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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 18, 2025
TO: Mayor and Assembly
FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager
RE: Manager's Weekly Post

Wolf Lake Park Update: The Borough Public Works and Community Development Departments recently met with the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to discuss potential public access opportunities for the east end of Wolf Lake. DNR is currently in the exploratory phase of a proposed development in the area and recently presented a conceptual design to the Northern Lakes Community Council as part of their community outreach efforts.

The Borough's Public Works Department is closely monitoring the proposed development, particularly due to its connection with the future development of North Engstrom Road. Coordination between the Borough and DNR will continue, with additional meetings planned to evaluate potential design options and collaborative opportunities. Further updates will be provided as DNR advances through its deliberative planning phase.

Sutton Story Book Trail: The Sutton community is excited to celebrate the grand opening of the Sutton Story Book Trail, a delightful new pathway connecting the Sutton Library to Alpine Historical Park. This innovative trail was a community-nominated CIP project for FY25 and was proudly completed in-house by the Community Development Department, showcasing local dedication and teamwork. Thanks to grant funding from the Friends of the Sutton Library, vibrant story panels have been installed along the trail, creating a fun and engaging experience for readers of all ages. The Borough Trails team cleared the trees, built the trail tread, and installed proper drainage to complete the trail. The Sutton Story Book Trail is a blend of literacy and outdoor adventure and offers visitors a safe way to explore and enjoy two of Sutton's community spaces.

Public Affairs Media Flyover:

Natural Resource Development

- **Nova Minerals Begins Antimony Drilling Project**
Alaska Business Magazine

Fisheries

- **Trainwreck Fisheries**
Craig Medred

Agriculture

- **Trump Administration Appoints Arthur Keyes to serve as State Executive Director for USDA's Farm Service Agency**
FSA News

Schools

- **Mat-SU Borough School District faces cuts following Gov. Dunleavy's line-item vetoes**
KTNA

Road Infrastructure

- **Trapper Creek bridge design moving forward**
KTNA

Cities

- **Matanuska Thunder Festival holiday sales tax hike head to Houston voters**
Mat-Su Sentinel

Wildland Fire Mitigation

- **Mat-Su Wildfire Danger reduced after wet months but not gone**
Mat-Su Sentinel

State

- **Borough Mayor announces intent to run for Governor**
Frontiersman
- **Mat-Su Mayor Files to run as Republican for Alaska Governor**
ADN

Future Events:

- **Port MacKenzie Special Assembly Meeting, Tuesday, July 15, 4 p.m., Assembly Chambers**
- **Special Assembly Meeting on Public Safety, Saturday, August 2, 10 a.m., Station 6-2, 4568 S. Knik Goose Bay Road, Wasilla**