team of volunteers. Over 75km of diverse trails are maintained in the Baycrest, McNeil Canyon-Eveline, and Lookout Mountain areas, 40 of which are on borough land in the Diamond Ridge and Fritz Creek areas. KNSC maintains a member base of 600 residents and 20 local business committed to quality nordic skiing. KNSC also offers a variety of youth and adult lessons, clinics, racing development that benefit nearly 1,000 individuals, in addition to numerous ski events and statewide competitions that boost wintertime local economy. The club keeps equipment at each area to maintain and groom quality ski trails, and works cooperatively with other recreational groups on trail improvement, maintenance, and future developments.

The KPB Assembly has the opportunity to demonstrate their support for the continued development, maintenance, and management of this trail system that brings benefit to resident across the Kenai Peninsula. Further, the CMTA provides a framework and set of management tools that align with other interests on the KPB. With this support, the KPB Assembly is helping to promote an active, healthful lifestyle for individuals, whole families, and communities to responsibly enjoy outdoor recreation on KPB lands. Thank you for your vote in favor of the KNSC Community Trials Management Agreement.