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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 27, 2023
TO: Mayor and Assembly
FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager
RE: Manager's Weekly Post

Moose Range and Jonesville Plan Public Use Area Management Plan: The Public Review Draft of the Matanuska Valley Moose Range and Jonesville Public Use Area Management Plan is now available. The public comment period is open from September 22, 2023, to November 9, 2023. Public meetings will be held in the following communities and virtually during the month of October.

- Sutton Area Meeting, Tuesday, October 17th, Sutton Public Library
- Palmer Area Meeting, Thursday, October 19th, Palmer High School
- Chickaloon Area Meeting, Tuesday, October 24th, Chickaloon Community Center
- Virtual Meeting, Thursday, October 19th

To learn how to download the plan, submit your comments, or attend a public meeting, see this link: <https://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/planning/mgtplans/jonesville-moose-range/>

Distinguished Budget Presentation Award: The Borough was informed last week that our budget document has been awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the current fiscal year. This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting. Stewarding and communicating how we spend taxpayer dollars is one of the most important things we do, so I would be reluctant to take for granted the work our budget team puts into our annual budget document and the development process.

Talkeetna Revetment Update: On Tuesday, September 19, the Borough received quotes for roughly 3,000 tons of riprap. The material is being stockpiled for repairs to the Talkeetna revetment. Western Construction commenced hauling late last week. On Wednesday, September 20, the Borough received quotes to conduct revetment repairs. Delivery and repair efforts are underway this week and should be complete by mid-October.

Work is estimated to cost roughly \$500,000; however, it may vary depending on conditions. We will seek reimbursement for these emergency repairs and have requested additional resources

from the US Army Corps of Engineers for a longer-term solution. An informational memorandum will be included in next week's meeting agenda to document the process and costs thus far.

Public Affairs Media Flyover:

Road Service Area

- [Mat-Su snowplow contractors asked for millions in extra costs after last winter's heavy snow](#)
ADN

MSBSD

- [MSBSD addresses reports of Mat-Su Day School closure](#)
Frontiersman
- [Fronteras Immersion School named a 2023 National Blue Ribbon School](#)
Frontiersman
- [56 books awaiting review after removal from Mat-Su Borough school libraries](#)
Alaska's News Source

Palmer Library

- [City of Palmer holds workshop to collect community input on new library concept](#)
Frontiersman

Arctic Winter Games

- [Mat-Su preps for 2024 Arctic Winter Games with new ski facilities and a big push for volunteers](#)
ADN

Houston

- [After confusion, Houston City Council pulls property tax ordinance, lets voters decide on exemptions](#)
Frontiersman

Facebook Posts

- [Free junk vehicle removal](#)
Reach: 19,404 / Reactions: 342 positive, 0 negative / Shares: 206
- [Tax and LID foreclosure sale](#)
Reach: 12,409 / Reactions: 84 positive, 0 negative / Shares: 37

MSB Press Releases

- [3000 tons of Rock Headed for Talkeetna](#) – September 20, 2023

Future Events:

- Ribbon Cutting - Government Peak Recreational Area (GPRA), N. Mountain Trails Drive, Palmer, **Fri., Sept. 29 at 1pm**
- 15th Annual Mat-Su Emergency Preparedness Expo, Menard Memorial Sports Center, Wasilla **Sat., Sept. 30, from 10am to 3pm**
- Groundbreaking - Mat-Su Central School, N. of Pioneer Peak Elementary School Entrance, Wasilla, **Tues., Oct. 3 @11am**
- Station 6-1 Dedication in honor of Benny Cottle, Station 6-1, 101 W. Swanson Ave., Wasilla, **Wed., October 4 at 6pm**