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5 FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

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7 RESOLUTION NO. 2021 – 21
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9 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A STATE PARKS RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM
10 GRANT TO BUILD FOUR MILES OF TRAIL IN THE BONANZA CREEK AREA TO CONNECT
11 50 MILES OF FORESTRY ROADS IN THE TANANA VALLEY STATE FOREST
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13 WHEREAS, Fairbanks residents enjoy using trails for all kinds of different
14 recreational activities, including motorized and non-motorized use; and
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16 WHEREAS, All-season trails are especially desirable; and
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18 WHEREAS, While the all-season forestry roads within the Tanana Valley
19 State Forest were built for timber harvest, forestry research, reforestation, and wildland
20 fire protection, they are narrow and scenic, and provide excellent recreation opportunities
21 for a wide range of user groups; and
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23 WHEREAS, The forestry roads in the Bonanza Creek area (including Zasada
24 Road and Bonanza Creek Roads) are already used by bikers, skiers, hunters,
25 snowmachiners, ATV users, dogsledders, runners, and others; and
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27 WHEREAS, The Division of Forestry will complete recreational
28 improvements on the 35-mile Rosie Creek forestry road complex this summer, including
29 road maintenance, directional signs, kiosk and a large parking lot on the Parks Highway;
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32 WHEREAS, Rosie Creek forestry roads do not connect with the Zasada Road
33 or the Bonanza Creek roads, but only four miles of multi-use trails are needed to connect
34 35 miles of road in the Rosie Creek system with 18 more miles of all-season forestry
35 roads; and
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37 WHEREAS, The new trails would cross the Bonanza Creek Experimental
38 Forest (BCEF), and if approved by the US Forest Service and UAF researchers, the project
39 could provide interpretive information for recreational users about the research going on
40 in the area; and
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42 WHEREAS, The trails would be sited to avoid research sites, weather
43 stations, and other research improvements in the BCEF; and

44 WHEREAS, The Interior Alaska Trails and Parks Foundation (IATPF)
45 proposes to apply for a State Parks Recreation and Trails Program grant to build the
46 multi-use connector trails between the forestry roads; and
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48 WHEREAS, With the partnership of the Division of Forestry, IATPF would
49 like to demonstrate how forest management can coexist with recreational opportunities.
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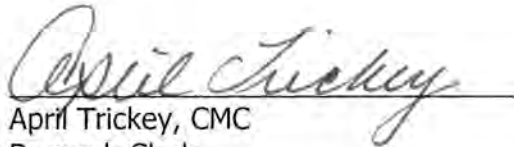
51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the Fairbanks
52 North Star Borough supports the efforts of the Interior Alaska Trails and Parks Foundation
53 to pursue grant funding from the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, Recreational
54 Trails Program to connect the existing forestry roads in the Bonanza Creek area with
55 multi-use trails.
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57 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this
58 resolution shall be sent to the Outdoor Recreational Trails Advisory Board.
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60 ADOPTED THE 22ND DAY OF APRIL 2021.
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64 Mindy O'Neill
65 Presiding Officer
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67 ATTEST:
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70 April Trickey, CMC
71 Borough Clerk
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75 Yeses: Tomaszewski, Cooper, Williams, Sanford, Wilson, Lyke, Cash, Lojewski, O'Neill
76 Noes: None