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Melissa Hogan
Federal Highway Administration
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610 E. Fifth St.
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Re: Kodiak Anton Larsen Bay Road Extension

Dear Ms. Hogan:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed Anton Larsen Bay road extension.

Part of our mission is to maintain access to recreational trails and waterways throughout the Kodiak region. The proposed road extension would have a considerable impact on the recreational landscape at Anton Larsen bay and on Kodiak as a whole.

ITN will not be taking a position on whether or not this project has merit as a public works project. However, if the project moves forward, we ask for your assistance in mitigating the recreational loss. Specifically, we are requesting: (1) removal and disposal of all trail hardening materials along the portion of trail to be decommissioned (2) dismantling of two bridges to be made redundant by the proposed road and all bridge materials returned to ITN (3) establishment of a trailhead with parking and signage where the proposed road departs from the existing trail and (4) the entire BLM 17b easement be surveyed in order to vacate that portion of the easement made redundant by the road. The unaffected portion of the easement should then be recorded.

In addition, if the road extension were to move forward your efforts to retain the scenic beauty and recreational value of Anton Larsen Bay would do much to shape public perception, and at a minimal cost to the project.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment.

Best Regards,

Andy Schroeder
Executive Director
Island Trails Network