2021 Chugach National Forest - INHT Projects



Vagt Lake Trail Construction







- Crucial segment built out to gain INHT connections leading further north towards Turnagain Pass
- Contracted construction of over 3300 feet of new trail
- New trail puncheons with decking
- Constructed turnpikes and 55 drainage dips



Winner Creek/Upper Winner Creek Reconstruction





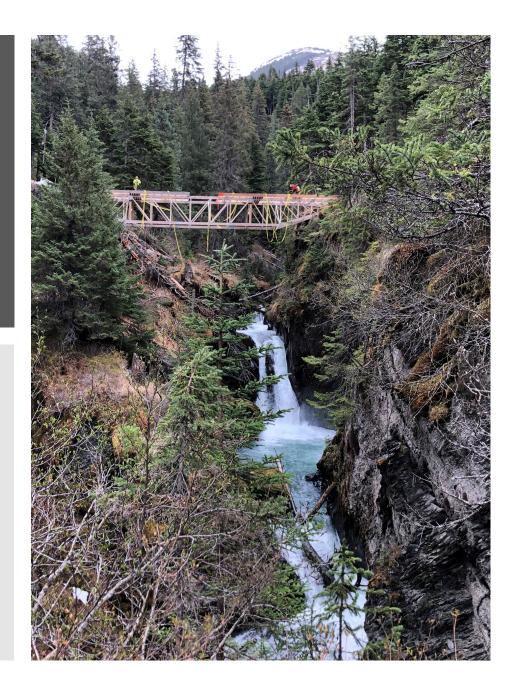


- Great American Outdoors Act project to overhaul segment of Winner Creek Trail and the first mile of Upper Winner Creek Trail.
- Old step-and-run boardwalk was removed and replaced with more maintenance free gravel turnpikes.
- Drainage improvements were made throughout this wet zone.
- A reroute was constructed around an archeology site to protect the heritage resources and provide more intuitive user traffic.



Turnagain Pass/Falls Creek New Bridges

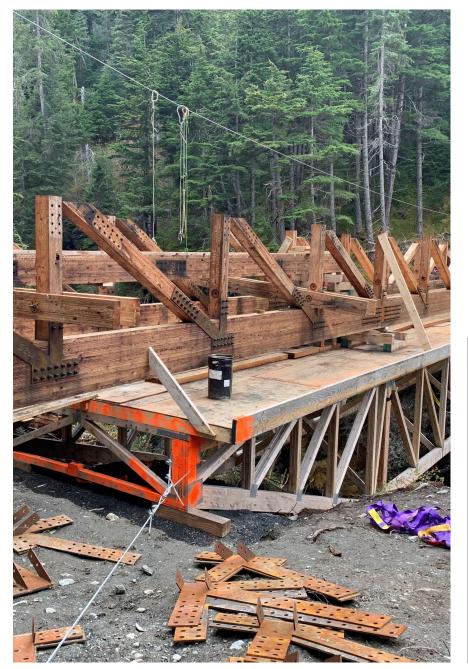
- Three large bridges were constructed by a local contractor on INHT.
- New bridges make segments of trail accessible for the first time without challenging fords, bringing a lot more use.
- The section of trail newly connected by bridges had a variety of backlog maintenance done by CNF trail crew and partners.
- Maintenance work included brushing and tread and drainage fixes and was funded by the state's RTP program.
- Successful volunteer event with AK Trail Stewards for maintenance work on both GRD and SRD.







Lower and Upper Ingram
Creek – Glacier Ranger District





Falls Creek Bridge – Seward Ranger District

Crow Pass Camping Improvements

- FDAS funded project (cabin user fees)
- Improvements were made to the Crow Pass area, targeted at overnight campers.
- A new spur trail was created to Crow Pass Cabin and dispersed tent camping sites beyond.
- A new outhouse was created for trail users and tent campers (so they don't poach the cabin's outhouse).
- Tread and drainage improvements to Crow Pass Trail in the vicinity of the cabin.



INHT Maintenance on Glacier Ranger District





- Brushed Trail of Blue Ice
- Drainage cleanout on Winner Creek Trail
- Brushed Girdwood Iditarod Trail
- Logout of all local segments of the INHT
- Tread and drainage maintenance on Johnson Pass
- New bear box on Upper Winner Creek
- AK Trails crew brushed out first mile of Portage Pass



INHT Maintenance on Seward Ranger District – AK Trails Partnership





- Completed brushing INHT from Mi 21 to Victor Creek
- Brushed 1 mile between Victor Creek and Ptarmigan creek to finish work started in 2020.
- Brushed 18 mile (snow River) to Victor Creek.
- Cleaned drainages from Crown PT. to Vagt Lake.
- Cleaned drainages on Gull Rock
- Soggy Bottom and Johnson North, 1 day, cleaned drainages for 1.5 mile, ditched and resurfaced 70'.

