



WASILLA CREEK HEADWATERS TRAIL

Matanuska-Susitna Borough PROJECT FACTS

Project Scope

Wasilla Creek is an anadromous stream with significant numbers of salmon in various stages of their life cycle. The Wasilla Creek Headwaters Trail Improvements project is just one of nine (9) trails to be reconstructed, improved and/ or relocated.

The project will restore off-road vehicle (ORV) trail stream crossings, with new fords and bridges in the Matanuska Valley Moose Range located north of Palmer and managed by Alaska Department of Natural Resources and Alaska Department of Fish & Game. This will restore fish habitat damaged by traffic at stream crossings.

Potential collaborating with state agencies to make further improvements to the trails and parking area will provide better access for the public. These improvements are dependent on additional funding through state agencies.



Stream bank erosion and destruction of habitat from ORVs on Wasilla Creek

Benefits

- Improve fish habitat

- Provide safer trails for off-road vehicle travel, as well as for non-motorized users, including bikers and skiers
- Install signage for safety,

Status

The project is in the scoping and agency coordination phase.



Aerial view of a trail crossing on Wasilla Creek.

Project Costs

The budget for this project is \$270,000

- \$150,000 from 2016 voter approved MSB Recreation Bond Package.
- \$120,000 from a National Fish Habitat Partnership grant from U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and MSB matching funds.

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