

Deadline for input into the Comprehensive Plan has been extended to April 26th.

Current wording from the Haines DRAFT Comp Plan:

Strategy #5: Maintain and increase access to recreation opportunities for residents of all abilities and all user groups.

- a. Protect public access to recreation use on borough lands and adjacent recreation lands managed by state and federal agencies. Ensure consistency between various land management plans.
- b. Incorporate recommendations from existing and future recreation plans, including the Haines Master Trails Plan by the National Park Service Alaska Region's Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program and Haines Economic Development Corporation (HEDC), and other recreation plans. Include Federal, State, and Tribal Partners.
- c. Resolve recreation access conflicts between motorized and non-motorized users through adoption of consistent code that includes management oversight and land use recommendations by state and federal land managers.
- d. Identify high value landscapes (cultural, historic, traditional, sensitive ecosystems) and ensure land use allows the appropriate level of access and protection to these lands.

Suggested Change in Wording from PRAC to Comp Plan: (submitted as individual comments from Kathleen Menke/George Figdor to date)

Strategy #5: Maintain and increase access to recreation facilities, infrastructure, and opportunities for residents and visitors of all abilities and all user groups.

- a. Identify high value landscapes (cultural, historic, traditional, sensitive ecosystems) and ensure land use allows the appropriate level of access and protection to these lands. Sensitive ecosystems would include waterfront areas, greenbelts, and wildlife corridors and areas important for migratory birds, salmon, bears, moose, and other wildlife. Acknowledge the importance of plant and animal diversity within the Borough valleys, watersheds, and marine ecosystems. Parks, trails, and recreation should strive to be compatible with and enhance these sensitive ecosystems.

b. Protect, ensure, or obtain public access to recreation use on borough lands and adjacent recreation lands managed by state and federal agencies. Acquire easements and permanent access across state, federal, and private lands where possible. Strive for consistency between various land management plans.

c. Incorporate recommendations from existing and future recreation plans, including the Haines Master Trails Plan by the National Park Service, Alaska Region's Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program and Haines Economic Development Corporation (HEDC), Haines Visitor Advisory Board and Tourism Department, Haines Planning and Zoning Commission, Ports and Harbors, Haines Chamber of Commerce, and other recreation plans. Include Federal, State, Regional (including Southeast Land Trust, Southeast Conference, and Tribal Partners including CIV, CIA, and Tlingit-Haida. Collaborate with private partners (non-profits such as Haines Huts and Trails and private landowners) as well.

d. Work to provide access and opportunity for both motorized and non-motorized users through public processes and input leading to adoption of consistent code that includes management oversight and land use recommendations by state and federal land managers.

e. Align mission statement of Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and Borough Code related to Parks, Trails, and Recreation with this 2035 Revised Haines Comprehensive Plan.