
Fw: Support for Trail Development in Talkeetna Lakes Park

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Subject: Support for Trail Development in Talkeetna Lakes Park

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Hello Jillian,

On behalf of the Denali Nordic Ski Club (DNSC), I am writing to request a letter of support for the proposed G-Loop Nordic Ski Trail at Talkeetna Lakes Park. (G-Loop is one of the trail options laid out by Bill Spencer in the Master Trail Plan commissioned by the Denali Nordic Ski Club in 2010)

The G-Loop is a thoughtfully designed ~6 km Nordic ski-only trail that would expand the park's groomed trail network to approximately 15 kilometers. Designed to provide a more challenging skiing experience, the loop features sustained climbs, flowing descents, and scenic viewpoints that complement the existing trail system. Importantly, it fulfills the long-standing vision in both the Talkeetna Comprehensive Plan and the Talkeetna Lakes Park Management Plan, which identify the park as the appropriate location for dedicated Nordic ski trails that protect winter recreation from incompatible uses.

DNSC has deep roots in the Talkeetna community. With roughly 100 dues-paying members, a Junior Nordic program serving more than 50 local children, and annual beginner ski instruction, the club plays an active role in fostering healthy outdoor recreation. DNSC also hosts and supports numerous community events, including the popular Oosik Classic Ski Race, which draws nearly 1,000 participants each year and provides meaningful economic benefits to local businesses.

The G-Loop represents an investment in Talkeetna's recreation economy. Expanded Nordic skiing opportunities attract visitors during the shoulder and winter seasons, and strengthen Talkeetna's reputation as a four-season recreation destination. Just as importantly, the trail provides residents with accessible, safe, and dedicated winter & summer recreation opportunities.

The G-Loop project will be introduced at the March 16th TPAC meeting. A letter of support from the Matanuska-Susitna Borough would demonstrate the Borough's recognition of the G-Loop's economic and community value and strengthen efforts to secure funding and approvals for this project.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued work supporting Talkeetna's recreation future. I am happy to provide additional information or answer any questions. Thanks,

Jon
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