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MEMORANDUM

TO: Milli Martin, Assembly President
Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members

THRU: David R. Carey, Mayor *W. Carey*
Max Best, Planning Director *MB*

FROM: *MM* Marcus A. Mueller, Land Management Officer

DATE: June 4, 2009

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2009-37 enacting KPB 17.10.185 to provide authority to enter into agreements that provide for third party management of public trails on borough land

The land management division has struggled with how to approach the management of public trails on borough land. This division does not allocate funds for trail management and lacks the resources to actively engage in day-to-day management of trails. Trails exist on borough land in all corners of the borough. Many are informal and managed entirely by appropriate public use. A number of trails or trail systems are more formal and have associated user groups or government agencies that have an interest in managing the trails for public use.

In some of these cases the borough has been able to connect the user groups to the trails through lease or land use permit. The borough has found general benefit in doing so, but land management is not satisfied with using these tools to achieve third party management and recognizes the benefit of a suitable process to achieve an appropriate delegation of management.

The attached ordinance would enact KPB 17.10.185 to provide for trail management agreements through approval by assembly ordinance with recommendation by the Planning Commission.

Your consideration of this ordinance is greatly appreciated.