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Action: Approved

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 17-34**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDING ASSEMBLY ADOPTION OF THE RIDGE TRAIL PLAN AND APPROVAL OF THE LAND CLASSIFICATION OF TWO BOROUGH PARCELS AS "PUBLIC RECREATION LANDS" CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 544.00 ACRES, TO BE KNOWN AS RIDGE TRAIL SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, Talkeetna Community Council Inc. received a grant from the Mat-Su Trails and Parks Foundation and a grant from the Matanuska-Susitna Borough for contract assistance with drafting a development plan for the Ridge Trail; and

WHEREAS, Borough Land and Resources Management staff were involved in the process to draft the development plan for the Ridge Trail; and

WHEREAS, a public scoping workshop was held in Talkeetna to begin the community-wide discussion on the future of the Ridge Trail; and

WHEREAS, upon release of the Ridge Trail Trail Development Plan public review draft and commencement of a 30-day review period, a second community-wide workshop was held to discuss the draft plan and the proposed land classification; and

WHEREAS, over 50 sets of public comments were received and addressed regarding the development plan for the Ridge Trail; and

WHEREAS, the Talkeetna Parks Advisory Committee recommended

the Talkeetna Community Council approve the final development plan for the Ridge Trail; and

WHEREAS, Talkeetna Community Council recommended the Borough Assembly adopt the plan; and

WHEREAS, the Ridge Trail Trail Development Plan includes a recommendation to classify the borough-owned land over which the Ridge Trail exists as public recreation lands; and

WHEREAS, the Plan excludes the earth material site off S. Beaver Road from the proposed classification; and

WHEREAS, classification of the subject parcels as Public Recreation Lands is consistent with the borough code and land use plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission does hereby recommend Assembly adoption of the Ridge Trail Trail Development Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission does hereby recommend Assembly approval of the land classification of two borough parcels, being the S½ of Section 16 including Tract A, containing 154.82 acres, Tract B, containing 0.57 acres, Tract C, containing 20.03 acres, and Tract D containing 123.97 acres, Township 26 North, Range 4 West, S.M., Alaska and the S ½ of Section 17 excluding U.S. Survey 4713 and the Talkeetna River, Township 26 North, Range 4 West, S.M., Alaska as "public recreation lands" containing approximately 544.00 acres, excluding

the 51 acre earth material site off S. Beaver Road, to be known as the Ridge Trail System.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission this 7th day of August, 2017.



COLLEEN VAGUE, Chair

ATTEST:



MARY BRODIGAN, Planning Clerk

(SEAL)

YES: *Vague, Anderson, Healy, Chesbro, Elder, Glashan,*
and Rauchenstein
NO: