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To: Mayor Olerud and Haines Borough Assembly
From: Sharon Resnick
Re: Portage Cove Campground
Date: 9/8/22

I ask that the Assembly encourage Alaska State Parks to continue to allow tent camping at Portage Cove. Both ferry walk-on visitors—who come equipped to hike and camp—and bikers —many of whom have cycled hundreds and even thousands of miles to get here—deserve a camping option close to town.

We need to continue to make Haines welcoming to visitors, not more difficult, as we did several years ago when we allowed the last pay phone in town to be removed. If we want to bill ourselves as the “Adventure Capital of Alaska,” we need to insure that we offer more than just a slogan.

I recently returned from a hiking and camping trip in Canada, where its park service has chosen to place two red Adirondack chairs in surprising places with lovely views throughout the country—a whimsical oddity that made me laugh, but also feel welcomed, when I unexpectedly came upon two of them on Soldier’s Summit overlooking Kluane Lake. The lovely spacious visitor center in Haines Junction also still has a pay phone outside for guests to use.

It was depressing on my return to Haines to read that our state parks want to take away the tent camping that has long been allowed at Portage Cove. That, on top of the continual decline of ferry service, does not bode well for future visitors.

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